

Kia ora e te whanau

As we pass the halfway stage of the term, many of our senior students will soon be undertaking the first of many assessment requirements for their NCEA courses. It is important they are organised and prepared for these. Firstly, it is important to establish good habits at this early stage of the year, and secondly attaining as many credits as possible during the year can take a lot of pressure off in November. The key to NCEA success is keeping up to date and making sure when credits are offered, they are taken. If students have any questions around due dates for assessments, it is imperative they talk with their teachers.

Next week we resume our Year 10 programme where the girls complete a self defence course and the boys separately undertake several sessions that explore specific health and wellbeing issues. We expect all students involved to show up with a positive attitude and an open mind.

We have had an excellent turn out of students to our fitness conditioning programmes that have been held on Tuesday and Friday mornings. These sessions have given students the opportunity to begin their physical preparation for the winter sports season. These sessions lead nicely into onset of several winter sports sign-ups which are currently taking place. Thank you to our Sports Council for continuing to sponsor this programme.

We are close to beginning the project that will fully upgrade and replace our artificial sports turf. It is a huge job. This will involve levelling the entire area, providing effective drainage, full replacement of the old (and slippery!) turf, a spectators' grandstand, and new floodlights. Being a six month project it will have a significant effect on some of our winter sports activities, in particular netball and hockey. Whilst the finished product will be better and safer, we do appreciate the disruption it will cause during construction. We are extremely grateful to the Otago Community Trust and the Alexander McMillan Trust for their support of this development. The end result will be a facility that benefits not only Taieri College, but our entire Mosgiel community.

Congratulations to our 2021 Year 9 scholarship recipients who were presented at assembly this week. It was great to share the presentation of the scholarships with so many family and whanau. My thanks to the Board of Trustees and Sports Council for their support.

Nga mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL



Key Dates

15 March
Year 10 Girls Self Defence Day
Year 10 Boys Day

16 March
Year 10 Girls Self Defence Day
Year 10 Boys Day

17 March
Year 10 Girls Self Defence Day
Year 10 Boys Day

15-21 March
Tautuku Camp No. 3

20-21 March
SISS Touch Tournament –
Christchurch

22 March
Otago Anniversary Day –
Taieri College Closed


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NCEA Parent Information Evening

Are you a parent who is new to NCEA and would like some help to understand what NCEA is and how it works? On Wednesday 24 March 2021 we are holding an information evening to help answer these questions. There will be a short informal presentation with time at the end for questions.

The presentation will be held in the library at 5:30pm – Wednesday 24 March 2021

Please RSVP to office@taieri.school.nz

New Teacher Profiles

Name: Toni Sutton

Birthplace: Wellington

Schooling: Otago Girls' High School, Otago Polytechnic, Otago University

Tertiary Qualification: BTeach (Primary Endorsement)

Subjects Teaching: Year 7 and 8 Te reo Maori, Year 7 and 8 Food Technology (visiting schools) Kapa Haka, Year 10 Hui Time

Hobbies/Interests: cooking, gardening, going to the gym, and hanging out with my whanau.

Favourite Quote: Wherever you go, there you are.



Name: Natalie Visger

Birthplace: Sheridan, Wyoming, USA

Schooling: Campbell County High School in Gillette, WYOMING

Tertiary Qualification: Bachelor of Science in Biology, Master of Science in Sports Management, Recreation and Fitness, Master of Science in Teaching and Learning

Subjects Teaching: Biology, Junior Science

Tramping, Biking, fitness, basketball playing and coaching

Don't take yourself too seriously, life is too short for fat free butter.



Name: David Bainbridge

Birthplace: Dunedin

Schooling: Mosgiel West – Primary, Machabeng College (Lesotho) and ACS Int. School Cobham (England) – High School

Tertiary Qualification: BA (Hons) – History (Otago), Grad Dip. In Teaching (Otago)

Subjects Teaching: History, Social Studies, English

Hobbies/Interests: Football (playing/watching), running, socialising

Favourite Quote: "Oh yes, the past can hurt, but the way I see it, you can either run from it, or learn from it" – Rafiki, the Lion King.



