

Kia ora

This week we begin the first of our Learning Readiness Reports. For parents and caregivers who are new to Taieri College the following is a brief explanation of their purpose. Learning Readiness reports are e-mailed to parents and caregivers, (including secondary caregivers), every fortnight. Their predominant purpose is to give parents and caregivers regular updates on a student's preparedness for learning. This is an obvious and crucial element in allowing them to progress in the classroom.

We use a very simple three point system that gives an indication on how a student is managing themselves and relating to others during class time. For self-management this may include punctuality, having correct equipment, completing set tasks with minimum fuss, and to the best of their ability. For relating to others, the parameters may include, appropriate communication with teachers and peers, following instructions, (again with minimum fuss), and using good manners.

Parents and caregivers should be looking for lots of 3's across their sons/daughters Learning Readiness Report. Whilst a positive Learning Readiness Report does not guarantee academic success, it sure does increase the chances of students realising their academic potential. If as a parent or caregiver, you have questions, queries or concerns over your child's progress, please contact the college.

It is important to emphasise that Learning Readiness Reports are not a measurement of academic attainment. Academic attainment reports get sent to parent's mid-year and at the end of the year.

I was fortunate to attend the first of our Year 10 Tautuku Outdoor Education camps this week, with 10KG and 10TA. The students are responding well to the challenges put in front of them and have been extremely well led by our team of Year 12 leaders. My thanks to the staff and students for making the week a rewarding experience.

Nga mihi
Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL



Key Dates

23/24 February	Jill Luxmoore Art Exhibition – Outram Memorial Hall 10am – 4pm (includes Taieri College students)
26 February	Taieri College Athletics Day (postponement day 27 February 2019). More information further in newsletter.
27 February	Mufti Day, Gold coin donation. Proceeds to the Mosgiel Pool Project and the Cancer Society
28 February	L2 SPR Surfing
28 February –	
1 March	Level 1 PRM Trip to South Canterbury
4-8 March	Tautuku Camp 10ES and 10GS
18-22 March	Tautuku Camp 10TM and 10PN



Mufti Day Wednesday 27 February 2019
Gold Coin Donation – Proceeds to the Mosgiel Pool Project and the Cancer Society

Head Prefect Speech – Year 9/10 Assembly – 14 February 2019

Hello, my name is Matthew Miller and I'm going to talk to you about pride. Pride is something that is an important value to have because through taking pride in your work you can bring happiness and joy to your life. Pride is a feeling of satisfaction derived from one's own achievements. Everyone should take pride in their achievements because if you try your best you can achieve the goals you have set and look back on them with a sense of achievement. A thing that I take pride in and you all should take pride in is Taieri College and its uniform. Whether that is when you're on the sports field, during school time or on a trip everyone should wear their uniform with pride and be proud that they attend Taieri College.

When I think of a personal experience that I'm proud of, my NCEA results come to mind. For me that is something I take pride in because I achieved what I set out to. I set goals for myself to aim at and once I reached those goals I had a feeling of satisfaction. For all of you here today you aren't at NCEA yet but it is not far away and your school results still matter, so it is something you should take pride in. Pride also relates to trying your best, because if you don't you make it harder on yourself to achieve results you can take pride in them.

I'd like to finish with a quote from a successful American football coach Paul Bryant. He once said, "If you believe in yourself, have dedication, pride and never quit, you'll be a winner. The price of victory is high but so are the rewards". Thank you.

Tautuku Camp 10TA and 10KG



Learning Readiness Reports

This week our first Learning Readiness Reports will be sent out to all students.
The purpose of these is to:

- Communicate with parents regarding their child's engagement in class. How ready they are to learn.
- Inform students how well they are or are not meeting the expectations for them in the classroom.
- It is not a reflection of their academic ability.

Each subject teacher records a grade reflecting a student's work ethic and general behaviour over the previous two week period.

Two aspects of being ready to learn are reflected in the grades given; Self Management and Relating to Others:

- Self Management relates to a student's work ethic and may include:
 - o Bringing the correct equipment
 - o Punctuality
 - o Settling on task
 - o Completion of set tasks
 - o Homework completion
- Relating to Others relates to a student's general behaviour and may include:
 - Following classroom rules
 - Interact appropriately with peers
 - Interact appropriately with teachers
 - Good manners

Obtaining a '3' is the expected norm and would reflect that a student is meeting all of the criteria in that category.


Obtaining a '2' would reflect that a student is not meeting all of the criteria in that category, and needs to improve.

Obtaining a '1' would reflect that the student has not been ready to learn.

