

Kia ora e te whānau

As we farewell Term 2, we reflect on what has been a challenging, yet rewarding ten weeks. The challenge of remaining open during times of unprecedented illness has been significant. To put this in context, in 2020, during the first half of the year we covered 1275 teaching hours with relief. This year (up until today) we have had to cover 3182 hours of relief. Most weeks we have continued to operate with around 15 teachers absent per day. Whilst the bulk of this is covered by our relief teaching roster, we have also regularly had to call on our permanent teachers to cover extra classes. Their goodwill has allowed us to stay open for the full ten weeks, without having to roster any year levels home. My thanks to our teaching team (including our relief pool) for their commitment and willingness to help during such demanding circumstances.

Absentee rates have also been high with students, as flu season has added its impact on top of the ongoing Covid pandemic. The use of Microsoft Teams and online access to learning resources has been critical in giving absent students opportunity to keep up to date. We encourage all students who have been forced to stay at home for extended periods of time to use the Microsoft Teams facility. Email your teacher to seek further clarification for what you can do to keep on top of things.

Today is Judith Taylor's last day on staff. After starting out at Mosgiel Intermediate, Judith was an original Taieri College staff member, following the 2004 merger between Mosgiel Intermediate and The Taieri High School. Judith originally worked six hours per week in Food Technology. Over time Judith was eventually assigned the role of SENCO (Special Education Needs Coordinator) with the bulk of her time working with students who have significant learning challenges, who need support in the classroom to keep up with curriculum demands. It is an incredibly challenging role. Judith has never shirked this challenge and has been a staunch advocate for learners of all abilities. Judith has worked incredibly hard in researching and implementing refined teaching methods to allow all students to access the curriculum with confidence. There are so many young people and families who are indebted to the expertise, passion, and commitment Judith has offered during her time at Taieri College. Judith has helped those who have often needed it the most. On behalf of those of us who have been fortunate enough to work alongside Judith I offer our sincere gratitude and best wishes for a happy retirement. Good luck Mrs Taylor.



We also pass on best wishes to Rebecca Fleury who is taking parental leave during Term 3.

Wishing everyone a healthy, safe, and relaxing winter holiday.

Nga mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL



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.

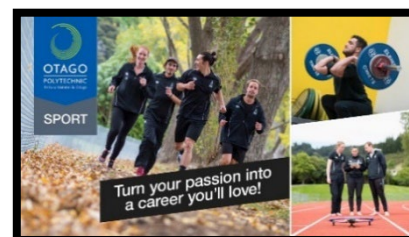
Our Sports Council is always welcoming and very appreciative of any new sponsors wishing to come on board. If you think this is an area you can help, please contact the Sports Office (sport@taieri.school.nz).

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).

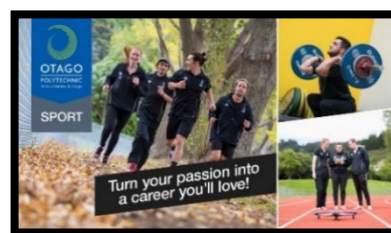
Each MONTH the Sports Council would like to SHOWCASE one of our valued sponsors. Where possible we urge our Taieri College families to support these generous businesses just like they support us.

GOLD SPONSOR OF THE MONTH – The Institute of Sport, Exercise and Health (Otago Polytechnic)

How lucky are we, as a college to have the sponsorship support from the Institute of Sport, Exercise and Health at Otago Polytechnic. This could be where a few of our students may head next year to further their education, likewise, so many of our previous students have attended and studied within the Institute! We even have teachers present now who have gained their degree at the Institute and are putting it to great use here at Taieri College. The students, as part of their sport hours, also attend and support The Sports Council on Golf Day.



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Youth Song Writing Competition

Today, Jenny Petegem Thach 9MH and Jazz Mackie 9MH were presented with their Youth Town NZ Regional Song writing competition certificate. They gained first place in the South Island regional song writing competition. Well done to the both of you, what an amazing achievement.





Enrolments now welcome for 2023

Come for a tour during our **Open Week** 1 to 5 August 2022 to see the college in action. Book on-line at www.taieri.school.nz or email office@taieri.school.nz or telephone 489-3823 for a time.

Sports News

As we reach the end of the term, and halfway through the year, we can reflect on what a great start to the winter sports season we have had. A huge thank you to all the students who have been involved in a sport, whether it's an A team, B team or social team with friends, it has been great to see. Thank you also to the coaches, managers, and supporters our teams have had, we couldn't do it without you! Take the upcoming holiday break to rest and recuperate, getting ready for a big Term 3 which includes school interchanges, and tournament week.

Best of luck to our 9A and 10A netball teams heading to Christchurch these holidays to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools' Junior Development Tournament, and our Year 8 boys basketball heading to Oamaru for the Network Waitaki Tournament. We look forward to hearing how you go.

Co-Ed Tournament

At the end of last week, we had five Taieri College teams competing in the Co-Ed Tournament – Junior Boys Basketball, Junior Girls Basketball, Junior Girls Netball, Boys Football 1st XI and Mixed Hockey 1st XI. Eight schools competed in the event including the five Dunedin co-ed secondary schools, South Otago, Tokomairiro and East Otago. A successful day was had by all of our teams, as Taieri College secured first place in all grades entered. Our students showed great pride, teamwork, and spirit throughout the tournament and did Taieri College proud. A big thank you to our coaches on the day as well as our student netball umpire Hannah Bray.



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