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Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Kia ora e te whanau

It was a pleasure to assist in the judging of the inaugural Year 10 Haka and Waiata competition that took place on Thursday. Our Year 10 students have been refining their Tikanga Maori and it was pleasing to see the overall increase in competency when singing our college waiata, and performing the Taieri College haka. Thanks to the Hui Time teachers for their contribution during the first semester and to Miss Tuhega, Mrs Leonard, Mr Tunoka, and Mr Whaley for their invaluable input. Toni Crompton and James Piho, whose presence added to the success of the occasion, ably assisted me at the judges table. I look forward to the proposed rematch at the end of Term Three.

Filming for our "Virtual Open Day" has been completed, and we are close to releasing the final product for public consumption. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and website over the next few days. It's an entertaining snapshot of life as a student at Taieri College.

This week we bid farewell to two staff members who have contributed significantly to Taieri College. Shannon Edgar has had two stints at Taieri College, with her latest position involving teaching Physical Education. Shannon is an outstanding teacher who leads her classes with passion and enthusiasm. We wish Shannon all the best as she relocates to Taranaki in the coming months.

Brenda Brook has been in our Textiles Department for over 15 years and has been an inspiration for so many students, including those who have entered, and forged successful careers in the fashion design industry. Brenda's enthusiasm and commitment to sustainability in her subject area will leave a lasting legacy at Taieri College. I wish Brenda all the very best for her well-earned retirement.

Finally, I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and we look forward to heading into spring with eagerness and positive intention.

Nga mihi nui

Dave Hunter PRINCIPAL





Key Dates

3 July Learning Readiness Issued End of Term Two

20 July Start of Term Three

22 July Level 2 Biology Trip – Portobello

28 July Form Class Photographs

31 July – 2 August International Ski Trip







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Taieri College Formal Dunedin Town Hall Saturday 1 August 2020 7.00pm



The ticket price for this event is \$95.00. Our Social Prefects have worked very hard to keep the ticket price down and it covers the cost of the event only. We do not set this to make a profit. The price of the ticket covers entertainment, access to photographer's website, hire of venue, dinner and transport to and from the venue.

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, Advanced Stopping, Braveheart Decorators, Bungard Building Ltd, DF Transales Engineering, Mastercraft Mosgiel Kitchens, Sportsmed Mosgiel, Reids Joinery, Waihola Surfacing, Reece Building Consultants, DC Motors, DS Builders, Norwood Farm Machinery, Promo-X, Cramond & Craig, Dixon Roofing, TAK Flooring.









International News

We farewell Rahaf Al Harbi and Nour Askar Almoudallali as they leave us to study English at Otago Polytechnic next term.



Junior ESOL class



ICAS Examinations 2020

Registration and fees for all subjects are due to the school office by Thursday 6 August 2020. All examinations this year are charged out at \$15.50. There are no examinations available to Year 12 and 13 students in 2020. The Writing examination is not available in 2020.

Each subject will be open for a 5-day sitting window period

ICAS Science: Monday 17 August 2020 to Friday 21 August 2020

ICAS English: Monday 24 August 2020 to Friday 28 August 2020

ICAS Digital Technologies (Year 7-11): Monday 24 August 2020 to Friday 28 August 2020

ICAS Mathematics: Monday 31 August 2020 to Friday 4 September 2020

ICAS Spelling (Year 7 and 8): Monday 31 August 2020 to Friday 4 September 2020

Exact sitting dates will be confirmed with students and whanau closer to the time. Please contact **ngowing@taieri.school.nz** for further information.



Published Writing

Congratulations to Jenny Petegem-Thach who had a piece of writing published in this year's Anthology of Young New Zealand Writers' competition.







Level 2 Drama Presents Revenge of the Amazons.

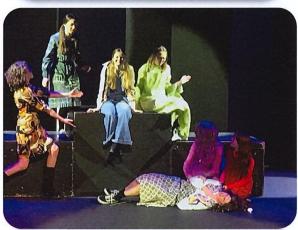
Scenes 4, 5 and 6. By Jean Betts and William Shakespeare.















