



Kia ora e te whanau

Thank you to the parents and whanau who attended this week's parent teacher interviews. I trust everyone enjoyed the opportunity of meeting with teachers and sharing their child's learning progressions. As a college we respect and appreciate parents who work with us to promote academic attainment as a priority. Every individual has their own goals and challenges, and we find it significantly beneficial when these are shared openly between student, home, and school.

On Tuesday we hosted South Otago High School as part of our annual summer sports exchange. After a rousing Mihi Whakatau from our athletes and Year 10 students, players and actors split for their various events. All games were contested with healthy competitiveness and mutual respect. It was pleasing to see Taieri College emerge as victors for the day by winning seven out of the nine matches. My thanks to the Sports Office for their excellent organisation and Miss Tuhega who coordinated a wonderful welcome for our visitors.

Another recent sporting highlight was the performance of our Te Kainga cricket team who were crowned regional champions after a closely fought final against Balmacewen Intermediate on last Friday last. As well receiving winners medals the team have also earned the right to play in the national finals at Lincoln in November. A brilliant achievement and my congratulations to the boys involved.

To balance our sporting achievements with our performing artists, we were thrilled to hear that Keira Wallace won the Best Black Box or Public Performance Award for her performance in the recent Dunedin Fringe Festival. This is extraordinary because she was competing in the professional industry against adult performers. All other award winners for this year's Fringe Festival were well established and highly recognised performers. For a Year 10 student to achieve at the same level is genuinely amazing.



<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=DunedinFringe&set=a.10157629683066345>

Above is a link to the award winners. There were roughly 100 performances/exhibitions in the Fringe Festival, with many of the artists having a national, and some, an international reputation. Keira beat them all. Well done!

Nga mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

2-6 April
Easter Holiday –
College closed

7 April
Mufti Day – Gold
coin donation

8-11 April
SISS Athletics

8 April
Year 9-13 Cross
Country
Otago
Primary/Intermediate
Triathlon Champs
Taieri College Arts
Council Quiz Night
– Library 6.00pm

9 April
Level 3 Biology Trip
– Otago Peninsula
Year 8 Marae Trip

10 April
Otago Primary
Swimming Sports

13 April
Level 1
Biomechanics Day
at Otago Institute
of Sport
Level 3 PED Otago
Polytech Visit

14-16 April
Level 2
Biology/Geography
Aoraki Mt Cook Trip

Wishing everyone a happy Easter and as per Ministry of Education guidelines Taieri College will be closed from Friday 2 April 2021 to Tuesday 6 April 2021. Look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 7 April 2021.





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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.

GOLD SPONSOR OF THE MONTH

Waihola Surfacing Ltd



Thank you to Scott Leeboddy and his team for their continued support! If you have a new construction project ahead, require an asphalt overlay done or a concrete installation, then contact Scott and his team for a consultation and quote.

Taieri College Sports Council are proud to work alongside the following sponsors; LJ Hooker – Lachie McLachlan, Braveheart Decorators, 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 and Loan Market.

Taieri College Senior Mixed Touch Team

On behalf of the Taieri College SISS Touch team, thank you to those who supported our food wrap fundraiser. Deliveries will be made soon! If anyone missed out and still wishes to order Food Wrap, Tinfoil or Baking Paper (Caterer size boxes) then please contact Jan Fright, frightfamily@slingshot.co.nz or 0274893247.

