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Tēnā Koutou Katoa

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Kia ora e te whanau

My thanks to our college community for contributing to an incredibly busy and fulfilling Term 3. The diverse opportunities offered have been eagerly patronised by enthusiastic students. During the last week we had students involved in prepared speeches, impromptu speeches, drama performances, Year 7 and 8 rugby and netball, tramping, frisbee golf, mountain biking, turbo touch, and Biology field trips. The commitment and organisation involved in these co-curricular activities are huge and my thanks to the teachers and parent helpers who have assisted during the last five days. I also extend my gratitude to those who helped during all activities during Term 3. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Parents and caregivers of senior students will receive their reports via e-mail this afternoon and they will contain important information on current levels of achievement in NCEA. They will also provide excellent advice on how to approach upcoming external examinations. Our senior prizegiving is fast approaching (Friday 6 November 2020), and it is important that seniors organise themselves into productive revision and study routines.

Congratulations to our Senior A netballers who pulled off a gritty win in their final on Sunday. After a close three quarters our girls eventually hit the lead to win by two goals at the final whistle. Likewise, to our Year 7 Boys rugby team who triumphed in their final at the Year 7 and 8 Sassenachs Rugby tournament held on Wednesday.

Finally, from me, I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and I look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready to go for Term 4.

Nga mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

- 25 September
Final payment date for school magazine \$20.00
- 26-29 September
Year 7 & 8 Miniball Tournament
- 12 October
Start of Term Four
- 13 October
Level 2 Primary Industry ATV Sign Off Course
- 14 October
2021 Course Selection Interviews
L2PRM Crutching Course
- 14-16 October
L2SPR Silverpeaks Trip
- 15 October
2021 Course Selection Interviews
Otago Primary and Intermediate Triathlon Champs
Gateway Information Evening
- 19 October
Final payment date for Year 8 camp (\$260.00)
- 26 October
Labour Day – College closed

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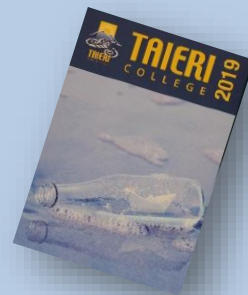
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Taieri College Sports Council

Mission: 'To promote and encourage sport at Taieri College and on the Taieri'

Taieri College's Sports Council is a committee made up of both parents and teachers. We rely heavily on the generosity of sponsorship to keep our programmes in place; to fund teams and individuals; to supply equipment; to upgrade playing areas, and to purchase school vans to transport our students. We aim to give our young athletes every opportunity possible.

Our Sports Council is always welcoming and very appreciative of any new sponsors wishing to come on board. If you think this is an area you can help, please contact The Sports Office (sport@taieri.school.nz)

There are four LEVELS of Sponsorship: PREMIER (amount is by negotiation), PLATINUM (\$2,000 + GST per year), GOLD (\$1,000 + GST per year) and SILVER (\$500 + GST per year).

Each MONTH the Sports Council would like to SHOWCASE one of our valued sponsors. Where possible we urge our Taieri College families to support these generous businesses just like they support us.

GOLD SPONSOR OF THE MONTH Mastercraft Kitchens Mosgiel

Mastercraft Kitchens Mosgiel is owned and operated by Wayne and Robyn McFarlane. Wayne and Robyn have had a long association with Taieri College and Taieri College Sports Council. If you are building or renovating and require some kitchen advice, please contact them. Situated in Gow Street, they offer a full service from kitchen design through to manufacture right here in Mosgiel, and installation will be by their very own experienced install team.



Sports Council are proud to work alongside the following sponsors; LJ Hooker – Lachie McLachlan, Braveheart Projects & Decorators Otago, Mastercraft Mosgiel Kitchens, Sportsmed Mosgiel, Waiholo Surfacing, Reece Building Consultants, DC Motors, DS Builders, Norwood Farm Machinery, Promo-X, Cramond & Craig, Dixon Roofing, TAK Flooring, Loan Market.

**Taieri College Sports Council will be running our annual
GOLF DAY on FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER, 2020**



Accounts

Statements of account were emailed on Tuesday. Prompt payment of the balance owing would be much appreciated.

Just a reminder; a charge of \$20.00 has been made to each student for the annual school magazine which will be issued at the end of Term Four. Please pay now to confirm your magazine order. If you don't want a copy of the magazine, or only want one copy per family, please email accounts@taieri.school.nz to have this charge removed.

