



@ a glance

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Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Kia ora e te whanau

What a difference a week makes! It feels like we have moved from summer to winter over the space of a weekend, and it now seems appropriate that winter sports are getting into full swing. As the colder weather arrives, I would like to remind our college community that all students, if they wish to wear a jacket to school should wear the Taieri College jacket which has also been designed to fit nicely over the school blazer. The jackets are warm, waterproof, reasonably priced and available from NZ Uniforms.

It is great to have our two building projects completed. The addition to our Learning Support Centre (LSC) has created a wonderful space for our LSC staff to work with our students and whanau while the G block heating project is delivering some welcome warmth to the classrooms. However, there are still more exciting building projects on the go. The replacement of the pool roof is ongoing and the greatly anticipated upgrade of our netball, tennis courts, and hockey turf is due to begin any day.

We have had a busy week with an Ag/Hort trip and a mountain biking trip for some of our Level 1 and Level 2 students. On Tuesday we held our Student Workday and the Ministry of Education/PPTA designated Teacher Only Day. The focus for our teachers was on Mana Ōrite mō te Matauranga Māori (equitable treatment of the Māori body of knowledge) and how this works in with the upcoming NCEA changes the government is implementing.

Next week is also shaping up to be an exciting week. On Friday we will be celebrating **Pink Shirt Day** to make a stand against bullying. At the same time, our rock bands will be practising for the Rockquest heats on Saturday afternoon before Year 12 and 13 students take centre stage at our school formal at the Dunedin Town Hall on Saturday evening.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our musicians and athletes on some fabulous results in their recent competitions. For our swimmers Kylie Gale came 11th in her 50m freestyle, with a new personal best (PB) while Emma Bain gained three new PB's and won the gold medal in her 100m freestyle final. Meanwhile our Year 10 and 11 musicians, who participated in the Play it Strange - Youth Town song writing competition, also excelled with five of our students' songs being placed in the top 48 songs in New Zealand. Well done to all involved.

Nga mihi nui

Brenton Hackfath
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Key Dates

18 May
School Photos
Logan Park Road Race

19-21 May
L3 SPR trip to Te Anau

21 May
Pink Shirt Day –
information further in
newsletter

24 May
Tertiary Open Day Year
13s

25 May
Year 7 Vision Testing

26 May
Chamber Music
Coaching

27 May
Year 13 Prepared
Speech Finals
Caversham Road Race

28 May
Year 8 Science GATE trip
to Portobello

30 May
Otago Secondary
Schools' Swimming Sports

2 June
Otago/Southland Cross
Country

3-4 June
Manu Korero Speech
Competitions

4 June
L3 Biology Orokonui Trip
Media Students Trip to
Otago University

Monday 7 June 2021 – Queens Birthday – College Closed



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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 urge our Taieri College families to support these generous businesses just like they support us.



SILVER SPONSOR OF THE MONTH

WILLOW & SILK INTERIORS

A big welcome aboard to Louise Conley & her team from Willow & Silk. It's wonderful to have your sponsorship support. Willow & Silk are interior decorating specialists, based here in Mosgiel on Factory Road. If you are in the need for new curtains, blinds or wall paper or even just some ideas, then you need to book a consultation with these talented ladies.

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

Taieri College - Rugby Warm Up Jacket – 2021

To order a Taieri College Warm Up Jacket, please fill in the form below and forward your payment of \$50.00 via internet banking to 03 1725 0106800 00 quoting student's name, form class and rugby warm up jacket as the reference. Payment can also be made by eft-pos or through the envelope system at the student slide. Payment must be made before the order can be completed.



All orders MUST be completed by **Tuesday 18 May 2021**. [Taieri College - Rugby Warm Up Jacket](#)

Taieri College Formal

Dunedin Town Hall - Saturday 22 May 2021

Ticket price is \$105.00 per person

The closing date for the formal was extended, and finished last Friday. We still have permission slips and payments outstanding. Please remember that tickets will not be issued without a completed consent form and payment. Any questions regarding this please phone Monique Evans, Student Support Administrator 489 3823 ext 111.



