



Kia ora tatou

From the 2020 school year, Decile 1-7 state and state-integrated schools have been given the choice of receiving \$150 government funding per student, per year payment if they agree not to ask parents and caregivers for donations that contribute towards curriculum costs. The Taieri College Board of Trustees have diligently examined the impact of undertaking the government's recently advertised \$150 school donation scheme and after careful consideration have decided to defer their decision until the end of next year. This means it will be business as usual for us. The tax deductible contribution we ask of whanau is \$100 per year (\$25 per term) plus exclusive curriculum contributions eg. to cover materials for technology, field trips etc. It is the Board's view that without parents actively paying the voluntary contribution then the breadth and quality of our curriculum delivery will be significantly affected. We are proud of the variety of opportunities we currently offer our students and at this point in time don't have the desire to reduce those opportunities. If parents and whanau have any queries around the Board's decision, please feel free to contact me at the college.

Despite the adverse weather conditions, several Year 9 and 10 students have enjoyed this week's junior sports tournament week, organised by Otago Secondary Schools' Sports Association. The focus of the activities was "having a go" and the feedback I have received from those who participated was very positive. Thank you to the staff and helpers who accompanied our teams during the week.



Thank you also to the families of incoming 2020 students who attended our recent Year 7 and 9 information meetings. These meetings are about sharing "nuts and bolts" information about students' first year at Taieri College. It was a pleasure to meet several of our new families and look forward to them joining our community next year.

Noho ora mai

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

25 November

Year 11 Clearance Day
Year 9 Agriculture visiting
Bees trip

25-28 November

South Island Volleyball
Championships

26-27 November

DoE Tramp - Silverpeaks

26 November

Year 12 Clearance Day

27 November

Year 10 Ag Trip
Year 12 Leadership Training
Day

28 November

Year 13 Clearance Day
Year 13 Leavers'
Ceremony 7pm

29 November – 4 December

DoE Tramp – Rees/Dart

2 December

9wm Orokonui Trip

3 December

Year 7/8 Big Day In
Year 9/10 Big Day Out
Peer Mediation Training
Day

5 December

Year 7-8 Prizegiving 9.30am
in the Performing Arts
Centre
Year 9-10 Prizegiving
11.00am in the Performing
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Last day of Term Four



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Taieri College Sport Council

On behalf of the Sport Council I would like to sincerely thank all the students, parents and teaching staff for answering our calls for help with food donations, manual help and donations towards our raffles and auction; we are truly grateful. Thank you to Hayden Robertson, our star golfer taking shots for those who wished for him to do so during the day on one of the holes and to Steve Quinn our annual auctioneer who has the ability to get \$60 for a four pack of toilet paper, hence why our auction was a huge success, and I must add, fun.

I would also like to make special mention to our hard working Sport Council Committee. Golf day is a big gig to get off the ground and many hours have been poured in to the organising of this event. Your efforts have just been rewarded with our best result dollar wise in the last four years!



We rely heavily on the generosity of our community helping us with sponsorship and donations. I would like to pay thanks to the below businesses who donated auction items and were hole sponsors on the day; your support and generosity is really appreciated.

Thanks to: Blaire @ Cramond and Craig, David @ Braveheart, Steve @ Johnson Forestry Services, Gary @ All Septic & Drainage, Craig @ Scott Machinery Ltd Otago, John @ Norwood's Farm Machinery Centre, Gareth @ South Dunedin Warehouse, Jon @ Carters Dunedin, Kippy @ DC Ford, Taryn @ The Little Biscuit Company, Graeme @ Southair Limited, Chris @ Mitre10 Mega, Philip @ Gordon Road Vehicle Services, John @ Aon NZ, Henry @ Resene, Trish @ Super Liquor Mosgiel, Kathy @ Mosgiel Tavern, Tim @ Crediflex, Switchboard, Steve @ Otago Electrical & Communications, Malc @ Trademax, Lee @ Rumah Mosgiel, Mark @ Otago Skylights & Heating, Gary @ The Institute of Sport Exercise & Health, Rodger & Cindy @ Janefield Paeonies, Jo and Jack @ Mosgiel New World, Mark & Brent @ Otago Sports Depot, Otago Cricket, Paul @ Taieri Lakes Golf Course, Cromwell Golf Course, The Gate Hotel Cromwell, The Williams family, The O'Connell family, The Fright family & Downes Showcase Jewellers Mosgiel, Taieri College rugby boy's, Adam Letts, The Guthrie family.

As the school year looms closer to finishing on behalf our Sports Council I would like to congratulate all our sporting people, coaches, managers and supporters, we have had some great team & individual successes for 2019.

Enjoy the summer and have a safe & festive season!
Jan Fright
Chairperson, Sports Council.

Year 9 Scholarships 2020

Year 8 students who are wishing to apply for Year 9 Scholarships at Taieri College for 2020 are reminded that these need to be in to the office by 30 November 2019. Please either download the application form from our website or collect your application forms from the office for all categories - Academic, Sporting, Performing Arts.

