

Kia ora e te whanau

Students returning in 2020 will now have the option booklets required to make informed decisions on their course for next year. It is particularly important that any decision about subject options is a team decision. Students should be talking with parents, whanau and teachers as to what course will be best for them. This is particularly important for students studying towards NCEA. Students need to consider the subjects they are best at, subjects they enjoy the most, and subjects that may lead on to future tertiary or employment plans. Staff will be available on Wednesday and Thursday in the first week of Term Four for interviews offering advice on courses. Year 10 students and whanau are encouraged to attend as this is their first taste of NCEA. Please book online.

The senior Gateway programme is an important aspect of Taieri College. It allows our senior students to participate in workplace experiences, while at the same time studying towards industry based unit standards. On Thursday evening, we held our Gateway graduation ceremony where several students spoke about their experiences and passed on their gratitude to the businesses that willingly provided them with training opportunities. This year's Gateway programme had an incredibly diverse array of employment opportunities and it was clear to see that the students involved in the programme made the most of their opportunities. Congratulations to the students who presented excellent speeches and my thanks to the parents, caregivers and business representatives that who attended. I would also like to acknowledge Sue Craigie and Paulette Hutchison for their organisation of the evening. Sue and Paulette are retiring at the end of this year and their input to the Gateway programme over several years has been invaluable.



Twelve students and two teachers depart for Shanghai on Friday 11 October 2019 where they will be hosted by Qibao No. 2 Middle School. This includes homestay and being part of a larger urban Shanghai school day. It is the first time we have had students visit on an exchange and I am sure it will be a rich and rewarding experience.

As of 2020 Year 12 and 13 students will be required to bring their own computer to school. This is called a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) programme. Information on the BYOD programme has been forwarded home and is also included in this newsletter. We wanted to inform families and whanau as soon as possible, giving sufficient lead in time should a new purchase be required. It is important there is careful consideration taken into the appropriateness of purchased devices. Please use the information we have provided, including an invitation to contact the college, should you have further queries.

I wish our College community a relaxing and safe holiday break and look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready to go for Term 4.

Noho ora mai
Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL



Key Dates

11-19 October
Shanghai Trip

13 October
Start of Term 4

14-30 October
Life Education Bus Visit

16-17 October
Year 10-12 Course
Selection Interviews for
2020

17 October
L2 PRM ATV and Tractor
Safety Sign off Day

22 October
Special Olympics
Swimming

24 October
Blues Award Ceremony
7pm in the Performing Arts
Centre
Literary Luncheon

28 October
College Closed – Labour
Day

29 October
Itinerant Music Workshop

1 November
Senior Prizegiving:
Year 11 4.45pm in the
Performing Arts Centre
Years 12-13 7.00pm in the
Performing Arts Centre

**12 November – Teacher
Only Day**





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Annual School Magazine \$20.00

We are taking payment now for our annual school magazine which is distributed at the end of the year. This is a 270 page colour printed A4 magazine which records the activities throughout the school year and includes form class, cultural and sports team photos.

All students have been invoiced \$20.00 for this magazine but if you do not want a copy, or only want one copy per family, please email accounts@taieri.school.nz to have this charge removed.

Please make payment by 18 October 2019 to confirm your order. Payment can be made by internet banking to 03-1725-0106800-00 using 'magazine' as the reference, or by eftpos/cash at the office.

Teacher Profile Miss Edgar

Miss Edgar attended Columba College for her high school years and played a range of sports. The sports Miss Edgar competed in were gymnastics, touch, cross country, athletics and triathlons. Her most focused sport at high school was gymnastics which she was very good at and when she was in her later years of high school triathlons and touch become more of her focus. The highest sporting achievement Miss Edgar received was doing gymnastics for New Zealand when she was 15 years old and she competed at nationals for triathlons and got third. Miss Edgar wanted to be an adventure racer when she was growing up which turned to her passion of adventure races like the Coast to Coast. Miss Edgar's first Coast to Coast race was when she was in her last year at high school (Year 13) and has since done 8 of them. Her best achievement was winning the 2-day individual race two years ago. The next goals for Miss Edgar are to compete in the God Zone race in 2020 and to place in the top 5 in the 'longest day' of the Coast to Coast. The advice Miss Edgar would give to students is "you cannot control everything, control the controllable", "surround yourself with positive minds", "be where your feet are". A key quote Miss Edgar would like to leave with you all is "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go.."



