



TAIERI
COLLEGE

Alumni

Taieri College Alumni Quarterly Newsletter

I would like to welcome you all to the Taieri College Alumni first ever newsletter and I am delighted to announce that we now have over 125 members. This is amazing as we have only just gone 'live' with our website and are just about to start spreading the word.

The Alumni idea originated at the Taieri College Sport Council with a group of enthusiastic parents and teachers whose purpose was to promote sport not just at the College but on the Taieri. Originally the concept limped along but approximately 6 months ago myself along with Kerri Kennedy, Sue Brinsdon, Jocelyn Boyes, Caron Hodge and Jan Clark stepped up the pace until finally we have reached launch date. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their effort.

An immense thanks goes to ex-pupil Brent Wenlock of **m-savvy**, his database company in Wellington for creating our website. Your patience and advice to us non computer literates has been fantastic. We couldn't have done it without you.

We hope you will enjoy this...

Kirsty Fiddes

President

FROM PUPIL TO PRINCIPAL



Back Row: G. Page, D. Sutherland, B. Sabiston, T. Miller, M. More, P. Miller, W. Swales
Middle Row: G. Harper, C. Knight, S. Allen, M. Smith, B. Robinson, M. Parker
Front Row: Mr K. Whitson, G. Hook, U. O'Connell, U. Heister (Capt.), A. Carrados, R. Whitson



In August 2013 Otago's largest co-educational school Taieri College was delighted to welcome David Hunter ex pupil as their new principal.

The 27 year journey has taken David to Tauranga Boy's College as a Social Science and Physical education teacher to Head of Physical education at St Kevin's College. It was then on to Roxburgh Area School where David was the deputy principal and on to Maniototo Area School where he was the principal. David has now returned to his home town of Mosgiel with his wife and their children Hamish (11), Billy (9) and Hannah (8).

Taieri College currently has approximately 990 pupils. Starting at Year 7 (Form 1) all the way through to Year 13 (7th form). The college has over 70 teachers and offers an incredible array of subjects ranging from the traditional academic subjects including English, Mathematics and the Sciences to an array of vocational pathways including engineering, hospitality, fashion design, automotive and robotics.

We asked Mr. Hunter to share his vision for the future of Taieri College

Taieri has always been a school for "everybody". We are proudly co-educational and genuinely believe co-education provides a social basis for the future that single sex schools quite simply can't match. Taieri College is a true cross section of the wider Taieri community and we do our utmost to reflect (and react to) the needs of our community. We are a true community College.

Our academic students are well catered for and do exceedingly well. Likewise our vocational students are also well provided for and are well sort after by companies seeking apprentices.

At Taieri, we have 3 very simple expectations of our students.

Firstly we expect them to try hard. We embrace competition at Taieri College and encourage our students to be the best they possibly can.

Secondly we expect them to get on with each other. Not everyone will be your friend but it is important we accept people's differences and celebrate diversity. We enjoy each other's company.

Thirdly we expect Taieri students to use good manners. "Please" and "Thank you" are mandatory at Taieri College. The importance of good manners is never underestimated.

These are simple expectations, yet ones that are easily understood. Living up to these expectations enhances our school culture and makes Taieri College a safe and happy place to be.

Taieri College has a key philosophy. We don't open doors of opportunity for our students, we give students the skill and tools to open the door of opportunity themselves.

The future is looking very bright for Taieri College. I am so pleased that an alumni is being formed and I welcome all ex-students to be part of our exciting future.

*Kind Regards
Dave Hunter
Principal*

David has a strong background in sport playing both Rugby and Cricket at Regional and National level. He has also been involved in coaching. Since his homecoming the old goal posts have been replaced and Mr Hunter has instigated the return of home games for the Taieri College rugby teams. Thus enhancing the spirit of pride that is Taieri College.

A BLOCK

Funding from the Ministry of Education will see a fabulous \$3.1 million state-of-the-art facility replace the current 76 year old A Block. Built in 1938 this building currently includes eight classrooms, library and information centre, as well as the staff room, reception area and administration offices.

A Block has held a special part of the School's history and we would like to invite you to join us on **Sunday 17 August at 1.30pm** to take a last look around, share some memories over a cuppa and laugh at some of the old pictures. Meet in the Library/Information Centre using the Church Street entrance where David Hunter will give a welcome before you can then take 'a walk down memory lane'.



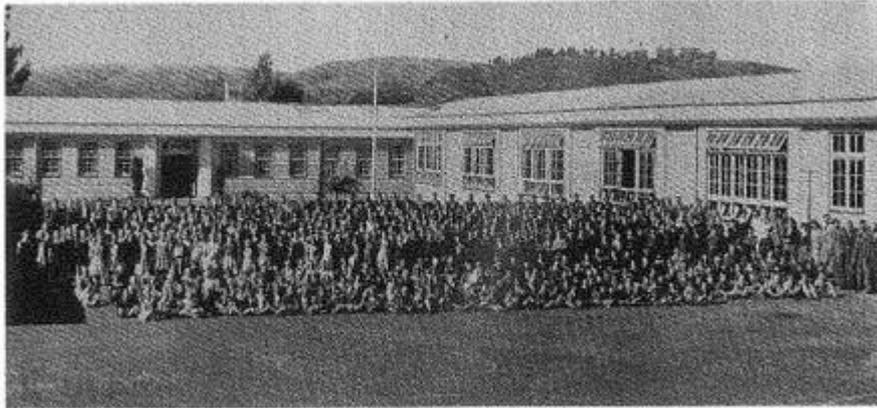
CURRENT TAIERI COLLEGE NEWS

The big news after the last term break would have to be outstanding success of our Year 9 Netballers who triumphed at the South Island Secondary Schools Championships in Christchurch. The girls went through the tournament unbeaten, and we were told, the first school from the Southern Region to pick up the South Island title. A remarkable achievement. Well done to everyone involved, including players, coaches, managers and the committed group of parents who travelled to Christchurch to support the team.