Name: Brad Martin

Birthplace: Ōtepoti, Dunedin

Schooling: Bayfield High School

Tertiary Qualification: DMA (Doctor of Musical Arts)

Subjects Teaching: Music, Music Technology

Hobbies/Interests: Music Production

Favourite Quote: "Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans" John Lennon



Tautuku Camp No. 2



Introducing 2021 Social Prefects


Our Social Prefects this year are Libby Blackwood, Hamish Hunter and Eleanor Quirey. Libby, Hamish and Eleanor will be helping to organise social activities with our Year 7 and 8 students and also organise our college formal. The Taieri College Formal this year will be held in the Dunedin Town Hall on Saturday 22 May 2021 at 7pm. At this stage of planning, we estimate the ticket price to be \$100 - \$110 per person. When the final budget has been worked out, we will let you know the exact price. We understand the expense for families with this event and our Social Prefects work very hard to keep the ticket price down. The ticket price is strictly set to cover costs of the event only; we do not set this to make a profit. The price of the ticket covers entertainment, access to photographer's website, hire of venue, dinner and transport to and from the venue. Any questions regarding this please phone Monique Evans, Student Support Administrator 489 3823 ext 111.



Vocabulary Strategy - Parts Card

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are posting a weekly strategy that parents could work with their children to help them learn the meaning of new words. Many of these strategies are being used at school, but having these strategies reinforced at home, will help build vocabulary competency in our students.

The following activity is called Parts Card. It involves the student breaking the word down into syllables and prefixes/suffixes. They then use this to form their own definition, research the actual definition and then use a picture to reinforce the meaning in an appropriate context. An example is shown below.

<p>Word</p> <p>hydrophobic</p> <p>4 syllable sounds</p> <p>hy - dro - pho - bic</p> <p>(Speaking and Listening)</p>	<p>Parts and meanings</p> <p>hydro - water</p> <p>phob - scared of</p> <p>ic - adjective forming</p> <p>3 morphemes</p> <p>hydro + phob + ic = hydrophobic</p> <p>(Speaking and Listening, Reading)</p>
<p>Definition</p> <p>Student: scared of water</p> <p>Textbook: does not allow water to stick to it or to pass through it</p> <p>(Writing)</p>	<p>Picture</p>  <p>(Drawing)</p>

Level 3 Sport and Recreation Kayaking



Sport

In the past week we have had a large number of Taieri College students competing, achieving and challenging themselves in numerous sporting competitions. Shinae Stanley competed at the SISS Triathlon at Oamaru last weekend and finished in 3rd place, which is a very admirable performance at a significantly large event. Countless hours of training have gone into this, well done! On Monday, our Taieri College Golf team competed in the Otago Intercollegiate tournament at Cromwell. A very young team competed and performed very well. In the net section Thomas Jackson finished 1st, and Jackson Smith finished 2nd. In the 9 hole section Jack O'Brien also came second. This is a great reward for the students who have been working hard during Term 1.



Our Senior A Girls Volleyball team finished 3rd in the Otago Champs over the weekend. This team has improved considerably over the past number of years, and a huge thanks goes to coach Ryan Elhers. Holli Bannister-Russell and Libby Blackwood were also named in the tournament team.



We had a contingent of Year 7 and 8 students who competed at the Dunedin Intermediate Triathlon on Wednesday. In difficult and wet conditions all individuals and teams performed resolutely and will be future triathletes in years to come.

This weekend the Otago Secondary Schools' Athletic Champs are on at the Caledonian. We have 43 students from Taieri College who have qualified to attend this event after their performances at our school athletics day. All the very best, it is great to have a strong contingent of Taieri College athletes at this event.