Junior Speech Finals

The last week of term saw the final rounds of the Taieri College Speech Competition Series take place. Students from Te Kainga presented impromptu speeches, while students in Years 9 and 10 presented their prepared speeches. Congratulations and commendations to all participants.

Year 7 – Impromptu Speaking

- 1st – Keira Hughes 7RL – Gaming is a dangerous addiction
- 2nd – Victoria Amende 7NJ – Cigarettes should be banned
- 3rd = Simone Letts 7HU – How to survive a hot summer day
- 3rd = Jessica Thomas 7HU – New Zealand is a good place to live
- 5th – Aiden Smith 7RL – We need longer break times at school
- 6th – Joel Bain 7MR – The worst day of the week

Year 8 – Impromptu Speaking

- 1st = Alexis Watt 8WN – Pianos are better than guitars
- 1st = Lara Bishell 8VP – My favourite movies
- 3rd – Kate Coates 8WO – Trucks are better than cars
- 4th – Olivia Adie 8PH – Visiting America vs visiting Asia
- 5th – Robert Hannford 8FY – Email is superior to snail mail
- 6th = Abigail Anderson 8PH – Summer vs winter
- 6th = Keira Wallace 8FY – Washing vs drying

Year 9 – Prepared Speeches

- 1st – Meg McDonald-Page 9NE – Climate Change
- 2nd – Leo Burkett 9HM – The consequences of too much device time
- 3rd – Ella-Grace Coudret 9CJ – Survival skills for the alpha-male
- 4th – Caroline Quirey 9NE – First world problems
- 5th – Hannah Jones 9BM – The plastic problem
- 6th – Mitchell Tobin 9WM – How to solve a basic fact

Year 10 – Prepared Speeches

- 1st – Stella Dynes 10TM – Social Media and Peer Pressure
- 2nd – Edith Lawrence 10ES – Mental Health Advocacy
- 3rd – Bridget Struthers 10TA – Being a twin
- 4th – Kylie Gale 10TM – Bullying
- 5th = Rachel Cunningham 10TA – Social Media Influences
- 5th = Ollie MacKenzie 10TA – Jonah Lomu

Taieri College Sports Council Golf Day Help Friday 15 November 2019

The Taieri College Sports Council is holding its annual major fundraiser on Friday 15 November 2019, GOLF DAY!

We are looking for items suitable for our AUCTION and RAFFLES on the day. If you are able to donate towards this, or are happy to approach a business on our behalf then we would be very appreciative. Items can be dropped to the SPORTS OFFICE or MAIN OFFICE, just please label them GOLF DAY. Thanks in advance. Please note we are happy to promote anyone or any business on the day that supports us if we are made aware.

The more donations we can receive the easier on us trying to run it and ultimately the more profit we can make to reinvest back into Taieri College students.

Jan Fright
Sports Council Chairperson
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Spirit of Adventure

Hi, I'm Laura Coleman and I am a SPL (senior patrol leader) at Mosgiel Scouts. Recently I went on Spirit of Adventure with 40 other people aged 14-17. This was a five-day trip sailing around the Hauraki Gulf and Great Barrier Island on a Three-Masted Barquentine. This was an advanced training course in leadership specifically designed for Scouts, Girl Guides and St John Cadets. During the trip I learnt how to put up the sails, steer the ship and climb the rigging. 50 years ago, the Scouting Movement were the initiators of the Department of Conservation (DOC) and Conservation Week. To commemorate this, we planted 850 trees on Great Barrier Island. Every day at 5 am we went for a swim in the very cold water and we went swimming three times every day. My favourite thing was making new friends and jumping off the boat.



