Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome to the last newsletter of Term Two. It has been another incredibly busy term with our students actively participating in a myriad of opportunities. The majority of our students are engaging well in the classroom and progressing well academically. Parents and caregivers will be able to see this progress via individual reports that students will bring home after school today. I encourage all parents to read this report carefully as it will provide an accurate reflection from all teachers on current achievement levels. These reports will lead in to an opportunity to meet with teachers during interviews in Week Four next term.

School ‘Open Day Season’ is soon upon us. We are having our Open Day on Sunday 28 July 2019. This is the Sunday after the first week back. I warmly welcome all parents to the afternoon, where we do our best to package and showcase what we have to offer; not easy to do within a couple of hours! I would like to extend an invitation to parents of our current Year 8 students. It is an excellent opportunity to gain an insight into what life is going to be like for your sons and daughters in Year 9. The afternoon begins in the Performing Arts Centre with a Principal’s address at 1.00pm for our prospective Year 7 families, and 2.00pm for our prospective Year 9 families. This is followed by tours of the school and its facilities. If this Sunday doesn’t suit you, please feel free to contact the school office and we will organise a time to visit that is suitable.

Good luck to our junior netballers who are competing in the South Island Secondary Schools’ Junior Tournament in Christchurch during the holidays. The girls have been performing well at a local level and now get the opportunity to test their skills against the top sides across the South Island. All the best.

Finally from me, I would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday. It has been a particularly nasty flu season so far, and I hope our students and staff get a chance to recuperate and reenergise over the next couple of weeks.

Nga mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

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Congratulations to the Taieri College team who finished third in the regional final of EPRO8 which was held at Dunedin North Intermediate on Tuesday night.
Year 7 and 8 Science GATE Evening

On Wednesday night, students who are involved in the Year 7 and 8 Science GATE programme got the chance to present their work to the parents. The Year 7 students have been working on gaining their Science Badge in which they complete tasks to generate 20 stars in a topic of interest. The Year 8 students have been carry out their own scientific investigation towards gaining their My First CREST award from the Royal Society of New Zealand.
A couple of weeks ago, the Year 8 Science GATE group visited the Marine Sciences Centre at Portobello. The focus for the day was on Crusty Superheroes. The students learnt about how crabs can be identified using dichotomous keys. They also had the chance to carry out a shore survey to find out where different crabs were found in relation to the tide. Lastly, in groups the students carried out behaviour experiments with crabs in relation to temperature and pH of the water.

Basketball
All the best to Ella MacKenzie who is going to Auckland to compete in the NZ U17 Basketball Tournament and Danni Thomson, Tessa Milton, Shyah Beattie and Neve Beattie who are also competing in the NZ U15 Basketball Tournament in Tauranga in the holidays. We wish you all the best.

We wish to acknowledge and express our gratitude to the team at Mosgiel New World for donating a weekly box of fruit and food items to provide for our students. This supports their learning immensely and increases their overall engagement at school. It takes a village to raise a child, and this is exactly how we do it in Mosgiel. Big THANKS to Mosgiel New World!
Manu Korero

On Thursday 13 June 2019 Taieri College hosted the Otago/Southland Regional Ngā Manu Kōrero Secondary Schools’ Speech Competitions in our new Performing Arts Centre. We held a pōwhiri to welcome all of the schools with a karanga (call), speeches, waiata and haka.

Savannah Simon represented Taieri College in the Junior English (Korimako) section (Year 9-10) with her speech “My culture is more than a performance”. Well done and thank you to everyone who was involved organising this special occasion.
Sport Report

Over the course of Term Two there have been many students excelling in individual and team sporting events. Most recently Zharna Beattie and Ethan Walker were lucky enough to be involved in the New Zealand Athletics team that travelled to the Oceania Athletics Competition, which involves countries from the Oceania continent. Zharna placed 5th in discus and 7th in shot put and Ethan placed 3rd in javelin, which is an amazing achievement. Another individual achievement was from our cross-country runners where Laura Bungard placed 1st in the Otago Cross Country Championships and 29th at the New Zealand Secondary schools. Jenna Prendergast placed 3rd in Otago and 25th at New Zealand Secondary Schools.

