



Kia ora tatou

Staff attended an excellent professional development day on Thursday based around deploying effective restorative practice strategies. Restorative practice now forms the backbone of our pastoral system at Taieri College. This means it involves students identifying their behaviour, understanding the effect of their behaviour (particularly on others), and sharing methods to improve their behaviour in the future. At Taieri College how we relate to each other really matters. In order for us to get the best out of each other, we need to develop trusting relationships between all staff, students, parents and our wider community. Our shared vision has always been, "to provide a safe, friendly environment where students will experience an innovative and cohesive education to enable them to become confident, connected, life-long learners who are positively involved in society" (Taieri College Charter). Restorative practice allows us to realise that vision.

Our senior students have recently enjoyed some excellent opportunities outside of the classroom. Last week our Tourism students successfully navigated their way through Auckland and enjoyed first-hand experiences of being an Auckland tourist. This week our Level 3 biologists ventured into the Orokoni Sanctuary to explore the native ecosystem that has been nurtured there. Both trips connect directly to classroom study and are of great benefit to the students. Thanks to the staff who organised and attended these successful field trips.

Another thank you to everyone who contributed to our annual workday on Thursday. This event is our Student Council's big fundraiser and gives the council an ability to fund projects within the college that are purely student driven. I look forward to hearing the Council's suggestions as to how they would like their funds spent.

It has been well documented through the media that next Wednesday is a national strike across all teachers unions. As such, Taieri College will be closed for the duration of the day. We all hope that this dispute can be resolved as soon as possible to avoid further disruption.

Nga mihi nui

**Dave Hunter**

PRINCIPAL

### Key Dates

27 May – 7 June	The Woolshed Visit – on site interactive wool display
27 May	7HU Art Gallery Trip
<b>29 May</b>	<b>PPTA Strike Day – College Closed</b>
30 May	"Loves me Not" Presentation – Year 12
	Otago Southland Cross Country Champs
<b>3 June</b>	<b>Queens Birthday – College Closed</b>
5 June	7CH Art Gallery Trip
6 June	L2 Biology trip to Portobello
7 June	Otago University Media Matters Secondary Study Day
	Learning Readiness Issued



### NZQA Fees Year 11-13 Students

Due to a new government policy the NZQA fee will no longer apply to regular students. Those who have paid, or part paid, this fee has been credited to their school account. The fee is still showing, but will be removed once the software is updated.



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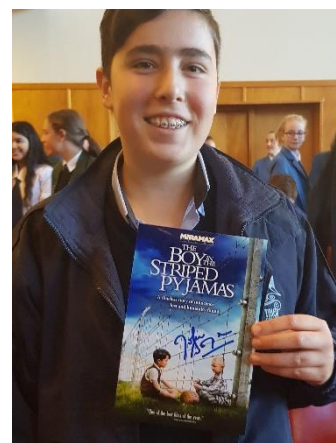
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## English Workshop

On Friday 10 May 2019, 9CJ were fortunate to travel to OGHS to attend a secondary school session, titled "Storybuilding", at the Dunedin Writers and Readers Festival. They had studied The Boy in Striped Pyjamas in their Term One English class, and enjoyed hearing the novel's author John Boyne speak about his writing processes. He then gave 16 hints for all writers: two for all to take note of are his advice about writing a quick first draft and then giving plenty of time to the editing process, and also to highlight all the adjectives (pink) and adverbs (yellow) in a piece of work. If there is too much colour on the page, cut down on these. The students were surprised to hear he wrote his draft for The Boy in Striped Pyjamas in one sitting – of 60 hours straight!



The second speaker, Marcus Zusak's presentation on "Storytelling" proved how engaging a good storyteller he is. Best known as author of The Book Thief, Zusak held the attention of the whole crowd and then illustrated how to use the same techniques in your writing. He emphasised the importance of authentic detail and how knowing the backstory of your characters enables an author to use these details to make your stories believable. Most importantly, to those wanting to become a better writer, he advises you need to follow the example of runners. Runners don't become better runners by sitting on the couch: they run. So be a better writer, you need to just write.