Term 2 Sports Hoodies Order

The second sports hoodie order for 2021 is now open. Please complete the online form below (this is also available on the Taieri College Sports Face book Page) and forward your payment of \$55.00 via internet banking to 03 1725 0106800 00 quoting student's name, form class and sports hoodie as the reference. Payment can also be made by eft-pos or through the envelope system at the student slide. Payment must be made before the order can be completed.

All orders MUST be completed by **Friday 28 May 2021** to receive the sports hoodie later this term.

We encourage all students to come to the Sports Office to try on sample hoodies to confirm the size they would like.

Please note that names on the back of hoodies will be checked and if deemed inappropriate will need to be changed.

Once hoodies have arrived at Taieri College, we will notify students via the student notices and the Facebook Sport page for them to collect their hoodie from the Sports Office.

Taieri College Sports Hoodie Term 2 Order Form



Sport

Winter is certainly here and so is winter sports. Today we have some secondary school basketball starting, tomorrow is the beginning of netball and rugby for most grades. Football and girls' rugby starts next week, and earlier this week hockey had their first game of the season. We have many students getting involved and competing across these sports and it is important to remember to always try our best in the sporting arena, regardless of who we are competing against. The sport department is indebted to staff, parents and community members who volunteer their time to lead and assist in providing these opportunities for our students. Wishing all the students the best as they begin the season ahead, have fun and enjoy representing Taieri College with your peers. I encourage you to join Taieri College Sport on Facebook to keep up to date with sporting news and results.



Well done to Emma Bain and Kylie Gale for their performances at the NZ Divisional II Swimming National Meet. Countless hours of hard work have gone in to qualifying for this national meeting, see their results further on.

We have a second chance to order sport hoodies for students wanting some for winter sports. See the link attached in the newsletter to order. Samples can be tried on in the Sport Office.

Ryan Rosevear
Head of Sport



NZ Divisional II Swimming National Meet

Since last Sunday, 8 May 2021, the NZ Division II National Swimming meet has been swum here in Dunedin at Moana Pool. Last night was the final session of this meet with 10 gruelling sessions of heats and finals. Taieri College was proud to have two swimmers with qualifying national times for this meet.

Congratulations to Kylie Gale (12BT) and Emma Bain (10RG) for qualifying for this prestigious swimming meet. Both girls proudly represent the Taieri Swimming Club and will also be representing Taieri College along with other Taieri College swimmers for the upcoming Otago Secondary Schools' Championships on Sunday 30 May 2021 and South Island Secondary Schools' Swimming Champs in Timaru over the weekend 18-20 June 2021.

Kylie Gale qualified for and swam in the 16 year old girls 50m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly and the 50m Backstroke events. Kylie gained one new personal best time and made a B Final. Kylie has performed so well and has so much promise for a swimmer who has only entered the world of competitive swimming in the last two and a half years. Congratulations Kylie. We are so proud of you!

100m Butterfly 18th 1.15.74

50m Backstroke 21st 34.34

50m Freestyle 11th 29.33 and swam in the B FINAL

100m Backstroke 20th 1.14.27



Emma Bain 10RG and Kylie Gale 12BT at Moana Pool Grandstands, resting up Thursday morning before another day of racing!

Emma Bain, without a doubt, had her best results in her swimming career to date. Emma swam in seven events in the 14 year old, girl section and set new personal best times in six of these. She made three finals and reserved for two finals finishing just outside the top eight. In addition to this Emma was selected as part of the South Island team for the divisional relays and gained two qualifying times for the NZ short course championships.