The final instalment of \$90.00 for Year 8 camp is due by 19 October 2020. Please note that financial assistance is available in some cases, so if you have any concerns at all about paying for camp, or any other charges your account, please do not hesitate to phone the college on 489 3823 and speak to Mr Peacock (extn 101).

If you have a query about your account please email accounts@taieri.school.nz or phone the Finance Office on 4893823 extn 206 or extn 129.

Thank you.

Year 9 Scholarship Information

Taieri College offers three types of scholarships to Year 9 students; Academic Scholarship, Sport Scholarship, and Performing / Visual Arts Scholarship (includes Art, Drama, Dance, Music, Media). Students enrolled in Taieri College as Year 8 pupils for 2020 are invited to apply for these scholarships. Application forms are available from the school office.

Applications close Monday 30 November 2020 and scholarships will be announced at the start of 2021.

Boot Drive



Help support future athletes at Taieri College!

Spare and second hand sporting gear and equipment in good condition (eg hockey sticks, rugby boots) can be donated to the sport office between now and Term Four Week 1 during form times.

This gear and equipment will be used by Taieri College students to help them excel in their selected sporting field.



Level 3 Biology Otago Peninsula Trip

On Monday 21 September 2020, 30 students and 3 staff went on the annual Otago Peninsula trip to gather information on the impact of tourism, both positive and negative, on the Otago Peninsula ecosystem. The trip started with a visit to the Albatross Centre. Here students learnt about different strategies used by the staff to care for and monitor the Northern Royal Albatross. Students then got to observe the birds nesting from a couple of the observation points. Then it was down to Pilot's Beach to discuss the restoration of the habitat and care for the Little Blue Penguins. One group got to see a Little Blue Penguin being weighed up close.

Next it was on to the Monarch where students got to see the birds, fur seals and sea lions up close. The day ended with a trip to Penguin Place. Here students learnt about the biology of the Yellow-eyed Penguin before venturing off down a maze of trenches to viewing points at the private Pipikaretu beach. Three Yellow-eyed Penguins were seen in their hides caring for eggs and two penguins were observed leaving the sea and venturing up into the dunes. Little Blue Penguins were also seen in their nest boxes and there were many fur seals on one of the points. The day finished with a quick Mc Donald's visit on the way home.

The Albatross Centre, Monarch and Penguin Place all rely on tourism to promote and care for these species. Anytime you visit these places, not only are you in for a fantastic day, but also you are providing money that can be invested in caring for these awesome local species.

Level 2 Biology and Geography Trip to Aoraki Mt Cook

In Week 9 of Term 3, 62 students and 6 staff members travelled to Aoraki Mt Cook for their annual trip. Originally it was planned for Term 1 but was postponed due to Covid 19. On the way up, we stopped at Moeraki Boulders (and the café) and Loch Laird near Benmore Dam for lunch. By the time we got to the Mt Cook Village the day was drawing to a close and we had some 'desire line' sampling to do at the start of the Hooker Valley. This was to assess the impact of people taking shortcuts off the established tracks on the native plant population. This was made a little harder given the fact that there was snow still on the ground from a big snowfall the previous day. Then it was back to Glentanner where we were staying for dinner.

The next day dawned with pouring rain, constant lightning and thunder with intermittent hail. The rainfall that day totalled 130mm – fun! With our wet gear on, we headed back to the Mt Cook Village for our field work which was focused on looking at both the adaptations of the vegetation in the Hooker Valley as well as changes in vegetation composition and characteristics due to altitudinal zonation and succession. After sampling the first site at Governor's Bush in the hail and the second site, the terminal moraine of the Mueller Lake, we had to call it quits due to hypothermic conditions and sodden note paper. We then headed back to Glentanner for lunch and some dry clothes. The afternoon saw us head back to the village for a talk on the Interacting Elements that shape the landscape and a look at how rubbish, sewage and water systems work in the village from a sustainable perspective.

The last day dawned cold but clear. It was a great day to get on the Tasman Glacier Lake on the Glacier Explorer boats. Mt Cook and the surrounding peaks were all on display. We also had a talk at the DoC centre on strategies to solve future issues before leaving for Mosgiel. After stopping at Kurow for well-deserved coffee and fish and chips, we arrived home at around 7pm.



Mt Cook Trip



From the English Department

It has been a big week of English competitions. In three days alone, we have had 6 speech finals and received over 700 entries for the Young Writers' Awards!