Learning Readiness Reports are emailed to parents every two weeks. [or handed out via the form teacher if there is no email]

The percentage attendance for each subject also appears on the Learning Readiness Report. It is based on physical attendance to that subject. If the student was away on a school trip or camp, for example, the attendance would show as less than 100% because the student did not physically attend the subject as timetabled. The overall half day attendance rate, however, will show 100% as it was a school trip.

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Learning Readiness Criteria

Managing Self

This relates to your work ethic
This may include:

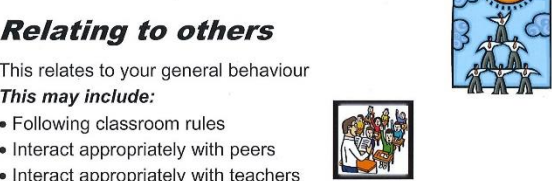
- Bringing the correct equipment
- Punctuality
- Settling on task
- Completion of set tasks
- Homework completion



Relating to others



This relates to your general behaviour
This may include:

- Following classroom rules
- Interact appropriately with peers
- Interact appropriately with teachers
- Good manners



Criteria

Meeting expectations = 3
Yet to meet all expectations = 2
Not meeting expectations = 1



RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, INTEGRITY



NCEA Parents Information Evening

Are you a parent who is new to NCEA and would like some help to understand what NCEA is and how it works? Next Thursday 28 March 2019 we are holding an information evening to help answer these questions. There will be a short informal presentation with time at the end for questions.

The presentations will be held in the Library at 7pm – Thursday 28 March 2019

Please RSVP to office@taieri.school.nz

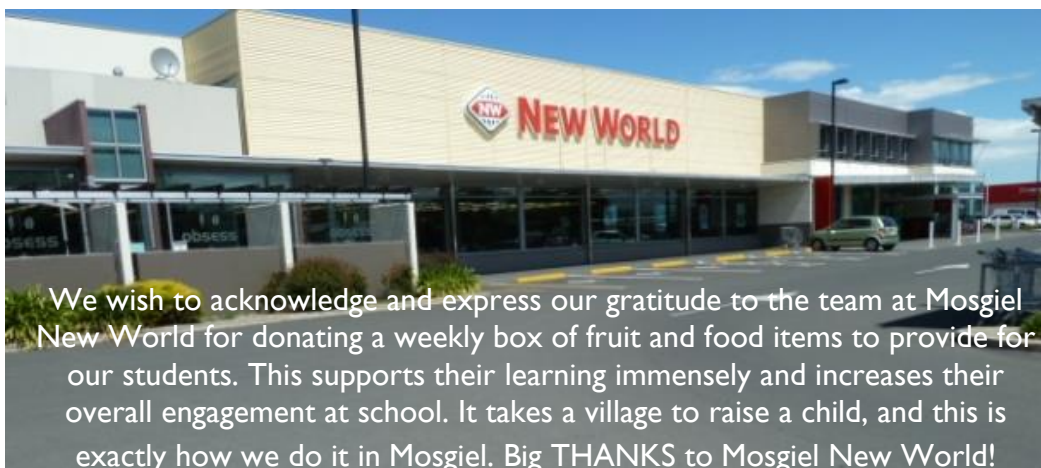
Congratulations

Our congratulations to Tabitha Littlejohn who last week received a highly recognised award from OSTA (Otago/Southland Theatre Awards). Tabitha received the 'iTicket Best Up and Coming Talent' award for people 16 years and over. There is only one scholarship awarded in Otago Southland a year. Every Musical Theatre group in Otago Southland nominates one person. The Firestation Theatre nominated Tabitha for her acting, script writing, directing and for her work on the committee that runs the theatre. Part of this award involves a scholarship. Tabitha has decided to put this scholarship towards bringing a professional playwright to give a talk and workshop at the Firestation Theatre on the process of writing for the theatre. Well done on your outstanding achievement Tabitha.



Thank you to Countdown Mosgiel for donating food to Taieri College!

For the past two years we have been receiving food from Countdown Mosgiel every day from Monday to Friday. Different groups and students receive it throughout the week – Kapa Haka, Rugby, TK Block, International. **THANK YOU COUNTDOWN! WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT!**



We wish to acknowledge and express our gratitude to the team at Mosgiel New World for donating a weekly box of fruit and food items to provide for our students. This supports their learning immensely and increases their overall engagement at school. It takes a village to raise a child, and this is exactly how we do it in Mosgiel. Big THANKS to Mosgiel New World!



Corporate Triathlon



Well done to the three Taieri College teams who participated in the corporate triathlon at MacAndrew bay on Tuesday night. All teams did very well with the secondary schools girls placed second (Laura Bungard, Shinae Stanley and Niamh Burke). The mixed corporate team (Stephanie Miller, Nick Prebble and Kevin Knowles) finished third and the mixed social team (Jordy Kelliher, Leo O'Brien, John Nicholl and Lauren Roney) finished fourth. There was a total of 46 teams competing.

