Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome to Term Three! I trust everyone had a restful and relaxing holiday and ready to approach the new term with energy and enthusiasm.

The highlight of the holidays was the stunning performance from our junior netballers at the South Island Championships in Christchurch during the first week of the holidays. Our Year 9 team competed well during the week and ended up finishing a creditable 8th in their competition. Our Year 10 team avenged their semi-final defeat in 2018 with a hard fought win over St Margaret’s in this year’s semi-final. This gave them the right to take on Christchurch Girls’ in the final. Eventually our girls asserted their dominance and came away with a well-deserved nine goal victory. Congratulations to everyone involved, including players, coaches, managers and supporters.

Our football lads completed their season with an excellent 5-3 win in their final over Bayfield High School on Wednesday. After three early Taieri goals, Bayfield fought their way back into the game to close things up. Taieri held its nerve and eventually prevailed as deserving winners. Javier Langley dominated the score sheet by scoring four of the Taieri goals.

We are on the countdown to opening night for Taieri College’s musical. The cast have been rehearsing regularly and are on track for their three day season beginning on Thursday 8 August 2019. The production is a spoof on “High School Musical” and will showcase the amazing talent we have across the performing arts. Tickets can be purchased from the school office for those who wish to enjoy a fun filled evening of music and humour.

Our 2019 Taieri College Open Day is this Sunday. This year we are doing things slightly differently in terms of arrangements. Our prospective Year 7 students will meet at the Performing Arts Centre at 1.00pm and will subsequently begin their tour of the college. For the secondary component of our Open Day (mainly prospective Year 9 students), we are meeting in the Performing Arts Centre at 2.00pm and will have a college tour after my introduction. The tour will involve a visit to the variety of curriculum and subject areas that make up the secondary component of Taieri College. I extend a warm welcome to our current Year 8 students and families to the Performing Arts Centre at 2.00pm if they wish to see what Year 9 is going to look like for them. For families who cannot make Open Day, yet wish to find out more about Year 9, please contact the College Office and I will be happy to organise a personal tour for you.

Nga mihi nui
Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

| Key Dates |
|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 28 July   | Taieri College Open Day         |
| 30 July   | Science Fair – Years 7 and 9    |
| 31 July   | Rippa Rugby Regional Finals     |
| 2 August  | James Hargest Interchange (at Taieri) |
| 8-10 August | Taieri College Production – Tickets on sale at the college office |
| 9 August  | Years 7 and 8 Cross Country     |
| 13-14 August | Parent/Teacher Interviews      |
Absence Procedure

A reminder to all parents/caregivers regarding student’s signing in and out at the College Office during the school day; a note or telephone call is required explaining your student’s absence. There is also a dedicated message line on our telephone system for absences, please telephone 489 3823 and press 4.

If you are leaving a message on our automated service, please provide a specific reason for the absence. The MOE has a coding system for absences and any absences that are unexplained must be coded as truant. If any parent/caregiver leaves a message that simply says that their child won’t be in without any reason this will need to be coded as truant.

Unwell Students Procedure

If during the course of the day your young person becomes unwell, they are to come to the College Office first where they will be assessed by the office staff. Parents/caregivers will then be contacted.

Students should not text or telephone parents; the Office will organise this as students need to be signed out on the Enrol System, which is part of MOE guidelines. Thank you.

Office Hours 8.00am – 4.00pm

Year 11 Geography Taieri Plain Field Trip

At the end of last term 55 Year 11 Geography students boarded a bus for a field trip around the Taieri Plain. We were looking at how sustainable different land uses on the plain were. The students discovered that if every human on earth consumed resources like we do, we would need more than two earths to survive. This was a real wakeup call! We also saw the huge number of new subdivisions that are being built on very good quality farmlands and having a significant impact on the hydrology of the plain. One of our stops was Sinclair Wetlands where Glen shared disturbing information on how humans have drained over 90% of our wetlands and provided us with simple solutions to improving water quality such as planting trees and fencing out livestock. It wasn’t all talking and sitting on a bus. We rolled up our sleeves and helped reduce our carbon footprints by planting native trees which will hopefully long outlive us and provide a habitat for unique wildlife. Thanks to everyone who helped make this a great day out and a special thanks to Glen at Sinclair Wetland for educating us. Feel free to take a walk through the wetlands and find our new plants.
Introducing our new Mandarin Teacher