Netball Awards

Congratulations to the following Taieri College netball community members who were acknowledged at the recent Dunedin Netball Awards:

Neve Beattie: Most Valuable Player Under 14 B team

Danni Thomson: Most Valuable Player Under 14 A team

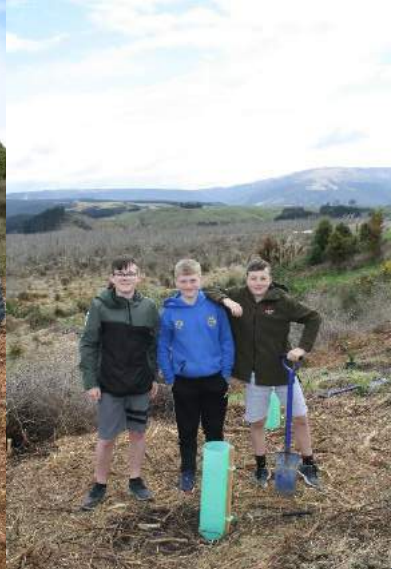
Shyah Beattie: Most Valuable Player Under 15 B

Taieri 10A team: Best Premier Secondary Schools Intermediate Team

Neve Beattie, Piper Smith and Shyah Beattie.
Absent: Danni Thomson



Sinclair Wetlands Trip



CAREERS INFORMATION

Contact Sue Craigie, 03 489 3823 ext 139 or email careers@taieri.school.nz



University Of Otago – Kia Ita

The University of Otago is pleased to announce the launching of a new programme for first year Māori students.

Kia Ita- University Preparation Programme is a six week summer school paper that will help prepare taurira Māori for life at university.

Kia Ita is a mix of lectures, workshops and social activities designed to have students hit the ground running.

They will learn new skills to kick-start their university journey, be inspired and welcomed here on campus. Additionally, students will have the opportunity to meet their amazing Māori staff who will be there to support them every step of the way.

For more information visit <https://www.otago.ac.nz/maori/students/kia-ita/index.html> or email barlow.anderson@otago.ac.nz

Hands On At Otago

A reminder that applications close at the end of this week (September 29). Any Year 11 & 12 students who are interested in attending go to:

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago/index.html>

Create a Profile – Find a Job

Are you interested in a hands on career in the automotive, transport and logistics industry?

MITO's Job Hub connects jobseekers and employers. You can create a free online jobseeker profile to promote yourself to employers who are actively looking to hire.

Go to mito.nz/jobhub

Collision Repair or Automotive Refinishing

If you have a strong interest in this area, then there is a full time job available with the possibility of an apprenticeship. Please contact [Philip Bailey](mailto:Phil.Bailey@mito.org.nz), Industry Training Advisor (Dunedin) 022 402 6255 | Phil.Bailey@mito.org.nz

Otago Polytechnic

Students are invited to Otago Polytechnic Product Design Open day and Information session on 1 October.

Open Day: Tuesday 1 October 2019 11am – 2pm

- > Studio and Workshop Tour
- > Portfolio Workshop – Students can bring in recent work for comment or for pre-approval
- > Meet the lecturers and current students.
- > Interested students and parents welcome
- > Free Lunch



<https://www.op.ac.nz/about-us/news-and-events/item/5286>

<https://www.facebook.com/Drawing-to-Communicate-1149812151718901/?ref=bookmarks>

If you are interested in attending then please see Mrs Craigie

Careers Continued

Studylink

Students who are intending to apply to Studylink for their studies for 2020, please make sure that you have applied by 16 December. **It's a date that you just can't miss.**

You don't need to have your NCEA results or have locked down all your study plans. Your application can be updated as things are confirmed. By applying early, this will allow enough time for all the steps in the application process to be completed before your course starts.

Check out the campaign video on [Facebook](#).

Construction Management and Quantity Surveying

Construction Management: Plan and manage construction projects from start to finish. Quantity Surveying: Manage finances for construction projects so budgets are sufficient for each stage of construction.

Otago Polytechnic invites you to spend an afternoon with staff and students where you will learn about construction management and quantity surveying and the opportunities open to you when you graduate with an Otago Polytechnic diploma or degree qualification.

You will also have the opportunity to join them on a site visit and talk to recent graduates who are now working in the industry.



Date: Thursday 17 October 2019

Time 3.30pm – 5.15pm

Meet: College of Engineering, Construction and Living Sciences, 100 Anzac Avenue, Dunedin. Room L105

RSVP by Monday 14 October to ECLadmin@op.ac.nz or phone 0800 762 786

Entry is free. Please wear sensible shoes (no jandals or sandals) normal school shoes would be suitable.