Cricket

The Taieri College Year 9 - 13 girls were playing SOHS in the Bates Cup interchange at Taieri College on Tuesday 19 February 2019. Taieri scored 65 for seven off their 20 overs with Maggie Hunt scoring 15 runs. It was hard going as SOHS bowled really well. In reply SOHS got to 67 for two off 17 overs but had to fight for their runs because of some really good bowling by the Taieri College girls. Both teams played the game in a great spirit and it was a pleasure to be a part of.



Year 7 and 8 Girls Cricket

On Monday 18 February 2018 the Year 7 and 8 Girls Cricket team played in Round One of the New Zealand Primary Schools Cup. Their first game was against a very good Tahuna Intermediate team. The girls were very competitive but lost by four wickets in the end. For half of the girls this was their first ever game of cricket and they played very well. Unfortunately as this is a knock out tournament it means the team won't go any further, however, we did play St Hilda's Collegiate in the afternoon in a friendly. This was a close game with Taieri College coming out with the win by three runs.

It was a great day of cricket with these girls, and fantastic to see new players keen to give cricket a go. The team was made up of all Year 7 girls so it will be exciting to see the team have another opportunity at this tournament next year.



The team: Rylee Hayes, Lily Walker, Sarah Evans, Simone Letts, Tilly Ruthven, Anneka Stevenson, Annabelle Andrews and Hannah Bray.

Taieri College Netball Support Group

Netball at Taieri College has always been strong in terms of performance of our elite teams and participation numbers. To future proof this level of performance and involvement it is important that the knowledge and experience, and workload behind the scenes is shared.

"Taieri College Sport" would like to form a group of interested parents/coaches/managers, in conjunction with representatives from the school, to help with netball at Taieri College.

It is envisaged that this group will comprise 6-8 members representing interests in a range of age levels of netball from Years 7-13. They would delegate, coordinate and facilitate some aspects of netball at the school as needs arise [possibly including; support for coaches/managers, fundraising, and assistance at Saturday competitions.]

Enthusiasm is a pre-requisite but experience is not. We currently have an enormously dedicated and competent teacher in charge of netball who will participate in the support group, however, the set up of this group will help relieve the pressure of this diverse role on this person.

If you would like to apply or just find out more please e-mail the sports office at fsmeaton@taieri.school.nz

Regards

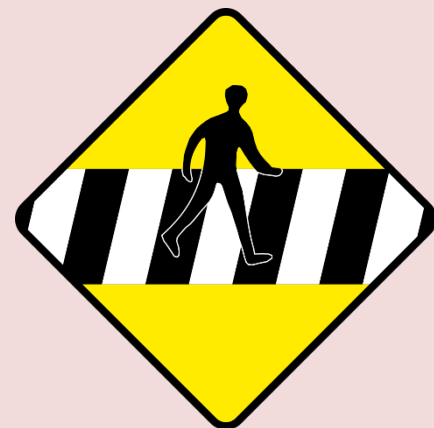
Jared Peacock

Head of Sport

Taieri College

Church Street Pedestrian Crossing

The ongoing road works on Gordon Road have resulted in large volumes of traffic using Church Street. In an effort to help both traffic flow and student safety we are encouraging all students who need to cross Church Street on their way to and from school to use the pedestrian crossing. We would encourage you as parents and caregivers to have a similar discussion with your child regarding them using the crossing and looking carefully before stepping out onto the crossing. If you are picking your child up from school and need to travel past the school on Church Street we would appreciate it if you could approach the crossing slowly in case someone steps onto the crossing and you need to brake quickly. Thank you.



Year 9 Agriculture/Horticulture Science Trip

On Wednesday we visited Rent-A-Hive owned by Murray and Heidi Rixon. They were fantastic hosts and explained about bees, the hive and the queen bee. We thank them for their time. It was very much appreciated.



Brooklyn Middleditch 7HU

Brooklyn Middleditch (7HU) was selected to represent 'Heart Kids Otago' as the flag bearer at Wednesday's Black Caps Cricket game.

Heart Kids Otago helps families out with care packages if their child is in hospital. They help with flights to fly both parents to Auckland to be with their sick child. Heart Kids support families with food packages, fire wood or heating over winter. HKO provide support staff to be with you for appointments so parents are fully supported. In addition to all these wonderful things, HKO host days out for families and their children so everyone can come together and feel united and understood. Every year Heart Kids hold an annual camp in Auckland.

Why Brooklyn you ask? Because Brooklyn is a Heart Kid living in Otago with a heart condition that she lives with every day. When Brooklyn was born she was five weeks premature and was discovered to have a heart condition called ventricular septal defect. This is when there is a hole in the wall between the two main pumping chambers in the heart. This is known as VSD for short.