BLAST FROM THE PAST

This was A Block in 1940



The New School — 1940

1980 Athletics Day



1964 Auckland Trip

Auckland Trip for Taieri Pupils

22 August 1964

A party of 38 excited fifth and sixth form Taieri High School pupils left Dunedin airport, Momona, at 10.20 a.m. today for a week's visit to the Papatoetoe High School, Auckland.

The pupils were in a chartered NAC Friendship, accompanied by teachers Mr P. G. Thyne and Miss J. Hunter. For the majority, it was the first time they had visited Auckland and it is the first time the school has undertaken a trip so far afield.

A strong wind at the airport almost stopped their flight this morning and the plane was 20 minutes late leaving while the pilot waited for the wind to abate.

The pupils were farewelled by parents and the head-

master, Mr T. G. Hislop, who said they would be a credit to their school and province.

Last year the Papatoetoe pupils visited Taieri and were shown Dunedin, Otago Central, including the lakes and Coronet Peak, Taieri Plain, the Catlins and South Otago.

The Taieri pupils were to make a short stop at Wellington. They will be billeted with Papatoetoe children. The cost of the trip is £27 for each pupil.

An extensive programme has been arranged and includes industrial trips, a three-day visit to Hamilton, Rotorua, Taupo and Tauranga, a full-day tour of Auckland, a waterfront drive and a hydrofoil trip to the Rangitoto and Waiheke Island holiday resorts. The pupils return at 3 p.m. on Monday week.



Senior Pupils 1955 - last year of Mosgiel District High School



Senior Pupils — 1955

1981 Stationery Shop



Stationery Shop

The Stationery Shop began the year with high hopes of super efficiency - maybe even a little profit. The fact that Mr. Crossan, "a commerce expert" was at the helm and several non seventh formers on the staff, this looked a strong possibility. But whether this was the case is as yet unknown.

However, people involved in this 'slick' operation and who so 'generously' gave up their intervals and lunchtimes so often were: Steven McIntosh, Julie Askin, Kirstin Hocking, Shona Ding, Tanya Black, Robert Tomlinson, Mark Schofield, Duncan Sinclair, Tony Lough, Campbell and Richard Brinsdon, Rhys Cain. Duncan Sinclair must take credit/blame for the organisation of the staff, and regrettably even Mr. Crossan has to get some sort of mention.

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TAI-WI-FUNDI

3-2	Sponge Throw	\$14.00
3-3	Raffle Selling	8.00
3-4	Watermelon Stall	47.00
3-7	Hot Dogs; Candy Floss	90.00
3-8	Fries; Balloons; Pony Rides	174.00
3-9	French Cafe	60.00
	345H Sweets	25.00
4-1	Cakes & Sweet Stall	85.00
4-2	Mini Golf	8.00
4-3	(see 47A House)	(90.00)
4-4	Cosmetics; Creche	15.00
4-7	Treasure Chest; Games of Chance	45.00
4-8	Assisted other stalls	
4-9	Icecream Parlour; Drinks at Sports Days, etc.	340.00
5-1	Car Wrecking; Cake Stall	63.00
5-2	Book Stall	277.00
5-3	Prize Push; Berts	350.00
5-4	Trampoline; Swim Pool; Coin Throw	25.00
5-7	Icecream at Sports; Bed Push	740.00
6-1	Walkathon	61.00
6-2	Microbiolaw; Horror Tunnel	63.00
6-3	Hot Food Stall	47.00
6-4	Pizzas, etc.	84.00
6-5	Mystery Envelopes	234.00
6-6	Bananas dipped in Chocolate	47.00
6-7	Sponsored Bike Ride	263.00
6-8	Milk Shakes	270.00
6-9	Cake Stall	133.00
6-10	Icecream; Cakes; Golf Game; Kat Fun	183.00
7	Torbelle; Food Stall	370.00
88E House	Sweet Stall	: \$40.00
88E House	Raffle Selling	
87A House (+4-3)	Sweets & Drinks	50.00
88H House	Game of Chance	100.00
88H House (+ Hort Pupils Plants)		156.00
88H House	Walkathon	120.00



Total Class & PTA savings - \$7,000 less expenses

If your details change for any reason you can email them to us at alumni@taieri.school.nz and we will update the database.

If you wish to read any of the current Taieri College newsletters please [click here](#).

We hope you enjoy this first edition of our newsletter - if you have any stories of interest or are planning any reunions please let us know at alumni@taieri.school.nz

