

Kia ora e te whanau

The start of the week began with the college being placed into lockdown. Police had advised us that there was someone roaming the streets of Mosgiel who was making significant threats to them. Things happen very fast during these times and we were very pleased at the response from staff and students. During lockdown we advise everyone on the Taieri College site to sit tight and stay out of sight. All external doors are locked. This was done very effectively. We rely on information from the police as to what we do next, be that extending, or lifting the lockdown. Communication to our school community during these events is very difficult. Through mainstream, and social media, details of what is transpiring are spread fast. Sometimes these details carry a degree of exaggeration to them. It is important to point out that during a lockdown we will not make direct contact with families of students. The danger of this is a flood of concerned parents who make their way to the college while we are in lockdown. This was experienced in Christchurch during the Mosque attacks of 2019 and caused significant issues. Part of our lock down procedure is a full review of our response. We are currently collating feedback from staff across the school and will use it to improve our response in the future. Let's hope we don't have to go through anything like this in the near future.

If your child is experiencing any sort of trauma linked to Monday's events I would advise they make an appointment with one of our school counsellors.

Despite the events of Monday, senior examination week has run smoothly. We have been impressed with the attitude of our students during the week and I wish them all the best for their results.

Netball and Under 15 rugby were in Invercargill at the start of this week, competing in their winter tournament. I was fortunate to watch the Senior A netballers edge out Mt Aspiring in a close game on Monday afternoon. They ended up finishing 10th in Pool A for their competition. The rugby boys qualified 8th in Pool A of their tournament and played the top qualifier (Dunstan High School) in their quarter final. The boys played superbly to register a 10-0 win and make the semi-finals. Unfortunately, they were well beaten by Wakatipu High School in their semi-final but can be immensely proud to finish in the top 4. Our boys' and girls' hockey teams are continuing their tournament until Friday at the Dunedin turf. The boys registered an excellent 1-0 win against Lincoln High School on Wednesday, and later that morning the girls accounted for Otago Girls' High School 2-0. Good luck for their remaining games. My thanks to the coaches, managers, staff and supporters for the effort they put in for our players.

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14-16 September	Get 2 Go Challenge		Otago Primary and
16-18 September	L3TOU Te Anau Trip		Intermediate Cross Country
17-18 September	L2 BIO/GEO Mt Cook Trip		Championships
	Primary Industry Chainsaw Course	25 September	Senior Reports Issued
		12 October	End of Term 3
			Start of Term 4

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)

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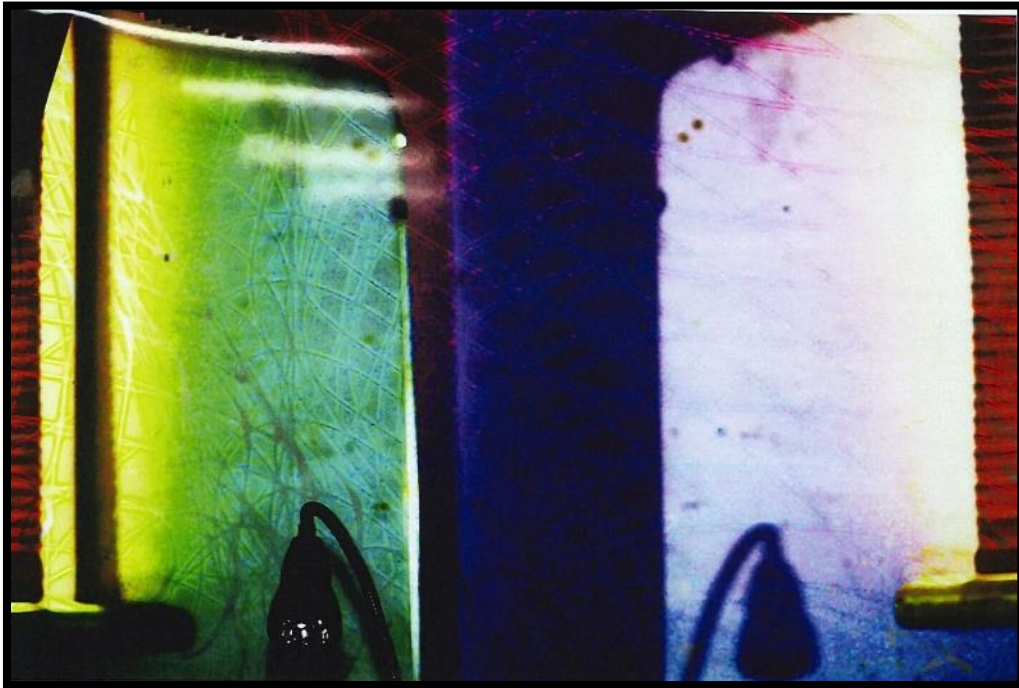
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Year 10 Art