Foodwrap:
330mmx300m \$23
330mmx600m \$35

Tinfoil:
440mmx90m \$22
300mmx150m \$22

Baking Paper:
300mmx120m \$32



Sinclair Wetlands Trip

Did you know there are over 100 species of birds and fish at the Sinclair Wetlands? We had the awesome opportunity to help protect and preserve the native wildlife here. 52 students from 8BZ and 8FY went on a trip to the wetlands to help remove gorse and weeds. We also planted some of the native species of tree and bush. As we arrived the fog was rolling over the hills making it all the more magical. After discovering the history of the Sinclair Wetlands, we all formed a chain to pass the plants and load them into the quad to be transported to the planting grounds. Teamwork ensured we completed the task. The sound of the native bird calls cascading off the colourful vibrant bushes made the wetlands a wonderful experience and a peaceful place to be. The long walk up and around the wetlands gave us the fantastic opportunity to learn about all the great native plants. The lemon wood leaves, when crushed up, smelt of lemons and were used in Maori tribes to make perfume. The peppertree leaves have a spicy taste, which we were tricked into eating. The totara tree has spiky leaves making it incredibly difficult to collect fruit from. We were divided into two groups; half went planting the native plants from the nursery and the other half went to remove the weeds strangling the already planted natives. It was a big task to plant all the native plants and take out the weeds but with everyone participating to get the job done it was completed. We left with muddy hands and a good feeling, knowing we had helped.

Maya Stevenson & Ethan Hayward 8BZ



Taieri College Formal - Dunedin Town Hall Saturday 22 May 2021

Estimated ticket price \$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.

Taieri College Mountain Bike Club Working Bee

On Sunday morning 28 March 2021, about 14 Taieri College Mountain Bike Club students along with two parents and staff, took part in a track building session on Signal Hill. Under the guidance of Greg from Mountain Biking Otago, they worked on tidying up the new Easy Down mountain bike trail from the plateau on Signal Hill down towards the car park. Students were involved in digging up rocks, raking loose sections and removing vegetation. The day ended with some mountain biking and a BBQ. A big thanks to all who participated. If you would like to help with further track building, check out the Mountain Biking Otago Facebook page for notifications.



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Thanks to John MacDonell from Mosgiel Paper Plus who has recently given the college a rebate from the sales of stationery for 2021. Thanks also to, the parents who have shopped locally for their students stationery and contributed to this rebate. Your support is much appreciated.



Otago Cricket Awards



Congratulations to Tilly Ruthven who received an award last night at the Otago Cricket awards for Year 9-10 girls Batter of the Year.

Gifted And Talented Programme - Science

We have a limited number of places available for Year 7 and 8 students in an extension programme for students who have a gift or talent in Science.

Year 7 students will be completing a Science Badge, while Year 8 students will work on a 'My First Crest' project. Both of these programmes require a considerable time commitment outside of school.

We would like to include parent nomination as one piece of information to be used in the selection process. Nominations should be in writing and delivered to the school office or via email to ngowing@taieri.school.nz by Monday 12 April 2021.

An email has been sent to all Year 7 and 8 families with more details about the programme.

L2SPR Silver Peaks Expedition

On Tuesday last week 46 brave and intrepid Level 2 students adventured into the wilderness to test their survival skills in the outdoors. Accompanied by Mr Hull, Mrs McHutchon, Mr Waldron and Mr Knowles the students became self-sufficient, and some could almost say nearly experts in the wild. More importantly the students learned the importance of preparing for a tramp and the personal reward of accomplishing an impressive feat of three days hiking in the outdoors with only their equipment and the good company to support them.

Overall, it was an outstanding trip and their teachers could not be more proud of them. Thank you to Mr Waldron and Mr Knowles for supporting the expedition.

Mr Hull and Mrs McHutcheon



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Year Seven Vision Screening

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health team, Southern District Health will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision on **25 May 2021**.

- Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)**

This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.
(This free vision check is not required if student wears glasses and/or is currently under care of an optometrist or eye specialist).

If you do not wish your child to be screened please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.

Sport

This week we hosted our annual Summer Interchange with South Otago High School on Tuesday at Taieri College. A wonderful Mihi Whakatau was performed by our competing students, supported by Year 10 students and the Kapa Haka group, which set the scene for the day. All students across Touch, Golf, Theatresports, Cricket and Volleyball represented the school admirably and enjoyed the challenge of competition against some new opponents. The final result of the interchange was a 7-2 win to Taieri College. Check out some of the great photos from the day.