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been selected for an Otago elite athletics squad: Ben Baines and Shyah Beattie. Van Couch, O'Hara Couch, Neve Beattie and Georgia McHutchon have been selected for an Otago talent ID squad. These students will receive further coaching and expertise to help them reach their full potential. Congratulations to you all.



A massive congratulations to Ollie MacKenzie and Charlotte Williams who have both been selected for the Touch NZ talent ID camp. What a fantastic opportunity for these players! Well done.

Missing GoPro

Unfortunately, the GoPro from the Art room has gone missing. We would really appreciate its return as it is a valuable piece of kit. Could you please ask students to return it to either the Art room, or to the office and no questions will be asked.

Regards
Art Department



Netball at Taieri College 2021

We are excited to start netball at Taieri College in 2021. We have just completed the senior team trials and sign-ups for Years 8-10 have been completed. We will be beginning the Year 9 trials next week- please watch the notices to confirm dates and times. Sign ups for Year 7 have begun today.

We will then begin to trial for Year 10, followed by Year 8 and then Year 7.

Our Senior A team will begin a preseason series of three games beginning Tuesday March 23, with the main competition beginning April 17. Years 9 - 13 teams will begin on the second Saturday of Term 2, May 15. Years 7 and 8 netball will begin June 12.

As always, we will need parent help with coaching teams so please think about this so that we can enter teams in the competitions.

If you have Year 7 and 8 players in your family, please also consider coming along to the Taieri Plain's Junior Netball AGM on 29 March as they will need volunteers to make it work this year. While it is exciting that the Taieri College courts are having a \$1.2million upgrade this is going to be challenging in terms of practices for us and challenging for the TPJN committee to run a Saturday competition. They do have a plan, but it will require parent help and support. Please come along to the AGM to help make the plan happen.



If you have any questions, please contact Karen Rosevear.
krosevear@taieri.school.nz

Scholarship Winners 2020 For 2021

Academic

Niamh Clark	Taieri College
Emma Johnston	Taieri College
Simone Letts	Taieri College
Cohen Clearwater	Taieri College

Performing Arts

Cody Masters	Taieri College
Kailey Marshall	Taieri College

Sporting

Sarah Evans	Taieri College
Keira Hughes	Taieri College
Niko Boylan	Taieri College

Sports Council Scholarship received by:

Caleb Walker
Annabelle Andrews
Tilly Ruthven
Jannah Hooper



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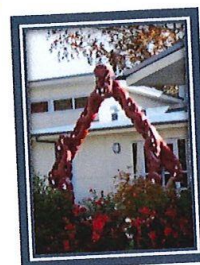
TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL

AGM: Monday March 29TH
7.00pm

Taieri College Library

We need you to help us...

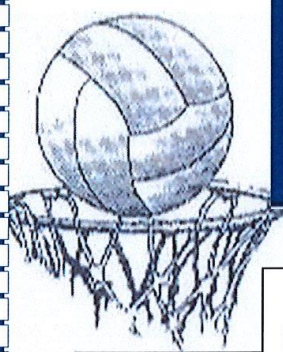
Please come along!



The Taieri Plain's Junior Netball Committee is a small group of volunteers without whom the Saturday netball games would not occur and this year more so than ever!

Most official positions have been filled, however, there are several 'vacancies' in the assistant positions which help with the day to day running of Saturday netball.

If you would like to join our committee either on an official basis or as a helping hand on Saturdays please come along on Monday March 29th 7.00pm and meet us all.



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Can you HELP!?

Netball Coaches and Managers

In order to continue to develop aspiring netball players at all levels, we are seeking expressions of interest for coaches and / or managers.

If you are interested in assisting us to continue our strong netball tradition please email krosevear@taieri.school.nz

Teams available from Year 7 to Senior level.

Strong support networks are in place to assist all levels of coaches and aspiring coaches.





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11-15 years

15-18 years



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