



Kia ora e te whanau

We have been very pleased with the way our senior students have approached their exams this week. Attendance has been excellent, and it has been clear that most students have prepared well beforehand. With the senior school year pushed back a couple of weeks it does give us ample time to use the results data from exams and plot a course for improvement in the national NCEA exams that begin in the middle of November. For returning Year 11 and 12 students the data will also provide information that allows them to make informed subject choices for 2022.

As we work through Level 2 lockdown it is pleasing to see a significant number of educational opportunities outside of the classroom continuing safely under the covid guidelines. Our Level 3 Sport and Recreation class enjoyed (and at times endured!) their trip to the Cardrona Snow Farm last week where they were given the opportunity to learn and experience cross country skiing. Our Level 2 Physical Education students are heading to Naseby next week for their mountain biking practical.

On Monday our Year 7 students are travelling to three locations across Dunedin as part of their creative writing programme. They are visiting the beach, the Botanic Gardens, and the Octagon where they will be given the opportunity to write about their experiences.

Basketball resumes this week as teams are given the opportunity (under covid conditions) to finish their finals. Our senior girls overcame St Hilda's in their semi-final and have earned the right to challenge Otago Girls' in the final this evening. Good luck to our girls.

On Wednesday this week we sent two teams into the annual Get to Go challenge. This is a great entry level adventure racing event for Year 9 and Year 10 school students. The Torpedo7 Get2Go Series combines fun, outdoor adventure activities like orienteering, kayaking, stand-up paddling, mountain biking and a little bit of problem solving, into an action-packed event for students of all fitness levels and experience. There are 12 challenges in the series held in regions around the country from Whangarei to Queenstown. Both Taieri College teams performed exceptionally well, with our Year 10 team coming first and our Year 9 team not far behind in fourth. By winning the competition the Year 10 team have earned the right to attend the national final in Great Barrier Island in December. Well done to everyone involved.

Nga mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL



Key Dates

17 September
Learning Readiness Issued

20 September
Year 7 Writing Trip – All classes

19 September
Interschool Equestrian Event

22-24 September
L2 Mountain Biking Trip

23 September
Blues Nominations Close

24 September
Enrolments for 2022 Close

27 September
Year 7/8 Health Parent Evening

28 September
Winter Sports Photographs

29 September
L1 Drama Play

30 September
L1 Drama Play
L1 MCAT NCEA Examination
South Canterbury Cross Country Championships

1 October
L1 SPR Tramp
End of Term 3

18 October
Start of Term 4



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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.

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SCHOLASTIC  Book Club

Due to the lockdown, we have a number of unfulfilled orders stuck in our warehouse.

As books are deemed non-essential items, we are not able to operate and ship any of these orders to school or homes.

We will be prioritising these orders as soon as Auckland reaches Level 3 and our fantastic team gets back to our warehouse.

In the meantime if you have any questions related to your order please email bookclub@scholastic.co.nz Our Customer Services Team are working from home and will reply to your email with an update as soon as they are able to.

Vocabulary Strategies

Etymology is the history of a word or phrase that connects how a word has developed into what we know it as today. We can break down words into their prefix, root and/or base words and their suffix. By teaching morphemes, we can give students the tools to decode unfamiliar words and allow them to understand the subtle nuances of word meanings.

ETYMOLOGY WORD BUILDERS

What to do:

1. Give students a variety of prefixes, roots, and/or base words, suffixes, and word meanings.
2. Individually, or in small groups, the students must find as many combinations of words as they can and then match the words to the correct definition.
3. Answers can be recorded on a separate sheet of paper and discussed in class.



Te wiki o te reo Māori – Māori Language Week

This week our school celebrated Te wiki o te reo Māori – Māori Language Week.

On Tuesday 14 September 2021 at 12pm, our school participated in the Māori Language Movement. Our Year 7 and 8 students gathered to share a karakia, sing our school waiata and perform our haka. Our Year 9 and 10 students learnt the Whakataukī (Māori Proverb) Mr Hunter shared with the staff on Monday morning to start the celebrations:

'Me mahi tahi tātou mō te oranga o te katoa.'
'We should work together for the wellbeing of everyone.'

Did you know?

Māori Language Week has been celebrated each year from 1975.

September 14 commemorates the presentation of the 1972 [Māori language petition](#) to parliament.



GET 2 GO 2021

On Wednesday 15 September, Taieri College took part in the annual Get 2 Go Challenge for Year 9 and 10 students run by Hillary Outdoor Education Centre. The challenge sees students take part in mountain biking, orienteering and kayaking.

For the 11th year, Taieri College has taken part in this event competing against schools from across our region.

The Taieri College 1 team, comprised of Joel Bain, Blake Dalton, Ollie Esplin, Bella MacKenzie, Chloe Robinson, Tilly Ruthven, Josh Siloy and Georgina Te Kanawa, finished fourth overall. A truly remarkable event for a Year 9 team.

The Taieri College 2 team, comprised of Heidi Aitken, Briar Dale, Jalen Forgie, Hannah Hunter, Cameron Lord, Blake Clarkson, Georgia McHutchon and Tyla McIntosh, claimed first place overall. This marks the first time Taieri College has won this event. Thanks to their efforts Taieri College has now qualified to go through to the Nationals on Great Barrier Island in December.



Otago Hockey

Congratulations to Georgia McHutchon, Briar Dale, Hannah Hunter and Abby Samuels for their selection into Otago U15 Hockey Teams.