This term our Taieri College Mountain Biking Club has been established thanks to the efforts of Mr Fitzgerald, with help from Mr Prebble. This has been a great success with an enthusiastic group of students dashing down tracks around Dunedin on a Wednesday afternoon. Over the last weekend these 20 students gave back to the community by holding a working bee to rake dirt, pull out rocks, cut tree roots and trim vegetation, along the Easy Down track on Signal Hill. Great effort!

Last Friday the Taieri College TK Boys Cricket team played in the Otago - Southland Intermediate schools regional final, and defeated Balmacewen by 8 runs to now qualify for the national finals at Lincoln in November. All the players performed well on the day and played as a team and were well led by their coach, Mr Sutton. This is also a fantastic reflection of the work going on at the Taieri Junior Cricket Club. They are well coached, knowledgeable and play the game in excellent spirit. Well done and thank you to all of the coaches and managers who have brought these boys through.



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South Otago Interchange



Sports Hoodies Term 1 - 2021

To order a Taieri College Hoodie, please fill in the form below and forward your payment of \$55.00 via internet banking to 03 1725 0106800 00 quoting students 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 9 April 2021** to receive the sports hoodie next term. If sufficient orders and payments have been received early, we will submit an early order.

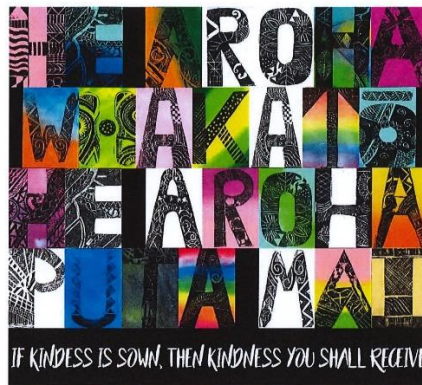
We encourage all students to come to the Sports Office to try on sample hoodies to confirm the size they would like. Please note that names on the back of hoodies will be checked and if deemed inappropriate will need to be changed.

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 2021](#)



Taieri College 2021 Photobook



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\$5.00 – Black and white photos

\$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



TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL

Get Ready for Netball 2021

Calling all Year 5,6,7,8 players who are keen to get ready for the 2021 netball season.

Taieri Plain's Junior Netball committee are offering a two day programme in the second week of the April school holidays- Wednesday 28 April 2021 and Thursday 29 April 2021. Spaces are limited. Please register via the following link: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/163782>

Years 5 & 6

Wednesday April 28 and Thursday 29 April 2021.

9.00am – 12.00pm

Venue: Taieri College ITC

Cost \$30 per day or \$50 for both days

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/163782>



Years 7 & 8

Wednesday April 28 and Thursday 29 April 2021.

Venue: Taieri College ITC 1.00pm – 4.00pm

Cost \$30 per day or \$50 both days

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/163782>





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

Tuesday 18 May 2021

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Venue: Elmgrove School Hall – entry off Ayr Street.

Cost: Free



Years 5, 6, 7 & 8

Thursday 20 May 2021

Time: 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Venue: Taieri College Indoor Training Centre (ITC)

Cost: Free



Please register with this

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

TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL



Pinkies Umpiring course 2021 FREE

Are you Year 7 or 8? Do you want to learn how to umpire netball? Pinkies Umpiring will be run on Fridays after school (3.30pm to 5pm) over FIVE weeks starting on Friday May 7 and finishing on the June 4. These are fantastic sessions for you to learn how to umpire plus this helps with your development in your own game. There are no costs for the sessions, just bring enthusiasm to learn more about netball.

Please bring:

- Water bottle
- Whistle (if you have one, we will have some if need be)
- Change of clothes to play netball/run around in (please get changed before coming to the session if possible to save time)
- A good attitude and commitment



You will gradually learn the key rules over the weeks.

There is NO COST!

Pinkies enrolment-

follow this link

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/163812>



Taieri College Arts Council Quiz Night 2 0 2 1

Date: 8 April, 6Pm

- where:
Taieri college library
- gold coin entry per
team member (maximum of
5 members per team)
- \$2 raffle tickets being sold
- years 7 and up welcome
- to enter your team please send an
email to christensenm@taieri.school.nz

