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Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome back to Term Three!

Once again our musicians have been at the forefront of inter-collegiate music competitions. Liam Boyne and Keira Wallace placed first and second respectively in the recently judged Otago Regional Smokefree Rockquest competition. Contestants were required to submit an online video of an original composition, which was judged against musicians from across the Otago region. Liam and Keira now have the opportunity to submit three further original composition videos by 3 August 2020 to be part of selection for the New Zealand wide competition. We wish them all the very best in their performances.

Winter sports season is now fully underway with netball and basketball beginning their competitions this week. Good luck to all students who are representing the college during the term. Our expectation is you represent our college with pride, and display a healthy competitive spirit.

On Monday we are looking forward to hosting a number of prospective families as they explore the college as part of our Open Week. For those families who haven't been able to make it during the week, they can still view our "Virtual Open Day" that is posted on our school website (www.taieri@school.nz). A very entertaining production, which gives an excellent insight into a typical Taieri College school day.

Finally, on behalf of our college community our sincerest sympathies and condolences go to the Suttie family after the tragic passing of Martin at Lake Wakatipu during the school holidays. Martin was the treasured son of Mrs Suttie (Science teacher) and a well-respected and admired alma mater of The Taieri High School. Arohanui.

Nga mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

27-31 July
Taieri College Open Week

27 July
Year 7 Vision Testing

28 July
Form Class Photographs

31 July – 2 August
International Ski Trip

10 August
Year 13 Tertiary Open Day
(Otago University and
Otago Polytechnic)

11 August Kavanagh
College Year 7/8
Interchange

10-11 August Parent
Interviews

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

15 August
40 Hour Famine

Lachie McLachlan
Licensor/Auctioneer

Captains Club
100 Club member

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Come in for a tour during our
OPEN WEEK 27-31 July 2020
to see the College in action.

Website: taieri.school.nz or Phone 03 489 3823 for a time

PRM Trip

On the first weekend of the holidays, we took a group of students to Canterbury to have a look at the Coleridge Downs Farm Cadet programme at Lake Coleridge and then onto Lincoln University to have a personal campus tour for those looking at studying next year. It was a great couple of days and we got to see lots of different opportunities within the Primary Sector for study next year. The Coleridge Downs Farm Cadet scheme is highly sought after and very competitive with over 60 students and parents looking at what was on offer. Only three students get the opportunity to study there and it is very hands on with access to three high country stations to learn on. It gave our Year 12 students an insight into the next step. Our Year 13 students had a wonderful tour of the facilities available at Lincoln University and the exciting new spaces that have just opened since the earthquakes. Thanks to Mrs Nichol for giving up her time to come away with us.



Sport Column

This week, special mention goes to all our Taieri College Softball team and the efforts of Mr Nicholl. At the Otago Softball Prizegiving held recently, the Taieri College softball team was congratulated for winning the Secondary Schools Competition. The team won both the pre-Christmas and post-Christmas competitions.

There is great core of 18 players from Year 7-13. Arana Kelly (Year 11) is the team captain who always led from the front and is a great role model to have in the team. The team has competed strongly while maintaining exceptional sportsmanship as demonstrated by Ethan Porteous (Year 9) who received the Otago under 15 Sportsmanship award.



Particular mention needs to go to the efforts of Marissa Ahlfeld (Year 11) who was selected for the Otago U15 softball team. She was also selected for the South Island and New Zealand U15 squad. Marissa received the Otago U15 Most Valuable Player award and also the Otago Most Promising Girl.

Lastly we have five swimmers representing Taieri College at the Otago Secondary Schools' Swimming Champs on Sunday at Moana Pool. All the best to Jordy Kelliher, Emma Bain, Jessie Yee, Kylie Gale and Chelsea Winder.

Ryan Rosevear
Head of Sport

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

Year Seven Vision Screening

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Public Health will be visiting Taieri College to screen all Year 7 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)

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.

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



Polar Plunge 2020

It's back again this year! The Hits annual Polar Plunge, is in its 92nd year.

Come and support the St Clair Surf Life Saving Club and take part in this iconic Dunedin event.

There are prizes for best-dressed individual and best-dressed couple and spot prizes thanks to Blis Probiotics, a sausage sizzle, warm soup to keep you toasty, and much more.

Mark it in your calendars, St Clair Beach Sunday 26 July 2020 at 12pm.

Entry is a gold coin donation with all proceeds going to the St Clair Surf Life Saving Club.

