

Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2020. My sincere thank you to everyone who has contributed to, and assisted with, the multitude of events that have transpired during the year. In a year of unique challenge, our students and community have responded with great resilience. Through the uncertainty that the Covid pandemic created, we have reacted with a "roll your sleeves up" attitude and got on with our core business of teaching and learning. Despite lock downs, disruptions, and cancellations our students have still produced outstanding results and achieved high standards. Our soon to be released magazine will provide an excellent summary of this. It is an outstanding record of the range of activities and opportunities that have been offered to our students over the course of the year. My congratulations to the students who have made the most of those opportunities. Also, my gratitude to the amazing amount of community support we continue to receive. We are indebted to your assistance.

It is with pleasure we recently announced our 2021 Head Students. Congratulations to Gabby Kakahi and Cameron Stewart who are Head Girl and Head Boy respectively, and to Libby Blackwood and Jacob Smith who will take on the role as Deputy Head Students.



A final farewell to our retiring teachers. To Mr McDonald (Mr Mac to most), Mr Campbell and Mrs Suttie, on behalf of students and staff, past and present, we wish you the happiest of retirements.

End of year reports for junior students will be emailed out to students and caregivers next Friday.

I look forward to meeting up with parents and caregivers next Friday at our junior prizegivings and following that, I wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer holiday.

Nga mihi nui

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL

### Key Dates

1 December  
Year 7/8 Big Day In  
Year 9/10 Big Day Out

2-3 December  
Year 11/12/13 Clearance Day 9.00am – 12.30pm A Block

4 December  
Years 7 and 8 Junior Prizegiving 9.15am Performing Arts Centre  
Years 9 and 10 Junior Prizegiving 11.00am Performing Arts Centre  
Junior Reports Issued by Email  
End of Term 4

### Start Dates for 2021

Thursday 28 January - Year 12 Course Confirmation

Friday 29 January - Year 13 Course Confirmation

Monday 1 February 2021 – Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 2 February 2021 – Years 7-9 start date

Wednesday 3 February 2021 – Year 10 start date

Thursday 4 February 2021 – Years 11-13 start date

**Monday 8 January  
2021 – Waitangi  
Day – College  
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## Accounts

Final statements for the year have been issued this week showing the current balance on your account.

**Payment of the total owing would be much appreciated by the end of Term 4 please.**

If you have a query about your account please email [accounts@taieri.school.nz](mailto:accounts@taieri.school.nz) or phone the Finance Office extn 206 or extn 129.

Payment can be made by internet banking to our Westpac bank account number 03 1725 0106800 00 or by cash/eftpos at the office.

Thank you

## Careers

The Taieri College Careers Department and Careers Students wish to thank the following employers for being part of our 2020 programme:

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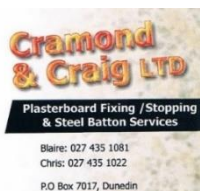
We encourage our school community to support these businesses as they have supported our School. We wish you all a safe and happy Christmas.

## Stationery Lists for 2021

Today all students from Year 7 to Year 10 have been given a Stationery List for 2021. These lists are also available on the Taieri College website and Paper Plus in Mosgiel have copies. Online stationery orders can be made at Mosgiel Paper Plus from 5 January 2021.

## Reminder

Year 9 Scholarships for 2021 close Monday 30 November 2020





## Tautuku Year 10 Camps

Outdoor Education is a compulsory part of our core curriculum at Taieri College and as part of that curriculum we take all of our Year 10 students to Tautuku Outdoor Education Centre in the Catlins for a week of outdoor experiences. The cost of this trip is \$230 for 2021. (transport, food, accommodation, instructors)

### Camp Dates:

- Week 3, 15-19 February
- Week 5, 1-5 March
- Week 7, 15-19 March

Please be in contact early with the school if you need financial assistance.

Information letters will be sent out electronically next week, with consent forms and gear lists given out on their first day back next year. We look forward to seeing your child experiencing these camps next year.

