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Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome back to Term 4! This week our Year 9-12 students have been selecting their course options for 2021. On Wednesday and Thursday afternoon we hosted an opportunity for parents/caregivers and students to come in and discuss their course with senior teachers. Mrs West was also on hand to provide valuable careers advice to those who sought clarification around what subjects may be required for further tertiary study or specific vocational pathways. Over the two afternoons we conducted 350 interviews. It was really pleasing to see the interest and involvement parents and caregivers are having on their children's future.

On Thursday we held our annual Blues ceremony and celebrated the successes of students who excelled in the performing arts or sport during 2020. My congratulations to those who were awarded Blues this week. We enjoyed hosting a pleasing number of parents and whanau of Blues recipients who joined us for the occasion. Our guest speaker, Raylene Bates, delivered an excellent message to the audience on the importance of dreaming big and working hard towards your dreams. Raylene also shared segments of her outstanding career in sports administration and skillfully linked her journey back to her early days as a student at The Taieri High School. My thanks to Raylene for giving up her time to talk to us. I would also like to commend Finn McDonald-Page who gave an excellent and insightful prefect reading to start off the ceremony.

Today is Pink Shirt Day. An excellent initiative that has spread nationally to highlight and condemn bullying. Whilst we work hard at promoting a positive college culture, the reality is that any incidence of bullish behaviour is one too many. We need everyone's help to address bullying. We need students to talk to us when they feel unsafe, and we need students (in particular senior students) to call out behaviour that they see and identify as being unacceptable. Remaining silent and being a bystander is not helpful to us in confronting bullying. We cannot see and hear everything, but when we are informed, we will act to protect the wellbeing of those who feel threatened.

Today we say a 'temporary' farewell to Mr Siale Tunoka. As well as being our esteemed International Student Director, Siale has assumed several roles, including Kapa Haka tutor, rugby coach, musician, actor, relief teacher and proud supporter of the college canteen. Siale is taking a leave of absence as we wait for international borders to re-open. I have a huge respect for what Siale brings to Taieri College and I wish him all the best in his new position over the next 12 months and look forward to rebuilding our International Student programme at the end of next year.

Noho ora mai **Dave Hunter** PRINCIPAL





Key Dates

19 October L1SPR Millenium Track and Kayaking Trip

20 October Year 7 Vision Testing

21 October Year 10 Young Enterprise Market Day Taieri College Rugby Prizegiving 6pm – Performing Arts Centre. All players in full school uniform

22 October Taieri 7s Contributing Schools' Tournament L2PHY Planetarium

23 October Learning Readiness Issued

26 October Labour Day – Taieri College Closed

2-6 November Camp No. 1 – 8HB and 8FY

6 November Senior Prizegiving

9-13 November Camp No. 2 – 8WO and 8BZ

16-20 November Camp No. 3 – 8KJ and 8PH

13 November Taieri College Sports Council Golf Day







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) and SILVER (\$500 + GST per year).

Each MONTH the Sports Council would like to SHOWCASE one of our valued sponsors. Where possible we ure our Taieri College families to support these generous businesses just like they support us.

GOLD SPONSOR OF THE MONTH Mastercraft Kitchens Mosgiel

Mastercraft Kitchens Mosgiel is owned and operated by Wayne and Robyn McFarlane. Wayne and Robyn have had a long association with Taieri College and Taieri College Sports Council. If you are building or renovating and require some kitchen advice, please contact them. Situated in Gow Street, they offer a full service from kitchen design through to manufacture right here in Mosgiel, and installation will be by their very own experienced install team.



Sports Council are proud to work alongside the following sponsors; LJ Hooker – Lachie McLachlan, Braveheart Projects & Decorators Otago, Mastercraft Mosgiel Kitchens, Sportsmed Mosgiel, Waihola Surfacing, Reece Building Consultants, DC Motors, DS Builders, Norwood Farm Machinery, Promo-X, Cramond & Craig, Dixon Roofing, TAK Flooring, Loan Market.

Taieri College Sports Council Golf Day

(Our MAJOR fundraiser of the YEAR)

We need your help with donations towards TEAM, RAFFLE and AUCTION PRIZES.

If you can help in any way the Taieri College Sports Council would be very grateful. Please drop all donations into the college with each item clearly labelled Golf Day, asap! If you need an item collected or have a big ticket item to donate please don't hesitate to message Jan on 0274893247.

