



Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to Term Four. I trust that everyone has had a safe and relaxing holiday in preparation for what will be a short, but very full term.

During the holidays a group of Year 10 students, accompanied by Karen Rosevear and Siale Tunoka embarked on a wonderful journey to visit our sister school Qibao Number 2 School in China. David Hunter left to join them on Wednesday to celebrate the fifth anniversary of our sister school agreement. We expect to see them all return to us next week.

This week has also seen our students begin to think ahead to next year as they have been asked about their preferred subjects for 2020. Thank you to the parents and caregivers of the 200 plus students who attended our course confirmation interviews on Wednesday and Thursday evenings. The process has been an ideal way for valuable conversations between the school, student and caregivers to help students choose subjects and courses that are best suited to their abilities, needs and future ambitions. I am aware that many young people are not certain of their future career path and encourage these students to choose a course that keeps as many options open as possible. If you have further questions about course selection, or were unable to attend the recent interviews, please feel free to contact the college to engage in further discussion around subject choices for next year.

I would also like to congratulate Emma Cunningham and Rachel Cunningham on their outstanding results in the recent National Schools MTB Championships, held at Signal Hill during the holidays. Emma was placed 1st overall in the female U20 grade while Rachel was placed 3rd overall in the U16 female section. They are both extremely talented mountain bike riders and thoroughly deserved their awards.



Next week we celebrate the first of a number of prestigious award ceremonies with our annual Blues Awards function where we acknowledge the outstanding achievements of our students in the Academic, Performing Arts and Sporting arenas. Also next week is the Literary Luncheon where the English Department recognise the achievements of our budding writers and authors. My congratulations to the recipients of all these awards.

Noho ora mai

Brenton Hackath
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

22 October
Special Olympics
Swimming

23 October
Mufti Day – gold coin
donation – proceeds to
Starship

24 October
Blues Award Ceremony
7pm in the Performing Arts
Centre
Literary Luncheon

28 October
**College Closed – Labour
Day**

29 October
Itinerant Music Workshop
Year 8/9/10 Marae Trip
International Student
Function

1 November
Senior Prizegiving –
Performing Arts Centre
- Year 11 4.45pm
- Years 12-13 7.00pm
Manu Pounamu Awards
Year 8 HPV Vaccinations

4-15 November
Year 7 Swimming
Programme

4-8 November
Year 8 Camp – 8WO, 8VP,
8PH to Queenstown

**12 November – Teacher
Only Day – College Closed**

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Accounts

Statements have been issued this week showing the current balance on your account. We would appreciate full payment of the balance owing including all sports fees for winter codes which are now well overdue.

All students have been charged \$20 for a school magazine which is distributed at the end of the term. If you do not want to receive this magazine, or only want one copy for your family, please let us know and we will remove the charge. **Immediate payment is required to confirm your order for this magazine.**

Payment can be made by internet banking or automatic payments to our Westpac bank account number **03 1725 0106800 00**, by eftpos/cash at reception or by cash using the envelope system at the office.

When making payment by internet banking/automatic payments it is very important to include the student's name as the reference. If the payment is for a specific cost (eg. magazine) please note this also in the reference. You can also quote the student's ID number which is printed on the statement (to the left of their name).

If you have a query about your account please email accounts@taieri.school.nz or phone the Finance Office extn 206 or extn 129.

Please note that financial assistance is available in some cases so if you have any concerns at all about payment please don't hesitate to phone the College on 489 3823 and speak to Ms Hutchison (extn 136).

You can view your account at any time by logging in to the Taieri College Kamar site via our website and selecting the Taieri College useful links tab.

Thank you.

Annual School Magazine \$20

We are taking payment now for our annual school magazine which is distributed at the end of the year. This is a 270 page colour printed A4 magazine which records the activities throughout the school year and includes form class and sports team photos.

All students have been invoiced \$20 for this magazine but if you do not want a copy, or only want one copy per family please email accounts@taieri.school.nz to have this charge removed.

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Taieri's Got Talent 2019

This year, for the first time in several years, saw the return of the Taieri's Got Talent competition. For many years the competition could not be held due to lack of a venue after the school hall burnt down. This year we have had the privilege of being able to use the new Performing Arts Centre and this has allowed us to showcase some of our school's amazing talent.

Sign-ups and auditions were held in the first half of the term. During this process we had the difficult task of selecting finalists from 30 acts that had put their names forward. The finals were held on the last day of Term 3 where we saw performances from eleven acts, four in the junior category and seven in the senior category. The show started at the beginning of Break 2 and went through until the end of Period 5. Year 7 and 8 students made up the audience during Period five and during Break 2 we opened the doors for anyone who wanted to come and watch.

Mr Mac was the wonderful mc and Mrs Leonard; Mr Williams and Miss van Plateringen were the guest judges. First place was awarded to dancer, Kate Coates (Junior) and the band, Velvet Strings (Senior), with second place going to the band Exclamation Mark (Junior) and Josh Glennie and Ashlee Maxwell (Senior) who performed as a duo.

