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Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Nau mai haere mai and welcome to the first college newsletter of 2021. I trust everyone enjoyed the summer break and found sunshine at some stage in between regular periods of rain.

We have had a great first week back at school and have been impressed with the energy and positivity from our returning students. Everyone has arrived wearing our uniform with pride. Over the course of the week, we have welcomed 261 new students, across all year levels, to Taieri College and they have begun their settling period into a new school, with new teachers, and of course, new classmates. Starting a new school is a mix of excitement and anxiety and our teachers work conscientiously to assist in the forming of new friendships and creating positive classroom cultures.

My thanks to our Year 8 and 9 students who performed an excellent waiata and haka as part of our mihi whakatau for those students who were having their first day at Taieri College on Tuesday. As always it was performed with wonderful pride and passion.

As we transition from holiday to school it is important healthy and sustainable routines be quickly developed. Quality routines include good diets and sleep patterns. For many it may require less time on personal digital devices. For students to meet and extend their academic potential, a consistent time commitment to schoolwork is imperative. Students will now be settling into their timetable and the early lessons will generally involve an outline of course requirements. It is important (especially for senior students studying NCEA) that they understand the pending academic challenges they can expect during the school year.

Our Year 9 classes have ventured to Berwick during the week as part of their induction to Taieri College. The weather has played its part and the feedback I have received has been complimentary toward the attitude of the students. My thanks to the staff who have assisted.

Parents and caregivers will receive an email outlining access details for our parent KAMAR portal. I encourage parents to access this portal, which offers real time information on calendar items, daily notices, assessment results, and finance information. If you are having difficulty accessing the portal please make contact with the college.

Nga mihi nui
Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL



Key Dates

8 February
Waitangi Day Holiday
– college closed

9 February
Year 7 Waiholā Trip

12 February
10SCI Core Trip to
Physiology
Department
Year 7 Green Island
Landfill Trip

15-21 February
Year 10 Tautuku
Camp No. 1

15-17 February
L2 Agribusiness Trip

15 February
Year 7 Green Island
Landfill Trip
Gateway Information
Evening

16 February
Enviroschools Launch
Day

17-18 February
Challenge Wanaka
SS Triathlon

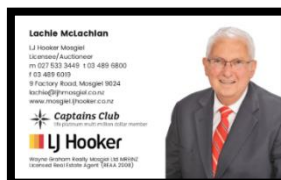
17 February
Year 7 Green Island
Landfill Trip

18 February
Year 7 Green Island
Landfill Trip

19 February
Year 7 Waiholā Trip



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Sport

Sport over the summer break did not stop for many Taieri College students who were involved in various summer competitions. Athletics students competed at nationals at Tauranga, with plenty of top 10 finishes and personal bests. Special mention goes to Ethan Walker who won the senior boys' javelin, and Ben Baines who won the boys' para discus and shotput. Many of Taieri College students also competed in representative teams in the sports of softball, cricket, and touch.

Sport for 2021 is already getting underway, with some summer sports starting competitions next week. Students have been signing up and need to continue to sign up early next week for cricket, multisport, futsal, petanque, golf, squash, tennis, touch, volleyball, waterpolo and mountain biking. Parents and students are encouraged to join 'Taieri College Sport' on Facebook to keep up to date with news and information throughout the year.

Next week we have preseason fitness training back for another year and available for all Year 9-13 students! Training kicks off Tuesday, 9 February 2021, 7am-8am outside the ITC and runs Tuesdays and Fridays for the next 4 weeks. Fridays will be run by Christian from Southern Peak Fitness and Tuesdays will be Garrick running HITT body weight classes. All students from Year 9-13 are welcome from any sport! There will even be toast and hot showers provided afterwards. This is your chance to meet some fitness goals and get ahead with your chosen sport! We look forward to seeing you bright and early Tuesday morning!

Any students interested in learning or playing tennis, the Taieri Tennis Club is having free coaching next Thursday the 11 February 2021 at 3.15pm. All equipment is provided, so come along and have a hit. All age of students welcome!

Ryan Rosevear
Head of Sport



Taieri College Athletics Team



Taieri College Touch Summer Training



Taieri Tennis Club Coaching



Equestrian News

There has been a number of large equestrian competitions happening over the summer and we have had a couple of students who have been achieving highly on the national and South Island circuits.

Congratulations to Issie Throp (Year 9) who was selected to represent Otago/Southland at the Dressage championships. Issie rode extremely well and was placed fourth individually in her section and the team was second overall. Congratulations Issie!

Kayla Wilson (Year 12) and Brylee Dunphy (Year 10) headed away to National Showjumping Championships in Christchurch recently. Kayla was in the 1mtr - 1.10mtr champ class.

Kayla's first round on Friday saw her take the fourth place in Round A out of 53 riders from the North and South Island. Round B she moved to second place and in Round C she moved up to the lead. Unfortunately, in the final round she took a rail at the second last jump moving her back down for a fourth place in the National Title. Brylee entered in the 1m National championship which ran over three days with x2 rounds a day. She rode her trusty pony Puzzle. The first two days she went clear in all rounds which set her into the finals sitting at third. The pressure was very high with a lot of talented riders. She, unfortunately, got 12 faults in the finals on the last day pushing her back to finish 10th, just within the placings. This is an amazing accomplishment for both these young girls on the national stage as often they are competing against adults and people from all over NZ. Congratulations to Issie, Kayla and Brylee. We look forward to seeing and hearing of your future successes. Good luck for the remainder of the season.