Helpful donation suggestions: chocolates, packets of biscuits, bottles of wine/spirits, vouchers...supermarket, fuel, restaurant/café, clothing merchandise, BBQ packs, car care packs, personal care gift packs, scenic flight, accommodation package, side of lamb, salami.

Thanks in advance for all donations.

Motocross

During the school holidays, Jack Nicolaou 7MR placed third in his 8-11 85cc class at the Michael Godfrey Memorial in Christchurch. This is a very tough track and the South Island's





biggest two-day event. The last weekend of the holidays, Jack attended a motocross competition in Hanmer Springs where he placed second (tied points with first place) in the Hanmer Heats 8-11 85cc class. In September, Jack was at the Canterbury Super Mini X Champs. He was riding in two classes. He rode

very well and placed the following:

3rd place 65cc Pro Class 3rd place 11-12yr 85cc Class.

The Taieri College Motocross team did well in the South Island Secondary Schools' motorcross held in Invercargill during the last school holidays. Lucas Fleury came third and Regan Gale came fourth. Regan came first in Year 10 age group.



Sport

This week we had the pleasure of awarding Sport Blues to a number of students who have performed to an exceptional high level. In what has been a turbulent and disruptive year, some students' representative seasons in their respective sports were cancelled, which did unfortunately make it difficult for them to perform to a Blues standard. However, it was pleasing to see a large number of students, who despite this disruption, still attained a very high level of performance. This achievement is a credit to your resilience.

Over the school holidays our boys and girls Year 7/8 Miniball sides competed in the annual Network Waitaki Miniball competition. The girls team managed to make it through to the final against a very strong Kaipoi side, and in the final our Taieri girls came out on top 34-33. Congratulations to Tilly, who was named the MVP of the final as well as receiving our team Fair Play award. She helped guide and encourage her team mates through every game with great leadership. The boys teams finished fourth in the tournament with three wins, and three losses, with the team's MVP award going to Cayden Roome for his incredible work rebounding and finishing strong on offense.

Lastly, all the very best to Year 13 student Jordy Kelliher who is off competing at the NZ Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships over the next few days.

Ryan Rosevear Head of Sport











Level 2 & 3 Trade Class visit to Farra Engineering

On Thursday Mrs Hepburn's trade class visited Farra Engineering in Dunedin to see a large scale engineering firm at work. We saw all the different industry that Farras do, including light and heavy engineering, powder coating, stainless sheetmetal,

fabrication and pressing. They have a large range of equipment including, CNC and manual lathes, horizontal boring machines, surface grinders to name a few as well as 40 tonne gantry crane capacity. The boys also saw a presentation on several large



scale machines that were designed and built by Farras and shipped overseas. Structures designed and built in Dunedin are currently in operation in Sydney, Beijing, Hong Kong and London. It was good to see all skills learnt at school are the basis of some pretty exciting careers in the industry. Farras also support Taieri College by having a Gateway student for us and Jack Cayford is lucky enough to be there at present. They are also a large employer of engineering apprentices in the city. We were very grateful to be able to visit their operation.



















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National Weightlifting Gold Medalist

Luke Evans won gold in the -73kg under 15 class recently at the National Secondary School Olympic Weightlifting Champs. He also broke the NZ record in the snatch, clean and jerk, and total.



Equestrian

Congratulations to Issie
Throp for her award at
the Otago dressage
champs in the weekend.
Issie and her pony have
won three of their four
tests. They also won the
highest percentage for a
Otago registered rider
from hacks and ponies.
That's a fantastic
achievement!



Year 10 Enterprise Gerald's Killer Cookies

On Wednesday 21 October 2020, we will be selling homemade chocolate chip biscuits and telephone case photographs outside the library at Break Two. The biscuits will be \$1.50 each. The phone case photos will be 50c each.



Taieri College Arts Council Quiz Night

The Arts Council are hosting a quiz night next Thursday 22 October 2020, 6pm to 8pm. All ages are welcome. Sign up with a group of 3-5 people by emailing Emerald Ottley at ottleye@taieri.school.nz

Good coin entry per person. Plenty of awesome prizes to be won and a raffle.





Taieri College Performing Arts Department Presents

Spring Vocal



Taieri College Performing Arts Centre Tuesday 27 October 2020, 6.30pm, Free Entry