Representative team sports are kicking into action with many of our netballers making it into a range of Dunedin Representative Netball teams. The following players made it into these teams. U14A - Danni Thompson, Olivia Ellis, Tessa Milton, U14B - Neve Beattie, U15A - Camryn Tizard, Ella Mackenzie, Holli Bannister-Russell, Shinae Stanley, U15B – Piper Smith, Shyah Beattie.

Trey Russell is away to the Trans Tasmin U18 trial for touch in the holidays and we wish him the best of luck.

Our school hockey teams are doing really well this term. Our girls’ team is playing in Division One and improving in every game, winning some and losing narrowly to teams that have been in Division One for many years. Our boys 1st XI is placed top of the table so far, and our mixed team is improving and playing hard all the time. All of our Year 7&8 teams are having lots of fun in the Friday night competition. These senior teams are in build up for the South Island Secondary Schools Tournaments. Our boys are going to Ashburton for the Coaches Cup and the girls are going to Cromwell for the Jenny McDonald Cup. We also have 11 Otago representative players in this team so a huge congratulations goes to the following ; U13 – Briar Dale, Hannah Hunter, Georgia Mc Hutchon and Charlotte Va’afusua, U13 Girls Development Team – Olivia Carter and Keira Wallace will be named in one of these teams to be confirmed, U13 Hatch Boys – Finn Wilson, Train on Player U13 Boys Development Team – William Samuels, U15 boys – Ollie MacKenzie, U15 Development Team – Lily Miller and Sophie Gallivan, Southern U18 Womens Team and Development Team – Jordan Miller and Mackenzie Miller.

One of our awesome para athletes Dylan Lloyd is attending the New Zealand Wheelchair Rugby Tournament in Wellington during July. Four Otago players have joined to play in the Canterbury team for this tournament.

Recently Taieri College competed in the annual Co-ed tournament with all the Dunedin co-ed schools, involving sports such as basketball, netball, hockey, football, curling and badminton. Taieri placed 2nd in basketball, netball and hockey and got 5th in badminton. Overall some good results across the board placing Taieri College in 3rd for the tournament placing.

Our 10A and 9A netball teams are travelling to Christchurch in the first week of these holidays to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools Junior Netball Tournament. These teams have competed very well and placed highly in the past. We wish them all the best including our awesome umpires, coaches and managers. We look forward to hearing results.

For the first season Taieri College XV rugby players have paired up with the other Co-ed schools in Dunedin, to become a more competitive side. So far the team has had a rough start to the season, however they had a solid victory versus one of the stronger sides, Waitaki Boys’. After having close loses and a draw they look to finish the season on a high when the grade splits.

The Year 7 and 8 boys Miniball team are heading to Oamaru during these holidays to compete in the North Otago Invitational Basketball tournament. Good luck to these boys, go hard.
Lincoln University will be holding an Open Day on Friday 19 July from 9.30am – 4.00pm.
Register to attend Open Day and you will have the chance to win one of four Extreme Smartwatches.
To register go to: https://www.lincolnevents.ac.nz/event
You can download the Open Day app called Attendee Hub. You will be able to check-in on the day using the app as well get all the info you need, and even give live feedback.
It’s going to be a fun day filled with presentations (sessions are on the website), campus and accommodation tours, and students can get all of their questions about studying at Lincoln answered. You can even apply to study here on the day.
And don’t forget the food trucks and entertainment, and an opportunity to plant a tree.

WiE CAN 2020
Women in Engineering Residential Programme

Date: 19-23 January 2020
Location: College of Engineering, University of Canterbury, Christchurch (view map)
Eligibility: Open to female students completing Year 12 in 2019 at a New Zealand high school.
Cost: FREE! We will cover all programme, accommodation and food costs. A $100 travel grant will also be provided to anyone travelling from outside Canterbury.
Featuring hands-on sessions, inspiring presentations, and fun social activities, this is the perfect opportunity for Year 12 female students to explore the limitless opportunities offered in engineering.
Applications are now open and close Friday 16 August 2019. Spaces limited to 60 students.
For further information go to:
https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/engineering/information-for-schools/wie-can/
Junior Speech Finals

Term 2 has seen our Year 7 and 8 students hard at work writing and crafting prepared speeches. Their inter-form class competition was held on Tuesday. Well done to all participants and high praise to the winners.

