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Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Kia ora e te whanau

I want to take a different tack in this week's newsletter and talk about gaming. It is estimated that there are over 2.5 billion gamers in the world that contribute to a combined gaming profit revenue of approximately US\$164 billion per annum. For so many of our teenagers gaming has become the predominant source of their personal entertainment. It is ubiquitous in the daily lives of most families with teenage children. I have no problem with that. Children find them fun, accessible, and cheap; they get to connect with their friends, and are challenged by the increased complexity and creativity that the gaming companies expertly create. Of course, this clever creativity allows them to keep growing their vast annual profits.

During lockdown we observed several families spending quality time together. Dogs were walked regularly, and it was common to see family groups walking in parks, streets and beaches. It was also a time when several teenagers took to their devices. For several of our students the hours they spent on gaming was significantly higher during lockdown, and that is understandable, particularly given there was little or no sports or communal activities for them to participate in. This was further exacerbated by the provision of digital devices that were made available to support on line learning programmes. I guess we could say lockdown was a "perfect storm" for gamers.

As we work through the transition from lockdown levels to a greater sense of normality it is important students adjust their habits and reset their goals for the rest of 2020. Part of this adjustment may include reducing gaming time. Parents need to set clear parameters with their children about what is acceptable game time use. That is up to them. If a student's gaming is contributing to a lack of motivation towards school and homework, and they are opting out of other activities e.g. sports, or a dropping of academic achievement (school grades) then I strongly suggest that those parameters are put in sooner than later.

Nga mihi nui
Dave Hunter
Principal

Key Dates

1 June

Queen's Birthday
Holiday – College
Closed

5 June

Learning Readiness
Issued

8 June

Year 8 Science GATE
Portobello Trip

16 June

Mufti Day – Octacan
Appeal

19 June

Learning Readiness
Issued

3 July

End of Term 2

20 July

Start of Term 3

Mufti Day – Tuesday 16 June 2020

Please bring a can (to support the Octacan appeal) or gold coin donation to support this worthy cause.

Lachie McLachlan
Licensee/Auctioneer
Captains Club
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The Captains Club is a not-for-profit organisation that provides a platform for the community to support local sports and clubs.

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E vave taunu'u le malaga pe tatou alo va'a fa'atasi
Our destiny is within sight when we paddle our canoe together

Samoan proverb

Congratulations on settling your young people back into school routine, and for the stunning work you did as teachers during lockdown! I'm just checking in to make sure you and your whanau are OK, and providing you with some support links if required. Some of you may be trying to incorporate many of the wellbeing benefits that we enjoyed during lock-down.

Psychosocial recovery is not about returning to normality. It's about positively adapting to a changed reality.

Mai te iti me te rahi o te hunga rawakore, ka kitea te hunga e tika ana
From the least to the greatest of those in need, one will see the most in need

This is about equity, social cohesion and supporting those who have more challenges than others. So, use the links below if you need.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/>



Home - Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand

The Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand is a charity that works towards creating a society free from discrimination, where all people enjoy positive mental health & wellbeing. We work to influence individuals, whanau, organisations and communities to improve and sustain their mental health and reach their full potential.
www.mentalhealth.org.nz

www.depression.org.nz



Home | Depression and Anxiety

Depression and anxiety affects us all differently, but you can find your own way to a better place. You can learn what is happening to you and how you can get help for anxiety or depression.
www.depression.org.nz

The school counsellors have been working hard to connect with students during and post lockdown. We are also available if you need a chat, just send us an email and we can schedule you in.