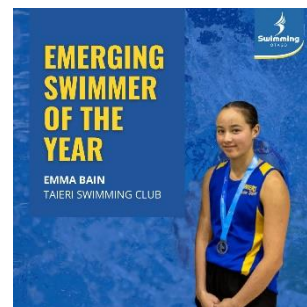
Otago Metro Rugby

Congratulations to 1st XV players Lachlan Nicholl, Thomas Andrews and Ollie Sinclair for their selection in the Otago Under 18 Metro Rugby Training squad. Also included in the squad is former Taieri College student Finn McDonald-Page.

Congratulations also to Ollie MacKenzie for selection in the Otago Under 16 Metro Rugby Training Squad.

Swimming

Congratulations to Emma Bain who was awarded the Emerging Swimmer of the Year award.



Summer Sport

Over the next few weeks there will be a lot of daily notices and information available as we begin to get ready for the start of summer sport. Students will need to come and get the relevant information, then parents/students are able to enrol students into sport directly using the online enrolment forms for each sport. This can be found on the Taieri College website under Taieri College Sport, Sport Enrolment <https://www.taieri.school.nz/sport/sport-enrolment-forms/>

As information about each sport becomes available, we will post up the relevant sport enrolment form.

Winter Sports Uniforms and Equipment Return

All winter sports uniforms, along with any equipment that has been borrowed be returned to the sports office. Please ensure that they are cleaned before being returned.

Trophy Return

Can all students who received trophies at last year's prize giving functions please return your trophy to the main school office by Friday 24 September.

Blues

Nominations for Taieri College Blues are now open. These are available on the school website, or hard copies can be collected from the Sport Office or Music Dept. Please return these to the student slide when completed.

<https://www.taieri.school.nz/sport/sports-awards-blues/>



L3 PED and SPR cross country skiing trip to Snow Farm

The disappointment amongst our Y13 PED and SPR students was palpable as the country went into a Level 4 lockdown in August. This could possibly mean we were missing out on one of the most highly anticipated events in the PE calendar. We need not have worried as Jacinda Arden pulled through and dropped us to Level 2 on Thursday 9 September 2021. (She had possibly heard we had planned this trip). Even though we had to shorten the trip by one day, we still got to proceed, albeit with some last-minute arrangements.



One issue was swapped for another as the forecast was for blizzards on the Pisa Range. However, as the Achievement Standard was on managing risk, it would provide a great opportunity for students to further extend their critical analysis of the trip. The weather gods were smiling on us on arrival as we got through our lesson and then made our way out to the hut to prepare our meal of nachos. Whilst the resident chefs were knocking up our kai, a few hardy souls ventured up to Bob Lee Hut for some uninterrupted views out over Mount Aspiring. The icy conditions on the way back ensured there were a few battered and bruised bodies by the time we arrived back for dinner.

The blizzard eventually did arrive, but it was in the small hours of the morning when we were all tucked up in our sleeping bags. As Friday dawned, we made our way back to the Snow Farm for another lesson. The quality of cross-country skiing had improved dramatically amongst most of the group by this stage as a few students successfully completed the Black Run trails. Exhausted, we made our way back to the Taieri Plain late on Friday afternoon for what had been the last school trip for most of our Year 13 students. A thoroughly enjoyable time was had by all.



Young Writers' Awards 2021

Entries are due Wednesday 29 September at 3:00pm.

Entries 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.

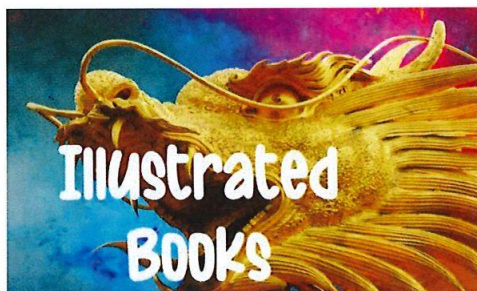
Entries for the Illustrated Books section (if not in electronic format) can be delivered to the English Department Office in the last week of Term 3.

SHORT STORIES

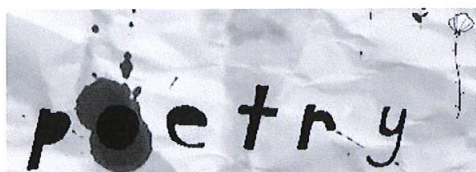
Completed individually, this can be a story consisting of a minimum of 250 words. There should be a suitable title and formatted with paragraphs. The content may be a real experience, an adapted real experience, fiction, or inspired by other stories read or viewed. It does not have to come solely from a classroom activity.

Article

This section is completed individually. Entries need a suitable title and written in paragraphs. Present your opinions about a subject such as Road Safety, Conservation, Social Media, Politics, etc. You could be aiming to persuade the reader to act/behave/think in a different way. Or you could present information about a subject such as Taieri history, animals, ancestry, your job, an historic event, etc. Entries may relate to some study you have completed. Entries do not have to come from classroom activities.



This may be a combined effort of up to two people (e.g. a text writer and an illustrator). Options include:
(a) Children's Illustrated Book - The book must be at least six pages long, but the page size is not restricted. It should be suitable for pre-school children to read or to have read to them. (i.e. the text and pictures may be quite simple).
(b) Graphic Novel – This text needs to be at least 15 frames, using the visual and written conventions of graphic novels (comic books, anime). Entries be a full story or the beginning of a longer narrative not yet written.



Completed individually, entries can be any length, rhymed or unrhymed. Very short poems, however, may not be judged as favorably as longer ones reflecting greater effort. Use a suitable title. The subject may be serious or humorous. It may be shaped on the page.



Collaborative efforts of up to three people may submit entries in this category. Drama scripts may be any length – a simple sketch or a piece of dialogue or monologue, and could contain one or several scenes. Stage directions must be included. It should be set out as a play script with dialogue and stage directions, as well as a captivating title.

Questions can be directed to your English teacher or to Miss Hurst in C10 or by email (ehurst@taieri.school.nz).

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