## Library News

Our wonderful Librarian, Ms Urquhart-Eaton has been busy awarding certificates and prizes to our avid readers for a reading challenge being run by the Taieri College Library.

Congratulations to Hayley Andersen, Cooper Hogan, Laura Thomas, Hadley Brown, Riley Roberts, Sanyoura Abuasad, Hayley McHale, Ethan Hayward, Siena Thompson and Jenny Petegem Thach who have completed the Read 20 in 2020 challenge this year. This group have devoured a wide range of books from Geronimo Stilton to Black Beauty. Special mention must go to Hayley Andersen and Riley Roberts who both exceeded the goal by each reading 40 books!

It has been rewarding seeing so many students enthused by reading this year in our library. Our most popular reads have been the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, and books written by David Walliams and Roald Dahl. Earlier in the year we held a vote on the best book in the library with 'The Twits' coming out on top.

Over the summer holidays reading often takes a back seat which can mean students take a few steps backward in their reading development so it is important to keep reading regularly. Not only is this beneficial academically, reading also helps students grow mentally, emotionally and psychologically. Every book gives the reader an opportunity to learn new things and explore new ideas while increasing knowledge. I would encourage you to make sure your student has access to books during the holidays – joining the local library is free and it has a Summer Reading Programme. You can also borrow freely from Liliput libraries in the community and books can be purchased inexpensively at secondhand stores.

*Hayley Andersen from 7MR receiving her award for reading 20 books from Ms Urquhart-Eaton. Well done Hayley.*





## Softball

Our softball team of 2020 has remained unbeaten. There is a good balance of senior and junior players. Special congratulations to Arana Kelly 11WG for his selection in the Otago Senior Men's team and Marissa Ahlfeld 11 FG for being selected in the Otago Senior Women's team. Their contribution to our own school team has been massive.



## Otago Primary and Intermediate Athletics Championship

Well done to all those students from Taieri College last week who took part in the Otago Primary and Intermediate Athletics champs. There were several great individual performances by students from Taieri College.

### **Zac Cunningham**

Boys Under 12 Long Jump 1<sup>st</sup>

Boys Under 12 High Jump 1<sup>st</sup>

Boys Under 12 75m 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Niko Boylan**

Boys Under 13 Long Jump 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Van Couch**

Boys Under 12 Hurdles 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Lafa Tofiga**

Boys Under 12 Shot put 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Hannah Robertson**

Girls Under 12 High Jump 3<sup>rd</sup>

Girls Under 12 Long Jump 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Nadia Te Kanawa**

Girls Under 13 High Jump 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Shelby Downs**

Girls Under 13 Shotput 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Lafa Tofiga, Zac Cunningham, Van Couch, Niko Boylan**

Boys Under 13 200m Relay who finished 3<sup>rd</sup>



## Swimming

The Kiwi Long Course event was held at Moana Pool on Sunday 22 November 2020.

Regan McGrath received 5 ribbons for:

- 50m breaststroke
- 50m freestyle
- 100m freestyle
- 200m freestyle
- 100m relay

Maddie McGrath: received 4 ribbons and a gold medal

- Gold medal for 400m Freestyle
- 100m Butterfly
- 100m Breaststroke
- 200m Breaststroke
- 200m Individual Medley

Ryan Bain: received 2 ribbons for

- 50m Butterfly
- 100m Freestyle

Emma Bain: received 4 ribbons for

- 50m Freestyle
- 100m Backstroke
- 100m Butterfly
- 200m Freestyle



## Girls' Cricket

Playing against St Hilda's Green, Taieri College bowled first and kept St Hilda's to 118 for 4 off their 20 overs. The pick of the bowlers was Zoe with 2 for 17 off her 4 overs. Jorja and Kailey also picked up a wicket. It has been great to see the progress our newbies have made with Addy, Sofia, and Kailey all having their best bowling games. They managed to slow St Hilda's when they were looking to speed up the scoring rate. In reply Taieri College got to 119 for 2 off 19.1 overs. Annabelle and Prianka getting to 16 before having to retire not out, after facing their 24 balls; Zoe getting a quick 11 to lift the scoring rate, and Kate and Emily seeing the side home with 16 and 14 not out at the end. The girls all batted well under pressure as they had to keep up a run a ball scoring rate. Special mention to Kate who has had an outstanding season with the bat, getting scores of 18, 27, 18 and 16\* for an average of 26.33. Well done Kate.