100m Butterfly 14th 1.12.91

50m Freestyle Heat 5th 28.62

50m Freestyle FINAL 6th 28.46

50m Backstroke 9th 33.03 Reserve for Final

100m Freestyle Heat 1st 1.00.98

100m Freestyle FINAL 1st 1.00.94 – GOLD MEDALLIST

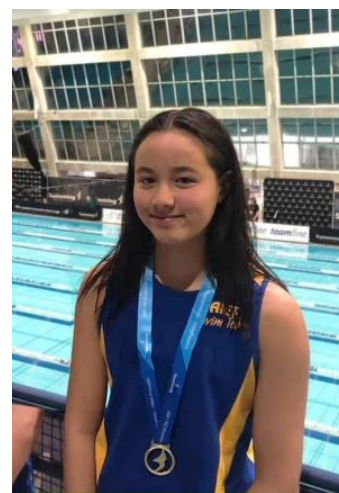
200m Freestyle Heat 5th 2.17.38

200m Freestyle FINAL 4th 2.14.77

50m Butterfly Heat 16th 32.37

100m Backstroke Heat 10th = 1.12.82 a 2.4 Sec PB

Last night Emma swam the 7th leg of the 8 X 50m Freestyle Relay. She was chosen as one of the top 8 fastest swimmers in the Mako zone. Emma swam her relay team from second into first and then the final swimmer built on this to earn the team a gold medal, first place result. Emma happily goes home with two gold medals in her pocket.



Pictured above Emma Bain proudly standing with her Gold Medal at NZ Division II Championships in the 14 Year Old Girls 100m Freestyle

Emma Bain pictured in the middle with her 14 Year Old Girls 100m Freestyle gold medal (1.00.94) beside the silver medallist Amelie Austin of St Paul's Swim Club (1.01.21) and bronze medallist Elizabeth Brennan of Phoenix Aquatics (1.02.08)



Speech Finals

The Taieri College English Department runs an annual series of speaking competitions for each year level at various points in the school year. At junior school, each class puts forward their finalists to compete against the other form classes, while senior students voluntarily enter. Finalists will accumulate points towards the year level speech trophies awarded at the end of year Prizegivings.

Last week, we held the Prepared Reading Finals for Years 7-10 and the Prepared Speech Finals for Year 11. In the next few weeks we will see the Year 12/13 Prepared Speech Finals. The end of Term 2 will showcase Year 7 and 8 Prepared Speeches, and Year 9 and Year 10 Impromptu Speaking.

Prepared Reading Results

Year 7

- 1st – Kael Hughes 7MB – Percy Jackson and the Greek Gods
- 2nd – Livy Urquhart 7MR – White Bird
- 3rd = Poppy Scott 7MR – Then
- 3rd = Harrison Corbett 7MB – Kid for President
- 5th = Isla Musk 7HU – The Demon Dentist
- 5th = George Bell 7SW – Tales of a Fourth Grader

Year 8

- 1st – Ollie McFelin 8FY – The B.F.G.
- 2nd – Rosie Mitchell 8HB – Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
- 3rd – Chelsea King 8KJ – The Light in Hidden Places
- 4th – Rebecca Duff 8GY – Lark Holds the Key
- 5th – Kobe Watt 8KJ – Biggles Adventures
- 6th – Ryan Bain 8GY – The Red Pyramid

Year 9

- 1st – Bella MacKenzie 9CJ – The Hunger Games: Catching Fire
- 2nd = Kailey Marshall 9RM – Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone
- 2nd = Keira Hughes 9CJ – Dork Diaries: Holiday Heartbreak
- 4th – Emily Russell 9CJ – The Witches
- 5th – Madison Shaw 9RM – Swimming Against the Storm
- 6th – Cody Masters 9MH – The Cay

Year 10

- 1st – Eryn Bannister-Russell 10JH – Girl Online
- 2nd – Kate Coates 10KT – Champion Minded
- 3rd – Robert Hannaford 10VN – Hounded
- 4th – Hamish Hussey 10PN – Hunger
- 5th – Louise Lawson 10VN – Too Much and Never Enough
- 6th – Gardenia Paia-Letman 10RG – Turtles All the Way Down

Prepared Speech Finals

Year 11

- 1st – Meg McDonald-Page 11GC – Palm Oil: Should it be banned?
- 2nd – Leo Burkett 11GC – The Environment: Pollution
- 3rd = Ella Coudret 11FG – The Dangers of Pornography Addiction
- 3rd = Andrew Matheson 11GC – The Legalisation of Marijuana

Rugby 7s

Carl Salmon from 7MR competed in a Dunedin 7 aside rugby tournament for players aged from Y1 to Y8. Carl plays for the Green Island club, and they managed to win the gold medal for their age group.