Year 7 - Impromptu Speaking

- 1st – Cameron Gillies 7HU – My best memory from primary school
- 2nd – Addison Mortimer 7NJ – Disney movies are not just for kids
- 3rd – Van Couch 7SW – Technology in 50 years
- 4th – Rosie Mitchell 7MR – Why students should be encouraged to go overseas
- 5th – Jimmy Higgins 7NJ – People should donate to charity
- 6th – Manaia Taylor 7KM – The ideal role model

Year 8 – Impromptu Speaking

- 1st – Keira Hughes 8PH – Being outdoors is better than being inside
- 2nd – Tahlia Mortimer 8BZ – Duvets are cosier than blankets
- 3rd – Jesakah Thom 8PH – Spending is better than saving
- 4th – Victoria Amende 8PH – Washing up is better than drying up
- 5th – Jess Thomas 8PH – Sneakers are more efficient than boots
- 6th – Riley Roberts 8KJ – Dogs are nicer than cats

Year 9 – Prepared Speech

- 1st – Robert Hannaford 9CJ – Nuclear energy
- 2nd – Louise Lawson 9HM – Euthanasia
- 2nd – Kate Coates 9CJ – Stereotyping
- 4th – Chiara Crompton-Bray 9HM – Grading your teachers
- 5th – Joanne Brock-Smith 9CJ – Offensive slurs
- 6th – Tessa Bishell 9MH – American prisons

Year 10 – Prepared Speech

- 1st – Abbey Dawson-Brown 10GD – Optimistic nihilism
- 2nd – Caroline Quirey 10PN – Societal expectations
- 2nd – Leo Burkett 10GD – Social media
- 4th – Hannah Thompson 10GD – Self-harm and suicide
- 5th – Hailey Anderton 10JH – 'The Vampire Diaries' review
- 6th – Daniel Ruthven 10GD – 'Pulp Fiction' review

Year 11 – Impromptu Speaking

- 1st – Edith Lawrence 11WG – Crime pays
- 2nd – Jayda Smither 11HX – Driving should be in the school curriculum
- 3rd – Aria Griffith 11MP – We have an unhealthy obsession with sport
- 4th – Olivia Wilkinson 11SA – New Zealand is the best place in the world to live
- 4th – Lily Miller 11MP – Zoos should be abolished

Year 12/13 -Impromptu Speaking

- 1st – Tabitha Littlejohn 13SU – The power of ice cream
- 2nd – Jasmine Rixon 12WL – We should encourage people to use piggybanks
- 3rd – Jacob Smith 12GO – What we should do with all the chewing gum under the desks
- 4th – Sara Hall 12RM – If you try to fail and succeed, are you a success?

Winners in the Young Writers' Awards will be announced in Term 4.

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What we did in Mathematics in Term 3

By: Heynecke Stegen and Benjamin Renton

In Term 3, 8KJ and 8PH Maths classes had a fun project to do on Thursdays for seven weeks. During this project my associate and I worked on 'Math in Real Life'. In this we had to explain the mathematics that is used in things like bridges, cars and buildings. We chose to do a bridge for this project. After we knew what we were doing, we started researching bridges and chose the Golden Gate Bridge. Once we got our research under way, we got told that if we wanted to we could make a model to show our presentation. We decided to make a model for this project and so I went home and discussed this with my dad, and he agreed to help me with this. Meanwhile Ben worked on the PowerPoint to present our research findings. Then after the seven week period, we had finally finished our work and were ready to present our findings of the mathematics used in creating the Golden Gate Bridge.



L1 Drama Niu Sulu Performance

The fabulous Level 1 Drama class performed their class play this week to audiences packed full of their fans. They had been exploring racism in New Zealand society and its impact through putting on scenes from Niu Sila by Oscar Kightley and Dave Armstrong. The cast gave dynamic and moving performances. Thank you to everyone who came to support these wonderful actors.



L2SPR News

On Thursday 24 September 2020, the Year 12 Sport and Recreation class went on a day tramp up the Maungatua summit track in preparation for our Silver Peaks tramp and camp next term. It was a testing track with a steep incline, but we all made it to the first viewing point in the clearing to get an exceptional view back over the Taieri Plain and out to Brighton Beach. Now we are all set for the Silver Peaks in October. Bring it on!



Turbo Touch

As part of our Year 12 Sport and Recreation class, we had to plan a turbo touch tournament for the Year 8 students on Tuesday 22nd September. The event was a real success, with Year 8 students competing for their form classes in one of 3 divisions; Premiership, Championship and Social. Music and games ran throughout the day and a free BBQ kept all the students nourished. The competition was hard fought, with 8WO winning the Premiership grade, 8PH winning the Championship grade and 8KJ winning the Social grade. A big thank you to Mosgiel New World and The Warehouse for contributing to the event!



