



# @ a glance

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## Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Kia ora e te whanau

For the first time in several years, we have had an Easter break that was not connected to the school holidays. I trust everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable long weekend. It has certainly made for a short week. On top of that we have one full week to go before our first end of term break. As a teaching staff we have worked hard to ensure that the fractured end to the term has not interfered with our core business of teaching and learning.

We have a strong team of ten athletes heading to Christchurch this weekend to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships. Good luck to everyone involved and we look forward to sharing their successes next week.

Preparation for winter sports season is now under way. Our Senior A Netballers have already started their club season and are well into regular practice routines. A variety of other sports will commence competition during Term 2. Taieri College aligns itself with Sports New Zealand's philosophy of "balance is better." We encourage our athletes to participate and experience a variety of sports and extra-curricular activities, as well as maintaining a healthy focus on academic attainment.

Nga mihi nui

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL

### Key Dates

10 April  
Otago Primary Swimming Sports

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

14 April  
University of Otago Junior  
Maths

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

15 April  
Level 3 Drama Play

16 April  
End of Term 1

3 May  
Start of Term 2



### Taieri College Formal Dunedin Town Hall Saturday 22 May 2021

Ticket price is \$105.00 per person

The final ticket price for this year's formal has been set. 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. Information sheets and consent forms have been given out to our Year 12 & 13 students, please remember that tickets will not be issued without a completed consent form. Any questions regarding this please phone Monique Evans, Student Support Administrator 489 3823 ext 111.



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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 Leebody 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.

## Uniform

With the cooler mornings, and cooler months coming, 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. During Term One and Term Four, the senior blazer is compulsory to be worn to assemblies and on formal occasions but it is optional at other times during these summer months. The senior blazer is required to be worn at all times during Term Two and Term Three.

In Terms Two and Three the jacket can be worn OVER the blazer when it is raining.

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.



## Basketball

Basketball at Taieri College are looking for support from our community for basketball coaches and managers of competitive basketball teams. If this is you or someone you know please email [rosevear@taieri.school.nz](mailto:rosevear@taieri.school.nz)



## Sport

On Wednesday we held our annual Taieri College Swimming Champs with 20 competitors racing one another and vying for times, trophies and new school records. I would like to make special mention to Emma Bain who broke four school records, Evie Gilmour set three new records and Jett Bennett who eclipsed two records. Their performances are now the benchmark for future swimmers coming through. Many of these swimmers are representing Taieri College at the Otago Primary Schools' Swimming Champs tomorrow, best of luck.

Today and this weekend we have ten students representing Taieri College at the South Island Secondary Schools' Athletics Championships in Christchurch. Students competing are Ben Baines, Neve Beattie, Shyah Beattie, Tyler Clark, O'Hara Couch, Blake Dalton, Olivia Ellis, Ellie Irving, Georgia McHutchon, & Josh Siloy. These students have earned the right to compete through outstanding performances at our school athletics day, and again at the Otago Championships to qualify for South Islands where many of them will be vying for podium finishes. All the best to the students and families involved.



## Year 10 Forensics

The Year 10 forensics class made fake blood and looked at shoe prints this week in class.





## Vocabulary Strategies – Flashcards Digital Resource

When it comes to learning new words related to a subject, there are many useful digital tools that students can use. A lot of students find flashcards really useful, but these can be time consuming to make up. One digital tool available that can easily make flashcards is Brainscape.

