

Kia ora e te whanau

Nau mai haere mai to Te Wiki o Te Reo o Maori (Maori Language Week). On Monday, our Year 7-10 students assembled in front of our tekoteko (figure at the top of our carving) to perform our college waiata and haka. This was done at 12.00pm to commemorate the Māori language day, which can be traced back to 14 September 1972 when a petition supported by 30,000 signatories was presented to Parliament calling for courses in Māori language and culture to be offered in New Zealand schools. My thanks to our Kaitiaki, Gemma Tuhega for her planning and organisation of the event and to the students who responded so willingly. Footage of the performance can be seen on our Taieri College Performing and Visual Arts Facebook Page. Link below.

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High winds, heavy rain, and snowfall did not deter our senior Tourism, Geography and Biology students as they ventured to the Main Divide as part of their studies. Level 3 Tourism students visited Te Anau and experienced several of the tourist attractions, including a trip across Wilnot Pass, followed by a boat trip through Doubtful Sound. Our Level 2 Geographers and Biologists have been doing their best in trying conditions to complete several studies in and around Mt Cook National Park.



Winter sport is now starting to wrap up and our Senior A Netballers are competing in their final on Sunday at the Edgar Centre. I wish them the best of luck. Our hockey teams wrapped up their season earlier in the week with our senior boys' and girls' teams narrowly losing their semi-finals. Both teams have had very successful seasons and I congratulate everyone involved for their efforts.

Noho ora mai

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

21 September
L3 Biology – Otago Peninsula Trip
L1SPR Disc Golf
Year 7/8 Discover Me Parent Meeting – information in newsletter

22 September
Year 8 Turbo Touch Tournament
Year 7/8 Otago Schools' Netball Festival

22-23 September
L2PRM Small Engine Course

23-24 September
L2PED Naseby Trip

24 September
L2SPR Maungatua Summit Track Day Tramp

25 September
End of Term Three
Senior Reports Emailed

26-29 September
Year 7/8 Miniball Tournament

12 October
Start of Term Four



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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).

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Year 7 & 8 HEALTH FOCUS

In Term Four we will teach the Year 7 and 8 sexuality education programme 'Discovering Me'. This is taught separately at Year 7 and 8 over a 5-6 week time frame.

We will be holding a parent information evening to assist you with any questions you may have about this programme on **Monday 21st of September at 6pm in TK1.**

Important topics such as Changing Bodies and Feelings, Relationships and Communication and Decision Making will be explored.

If you wish to hear about this programme in more detail, please come along to the parent information evening where we will outline the lesson content and answer any questions.

Lance Woods
Director Year 7 & 8
Taieri College





Level 3 Tourism Trip

On the 14-16 September 2020 the Level 3 tourists headed out on their annual tourism trip. The aim was to see tourism in action, experience some of the attractions for themselves and to hear from experts from within the industry. For many years, the trip has headed away to Auckland in May but Covid – 19 put a stop to that. This year the trip headed away to Te Anau.

For most of the students, it was their first taste of tourism in the Fiordland region. The plan was to visit the glow worms on the Monday, cruise Doubtful Sound on the Tuesday and on the Wednesday drive to and cruise on Milford Sound. But like Covid – 19 before, heavy rain and a weather warning changed all that. On Monday the glow worm caves were flooded so we visited Real Journeys for a talk on Tourism from Georgina and from there onto the Te Anau bird sanctuary.

Tuesday the weather let up a little bit and we headed off for the full day trip across Lake Manapouri and onto Doubtful Sound. This was the opportunity to venture deep into Fiordland National Park. On the bus ride from Lake Manapouri over to Doubtful Sound we stopped at the top of Wilmot Pass for what should have been a photo opportunity of Doubtful Sound but due to cloud there wasn't a view. What was there was a decent covering of snow on the ground. Cue a full on 10-minute snowball fight. The rest of the day saw us cruising Doubtful Sound on board the Fiordland Navigator. It was a magic day.