## Sport

Last Friday 17 May 2019 a group of Taieri College seniors went to see Zoi Sadowski Synott who was the 2018 bronze Winter Olympics medallist and winner of the supreme award and junior of the year. It was a very inspiring talk where she talked about overcoming obstacles like injuries and balancing life and school while competing professionally in her sport. This was a great way for us to get inspired and to strive to be the best in our own sports and to never give up on our own goals.



## New Japanese Intern Teacher (Nozomi sensei)

We have recently welcomed Nozomi Hamanaga to Taieri College. She is here to assist with the teaching of Japanese in the school. So, if your son or daughter is learning Japanese this year they will have already met her in class. She comes from Tokyo and will be with us for a full year. She has already shown herself to be an asset in class and we wish her well and thank her for her work with the students.



### CAREERS INFORMATION

Contact Sue Craigie, 03 489 3823 ext 139 or  
email [careers@taieri.school.nz](mailto:careers@taieri.school.nz)



## New Zealand College Of Chiropractic

If helping people express greater health and wellbeing, plus contributing to the changing face of healthcare inspires you, then chiropractic is the perfect career choice.

New Zealand College of Chiropractic is holding an information evening on Tuesday 28 May, 7.00pm – 9.00pm at Otago Museum (Otago Community Trust Conservatory), 419 Great King Street, Dunedin. For details of each event and to RSVP, visit [chiropractic.ac.nz/events](http://chiropractic.ac.nz/events)

## University Of Otago College Of Education

Reminder:

College of Education is holding an information evening next Thursday, 30 May at 7.00pm in Room TG08, 155 Union Street East.

Go along and find out more about the range of qualifications available. Applications close 31 August 2019. Applications can be made through their website – [otago.ac.nz/education](http://otago.ac.nz/education)

There is a range of scholarships available to support College of Education students while they study. Details of these are available at [otago.ac.nz/scholarships](http://otago.ac.nz/scholarships) and at [teachnz.govt.org](http://teachnz.govt.org)

## University Of Canterbury

The University of Canterbury is holding an Open Day on Thursday 11 July. Explore the campus, discover the degree options and experience student life. For more information and to register, visit [www.canterbury.ac.nz/openday](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/openday). Scholarship applications open on 20 June. Visit [www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/get-started/scholarships)





## Level 1 Design trip to the Dunedin Public Art Gallery

On Tuesday we visited the Dunedin Public Art Gallery and visited a new exhibition which explores motion and interactivity. Students were able to experience using their body movement to control a flight through the air, reflective and moving glass prisms and a magnetic space where they were encouraged to use coloured shapes to create abstract works of art.



The students also listened to a talk on NZ artist Tony De Latour, by DPAG educator John.

They then took part in a workshop where they used paint and ink and a collection of the De Latour's very own stencils, to make their own works. The results were beautiful and will form a group piece to be hung in the Taieri College PAC in the coming days.



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## Otago Secondary School Swimming Championships

Last weekend four Taieri College students competed in the annual Otago Secondary Schools' Swimming Sports. This was held on Sunday 19 May 2019 at Moana Pool, Dunedin. Over 20 secondary schools from throughout the Otago region attended with 426 entries in the preliminaries, some of these were straight timed finals. The afternoon saw 331 entries for finals (top 8) and relays. The meet was swum short course (25m lengths) with 50m, 100m and 200m distances only.

Laura Bungard (13HS) competed in the 15 and over age group whilst Kylie Gale (10TM), Niamh Burke (9CJ) and Jessie Yee (9CJ) competed in the 14 and under age group. All swimmers represented Taieri College proudly and performed at their absolute best even in the so called off season (winter).

Jessie Yee produced one personal best time and her best result came with a second in the 200m Butterfly event. Kylie Gale also swam one personal best time and her best result was fourth in the 50m Backstroke.

Niamh Burke had our strongest results with a second in the 100m Backstroke, third in the 50m Backstroke and third in the 200m Backstroke. Laura had some very strong competition and her best result was a sixth in the 100m Breaststroke. These four girls combined to form a very young relay team on average earning themselves seventh in the 200m Freestyle A Relay finals and sixth in the 200m Medley A Relay finals.

Congratulations to these wonderful swimmers who all train so tirelessly when many of us are still in bed asleep or at home eating dinner. Your dedication and commitment to the sport of swimming is admirable. Best of luck with your up coming meets.