Trainee Panel beater

We are looking a Trainee Panel beater to join our team as soon as possible.

Duties will include general workshop activities, pick up and delivery of vehicles, washing & grooming vehicles, working on vehicles for the benefit of a future Apprenticeship in 2020.

A current drivers licence. (Restricted ok)

Applicants must have a passion for the motor trade and have a goal to be associated in the trade into the future.

Must have a good overall demeaner to fit into our team A Standard 90 day trial will be in place. Check out our web page & the CRA page for a new trainee video.

www.gmpanelbeating.co.nz

www.collisionrepair.co.nz/careers-video/

Apply in person with CV to the workshop, 4 High Street, Balclutha, 03-4181366,

email crash@gmpanelbeating.co.nz

Applications close 4 October 2019.



Otago University Teaching Year 10 Food



BYOD QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Bring Your Own Device – 2020



The rollout of BYOD in 2020 will begin in Year 12 and 13 levels of the school.

Ours is a **blended e-learning approach**. We use a blend of traditional approaches to teaching and learning, as well as using ICT to support and facilitate learning. Pen and paper are still used part of the time in BYOD classes.

Year 12 and 13 - 2020

ALL students in Year 12 and 13 will require their own device in class.

Parents and students may have many questions about the BYOD programme and how it is being implemented at Taieri College. The following questions and answers might be helpful in clearing up some of your queries:

Why implement a BYOD programme?

BYOD, where the device is owned by the student and goes home with them every day, allows for **anywhere, anytime learning**. We are using Office 365 which allows students to save their work to the Cloud so it cannot be lost, and can be accessed from home or any other computer with Internet access. There is the potential for collaboration between students, and further opportunities and new methods for teachers to provide feedback to students. It also provides opportunities to communicate and share their learning in a way that will prepare them for the future. Much of the course delivery, files and assignments will be delivered using the Microsoft Teams application, in conjunction with the rest of the Office 365 package.

Many of our students already use digital devices outside of school to communicate and learn. We have seen the benefits of integrating these with our school resources so that the potential of these devices can be used to enhance learning further and become an important part of their learning toolkit.

How do I choose an appropriate device?

There are many appropriate devices available and the school is not prescribing a particular device. We do have minimum specifications.

If your current device already meets our minimum specifications, your son/daughter may use it as their BYOD device.

Minimum specification for devices:

- 10 – 15 inch screen
- At least 5 hours of battery power
- Run windows 10 or Mac OSX (NOT Chromebooks)
- Must have enough storage to download and install Office 365 - Minimum 64Gb SSD
- Internet capable (Wifi connectivity – 801.11N/ac preferred)
- Physical (not just on-screen) keyboard
- Suitable, durable bag/cover for protection

Along with these **strongly recommended features**:

- A PDF Reader like Adobe Reader – free to download
- Antivirus & Malware protection
- Accidental Cover (damage, theft, burglary, fire, loss)

What other factors should be considered?

Is the device suitable for school use? It should be robust and durable enough to handle school life, but light enough to be carried around easily by a teenager.

Students doing DVT, MUS, MED, ARD and APH should ensure machines are capable of running the specialist programs used. Please check with your teachers.

Where can I purchase an appropriate device?

Some local vendors are – Cyclone (**via online portal password green2019**), BC Systems, Mosgiel Computer Shop, Noel Leeming, Harvey Norman, JB HiFi, as well as PB Tech - online.

Parents are not obliged to purchase their devices from these vendors, but please make use of our minimum specifications when making your choice and consider the after sales service and arrangements for when a device needs repairs.

Why can't my son/daughter use a smartphone as a device?

While smartphones are wonderful for communicating and many short internet searches, the size of the screen makes it unsuitable as a serious tool for learning, and the ability to complete lengthy documents is very limited.

What about software and apps?

The school is using Office 365 and as part of our school package, all our students will be able to download and install O365 on up to five supported devices free of charge while they are students at Taieri College.



Word



Excel



PowerPoint



OneNote



Access



Publisher



Outlook

There are other free apps that teachers may explore to support aspects of learning.

What about the security of the device at school?

Lockers are available for students to store their devices when not in use, during Physical Education, and after school if participating in co-curricular activities. When classes attend assemblies, they will need to follow the procedures for safe storage of their device – locking their bag in their lockers. Students are responsible for the safety of their devices and for following these procedures.