Music Department

Our Year 10 and 11 music students have been busy composing and recording songs over Term One for entry in the Play It Strange Youthtown Competition, a songwriting competition for Year 9-10 students across the country. Five of our groups made the top 48 songs in the country. These students now get to record their songs professionally and have them released on the Youthtown album later in the year.

"Free" - Amelia Clarkson, Joel Rosie, Reilly Maaka, Isaac Wirangi, Cameron Lord

"Kelly" - Caitlin Stewart, Keisha Hollands, Philippa King, Shaquita Johnson

"Look at Me Now" - Maxx Turu, Leo Burkett, Ethan Van Midden, Callum MacKenzie

"NCEA" - Daniel Ruthven, Ella Coudret, Lucas Jones

"No Signal" - Ella Aitken, Robert Hannaford, Tyler Little, Amos Bethel, Tyler Adams, Ethan Porteous

Level 2 Biology/Geography trip to Mt Cook

On the last three days of Term One, the annual Level 2 Biology/Geography trip to Aoraki Mt Cook took place. The purpose of this trip was to gather data and information on the impact of human activity on the biophysical environment and then look at ways the Department of Conservation are making, and intend on making, these impacts more sustainable.

The first day involved a long bus trip up to the Mt Cook Village. We had lunch at Loch Laird just below the Benmore dam. On arriving at Mt Cook village, we carried out some vegetation sampling to analyse the impact of desire lines, where tourists walking the Hooker Valley track take shortcuts for various reasons. Later that day, students had the opportunity to take a plane trip onto the Tasman Glacier which was the first time this has been offered on this trip. Over four successive flights in perfect weather, around 30 students flew from the Mt Cook airport and landed on the upper Tasman Glacier. Being amongst such high mountains, with glaciers and mountain huts close by was an awesome experience had by all.

Our accommodation for the trip was at Glentanner Holiday Park. The students were responsible for designing and cooking their own meals which brings about its own element of fun. Despite the second day's bad forecast, the weather was suitable for our information gathering day. That morning we walked up the Hooker Valley track to the glacier lake stopping at various points to sample the vegetation and discuss the adaptations of the plant species we found. After lunch, we had a series of talks provided by the Department of Conservation. The first was on the biophysical environment of Mt Cook and the second was looking at the management of the village including sustainable practices. We finished this day looking at issues facing the management of the national park in the future and creative strategies to overcome these impending problems.

Unfortunately the last day dawned with a true main divide storm. Unfortunately the Glacier Explorer boat trip and the remaining Tasman Glacier flights were cancelled. We all had a go at gathering some evidence of sustainable practices in the village but due to the weather, this ended up with coffee and food in the Hermitage café. Around mid-morning, we all left for Mosgiel.



Uniform

With the cooler mornings, and cooler months now here, we are reminding all pupils that they are expected to wear our regulation school jacket over their uniform if they are going to wear a jacket.

We have a newly styled school jacket which is proving very popular due to its warmth and weather-proof qualities. Students with the previous style of jacket are still able to wear that version.

For senior students the school jacket is NOT a substitute for the blazer. The senior blazer is required to be worn at all times during Term Two and Term Three.

Our regulation school jacket can be purchased at NZ Uniforms on Moray Place, in Dunedin.

If students are wearing short sleeved Taieri College senior shirts or blouses and wish to wear polyprops, the polyprops should be plain white and have short sleeves.

If students are wearing long sleeved Taieri College senior shirts or blouses and wish to wear polyprops, the polyprops should be plain white.