L2 SPR class



Sport

Our winter sport season has been concluding the past few weeks. Earlier this week our Hockey teams finished their season with the 1st XI Boys and Girls Hockey teams finishing 4th and 3rd respectively. Watching these teams this season, they have competed with great Taieri College spirit. Many basketball and netball teams play their last game on Friday or Saturday, all the best to the teams competing. Finish your season strong. Sticking with netball, our premier netball side, the Taieri College A team competed in the Premier C Final on Sunday and came away as victors, congratulations to all involved.



We have had several sporting activities this week with a Netball South Year 7 and 8 Netball Festival on Tuesday, which we sent four teams to compete. We had three Year 7 and 8 Rugby sides compete at the Dunedin Sassenachs Rugby Tournament, which included our Year 7 Boys team being crowned champions. We also had a number of students compete in the Southern School Cross Country Champs in Timaru on Thursday. Great to see many Taieri College take up the opportunity to compete at these events, and put their best foot forward.



Ryan Rosevear
Head of Sport

Netball

Netball over the last 7 days: Our Senior A Team took out the trophy for Premier C in a hard and closely fought victory last Sunday. The team had two even quarters and came from behind to win the last quarter and the game by two goal to win 51-49. This was a fitting farewell for Carmen Greiner who has coached the team for the last five years. We have been incredibly lucky to have Carmen as a coach for so long and we wish her well with her future coaching pathway. We also farewelled Zoe Meffan, Tayla- Jo Melvin and Lauren Isaacs who, as Year 13 students have played for many years in our A or Senior B teams. We hope that they continue to play netball in the future.

Our Year 7 and 8 teams who play in the DNC competition on a Thursday also finished last night with some very good results against tough teams.

This week is the last week of netball for 2020 and it is great that we are back to having spectators for this final week. Good luck to all of the teams playing on Saturday, some of whom are playing off for first place.

At the recent Otago Southland Senior Netball Tournament in Invercargill the following players from our Senior A netball team were selected in the Tournament Talent Identification Squad which gives them entry in to the "Steel" Steps Talent Accelerator Programme.



Neve Beattie



Shinae Stanley



Danni Thomson

Sport Leaders Breakfast

Four Year 13 Students had the pleasure of listening to Former All Black, Highlander, and now coach Tony Brown speak to them about achieving success, having a growth mindset and having a strong work ethic. Tony's key message was walking towards to pressure and embracing it.

Zharna Beattie, Mackenzie Miller, Finn McDonald-Page & Ethan McKinlay



Silverstream Planting Project

On Wednesday landscape architect Chantal Whitby came to work with our Environmental Student leaders. Chantal has been contracted by the DCC to design the Silverstream Planting Project.

Chantal shared with our students the design vision and explained the types of species, restrictions and limitations associated with the project. Our senior Enviro students then spent time working with a design template creating a planting plan for our very own section of the Silverstream. This section along with Chantal's design, for the remainder of the stream, has been put forward to Otago Regional Council for approval.

We are excited for the next stage of the project and look forward to getting our hands dirty.



Southern Schools Cross Country Blow Out

Due to the impact of Covid 19 there was very little opportunity this year for our cross country runners to represent the school. South Canterbury athletics held an event for students Year 5 – 13 in Timaru on the course that held the NZSS National Cross Country in 2019. It was nice and hilly with a few bonus obstacles of hay bales for our students to climb over. Our students performed well in this event which will hopefully become an annual event in the future.

Results

Year 7 boys race

Regan McGarth 11th - 32nd junior boy overall

Jimmy Higgins 12th - 37th junior boy overall

Year 8 boys race

Josh Siloy 10th- 18th junior boy overall

Liam Cuddie 15th - 26th junior boy overall

Year 9 girls race

Georgia McHutchon 3rd - 5th junior girl overall

Well done to all these students in their races against students from not only Otago, Canterbury but also Tasman and Wellington.



Youth East Taieri is preparing for the next intake of Ground Zero. We are starting with an information evening for parents and participants on Wednesday 14 October 2020. We have limited spaces available for young people in Year 7. The programme runs Wednesday evenings from 14 October 2020 - 2 December 2020. **Want to know more?** Contact Larissa Pearce (Youth Worker), Telephone: 489 6308 ext 1706 Email: yetworker@gmail.com

Ground Zero focuses on helping young people identify and develop their strengths, through fun challenges and activities designed to build confidence, self-esteem, leadership and relational skills.