Because pressures on the arterial side of the heart are higher, blood passes through the hole to the venous side producing a high flow through the lungs. Where the hole is large this will make the patient breathless. On the other hand, if there is some obstruction in the pathway to the lungs, blue blood will pass through the hole to the arterial side and the patient will appear blue in the lips, tongue and skin. (In simple terms she has a hole between two valves in her heart.)

At the age of five Brooklyn had to fly to Auckland and have her hole closed and excess muscle bundles were removed as well as have her valve reconstructed. Brooklyn and her family were in Auckland for 10 days. The Middleditch family are forever thankful to Heart Kids Otago for all their care and support during this time and the years since. They're Heart Kids for life!



Taieri College Touch Years 9-13



Athletics Day

On Tuesday, the school canteen will be based down at Memorial Park.

Sorry No Eftpos on the day – Cash Sales Only

Food			
Sausage Rolls	\$3.00	Cookie Time	\$1.40
Pies	\$4.00	Chips	\$1.50
Filled Buns	\$3.50	Doritos	\$2.20
Lamington	\$1.00	Twisties	\$1.00
Brownie	\$2.50	Paddle Pops	\$1.00
Cake	\$2.50	Juices	\$1.30
Drinks			
E2	\$3.00	Cool Change	\$1.50
Lipton	\$3.00	Cool Sips	\$1.30

Taieri College Athletics Day 2019 Track Events

Track events start on 9am as the day progresses events will be called over the Public Address System for marshalling.

Back straight Sprints– U14G, U15B, U16G, U16B, U15G, U14B

Front straight Sprints– U12G (75m), U12B (75m), U13B, U13G, O16B, O16G

200m Heats - U12G, U13G, U14G, U15G, U16G, O16G U12B, U13B, U14B, U15B, U16B, O16B

400m - U12G, U13G, U14G, U15G, U16G, O16G U12B, U13B, U14B, U15B, U16B, O16B

100m Finals

200m Finals

400m Finals

Inter form Relays

Events to be run at school: 800m - Wednesday Break One, 1500m - Thursday Break One

Field Events

Age Group	High Jump	Long Jump	Shotput	Discus	Javelin
U12G	9am	11:15am	12noon	9:45am	
U12B	10:30am	1:30pm	9:45am	12noon	
U13G	9:45am	2:15pm	12:45	10:30	
U13B	9:45am	12noon	10:30	12:45	
U14G	12noon	12:45	9am	10:30	2:15pm
U14B	12noon	10:30am	12:45	11:15am	1:30pm
U15G	1:30pm	10:30am	11:15am	1:30pm	12:45
U15B	11:15am	9:45am	1:30pm	9am	12
U16G	1:30pm	2:15pm	12noon	9:45	9am
U16B	12:45pm	9:45am	1:30pm	10:30am	11:15am
O16G	2:15pm	9am	9:45am	12:45pm	10:30am
O16B	1:30pm	9am	10:30am	12noon	9:45am

Students are reminded that if they have a track and field event on at the same time they must go to the track event first.



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Can you HELP!?

Netball Coaches and Managers

In order to continue to develop aspiring netball players at all levels, we are seeking expressions of interest for coaches and / or managers.

If you are interested in assisting us to continue our strong netball tradition please email sport@taieri.school.nz

Teams available from Year 7 to Senior level.

Strong support networks are in place to assist all levels of coaches and aspiring coaches.



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Suva, Fiji

When
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Who
Yr 12 & 13

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ORIGINAL MOA FLAT TRAIL RIDE

2nd & 3rd March 2019

521 Wilden School Road, Moa Flat

Signposted from Edievale off State Highway 90, Raes Junction to Tapanui

WHAT: 2 x 45km loops, suitable for ATV PLUS ADDED EXTREME SECTIONS

15-20km Pee Wee track 00 **NEW**

Car Park Pee-Wee track

ENTRY: ON THE DAY ONLY

TIME: Sign in from 8.00am. Gates open at 9.00am. Last rider out at 3.00pm

COST: \$45 Senior one day \$70 two days

\$25 Junior under 16 – must be accompanied by an adult – \$40 two days

BIKE: Spark arrester required, mechanically safe and sound

RIDER: Helmet, suitable footwear required, own fuel

Great Family Fun

****Your welcome to camp****
bring own provisions

Food is available to purchase both days

This is a fundraiser for West Otago Swimming Pool

Programme for year 7 and 8



Dynamite

7:30-9:00pm at The Hub
(opposite East Taieri School field)

February 22nd Scavenger Hunt

March 8th Tunnel Beach