Prepared Speech Finals

This has been a busy week with a lot of students competing in speech finals. Tuesday and Wednesday saw our students in Te Kainga compete in their respective year levels, and Thursday saw the final round of the Year 12 and 13 Prepared Speech Finals. An excellent standard was displayed and all participants should be proud of their efforts.

Year 7

1st - Ollie McFelin 7MR - Siblings are terrible

2nd – Rosie Mitchell 7MR – Endangered species

3rd – Jenny Petegem-Thach 7MB – People under 16 years old should not have cell phones

4th - Chelsea King 7RL - Learning a second language

5th – Manaia Taylor 7KM – Changes that the school needs before 2024

6th – Carerra Mulder 7MB – Saving the environment using magical butterflies

Year 8

1st – Keira Hughes 8PH – Why you should stay at your local school

2nd – Amber Dawson 8KJ – Why New Zealand is a great place

3rd – Simone Letts 8WO – Racial discrimination

4th = Tahlia Mortimer 8BZ – Why plastics should be banned

4th = Hasse Verlinden 8BZ – Animal testing

6th – Jess Thomas 8PH – Worldwide pollution

Year 12 and 13

1st – Jasmine Rixon 12WL – The portrayal of women in media and society

2nd – Jacob Smith 12GO – Millennial astrology

3rd = Gabby Kakahi 12WL – Looks mean everything

3rd = Cameron Stewart 12RM – Institutionalised racism in New Zealand

5th – Tim Chevtchenko 12JN – The indisputable benefits of McDonald's

6th - Sara Hall 12RM - Stop caring

Creative Writing – Year 8

Over this term Year 8 classes have been developing their creative writing skills. Our main focus has been on crafting character descriptions. Here is an example of some of the amazing work produced by our students. This piece has been written by Alex Dawson-Brown from 8KJ.



Isabel Fernandez

The scorching sun burned down onto the golden sand of Miami beach. It didn't compare to the Cuban weather, of course, but it still made Isabel's brown face flush. The lips in her freckled face were upturned as her curious chocolate-brown eyes stared up at the blue sky. Wispy clouds that looked like candy floss floated above her. She hugged her thin legs to her chest where a red tank top hung off her scrawny body. The soft summer breeze danced through the warm air, ruffling the thick black locks of her shoulder-length hair. It was tied back in a loose ponytail, the strands that escape the hair tie were tucked behind her ears, a baseball cap sat on top of her head. Isabel buried her toes into the sand, watching as the cerulean waves rolled into the shore. The sun shone down onto the water, sending sparkles across the sea. The same light glittered in Isabel's eyes; a golden glint of peacefulness.

The ocean held a lot of memories for Isabel, mainly painful ones. But she was drawn to it, the waves whispered of remnants from the home she had left. But the ocean was her home. It may have caused her heartache, but it brought her joy. It stole the lives of her cherished and loved ones, but it was where her baby brother was born. The sea was her bittersweet memories. Isabel reached up to touch the hat that was nestled on top of her hair. She took it off and looked at it solemnly but also fondly. It was a white *Industriales* baseball cap, with the blue logo of a fancy *I*. The *Industriales* were the Havana baseball team and the cap had belonged to her best friend, Iván Castillo. The sea had taken his life from her, like it had her abuelita. The cap reminded her of a time when they were neighbours in Havana, when everything was alright. Before her heart ached just to think about her friends and family and all they've been through, all they've lost.



NORWOOD Farm Machinery Centre



Art News

The end of the Art modules went off with a party atmosphere as students in both class shared their

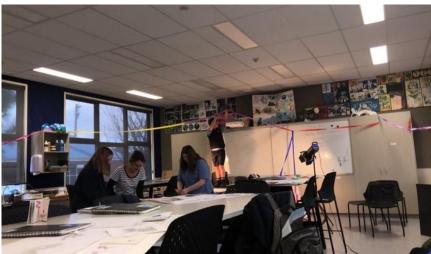
amazing work. Thanks to all!!!











Young Writers' Awards 2020

Take this opportunity to showcase your writing skills and enter this year's Young Writer's Awards. Are you the next literary genius who will make millions selling your work for books, film scripts or even award winning song lyrics?