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8KJ and 8FY Camp

Cabins and Travel - Jessica Lynch

With an early 8:15 school day the day was off to a bright and chirpy start. Surprisingly the bus ride there wasn't as rowdy and energetic as expected, and we in fact spent most of our time sleeping or chatting quietly. With the first quick pit stop of the day at Middlemarch we quickly got back on and headed for Alexandra. Most of us were amazed by the swings and the merry-go-round at the park, and I'm sure that most of us were a little dizzy after all the spinning. An hour and a half of Murray's carpool karaoke we had arrived at the camp. With most of us going to sleep at 12:00, we were dreading the next day's activities and 7:00AM morning start. But sadly, all good things must someday come to an end, and by 10:00AM on Friday morning we were setting off to go home.



Food and Chores - Diaan Pieterse

The first night at camp we had burgers and sausages right by the lake. It was a very calm and relaxing for the first night there.

The second day at breakfast we had toast and a variety of cereals. We put together our own lunch which you get to choose from each day. That night we had pies, wedges and ice cream for dessert. The breakfast stayed basically the same for the rest of the week. On Wednesday night we had Nachos and salad and ice cream for dessert.

On Thursday the breakfast stayed the same and we made ourselves a good lunch and headed off to get ready for the rest of the day. After that for our last night at camp we had roast chicken, peas, potato bake, salad and ambrosia.

We all got sorted into duty groups which we did mostly everything together. The chores were different for each duty group, but each group got a turn to do them. This included dishes, food prep, toilet cleaning and campground cleaning.

Activities - Charlotte Hodge

Every day we did an activity. Monday was just settling in and getting used to routine. But on Tuesday we were straight into it, doing a three hour walk along the Arrowtown river, mostly uphill or downhill. We were

extremely tired by the end of it. Halfway we stopped for a rest, and a few people walked up a slope to witness the amazing panoramic views and find a geocache.

Wednesday was Lake Hayes Day. Our duty groups were our rotation groups and we had several different rotations to get through. These were: Raft Building, Cooking, Kayaking, Fishing and a seven-kilometre bike around the Lake Hayes before going back to camp to relax.

Thursday was eventful and exhausting. First a day trip to the Queenstown botanical gardens where we started off by ice skating for a good hour or two. After slipping and sliding, most of us got the hang of it and were gliding across the ice. After that a scavenger hunt around the gardens arranged by a helpful parent, then we went back to camp ready for rest.

Overall it was a wonderful experience that will influence us for years to come. This camp will be one of the greatest memories we will recall. Everyone had fun and will no doubt be excited for our next camp, in Year 10. For all of us camp was a very tiring experience but for sure one that we will forever remember. We all tried so many amazing new things that we

would have never thought in a million years that we would be doing. We also got to grow as well as form a better relationship with lots of our other students. All of the late night talks and pushing people into lakes was, in the end all worth it.

By Charlotte Hodge,
Diaan Pieterse and
Jessica Lynch.
All of 8KJ



Thank You

Our Year 7&8 Kapa Haka group helped the Mosgiel Rotary Club move hundreds of boxes of books for their annual book sale. A generous and kind donation of \$1000 was presented last week by the Mosgiel Rotary Club president Mike Lord and President Elect Graeme Watson, after being welcomed by a waiata and haka. Thank you to the Mosgiel Rotary Club.



Accounts

Statements have been issued this week showing the remaining balance on your account. **Prompt payment of the total owing would be appreciated by the end of term 4 please.**

If you have a query about your account please email accounts@taieri.school.nz or phone the Finance Office extn 206 or extn 129. Payment can be made by internet banking to our Westpac bank account number 03-1725-0106800-00 or by cash/efpos at the office.

Thank you

Football News

We wish both Erin Dickie and Reagan Potter all the best for their upcoming football trip. On Sunday 24 November 2019 they will depart along with two others from the South Island, accompanied by Dunedin Football Academy coach, Malcolm Fleming, for a 17 day tour of England and Scotland. They will link up with ten other players from Australia in Dubai, on their way to Manchester. As a build up, (back in September), both Erin and Reagan attended an intensive four day Oceania National Camp in Southport, Australia, run by the West Ham United Academy. Once they are in the United Kingdom, the girls will participate in professional coaching sessions, and play games against other club academies. They will be "under the spotlight" of selectors. They will also experience V.I.P tours of the well known football stadiums, attend five top flight Champions League matches, and enjoy sightseeing around England and Scotland. Certainly the experience of a lifetime for them.



Erin with coaches (above) at the West Ham United Oceania Academy National Camp, and (below) with Reagan Potter, who also attended - in Southport, Australia, September 2019

Music Workshop

On Wednesday 20 November 2019 the Year 9 Performance Music class travelled to the University of Otago to partake in a series of workshops. First up was Japanese Taiko Drumming. This was a new experience for all who enjoyed learning different beats on the large and loud Taiko drums. Thank you to Henry Johnson for taking this fun workshop!

The students then split into groups for workshops on their various instruments taken by University Contemporary music tutors - David Harrison, Arlie McCormack, and Carl Woodward. Students enjoyed learning different and new things on drums, voice and guitar.





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