Each student needs to protect the device with a password and have the device appropriately labelled.

What about on-line safety and cyberbullying?

Two of the Taieri College core values are Respect and Responsibility, and these form the foundation for ICT use and interacting with others digitally. Our Responsible Use Agreement signed by every student and a parent on the enrolment form sets the expectations for students and parents. This may be viewed on our college website.

What about families who can't afford to purchase a device?

Families may be able to gain assistance from WINZ to purchase a device. A limited number of devices may be available in some rooms for use during class time.

How will misuse be handled?

We have a well-developed Pastoral Care system including a detailed cybersafety agreement that shows how misdemeanours will be dealt with.

Categories of misuse are based on levels of seriousness, and misuse will be dealt with by the classroom teacher, unless it is serious enough to be referred to the Dean or Senior Leadership Team. Classroom management involving devices will not be very different from more traditional approaches – just as a teacher might require students to put down their pens and listen fully to instructions, the instruction might be “Lids down, and listen to instructions.”

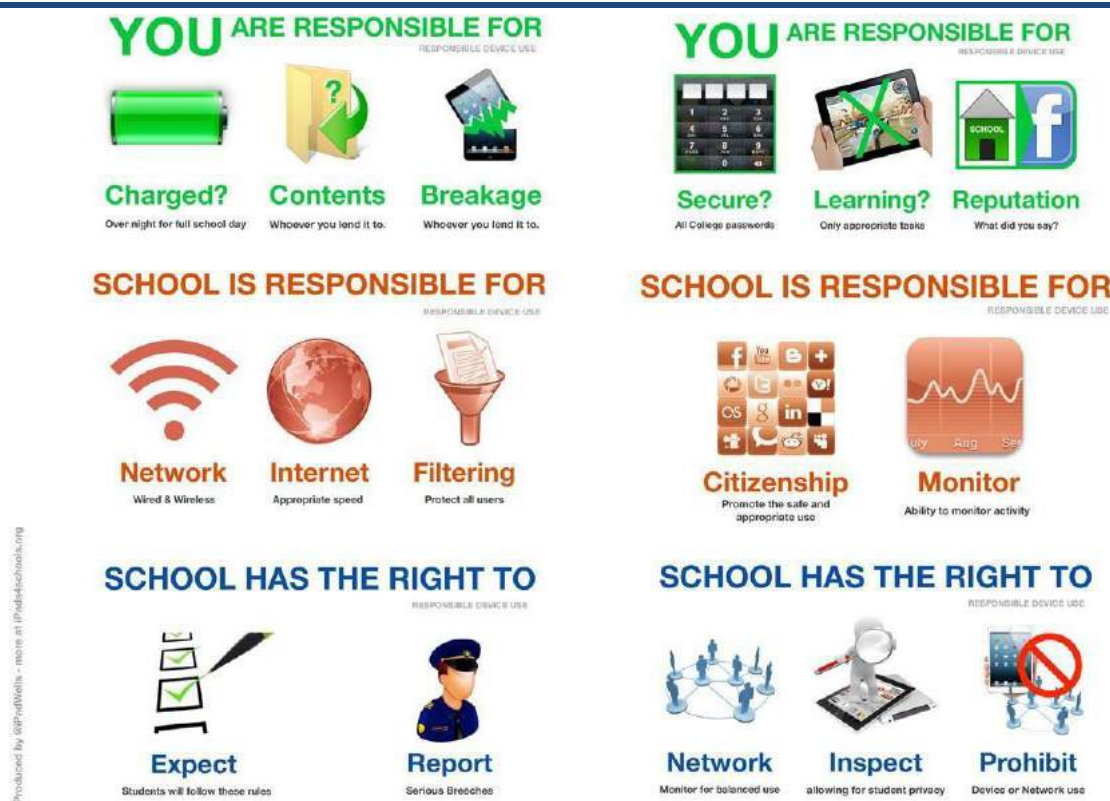
Ongoing misuse of a device will fall into the category of “continual deliberate disobedience” and would result in the same consequences as other examples of disobedience.