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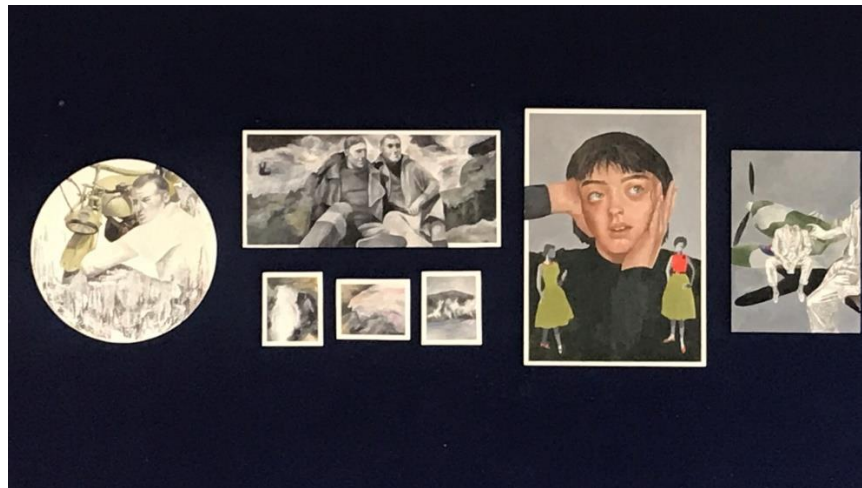
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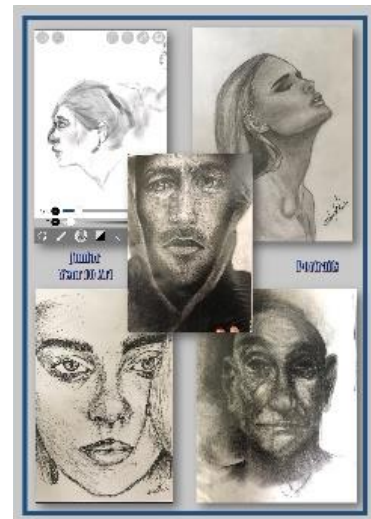
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Art Work



Emma Jackson 12RM



Year 10 Portrait Art



Renee Pitchers 10HK



Year 9 Art



Year 8 Art

Sport Column

After what seems like an eternity for many of us, we now have the green light to commence school and community sport. Next week many of our key winter sports are kicking into gear with hockey, netball and rugby practices and trials starting, while football and basketball are not too far behind. Many thanks to all students and families for their patience. I highly encourage students to get out and have a taste of sport this winter, now more so than ever. After multiple weeks of 'isolation' it is important that our students connect with one another and experience the social and competitive elements of playing sport with their peers and competing against other schools. All sport practices are following safe hygiene practices and coaches are equipped to provide a safe environment. Well done to the many students who I know are ready to rip into it, we are all looking forward to the season ahead.

Ryan Rosevear
Head of Sport

Year 7 Limbo Competition



Term 2 Hoodie Orders

To order a Taieri College Hoodie, please fill in the online form [Taieri College Term 2 Hoodies](#) and forward your payment of \$50.00 via internet banking to 03 1725 0106800 00 quoting student's name, form class and sports hoodie as the reference. Payment can also be made by eft-pos or through the envelope system at the student slide. Payment must be made before the order can be completed.



All orders MUST be completed by Wednesday 17 June 2020 to receive the sports hoodie next term. If sufficient orders and payments have been received early, we will submit an early order.

We encourage all students to come to the Sports Office to try on sample hoodies to confirm the size they would like. Please note that names on the back of hoodies will be checked and if deemed inappropriate will need to be changed.

Once hoodies have arrived at Taieri College, we will notify students via the student notices and the Facebook Sport page for them to collect their hoodie from the Sports Office.

Thanks for your order.
Sports Office



Youth East Taieri (YET)

Kia ora, we're the team here at Youth East Taieri (YET). We are youth workers here in Mosgiel and the wider Taieri region, and it is a privilege to be welcomed into Taieri College again in 2020. YET has worked closely with the school for a number of years, and run leadership programmes for young people as well as smaller groups, and games at lunch times. You might see us around school at break times, so feel free to rock on up, have a chat, say 'hi' or we could attempt a virtual hi-five! We're about to start small group workshops called "Connect 4" for some Year 7/8 students so you will see us around a little bit more. Some of our youth leadership programmes you may have heard of . . .