It was wonderful to see variety in the performances, both in the finals and the auditions. Students from every year level auditioned and acts included dancers, musicians and sketch comedians.



Commerce Department News

One of the most memorable activities Year 10 Economics students undertake is to invest an imaginary legacy of \$10,000 in shares in a selection of the major companies listed on the New Zealand Stock Exchange. Eight weeks later, on the final day of Term 3, the students find out how much their \$10,000 parcel of shares is worth. This year August and September were largely a bull (rising) market so most students ended up with more money than they had started with. The winning student managed to grow their portfolio by just over \$2,000, a staggering 20% return on their money. Their secret was to have one of the bank shares (ANZ or Westpac), a power company (Trustpower, Meridian or Contact), fast-food operator Restaurant Brands and healthcare technology developer Fisher and Paykel. Companies that let the students down included the most expensive share in the game, Mainfreight, and the cinema software developer, Vista, both of which dropped by more than \$2 a share, and Z Energy. Key lessons the students learnt were to spread the risk by buying shares in at least five companies, so that the rising shares hopefully outweighed the losing ones, and that shares are a medium to long term investment. The market has been very volatile lately and many students were shocked to find a day after their purchase decisions that almost all their portfolios had plunged overnight into negative territory (though most did recover fairly quickly).

Another major Term 3 activity for Year 10 Economists was their homework research project in which they test four hypotheses drawn from an Australian documentary about television marketing of fatty fast foods and sugary drinks and sweets to children and teenagers. With the possibility of a sugar tax being debated in the news media as a response to the childhood obesity issue, this research task was extremely relevant. Although the students had differing results, depending on which programmes they watched on which channels, many collected data sets which confirmed the key Australian prediction (that fast food would be marketed more during children and teenagers' viewing times than during adult viewing hours). The Excellence level projects were entered this year in the Young Writers' Awards competition and the Commerce Department staff were delighted to learn that two of the reports were among the prize-winners.

Taieri College - Young Writers' Awards

The following students are invited to attend the Literary Luncheon on Thursday 24 October 2019 in the Library. A light afternoon tea will be provided during Period 4 and Break 2.

Years 7-8

Alex Dawson-Brown 7RL
Aria Holgate 8VP
Ashley Bennett 7NJ
Brianna Westgate 7HU
Briar Dale 8BL
Charlotte Hodge 8KJ
Cody Masters 7HU
Ella Aitken 8VP
Emma Simpson 8KJ
Erika Reid 8WN
Harrison Jopson 8WN
Hayley McHale 7MR
Isaac Sinclair 8WN
Isabella Ramsay 7NJ
Jaxan Hannigan 8WN
Jessica Lynch 8KJ
Keira Hughes 7RL
Keira Wallace 8FY
Lachie Wilden 7HU
Niamh Clark 7NJ
Olivia Adie 8PH
Rachel Waters 7HU
Sarah Evans 7MR
Simone Letts 7HU
Sophie Tizard 8WN
Tessa Bishell 8KJ
Tyla Stanley 7NJ
Tyler Little 8WN

Years 9-10

Abbey Dawson-Brown 9NE
Aria Griffith 10TM
Campbell Baker 10TM
Catlin Stewart 9NE
Edith Lawrence 10ES
Emily Evans 9NE
Erica Wilden 10TA
Gabby Woodcock 9NE
Georgia Baines 9NE
Gina McQueen-Richards 10GS
Jessie Yee 9CJ
Keisha Hollands 9NE
Mackenzie Sinclair 10KG
Matilda Alcock 9NE
Olivia Wilkinson 10TA
Philippa King 9NE
Sophie Letts 9NE
Thomas Gibson 9NE
Zara Deans 10TM

Years 11-13

Amy Lawrence 12DK
Brooke McIver 13MD
Cameron Stewart 11CL
Danya Kerr 13SU
Elizabeth Horner 13BC
Emma Jackson 11MC
Hayley O'Connell 13CN
Jacob Smith 11HX
Jemma Howard 12ST
Kate Fahey 11MN
Katrina McHale 13BC
Keziah Woodcock 11WG
Laurie Jenkins 12WL
Leah Peldmanis 13BC
Lorraine Ruka 13MD
Macy Bisset 13SU
Meaghan Christensen 11MC
Mia Warman 13CN
Michael Wade 13HS
Paige Barford 12WL
Paris McFadden 12GO
Sara Hall 11FG
Shaniah Amende 13CN
Shiann Vince 12GB
Tabitha Littlejohn 12MB
Tylah Harris 13BC
Zac Henry 13SU

Wrestling Championships

This weekend Jalen Forgie, Cameron Lord, Isaac Sinclair, Kobe Fraser and Nixon Burns will all be attending the NZ Wrestling Nationals in Hamilton. They are travelling with a team of 12 wrestlers and have all worked extremely hard throughout the year. With competitors from all over country, they will have some tough bouts. Hopefully all the hard work they have put in will be rewarded with some good results.



We wish them all the best and look forward to hearing how they get on.

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