

Kia ora e te whanau

It was pleasing to see a good number of parents attend our Teacher/Parent interviews on Wednesday and Thursday evening. It is always helpful for us to openly share information on how things are going in the classroom with home. I thank all parents and caregivers who gave up their time this week. When home and school work together as a team, we can be so much more effective in improving student achievement.

On Thursday, we welcomed whanau, parents, grandparents and caregivers to our Year 9 Scholarship assembly. We awarded 13 scholarships to Year 9 students who have excelled, and are currently excelling, in artistic, academic and sporting pursuits. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to celebrating undoubted further successes over the next few years. I would like take the opportunity to pass on my thanks to the large number of students who were not successful in their scholarship applications. I personally read every application and was so impressed with the high standard across all applicants and it was an incredibly difficult task to narrow the list down to the number we formally recognised. It did show me that we have an amazing depth of talent in Year 9 at Taieri College.



On Tuesday, around 60 Year 12 and 13 students attended a presentation from the University of Otago outlining course options and requirements for tertiary study next year. It is pleasing to see so many students taking advantage of the opportunities our Careers Department is providing for them. I hope the presentation also provided early motivation to achieve exceptional academic results later in the year!

Our Year 7 and 8 triathletes had a very successful day on Thursday in Dunedin. Taieri College made the podium in several grades. Well done to the athletes involved in what was an extremely successful day.

We have a strong team of 30 athletes competing in the Otago Secondary Schools' Athletics this weekend at the Caledonian in Dunedin. Good luck to everyone involved.

Noho ora mai

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Key Dates

13-14 March

Otago SS Athletics

14-15 March

Otago SS Senior
Volleyball Champs

16-21 Tautuku Camp

10GD and 10ML

18 March

Vietnam Information
Evening – Library

19 March

L2SPR Tramp – Chalkies
Track

20 March

Crash Bash/Drive to
Survive Year 12

23 March

Otago Anniversary Day
– College closed

24 March

SOHS Summer
Interchange

25 March

Whanau Hui

25-26 March

L3 Geography – Taieri
Plains

28 March

Rotary International
Conference
SISS MTB Championships
SISS Touch Tournament –
Christchurch

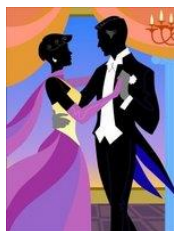
9 April

End of Term 1

28 April

Start of Term 2





Taieri College Formal Saturday 13 June 2020 Dunedin Town Hall



Estimated ticket price to be advised.

Te Anau Enduro

Well done to Meg McDonald-Page and Finn McDonald-Page competing in the four hour Te Anau Enduro last weekend.

They were both tremendous. Finn placed first and Meg placed fourth.



Year 7 Careers Expo

On Friday 6th March the Year 7s experienced a mini Careers Expo. Currently the Year 7s are studying a unit called 'Learning for Life, Not for School' with a spotlight on Careers. This is the first year the unit of work has included an expo. The intention was to help the students see future possibilities and what there is out there in the world on offer for them. This week the Year 7s started their career inquiry around a career of their choosing. Hopefully something they saw or heard last Friday inspired their inquiry. At the conclusion of the inquiry the Year 7s will have the opportunity to set up their Career Inquiry for viewing by other Year 7 classes.

The Expo was attended by Trevor Gillan from Southern Group Training, Holly Batchelor from The NZ School of Tourism, Sue Ikin & Team from Dunedin Public Libraries, Tim Burke from the NZ Defence Force, Murray Hosking from Automotive Engineering at Otago Polytechnic, Trevor and Leisa Roos from The Dunedin Training Academy. Taieri College Year 7s sincerely thank them for their time and efforts, our students thoroughly enjoyed the experiences and information on offer. We look forward to hosting this again next year and hope that you can come back.



Gymnastics – Kate Coates

I recently spent the weekend in Auckland trialling to represent NZ in Singapore for Rhythmic Gymnastics. I was very nervous as this was a big opportunity, but my routines ended up going up really well. Rhythmic Gymnastics is a sport incorporating five pieces of equipment, the clubs, ribbon, ball, rope and hoop. I had to reach a score of 30 and I reached a score of 33.2 which was a significant achievement for me and I was very pleased with my results. It's an honour to be selected for a New Zealand Gymnastics team. Sadly due to the Covid-19 the trip has been cancelled but they are looking for other overseas competitions later in the year.



Regional Coastal Otago Primary Schools Triathlon 2020 11 March 2020

Taieri College entered a healthy number of 22 athletes for the annual Coastal Otago Primary Schools triathlon at Port Chalmers. Three girls' teams, one boys' team, two mixed teams, one individual girl and three individual boys completed a fantastic representation of Taieri College amongst a total of over 365 students from around the Dunedin area. The day was very cold but calm. For many students this was a first time going as an individual and /or a team at a higher level.

The Year 8 girls' team of Bella Hughes, Sarah Evans and Keira Hughes was placed second and the Year 8 girls' team of Cheyanne Lewis, Emma Johnston and Lily Walker was placed third. Both mixed teams performed extremely well with the Year 8 team of Jackson Smith, Blake Dalton and Madi Shaw coming in second. The Year 7 team of Effie King, Jack Nicolaou and Ollie McFelin was placed third.