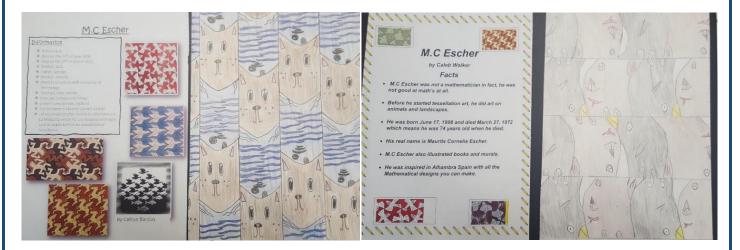
There are six categories:

Poetry, Short Story, Drama Script, Article/Essay, Research Project, and Children's Illustrated Book. Entries will be due to the English Department near the end of Term Three. Winners are invited to a Literary Luncheon in Term Four to celebrate their achievements.

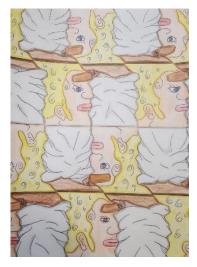


8PH Mathematics Class - Tessellation Art Work

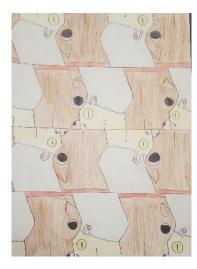
During our distance learning time this term, 8PH Math class started looking at transformations. One of the tasks was to investigate the work of M.C. Escher a famous Dutch artist who used tessellations in quite a few of his art works. Once we returned to school our class looked at his work in a little more detail and created our own tessellation art based on the work of M C Escher.



Caitlyn Barclay Caleb Walker







Emily Russell



Niamh Clarke

Sport Column

Over the last two weeks rugby has started at Taieri College and it has been wonderful to see many boys and girls training out on Kaye Field after school. We are lucky enough to have many staff assisting with our teams, and it has also been pleasing to see many parents and community members out passionately supporting our teams when they play. Our girls team compete on Wednesdays in Dunedin. Our junior and intermediate teams have both made an undefeated start to their season, and it is also pleasing to see 21 Taieri College students represent our college in the Combined Co-Ed Schools 1st XV. Boys' teams have one more game tomorrow before a school holiday break so pop out and support the teams. Taieri Intermediate are on Taieri College Kaye Field at 11.15am, the Taieri College Juniors play at Peter Johnstone at 1.00pm, and the Co-Ed 1st XV play down at South Otago High School at 1.00pm.

Lastly to parents and caregivers, if you are a member on Facebook, a reminder to add yourself to the Facebook group, 'Taieri College Sport'. This is where you can keep up to date with cancellations, draws and results of your child's practices and games!

Ryan Rosevear Head of Sport

The Inaugural Hui Time Haka/Waiata Competition 2020

Since the start of school in Term One this year, we have been delivering a new initiative called Hui Time. All Year 10 classes meet for an hour each week to explore skills in social cohesion, group dynamics, communication and resilience, which contribute to team building across the college. As part of this, all Year 10 classes have been strengthening their performance of the school haka and waiata. These activities promote cultural responsiveness and inclusion, our main Wellbeing focus. This tikanga embraces kotahitanga (unity – working together as one), manaakitanga (hospitality and mutual respect), and whanaungatanga (strengthening student connections to the wider whanau of the school). Within this we are observing deeper values such as wairua (the soul and spirit) of Taieri College being enhanced. On Thursday of this week, we held a competition between classes to showcase their haka/waiata performances with mana and pride. And this they did. It was a beautiful celebration to culminate their learnings and connections. The prize was a taonga crafted by a student, who had attended The Taieri High School over 20 years ago. He created a Patu (wooden mere) as an appreciation for the support the school had provided him, and he gifted it with pride, honour and aroha. Since this time, it has had a treasured place in the counselling area and has been recently decorated to honour the legacy of past students. The Patu signifies strength through adversity and was awarded to the two winning classes 10GD and 10ML to be shared for five weeks each in Term Three.