Kayla Wilson



Issie Throp

Taieri College Sports Council Information

Taieri College Sports Council wish to welcome everyone back to College for 2021 and express a warm welcome to all our new students and families.

Our Mission - "To promote and encourage sport at Taieri College and on the Taieri"

At Taieri College, the Sports Council are a committee of interested parents, teachers and Sports Co-Ordinators, working to support sport in the College. We offer funding towards individuals and team sport costs. Please see the main College website under Sport, for all our details regarding funding application requirements.

We have a fantastic group of local businesses, supporting us with sponsorship. This allows us to put funds towards the Sports Academy; teams & individuals; facility and equipment upgrades; plus the purchasing and ongoing running costs of our college vans.

We welcome anyone wishing to become a SPONSOR or join our COUNCIL (one meeting a month), please contact the Sports Office or rosevear@taieri.school.nz

Absence Procedure

A reminder to all parents/caregivers regarding students signing in and out at the College Office during the college day. A note or telephone call is required explaining your student's absence. There is also a dedicated telephone message line on our telephone system for absences. Please telephone 489 3823 and press 1.

If you are leaving a message on our automated service, please provide a reason for the absence. The MOE has a coding system for absences and any absences that are unexplained must be coded as truant. If any parent/caregiver leaves a message that simply says that their child won't be in without any reason this will need to be coded as truant. Please give a specific reason for your child's absence.

Unwell Students Procedure

If during the course of the day your young person becomes unwell, they are to come to the College Office first where they will be assessed by the office staff. Parents/caregivers will then be contacted.

Students should not text or telephone parents; the Office will organise this as students need to be signed out on the Enrol System, which is part of MOE guidelines.

Thank you.

Office Hours 8.00am – 4.00pm

Itinerant Music Concert

Yesterday our Year 7 and 8 students had the privilege to watch some of the very talented Music Itinerant Teachers from the wider Otago area. They performed and showcased some of the instruments that are on offer here at Taieri College.



Music Department

To all Year 7 - 10 Students

If you are interested in learning an instrument of your choice, during school time 2021, these lessons are at no cost to students. If you are hiring one of the following instruments from the school, there will be a one-off HIRE cost of \$70 for the entire year: Violin, cello, flute, trumpet, clarinet, saxophone.

Please click on the following link and complete the form.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nrmqTgehakC3GXNuATnY2MjNxFRniT9Bk7XvBpyM7VZUNIQwRjNQOUg5MVIaUFZQUdYVVOZDMDFXVi4u>

NOTE: Completing this form does not guarantee you a place with a tutor, however, we will try to accommodate as many as we can.

Regards

Tracie Stanton

Arts Coordinator

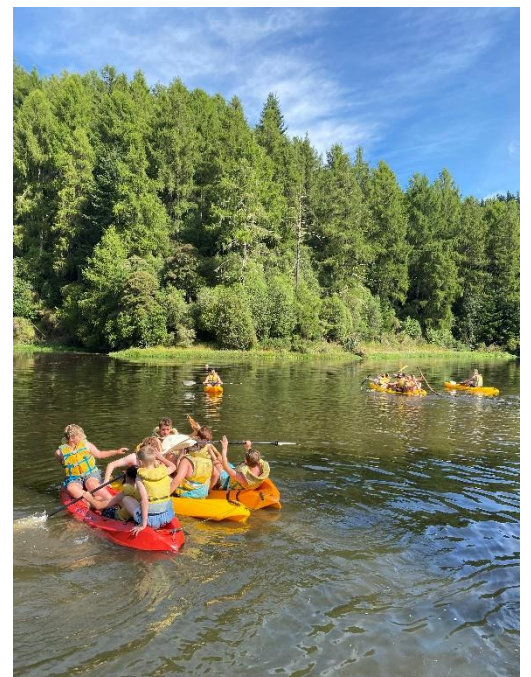
Year 13 Orientation Day

Last Friday 29 January the Year 13s came in for the inaugural Year 13 Orientation Day. The purpose of the day was to go through leadership roles and what was expected of them as the elders of the school, a visit to their new home – the Year 13 common room, and to prepare them for this important year.

There were various challenges for the groups to complete with the very first winners of the Orientation Cup being 13 ML. All the students participated well and we look forward to watching what our 2021 Year 13 group will bring to Taieri College.



Year 9 Berwick Trips



Canteen Menu – 9-12 February 2021

Tuesday 9 February 2021
Nuggets & Chips \$4.50

Wednesday 10 February 2021
Trax Chips \$3.50

Thursday 10 February 2021
Hot Chips with Sauce \$3.50

Friday 12 February 2021
Sushi \$6.50
Rice Ball \$4.50
Chicken on Rice \$6.50



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Waitangi Day Whānau Festival

Join celebrations to acknowledge our national day and our diverse community with kai, craft and musical fun for the whole whānau.

Nau mai, tauti mai!
Everyone is welcome.

Saturday 6 Feb.
Upper Octagon
and carriageway
from 11am until 2pm.



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