Wednesday was supposed to be the trip to Milford Sound but due to the weather and avalanche hazard the road was closed. Thankfully, the Te Anau glow worms were open again so we went there. At least in a cave you don't have to worry about the rain. Before the glow worms the group all went on a half hour walk on the Kepler track which was an introduction to walking on one of New Zealand's great walks.

All the students proved to be great tourists and were a pleasure to take away. They all enjoyed experiencing a unique and special part of New Zealand that is a major part of New Zealand's tourism industry. A special thanks to Georgina, Fiona and all the team from Real Journeys for making it an unforgettable trip.



Reunion

A logo for our 150th school reunion celebrations 2021 has been designed by Connor Mackenzie, a wonderfully talented Year 13 art student. He undertook the task as part of his L3 Art Design programme under the tutelage of the college's head of department, Mrs Sally Spittle. Connor comes from a truly proud Taieri family with one of his parents attending The Taieri High School in the late 70's. Both parents have helped the college in many ways coaching sports teams and attending sports tournaments. Kerry MacKenzie is currently a member of the Taieri College Board of Trustees.



The 150th reunion will be held at Labour Weekend next year. This is a celebration of 150 years of education on the Taieri and we encourage ex-students from Mosgiel District High School, The Taieri High School, Mosgiel Intermediate and Taieri College to attend the events planned. Registrations can be made on the Taieri College website.

Thank you, Connor, for your contribution towards these anniversary celebrations!



Young Writers' Awards 2020

Entries are due Wednesday 23 September at 3:00pm.

Entries into the Short Story, Poetry, Essay/Article, Drama Script, and Project (where possible) sections need to be e-mailed as a Word document attachment to ywa@taieri.school.nz. The subject line must indicate the category and year level.

Entries for Children's Illustrated Books and Project (if not in electronic format) need to be delivered to the English Department Office.

Get 2 Go 2020

On Friday last week, one Year 9 and one Year 10 team from Taieri College took part in the annual Get 2 Go challenge. This event is run by the Hillary Outdoors Education Centre, using the local skills of Mountain Biking Otago, Otago Orienteering and Wild Earth Adventure. This year the teams took part in a modified event due to the impact of Covid 19. The teams gave it their all over the course of entire day which saw them biking, running and kayaking around various sites in Dunedin. Once again the teams came close to taking out the top prize for the Otago region, the Year 10 team coming in third place whilst the Year 9 team finished sixth in the mixed premier sections.



We look forward to seeing these teams in action again next year in further Adventure Racing events.



Sport

Earlier, this week on Sunday and Monday our Year 9A and 10A Netball teams competed in the Otago Southland Secondary Schools' Championships held at the Edgar Centre. The two teams improved considerably over the two days, and both found themselves in a playoff for 9/10th, with the 9As finishing 10th and the 10As finishing 9th. A big thank you must go to Kyla Standring and Paige Flett for volunteering their time to umpire for the school, as well as Mrs West and Miss Bezett for coaching.

Senior Netball Update

This weekend will see the end of season games for our Senior A and Senior B teams.

Last weekend, Shinae Stanley played her 50th game for the A netball team. The team capped off this milestone by convincingly winning their semi- final against Uni Albion. This week they will play Physed Gold in the final of Premier C grade. Due to the Edgar Centre being fully booked on Saturday this game will be played at 11.30am on Sunday 20 September 2020. This will be the last game for team member Zoe Meffan. With an unfortunate run of injuries over the last three years Zoe has not been able to play as many games as she would have liked, however, every time she has played, her calm and reliable, unflustered play has been a huge asset to the team. We wish her well for next year.

Playing their last game for the Senior B team this weekend are fellow Year 13 players, Tayla- Jo Melvin and Lauren Isaacs. Like Zoe, TJ and Lauren were initially members of the 9A and 10A teams and then moved into the senior teams. They have always been committed to whatever teams they have played in and lead the way on court through their hard work and skill. We thank Zoe, Tayla- Jo and Lauren for all that they have given to Taieri College netball over their years here.