It is anticipated that we will hold another competition at the end of Term Three. The edited video of these performances will be uploaded to the Taieri College Facebook page.

This is a shout-out to the Year 10 students for embracing this journey and for being prepared to grow through it.

Also, a gracious acknowledgement to the Hui Time teachers: Ms Nolan, Mr Prebble, Mrs Gowing, Mr Gale, Mr Lieshout, and Ms Tod. Special mention to Mr Hamish Jones for arranging for the decoration of the Patu. And a big thanks to Mrs Rosevear for the planning, preparation and support of this journey.

Heart-warming gratitude to Ms Tuhega, Mr Tunoka and Mr Whaley for leading the haka/waiata with such skill, pride and strength.





E hara taku toa i te toa takitahi he toa takitini

My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective

Arohanui koutou Diana Leonard Director of Wellbeing

Save the Date

Taieri College Sports Council will be running our annual GOLF DAY on Friday 13 November 2020.

Netball Season Update

The 2020 netball season finally got under way last weekend with our A and B teams playing in the preseason competition. Both teams had wins, making it a good way to start the season. The A team won 66-23 and the B team won 36-24. Another round of preseason will be held this weekend with the competition proper beginning in the middle weekend of the holidays.

Most teams now have coaches. Thanks to those parents, volunteers and senior students who have stepped up to assist us with the 23 teams. We are looking forward to the start of the season for all ages when we come back after the holidays and other teams start to play on Saturday July 25 2020.

Netball players were issued with uniforms this week. Thanks to the Sport Office for co-ordinating this Netball fees are due today. Thanks to those families who have paid these. If families would like assistance with meeting these costs please email jpeacock@taieri.school.nz to facilitate assistance.



Dunedin Netball Centre Get Ready for Netball Years 9 and 10

<u>Year 9</u> - Wednesday 15 July 2020 9.00am-12.00pm, Thursday 16 July 2020 9.00am-12.00pm. Programme cost per child is \$70.00 if using online payment, \$73.50 if paying by credit card.

Year 10 - Wednesday 15 July 2020 1.00pm-4.00pm, Thursday 16 July 2020 1.00pm-4.00pm. Programme cost per child is \$70.00 if using online payment, \$73.50 if paying by credit card.

These programmes are an ideal lead into the netball season after an extended break away, with skill development, Netball Smart and game play components.

Register by following the link below. https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/133258



Years 7 & 8

Taieri Plain's Junior Netball committee are offering a two day programme in the first week of the July school holidays- Monday July 6 and Tuesday July 7. Spaces are limited.

Monday 6 July & Tuesday 7 July Venue: Taieri College ITC Cost \$30 per day or \$50 for both days

Please register via the following link:

https://www.sporty.co.nz/taieriplainsnetball/Get-Ready-For-Netball-workshop



Year 8 students, you are welcome to apply for our upcoming Summit Youth Leadership Programme. Wednesday evenings from 6.30-8pm in Term Three (starting 29 July 2020). For further information please contact Larissa Pearce at Youth East Taieri - 021 0867 1157 or yetworker@gmail.com

Applications close Friday 24 July 2020.









Your 2019/2020 Entertainment membership has now expired so it's the perfect chance to support Taieri College.

If you haven't had one before, this is a great APP with heaps of discounts at local restaurants, cafes, retail outlets, accommodation, car rentals, and tourist attractions.

The multi-city option is perfect for those travelling around NZ.

Your digital membership can be accessed from up to four different devices so you can share with friends/family.

With 2 extra months on your membership, a bonus Countdown gift card, and the chance to win one of five \$1000 JB Hi Fi vouchers, now is a great time to buy. 20% of the sale price goes back to the school, so purchase here today: https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/26016x0



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Year Seven Vision Screening

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision.

Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)
 This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance.
 It involves reading an eye chart. (Not required if child wears glasses)

Public Health South Main Block, Level 2, Wakari Hospital Taieri Road, Dunedin Private Bag 1921, Dunedin 9054 Tel: 03 476 9800 Fax: 03 476 9858

If you do not wish your child to be screened please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.