Instances of serious misuse of devices, such as accessing inappropriate websites or cyberbullying will be taken very seriously and dealt with accordingly. This may involve loss of internet access, internal removal, stand down or suspension or referral on to police. Students using their devices to access the internet through the school wi-fi will be tracked and monitored and inappropriate websites including those identified as being associated with cyberbullying are blocked.

While the majority of cyberbullying occurs out of school time, it should still be brought to our attention at any time as we will certainly do whatever we can to support the victim. It must be noted however that students who use their own data on devices such as smart phones still have full access to the internet.

What is my son/daughter responsible for at school?

- Using all ICT according to our responsible user agreement.
- Displaying digital citizenship.
- Following the teachers' instructions around the use of devices.
- Charging the device at home.
- Saving work and backing up to the Cloud.
- Safe-keeping of the device when not in use.
- Carrying the device in his/her school bag from class to class.
- Ensuring that the device is divided into “school space” and “personal space”.



If you have BYOD queries, please contact our Assistant Principal, Mr Lyndon Jones at ljones@taieri.school.nz

Kelk Photographs

All of the Taieri College team and group photographs taken last week are now available for viewing and ordering online at Kelk Photography.

The link is <https://kelkphoto.co.nz/view-your-event/taieri-college/>

The images will all be uploaded and ready to view after 4.00pm Friday 27 September 2019.

Thanks

Kerry and Barry

Kelk Photography

Free Dental Service

Has your child had their dental check-up this year?

Treatment is free up until your child's 18th birthday.

From Year 9 they will need to be seen by a dentist or dental therapist.

Call your local dentist to book an appointment.

A list of the dental providers that offer the FREE dental treatment can be found at <https://bit.ly/2mx4YJo>

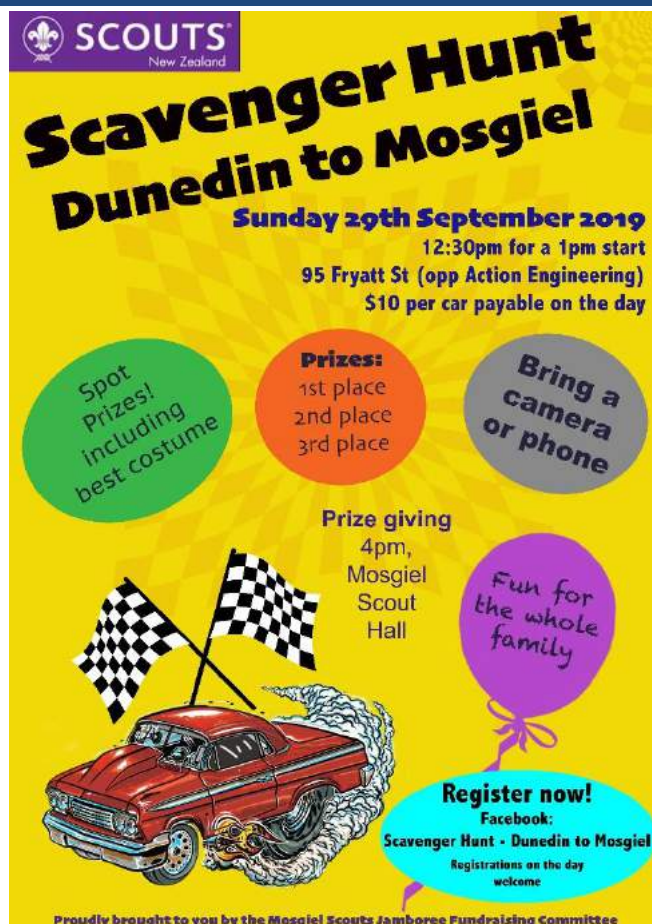
Thanks, Amy

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My Normal Work Hours: Monday, Tuesday 8:00-4:30 & Wednesday 8:00-12:00

Southern District Health Board

Kind – Manaakitanga | **Open – Pono** | **Positive – Whaiwhakaaro** | **Community – Whanaungatanga**



Athletics Taieri Summer Season Opening night

Seniors Tuesday 15 October 2019
Memorial Park 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Age - 14yr old - Masters

Children's Section Tuesday 15 October 2019
Memorial Park 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Age - 5 - 13yr olds

Register on-line - www.athleticstaieri.com
enquiries@athleticstaieri.com