Ground Zero (Year 7), Summit (Year 8), Challenge (Year 9)

We also run two Friday night youth programmes . . .

Dynamite (Year 7/8)

Random (Year 9-13)

The YET team is . . .

Renee Faithful

Larissa Pearce

Ryan Roxburgh

Andy Doncaster



Regards

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Year 10 Economics

Mr McDonald's first semester Year 10 Economics class has just undertaken a research experiment which is always one of the most memorable parts of the course, often referred to by the students at their Year 13 Leavers' Ceremony. 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 18 students tasting blind, 10 reported that the taste of Sprite was their favourite while 5 preferred Schweppes. These positions were reversed for second favourite. The least popular flavour was that of the Homebrand, ranked last by 12 of the students. Half of the students would buy Sprite as their first choice at the supermarket (or get their parents / caregivers to buy it for them) while for 89% of them the Homebrand would be their least preferred purchase option. When asked to identify what they had been drinking, only 17% of the students correctly identified Sprite and only 11% recognised Schweppes. Slightly more than half knew the taste of the Homebrand. So a key finding was that fewer than 1 in 5 students could actually recognise the taste of their favourite (and most heavily promoted) lemonade drink.

With crisps, of the 17 students tasting blind, 8 reported that the taste of Bluebird was their favourite while 7 preferred Eta. The least popular flavour was that of the Homebrand, ranked last by 13 of the students. Four out of five of the students would buy Bluebird as their first choice at the supermarket (or get their parents / caregivers to buy it for them) and for the same proportion the Homebrand would be their least preferred purchase option. When asked to identify what they had been eating, only a quarter of the students correctly identified Bluebird and less than 1 in 5 recognised Eta. Around 40% knew the taste of the Homebrand. So a key finding was that only 1 in 4 students could actually recognise the taste of their favourite (and most heavily promoted) potato crisps.

Based on this research the students realised that the value for money option would be to buy whichever of the name brands was on special, safe in the knowledge that the vast majority of their friends would not be able to tell whether or not they were being served up Sprite and Bluebird, the most expensive (because of all the marketing costs) branded products.



Year 7 Hard Materials

Cody Ferguson
7MR
showcasing his
robot he made
this term.

PINKIES Netball Umpiring 2020

This programme is open to anyone in Years 7/8 who is interested in netball umpiring. We are starting PINKIES on Friday June 12 (meet at the Taieri College office) and after this EVERY FRIDAY until Friday July 3. (NO SESSIONS DURING THE HOLIDAYS). There may be a final Friday session the Friday before netball begins at Taieri Plain's Junior Netball- Friday July 24.) All Friday sessions will be 3.45 -5.00 pm.

We will start with a classroom session at Taieri College and then move to the courts or ITC for the practical part. I will make a list of umpires able and willing to umpire on Saturdays that will be sent out to school teams to use. Each school will then contact you.

You will need to commit to umpiring on Saturdays if you put your hand up.

Register here: Link to Register:

<https://forms.gle/71v2EzDEmpm6hjtY7>

Registrations close Friday June 5

Please bring:

- Water bottle
- Whistle (if you have one, we will have some if need be)
- Change of clothes to play netball/run around in (please get changed before coming to the session if possible to save time)
- Good attitude and commitment

Attached is a guideline of rules and court size etc, for 7 aside netball. Please read over these or the rule book online to keep you up to date and prepared for what we will go over. **YOU DON'T NEED TO KNOW EVERYTHING** from the rule book. You will gradually learn the key rules over the four weeks. There is **NO COST!**

Please feel free to email me on the PINKIES email if you have any questions or if your child can't make a session. The PINKIES email address is tpjnpinkies@gmail.com.

Here is also a link to the full rule book if you want it


<file:///Users/maigan/Downloads/INF-Rules-of-Netball-2018-Edition-text.pdf>

Thanks

Maigan Fright

tpjnpinkies@gmail.com

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