## News from the Commerce Department

The two Year 10 Economics classes have just undertaken a research experiment which is always one of the most memorable parts of their course. They have been introduced to Blind Taste Testing, an experimental method frequently employed by University Marketing academics and marketers in industry. The students were challenged to identify from taste alone what brands of lemonade and potato crisps they were consuming.

Of the 45 students tasting blind, 19 reported that the taste of Sprite was their favourite while 17 favoured the taste of a supermarket Homebrand. Only 9 had Schweppes' taste as their first preference and 19 rated it their least favourite. Three quarters of the students would buy Sprite as their first choice at the supermarket and had the Homebrand as their least favoured purchase option. When asked to identify what they had been drinking, 49% correctly identified Schweppes while only 38% could spot the Homebrand and 36% knew which was Sprite. Only 10 students (22%) got all three correct. A key finding was that less than half those who said Sprite was what they would buy could actually recognize its taste. With crisps, of the 45 students, tasting blind 16 reported that the taste of Bluebird was their favourite while 15 favoured the taste of a supermarket Homebrand. While 13 had Eta's taste as their first preference, 19 rated it their least favourite. Over 80% of the students would buy Bluebird as their first choice at the supermarket and 69% had the Homebrand as their least favoured purchase option. When asked to identify what they had been eating, 38% correctly identified Bluebird and Eta while only 24% could spot the Homebrand. Only 8 students (18%) got all three correct. A key finding was that less than half those who said Bluebird was what they would buy could actually recognize its taste.

Based on this research, the students realized that the value for money option at the supermarket would actually be to buy the much cheaper Homebrand versions of lemonade and crisps, safe in the knowledge that the vast majority of their friends would not be able to tell the difference between the Homebrands' tastes and those of their favoured, but more expensive (because of all the marketing costs) branded products.



## Year 13 Auckland Tourism Trip

Last week 24 Year 13 Tourism students went away to Auckland on the annual Tourism trip. The goal of the trip is for students to see first-hand some of the main tourist attractions in New Zealand and to get a taste of the Tourism industry in New Zealand's main gateway city.

Wednesday saw us at the Zoo, settling into our Hotel and having tea on the North Shore at a Mongolian BBQ buffet all you can eat restaurant. Some of the student's certainly tried the all you can eat part. Thursday was a visit to Sky Tower for a tour through the tower as well as guided tour through the hotel. From there it was off to Kelly Tarlton's and lunch at Mission Bay. Rainbows End was our destination for the afternoon. Some used the opportunity at Rainbows End to clear their lungs with a gold fashioned scream on the Roller Coaster. (You know who you are.) Friday we headed off down Queen Street to the Fullers ferry terminal. Even this was an eye opener for a lot of the students as it is not quite the same as walking down Gordon Road in Mosgiel. On the ferry and over to Rangitoto island for a walk to the top. It was great to take in the views and have a walk around the top of the crater. Some students decided to take the advanced track home and certainly got to see more of Rangitoto Island than the rest of us. Later that afternoon was the compulsory visit to Sylvia Park shopping mall, the largest in New Zealand before our flight home.

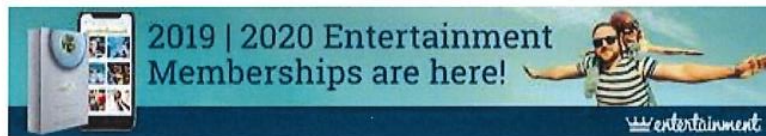
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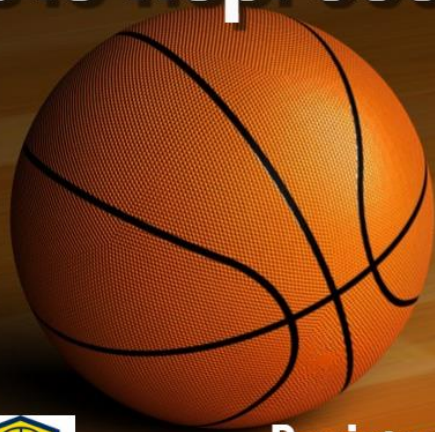
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