Keisha and Gabby also helped out the St Hilda's team who were short. It was great to see the competitive way they played, even if it was against their own team, and they certainly made it hard for us to get the runs.

It was a great team effort and a great way for Prianka and Zoe to finish in their last game for the Taieri College. Prianka and Zoe have been outstanding and competitive contributors to girls' cricket over many years and have lead by example with their positive and friendly attitude. They have displayed outstanding leadership and have been role models for our younger girls to look up to. Prianka has been captain for many seasons now and her wonderful attitude and competitive spirit has made the team a great environment to be a part of. Good luck in the future girls.





# Art News

## Year 9 Art – Monet Study

Claude Monet (France) embarked on a series of monumental compositions depicting the lush lily ponds in his gardens. He had envisioned a circular installation of vast paintings that would envelop the viewer in an expanse of water, flora, and sky.

This vision materialized in the form of some forty large-scale panels, *Water Lilies* among them, that Monet produced and continuously reworked from 1914 until his death in 1926.

These images are by the current Year 9 Art Class and are inspired by his water lilies series.



*His work in the Museum of Modern Art, New York City*

Some close ups, by Gemma Brady and Maja Warnken combined, Caitlin Amende, and Caleb Croy





# Ako Centre

## Christmas in a Box

The Ako students have filled three Christmas boxes to be delivered to families in need for Christmas. It was a lot of fun.

Jill Vosper  
HOD Ako Centre



## Baking Time





## Year 7/8 Sports Academy



## Otago Touch Representatives

Congratulations to the following students who trialled successfully and have made Otago Touch Teams.

U18 Girls Squad: Gabby Kakahi, Paige Flett

U16 Mixed: Charlotte Williams

U16 Girls: Eilish Fright, Sophie Gallivan

U16 Boys: Ollie MacKenzie, Logan Kakahi

U14 Girls Gold: Tilly Ruthven

U14 Girls Blue: Jannah Hooper, Sarah Evans, Georgina Te Kanawa, Nadia Te Kanawa

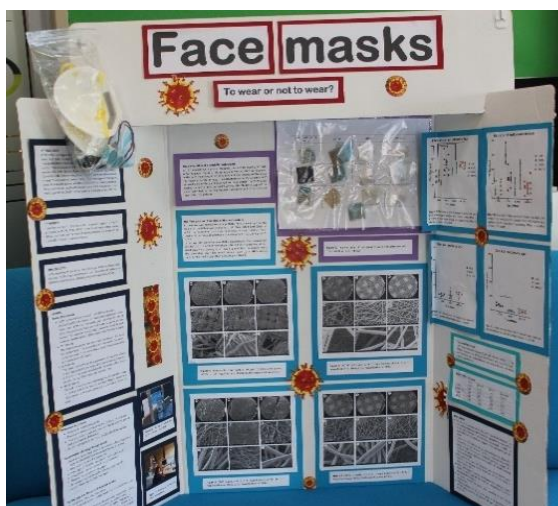
U14 Boys Gold: Jamie Crashley, Niko Boylan

U14 Boys Blue: Zac Cunningham, Lafaele Tofiga

U12 Girls Blue: Hannah Robertson

All these players will be attending a variety of build up tournaments and then representing Otago at the Interprovincials in Christchurch just before Christmas. The U18 and U16 teams will carry on training in the new year and continue to build for Nationals. Good luck to you all and we are all very proud of your achievements.

Year 9 Kate Coates' own investigation into the quality of face masks commercially and home made.





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