On another sad note, the Senior A game on Sunday will be the last game to be coached by Carmen Greiner. Carmen has given the last five years to coaching our A team. The nature of the Senior A team means that each year it is a different group of players, with different levels of skill and experience at playing in the senior grades, against adult players. Shaping and developing players each year to a high level takes patience and time. The knowledge of and devotion to netball that Carmen has brought to our A team over the five years is second to none. We reluctantly wish her well for the next phase of her coaching career as she returns to coach club netball. We hope we don't have to play a team coached by her, as they will be highly skilled and tactically astute.

There are many present and past Taieri College netball players who have benefitted from Carmen's coaching over the last five years. Highlights over the years for Carmen would probably be taking the Taieri College team to Premier A Grade for the first time ever, finishing 12th in A grade at the Senior South Island Secondary Schools' champs, the A team being named Taieri College Team of the Year and hopefully winning this coming Sunday. Thanks for all that you have done for us.

Shinae, Zoe, Tayla-Jo and Lauren



L1SPR

The Level 1 Sport and Recreation class have been participating in a variety of activities recently. They have been looking at factors that influence participation and trying lots of different sports and leisure activities.

They have been tramping, gone to Olympic gym and the Olympic Fight Centre, golfing, bowling, and disc golfing.



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.

Ski Trip

As the sun peaked over the hills on Wednesday September 11th, the L3 PED and SPR students departed for the much-anticipated trip to the Snow Farm on the Pisa Range for three action packed days of cross country skiing. The trip served as an excellent vehicle for the students to analyse issues around risk management and with none of them having been on a pair of cross country skis before, there was plenty to think about! When we arrived at Snow Farm Lodge, we were straight into a lesson before heading off to Meadow Hut for our first night. Some of us needed more than one lesson as there were a few tumbles as well as a few laughs had. The accommodation was cosy as we all stayed together in the hut with the range of games keeping everyone entertained all night. Upon waking the next morning, we were greeted with a fresh coat of powder snow which got everyone suitably feverish over what was to come. The next two days everyone honed in on their cross country skills and then started to look for more mountainous terrain to put these skills to the test, some more successfully than others. We departed Snow Farm on Friday afternoon tired but having had an absolute blast. This was certainly a trip that will live on, fondly in the minds of all who went.



Netball Fees

Thank you to those of you who have paid their netball fees for the season. If you have yet to do so, can you please pay the netball fees that were on your July and August accounts as soon as possible. Payments can be paid by internet banking to 03 1725 0106800 00 quoting your student's name and 'Netball' as the reference. We would appreciate full payment by Friday 25 September 2020.

With over 200 netball players these unpaid fees do mount up and we are required to meet our obligations of paying the Dunedin Netball Centre and Taieri Plain's Netball Centre for the teams that are playing in their competitions.

In circumstances of genuine financial hardship please contact Jared Peacock jpeacock@taieri.school.nz



Te Wiki Ō Te Reo Māori – Māori Language Week



In 1972, 30, 000 signed petitions were taken to Parliament calling for Te Reo Māori to be taught in schools. It was a defining moment in the journey to revitalise our language.

This year on the same day and same hour we were part of the Māori language moment. On Monday 14 September 2020 at 12pm all students in Year 7-10 came out of their classes to sing our school waiata and perform our school haka. The aim was to have 1 million of us around Aotearoa speaking, singing celebrating Te Reo Māori together.

On Wednesday our Kapa Haka were lucky to have Georgia Latu came and do a Poi Workshop with us. Georgia is only 14 years old and goes to the Kura Kaupapa in Fairfield. She has started up her own business making her own poi and educating others on the tikanga of poi. She has won several awards and scholarships and we look forward to seeing where that takes her. Thank you Georgia for coming to speak with us and share your amazing journey. Ka Mau Te Wehi!

On Friday our Year 8 Māori module classes, Year 9 and Year 11 Te Reo Māori classes went out to Karitane to Puketeraki Marae. We got to learn about the history of the area, play traditional Māori games as well as walk around the Huiawa Pā.



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Queensdown Events Centre
Queenstown

Thursday 1st October
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Dunedin

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Secondary School Girls
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Camp: 1pm-4pm





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