

Kia ora e te whanau

Undoubtedly the highlight of the last week was the school formal which was postponed from Term One due to Covid. The Town Hall was stunningly transformed into an Enchanted Forest. It is always a privilege to see our senior students immaculately dressed in their crisp suits and beautiful formal gowns. I would like to congratulate all the students on their efforts to look their best. It was a wonderful evening thoroughly enjoyed by all. Special thanks must go to our three social prefects, Ash, Ben and Jody for the huge effort they put into the event. I would also like to thank Lynne Blackwood and Jane Jones for the wonderful support they also gave to make the evening such a success.

It was also a treat to travel to James Hargest High School this week for our annual winter sports interchange. Once again, our students played with skill, determination and outstanding sportsmanship and I would like to thank them all for representing our school so well. We are especially proud of the 1st XV who scored in the last play of the game to win a very close contest, 32-29. Next week our Year 7 and 8 students have their chance to represent the college during our annual Kavanagh Interchange. I am sure they will also play with the same sort of passion and pride.

Our second round of parent interviews will occur next week on Tuesday 11 August 2020 and Wednesday 12 August 2020. These interviews are a valuable time for you to meet your young person's subject teachers to discuss their learning to date. We would love to see as many of you as possible to share the 'next steps' for your student's learning. With senior school exams only four weeks away learning discussions about student achievement are especially relevant. An email has been sent to all whanau with details on how to book interviews via www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. The booking code is **8aruc**.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the interviews next week

Nga mihi nui

Brenton Hackfath
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

10 August
Tertiary Open Day – Otago
University and Otago
Polytechnic – Year 13

11 August
Kavanagh College Year
7/8 Interchange

11-12 August
Parent/Teacher Interviews


13-14 August
L2 SPR Caving and High
Ropes – Invercargill
Level 1 Geography Field
Trip

15-16 August
40 Hour Famine


18 August
Otago Primary Schools'
Netball Tournament

20 August
Taieri College Sport and
Cultural Photographs
Otago Polytechnic Liaison
Visit
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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)

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 SPORTSMED MOSGIEL



Adam Letts and his team offer great physiotherapy support to our college sporting community, with winter sports getting under way if you need some professional advice or some rehabilitation help contact them!

Taieri College Sports Council are proud to work alongside the following sponsors; LJ Hooker – Lachie McLachlan, Braveheart Decorators, 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 and Loan Market.

Rotary Club Mosgiel Meet the Candidates Evening

Mosgiel Rotary are hosting a Meet the Candidates standing in the new Taieri electorate for the 2020 General Election. To be held at the Taieri College Performing Arts Centre on Wednesday 19 August 2020 at 7:30pm.

We invite you to attend this evening to hear from the six Taieri candidates.

Thank you
Graeme Watson

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Rotary Club Mosgiel



Accounts

Statements of account were issued on 30 July 2020. Payment can be made the following ways:

- internet banking/automatic payments to our Westpac bank account number **03 1725 0106800 00**
- cash/cheque using the payment envelope system by students at office
- cash/cheque or eftpos at office reception

When making payment by internet banking or automatic payment please include the student's name and ID as the reference. If the payment is for a specific cost eg. hockey, please note this also in the reference.

If you are paying regular automatic payments it would be appreciated if they are of a sufficient amount to cover all costs by the end of Term Four. You may need to make additional payments for any sports fees which are due at the beginning of the playing season and for any camp/trip costs which are required before the event.

You can view your accounts at any time by logging on to the Parent and Student Kamar Portal on the Taieri College website.

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.

Please note that financial assistance is available in some cases so if you have any concerns at all about paying your account please don't hesitate to phone the college on 489 3823 and speak to Mr Peacock (extn 101).

Thank you.

Dogs NZ South Island Secondary Schools' Dog Agility Championships 2020

This competition was run in conjunction with the Selwyn Dog Agility Champs show last weekend in Christchurch (25/26 July)

Zara Deans (11SA) competed in all 4 classes - Open Handler Agility and Open Handler Jumpers (both of these with borrowed dogs drawn from a hat) and the Experienced Agility and the Experienced Jumpers with her own dog – Pepper.

To compete you had to be a member of Dogs NZ and a member of the Junior Dog Training group. The rules followed the normal competition guidelines with the fastest clear round being the winner and you get 5 faults for a knocked rail or a refusal.