Pink Shirt Day

We can't wait to turn Taieri College māwhero/pink on **Friday 21 May 2021**. **Why celebrate Pink Shirt Day?**

Pink Shirt Day highlights actions to reduce discrimination, bullying and racism across our society. At Taieri College, we want to promote this message and recognise the importance of Standing Together - E Tu Tangata - to challenge unhealthy behaviours that negatively impact others. By wearing a pink accessory, we show kotahitanga - unity and support for each other.



Celebrated annually around the globe, **Pink Shirt Day** began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying after a new Year 10 student was harassed for wearing **pink**. That night, students spread the message to their friends to wear pink to school the following day. The message went viral and instead of a few friends showing support, a sea of pink greeted the new student as he arrived at school. This gave him a clear message of belonging and whanaungatanga, as well as showing the bullies that their attitude was not welcome.

We've been celebrating **Pink Shirt Day** in Aotearoa since 2009 and the campaign grows stronger and larger every year.

We invite all members of the Taieri College community to wear a pink accessory with their uniform to show manaakitanga - kindness and compassion towards each other, on Friday 21 May 2021.





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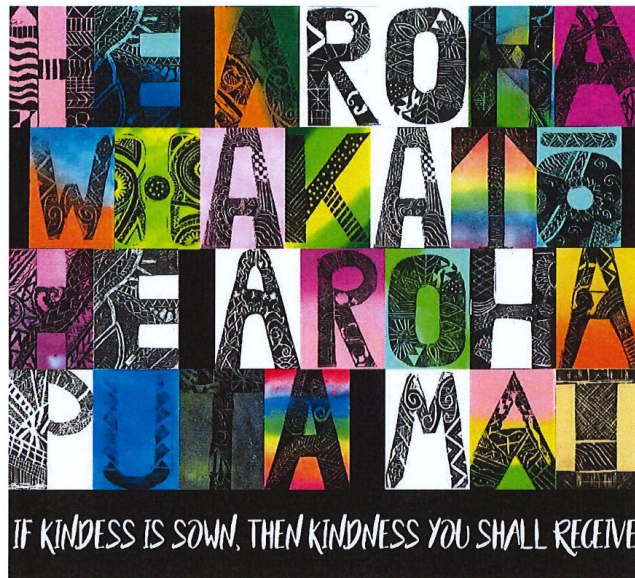
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Taieri College 2021 Photobook



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\$10.00 – Colour photos

Order forms available at the school office or
from your form teachers.

Cash, eftpos or internet banking only.

The school account number is: 03 1725 0106800 00



Youth East Taieri is preparing for the next intake of Ground Zero this term. Programme runs on Wednesday evenings from 26th May—30th June. We still have spaces available for young people in Year 7.

Ground Zero focuses on helping young people identify and develop their strengths, through fun challenges and activities designed to build confidence, leadership and communication skills.

Enquiries to Larissa Pearce (youth worker) 021 0867 1157

yetworker@gmail.com

Saddle Hill Foundation Trust

TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL

Get ready for coaching 2021

Calling all possible and existing coaches for 2021.
Taieri Plain's Junior Netball committee are offering two AWESOME opportunities to come along to a session with Netball South.

Years 2, 3, & 4

Monday 17 May – PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY!

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00 pm

Venue: Elmgrove School Hall- entry off Ayr St

Cost: FREE!



Years 5,6,7 & 8

Thursday 20 May

6.00pm-8.00pm

Venue: Taieri College Indoor Training Centre [ITC]

Cost: Free

Please register with this link:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/163781>





STUDY SNACKS

TAIERI COLLEGE

MONDAY AND TUESDAY
SCHOOL
LIBRARY 3-4 PM

Need a little help in school? No worries, we've got you covered! Whether it's finishing a project, improving something small, or understanding large topics. We want to help!

Study Snacks provides a safe space for students to learn and grow, it is a group run by year 13 students after school to assist anyone who feels like they may need some more assistance outside of class!

So come along and bring your friends for a good time and some good food!

HERE TO HELP