Year 7
1st – Simone Letts 7HU – Plastics should be banned
2nd – Emma Johnston 7RL – We need stricter rules on social media
3rd – Rachel Waters 7HU – Child beauty pageants need to be banned
4th – Victoria Amende 7NJ – People should be fined for littering
5th – Keira Hughes 7RL – Support the teachers
6th = Chicane Woodward 7CH – Cities should have free public wi-fi
6th = Amber Dawson 7CH – School should start later than 9am

Year 8
1st – Kate Coates 8WO – What my mother has taught me
2nd – Maisie Kirk 8BL – The impact of plastic on the environment
3rd – Olivia Smith 8BL – Animal testing
4th – Alexis Watt 8WN – Why we need a TK canteen
5th – Keira Wallace 8FY – Why I love stars
6th – Anika Chettleburgh 8VP – Animal experimentation

At Year 9 and 10 students have been working on impromptu speaking skills. They too have been busy developing their ideas on the spot and polishing their delivery techniques. Well done to all students who represented their form classes and congratulations to the winners.

Year 9
1st – Ella-Grace Coufret 9CJ – Internet is a time-waster
2nd – Leo Burkett 9HM – Life is what you make it
3rd – Nadia McCutcheon 9GT – People who don’t try don’t succeed
4th – Daniel Ruthven 9WM – Books vs TV
5th – Ollie Kelliher 9GT – Computer games are dangerous
6th = Sophie Letts 9NE – Home cooking is the best
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Year 10
1st – Lily Miller 10TA – Young people care too much about fashion
2nd = Edith Lawrence 10ES – Protests cause more harm than good
2nd = Savannah Simon 10M – Health is more important than money
4th – Maggie Hunt 10TM – Grandparents had life easier
5th – Leah Dixon 10TA – We should not tell children lies about the Easter Bunny
6th – Olivia Wilkinson 10TA – Animal testing

Farm Machinery Centre
Young Writers’ Awards 2019

Take this opportunity to showcase your writing skills and enter this year’s Young Writers’ Awards. Are you the next literary genius who will make millions selling your work for books, film scripts or even award winning song lyrics?

There are six categories: Poems, Short Stories, Drama Script, Article/Essay, Research Project and Children’s Book. Entries will be due to the English Department near the end of Term 3. Winners are invited to a Literary Luncheon in Term Four to celebrate their achievements.

Year Seven Vision Screening

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health, Southern District Health will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision on Wednesday 24th July.

- Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)
  This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.
  (Not required if child wears glasses/ or is currently under care for their vision)

If you do not wish your child to be screened, please fill out the opt-out slip and return to the school office.

YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING OPT – OUT OPTION.

If you do not wish your child to be included in the Year 7 Vision Screening Programme. Please return this slip to the school office prior to our visit.

Students Name: __________________________ Formclass: __________________

Parents/Legal Guardian
Signature: ________________________________

Reason (Optional):
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Auction Night

Sat 31st August
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Supper Provided
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THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for everyone who are billeting our International group in July. If you are interested in doing more in the future please get in touch with us.

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Tue 9th July from 1.30 – 4.00pm.
Workshop 2: Creating 3-D Cartoons Using Clay & Balloons
Wed 10th July from 1.30 – 4.00pm.

Ideal student age: 6 – 11 years. But all ages / abilities will be considered. Each class is limited to 16 students.
No previous drawing experience necessary.

Cost: $50 per child (per class).
ALL basic art materials & afternoon tea provided.
Discounts will be offered to parents / caregivers on low incomes or repeat / multiple bookings.
Contact Brent (via email) for more details. References are also available on request.

Workshop Venue: Central Dunedin. To be confirmed.

HOW TO BOOK:
To book & secure a place, please deposit fee into bank account below. Include your mobile number & child’s name as a reference. Send Brent a confirmation email
(including name & workshop your child would like to attend).

Once payment has been received by Brent’s bank, your booking will be confirmed by return email.

Bank Details: Brent Harpur, Westpac ac#: 030887 0011287 00

For more info about Brent & his classes, please visit
theblindambibliontour.blogspot.com

Facebook: Drawing On The Light Side - Cartoon Classes

Brent will also be running an evening class for Adults in late July.
More details coming to his Facebook Page VERY SOON!!

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