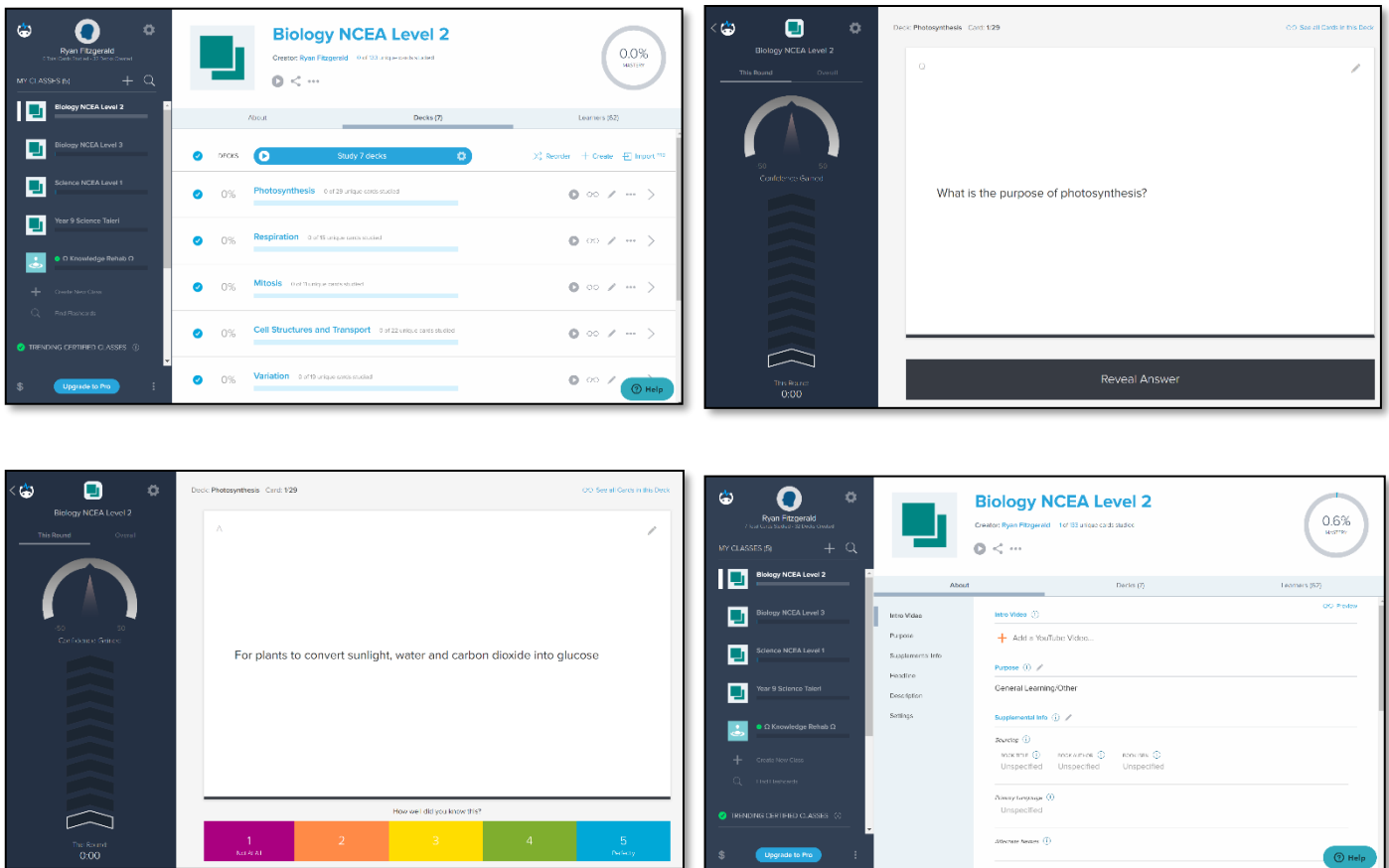
# BRAINSCAPE

Brainscape is a digital tool in which students can either make their own flashcards up or use sets of flashcards their teacher or other users have made.

To start they need to make a free account and then design their flashcards. When it comes to testing themselves, they will need to come up with the meaning for each term in their head, read the correct answer and then rate themselves 1-5 on how well they knew that term. Any term that they don't grade themselves a 5 for, will be repeated at some stage within the flashcard.

Web address: <https://www.brainscape.com/>

Some examples are below:



## Level 3 Tourism/Geography Trip – Te Anau

From Monday 29 March 2021 until Wednesday 31 March 2021 24 Tourism and Geography students headed to Te Anau for their annual trip. Unlike last year, there was no weather warning in place and we enjoyed weather that showed off the region.

Monday afternoon started off on the right note with a visit to Miles Better Pies, as seen on the Travel Guides episode. Then it was off on the first of our cruises with Real Journeys to the Glow Worm Caves. Will was our guide and he was on fire with his one liner jokes. I don't know if our students just didn't get his humour or chose not to, but the staff enjoyed it.

On Tuesday the group travelled to Milford Sound for our 10:30 sailing. Many had not been on this awesome road before and enjoyed the views. The clouds parted for our cruise and we could all take in the stunning scenery. Some chose to get up close to a waterfall and realised how quickly you can get soaked. On the way back we stopped to walk up Key Summit. This is a three hour return walk on one of New Zealand's great walks, the Routeburn track. It was about an 800m climb and some were very happy to see the top. Once there we took in the stunning views.

Wednesday was for many the highlight of the trip, a full day excursion to Doubtful Sound. After a great talk from Georgina from Real Journeys, it was off across Lake Manapouri and Wilmot Pass to Doubtful Sound. The students got to experience it all; The Sound of Silence, a venture out into the Tasman Sea to see Seals, and even a pod of dolphins that decided to swim beside the boat.

It again proved to be a very successful trip and for many was their first visit to this incredible part of Aotearoa. The students were a fantastic group to take away. A special thanks to Real Journeys and Te Anau Lakeview Kiwi Holiday Park.



## 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](mailto: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.

### 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.**



### 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 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 April 28 and Thursday April 29. Spaces are limited.

Please register via the following link:

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

### Years 5 & 6

Wednesday April 28 and Thursday April 29.

9.00am- 12pm

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 April 29.

Venue: Taieri College ITC 1pm-4pm

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

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



# 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.

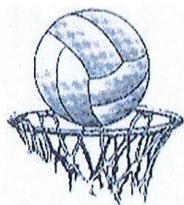
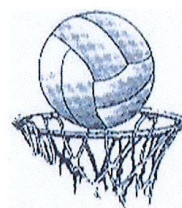
### Years 2, 3, & 4

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>