Showcasing the Year 10 Art, now in the Performing Arts Centre foyer; check it out, it looks amazing.



Prizegiving Trophies

All trophies given out at last year's prizegiving ceremonies can you please return these to Taieri College Office by Friday 18 September 2020.



Young Writers' Awards

Entries are due Wednesday 23 September 2020 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.

Sport

This week secondary schools around the country have had teams participating in tournament week. Here at Taieri College we have had four teams competing locally.

On the hockey front, our boys and girls 1st XIs have had the benefit of staying at home and playing in Dunedin all week. The two sides have had fixtures all week and improved their performances each day. The Girls' 1st XI had a great win over Otago Girls' on Wednesday 2-0, followed by another 2-0 win over Marian College on Thursday and are playing off for 9th/10th this morning. The Boys' 1st XI had wins over Tokomairiro early in the week and again versus Lincoln on Wednesday. Today they are also playing off for 9th/10th.

Our Taieri College A Netball team competed down in Invercargill on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of this week. The team were seeded 14th, and finished in 10th place out of 31 teams, a very commendable effort. Congratulations to Shinae Stanley and Danni Thomson who were named in the tournaments' talented players team.

Also competing down in Invercargill was a very young U15 Rugby team who played three days of stunning rugby. After pool play, the side qualified for the quarterfinals and defeated Dunstan, unfortunately the following morning they were defeated by eventual winners Wakatipu, but with many young players in the side, they will be back next year. While outside back Ollie MacKenzie was named in the tournament team, all members of the team punched above their weight as they consistently faced physically larger sides, and should be very proud to have achieved the semi-final stage.

As always, these great opportunities would not be possible without the college's coaches, managers and parental support from home. Thanks for all you do!

Ryan Rosevear
Head of Sport





Tournament Week

Otago Southland Senior Netball Tournament

As a replacement for the SISS Netball tournament originally scheduled for Timaru, Netball South put together a tournament for Senior A teams in Invercargill under Covid -19 Level 2 conditions.

Our A netball team travelled down on Saturday ready to test themselves against other school A teams. The first game early on Sunday morning was against eventual winners St Hilda's. We were very competitive early on with scores tied mid-way through the second quarter. Unfortunately, a more experienced St Hilda's side pulled away, however, we played very well. Two more games that day saw a close loss against South Otago High School and a convincing win against Menzies College.

We had another early start on the second day coming up against Central Southland College. Apart from a five goal run against us at the end of the first quarter we were very competitive, either drawing or losing by one goal, each subsequent quarter. Central Southland finished fourth overall and so our score of 29- 34 was also very commendable.

The second game against Mt Aspiring gave us a close 32-27 victory. Unfortunately the third day saw the team compromised with injuries to three [or more] players and a loss against Otago Girls' and a final game against St Kevin's losing 30 -32 for the team to finish tenth.

There were 31 teams playing in this tournament across three grades. For many of the team it was their first experience of senior netball tournament games. Thanks to Renee Pitchers who came down as our team umpire.

All players need to feel proud of their achievements even if the results were not always in our favour. Shinae Stanley and Danni Thomson were named in the "Promising Players" squad for A grade which is well deserved for both of these players.



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