Most of the Taieri College students were placed in the top 10 which overall was a fantastic effort. Thank you to Mr Egan, and Mr Nicholl for helping us to train and prepare for this event. From here the school will have several representatives who qualified for the Otago Championship in Balclutha on 4 April 2020.



'Mile of An Achievement'

Congratulations to Ryan Bain (7SW), Regan McGrath (7MB), Abbey Samuels (8HB) and Emily Russell (8HB). All of these students belong to the Taieri Swimming Club and all of these swimmers achieved their Mile Badge on Saturday 6th March. All swimmers performed creditably and all swam well under the one hour time requirement. These Taieri College students will be presented with their Mile Badges at the Taieri Club prize giving on Saturday 28th March. Well done!



Ryan Bain 7SW



Regan McGrath 7MB



Abbey Samuels 8HB



Emily Russell 8HB

Taieri College Year 7 & 8 Miniball Players

We have an excellent opportunity to host Natalie Visger and Force Basketball on Friday evenings during Term 1.

Who: Year 7&8 Boys. Cost: \$40. Time: 6:00 - 7:00pm

Location: Taieri College Gymnasium - Fridays - 13, 20, 27 March 2020 and 3 April 2020

Hopefully all keen intermediate boys take advantage of this before the season begins in Term 2.

Please confirm by replying to Natalie with your preferred email address and mobile number at otagoforcebasketball@gmail.com. Force Basketball will invoice you.

A bit about Natalie and Force Basketball: Force Basketball is run by Natalie Visger. She is the former Basketball Otago Development Officer (2016-2020). She is currently the only active coach in New Zealand who has played at the university level, coached at the university level (head coached and assisted), played professionally, played in the NZ WNBL (Otago Goldrush), and coached representative and high school teams. She is the current assistant coach for the NZ Under 16 girls' basketball team, after head coaching the team for two seasons. She also coaches the Kavanagh Senior A Boys team (since 2018). She has coached Otago U15 and U23 rep. (2016). Her first head coaching in Dunedin was at Otago Girls (2016 and 2017). Prior to coaching in NZ she was a NCAA (university) and NJCAA (junior college coach) for nine years in America. She played for the Otago Goldrush for four years (2015-2019), three years professionally in Germany (2003-2006), and four years at Montana State University-Billings (NCAA Div. II) (1999-2003). She is an official Coach Developer for Basketball New Zealand and runs coaching courses to certify coaches in the BBNZ Community Coach Endorsement, which is required to coach at Rep. Nationals and Premierships (secondary school Nationals). The endorsement is recognised internationally as the FIBA Level 1 coaching license.

She has decided to offer development opportunities and pathways for youth in Otago, thus Force Basketball was born in late 2019.



Volleyball News

Our Senior A girls' volleyball team competed in the Mainland Volleyball Championships last weekend which had teams from all over the South Island. We were in Division 3 which had 16 teams. We played three games on Friday and came off the court at 9.45pm on Friday night having won all our games for the day. Back to the stadium on Saturday and another three games saw us again unbeaten and finishing top of the pool ready for finals on the Sunday. Our semi-final against Christchurch Girls' went to five sets which we took out 15-4 in the fifth. Then into the finals against St Andrew's from Christchurch; this again went to five sets, unfortunately we couldn't manage the win and lost the set 15-11.



Weekly Sport Column

Kia Ora Tatou

Continuing on with our summer sport here at Taieri College, it has once again been a busy week for our students. Twenty two of our Te Kainga students competed at the Dunedin Primary and Intermediate Schools Triathlon, and performed admirably. Several of those students have now qualified to Otago Triathlon due to their great performances. We also have the Otago Secondary Schools' Athletics this weekend and have thirty one Taieri College students competing. We wish you all the best and look forward to hearing your results. This week, however, I would like to put the spotlight on our volleyball players here at the college. We have experienced great numbers of volleyball players this year and currently have 10 junior sides competing at the Edgar Centre every Friday night. Good luck to all those sides competing this evening, we are sure you will do your very best. Also, a big thank you goes to several of our college staff who help and coach multiple teams as well as the parents who help on the sideline and support our teams. Last week our flagship Volleyball team, the Senior A Girls' side, competed at Mainland Volleyball Championships in Christchurch and represented the college exceedingly well, with multiple hard fought games through the pool stages, they qualified through to the finals of their seeded division and ultimately finished runner up after a nail biting five set final. Well done on your effort girls.

Ryan Rosevear
Head of Sport





Touch News

Congratulations to Gabby Kakahi for being selected to attend at New Zealand Touch ID Camp.

Golf News

Hayden Robertson playing in the NZ Strokeplay tournament in Hastings this week.



Social Sciences 2021 Vietnam Trip

The Social Sciences department has an exciting opportunity for students studying Economics, Geography and History at Levels 1 and 2. Also eligible are Level 2 Tourism students and Level 1 students who are seriously considering Level 2 Tourism in 2021.

Come along to our information evening, bring your parents to the college library 6.30pm 18 March 2020 where you will hear detailed information about this trip from Hope Harrison, a former Taieri student from Defining Moments.



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