Zara's results were:

3rd in the Open Handler – Agility with a dog-called Rapid

5th in the Experienced Jumpers with Tex

6th in the Experienced Jumpers with Pepper

Judges Award in the Experienced Agility with Pepper for the best Weaves and Contacts of the whole class.

Zara said, it was a great show and fun to run against other schools and have a whole competition just for those still at school as we normally compete against all ages. A big thank you to Susan Tansey from Christchurch for organising the competition and to Tux for sponsoring it – well done to King's High school who won the overall school award.



Ski Trip 2020

What an awesome weekend of crazy fun times and average snow. The crew left school at 2.00pm on Friday with three fully loaded vans and Mr Tunoka's truck and headed for the adventure capital of NZ. We arrived in Queenstown, stopped for a quick meal and sight see and then it was up to the mountain. Our accommodation was the well looked after Southland Lodge, which is only available for members, but somehow Mr Tunoka managed to book it out just for us. We all huddled around the roaring fire when we entered and quickly settled into our bunk rooms.

The next morning we were up and having breakfast at 6.30am and walking up to the field at 7.30am. We got all our hire gear and then it was into lessons for an hour and half from 9.00am. The day just flew past after that and we managed to find our way all around the mountain, with some guys even attempting the T-bar down by Heidi's hut. The snow was good in the morning and then became very slushy in the afternoon but still fun for everyone to have their little adventures.

We had heaps of fun and no doubt we will be back up again next year! Some awesome moments were...

Caleb Croy falling all the way down the M1, and then going back up and doing it again and again. He finally managed to only fall a couple of times on the longest run on Coronet and by the end of the two days he was a total master on the snowboard.

Rosie Mitchell walked most of the Big Easy run because she fell off, but credit is due because she went back to basics and managed to get back up there the next day and skied it. Well done!

Piper Smart's huge attempt at the Big Jump. She managed only 10cm off the ground. Wow!

Thanks to Mr Prebble, Mr Jones, Mrs Hayes and Mr Tunoka.



Save the date!

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

Absence Procedure

A reminder to all parents/caregivers regarding students signing in and out at the College Office during the college day; a note or telephone call is required explaining your student's absence. There is also a dedicated telephone message line on our telephone system for absences. Please telephone 489 3823 and press 1.

If you are leaving a message on our automated service, please provide a reason for the absence. The MOE has a coding system for absences and any absences that are unexplained must be coded as truant. If any parent/caregiver leaves a message that simply says that their child won't be in without any reason this will need to be coded as truant. Please give a specific reason for your child's absence.

Unwell Students Procedure

If during the course of the day your young person becomes unwell, they are to come to the College Office first where they will be assessed by the office staff. Parents/caregivers will then be contacted.

Students should not text or telephone parents; the Office will organise this as students need to be signed out on the Enrol System, which is part of MOE guidelines.

Thank you.

Office Hours 8.00am – 4.00pm

Library

We have recently put our library catalogue online. Students can now access this resource on their devices at anytime. Not only can they search for books and place reserves; the catalogue is regularly updated with information relevant to topics studied in class, current events, new books, authors and more. You can visit the catalogue by scanning this QR code or <https://nz.accessit.online/TRC00/#!/dashboard>

SCAN ME



Since Lockdown many books are still outstanding and we would love to have them back on the shelves for students to enjoy. As a result we are trialing a new returns process: your student will receive three reminder emails over a period of two weeks, if books are not returned during that time, an email is then sent to the caregiver. We would really appreciate your help in returning both library books and English texts.

In celebration of Spirit Week students have been decorating our library.



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Taieri College Formal 2020





Sport Column

On Wednesday our annual interchange with James Hargest College was fiercely contested down in Invercargill. James Hargest College are a strong foe for us at Taieri College, with our last overall interchange victory coming back in 2011. Students from Taieri College competed across four winter codes of Basketball, Hockey, Rugby and Netball with passionate school pride. All eight matches were very hotly contested, and Taieri College students competed with grace, pride and demonstrated sportsmanship at all times, however James Hargest retained the honours with a 5-3 overall win.

With former Taieri College pupil and staff member Mike Newell now Principal at James Hargest, we look forward to further hotly contested rivalries with them in the future. Check out the awesome photographs of our students competing on the day.

Full results:

Hockey Boys 1st XI lost 3-2

Hockey Girls 1st XI lost 3-0

Netball 9A won 26-23

Netball 10A lost 20-16

Netball A team lost 34-32

Basketball lost 43-96

Rugby U15 won 43-28

Rugby 1st XV won 37-34



James Hargest 5 – 3 Taieri College