My name is Zhengnan Shen, English name is Nadia Shen. I come from Shanxi Province, China, it’s a beautiful place, welcome to my hometown. I like hiking, singing, cooking, travelling, calligraphy, writing and poems. My major is Teaching Chinese as an International Language in The Education University of Hong Kong.

I am a passionate and patient girl. I want to apply my acquired knowledge and experience by teaching students to learn effectively and happily in school. I hope that through Chinese teaching, students here can understand China, understand Chinese characters, and understand Chinese culture. I want to experience New Zealand’s Maori culture, want to meet friends here, and also to experience the beautiful scenery here.

Taieri College Student Council Corner

Welcome back for Term Three! We are planning on re-launching Taieri’s Got Talent which has not taken place for several years now. If you or someone you know has something they would like to possibly do for the talent competition, we would love to see them come out and audition. Auditions will be coming up very soon, so keep an eye on the notices to find out specific dates and times.

On another note, Mr Fuss has designed a new badge for the Student Council Executive, which we are happy to now be proudly wearing. Remember, if you see us around the school feel free to talk to us, we would love to hear from you.

Student Council Executive

Football News

Over the school holidays Green Island Football club sent an Under 12 girls football team to compete in the Alan Fraser memorial cup in Kaiapoi. The girls placed first overall in their grade and were the only Dunedin team in their grade. Well done girls.

Back row: Brooklyn Middleditch, Kate Burkett, Laura Thomas
Front row: Josie Bennie, Sequoia Lyall, Brooklyn McLeod

Junior/Youth Darts Nationals

In the holidays I travelled to Hastings to represent Otago at the Junior/Youth Darts Nationals coming first place for the New Zealand Youth Girls Singles and Pairs as part of a tournament team competing against other New Zealand Youth Girls teams, as well as competing against my pair Nicole Wallace.

Rabekah Mowat
On Sunday 8 July 2019 the Taieri College 9A and 10A netball teams travelled up to Christchurch to take part in the South Island Tournament. This tournament has 32 schools competing in each of three grades over three days. We were extremely lucky to have fine weather for the whole three days and both teams started off on the first day winning all their games to go top of their respective pools to advance to the top 16 teams. Day Two saw the competition get harder as again we were put into four pools to find out the quarter finalists. The 9A team had a stunning win over St Andrew’s and a narrow loss to Nelson Girls’ to put them in a quarter final clash with St Hilda’s 9A the last game of Day Two. Unfortunately we sustained a loss to halt our advance and put us in the 5th to 8th bracket on Wednesday.

The Year 10 A and current Otago Champions made short work of their two remaining pool games on Tuesday against St Hilda’s and Nelson Girls’ to set up a quarter final with Marlborough Girls’. The girls cruised through this game winning by 21 goals to set up a semi-final with St Margaret’s College on Wednesday morning whom they lost to in the semi-finals last year. The Year 9 team was on court at breakfast time playing Columba College on Wednesday morning. While they put up a good fight for three quarters of the game, they faded in the last quarter to go down. This put them into the playoff for 7th and 8th against Mt Aspiring. With a few injury niggles flaring up, all the team got a good run and we finished up in 8th spot. This was great result for the tournament rookies.

Our Year 10 team was top billing on Centre Court at 9.30 against St Margaret’s who have dominated this grade in Canterbury all season, and we came out the winner with our girls playing a skilful game that exerted pressure from the get go. They rattled St Margaret’s and after being two down at quarter time and even at half time, found another gear and went into the final quarter with a good buffer and ended up taking the game 30 to 24.

We had great support from our supporters and many other teams from all around the South Island. It was a long wait to the final at Ara Stadium where we played Christchurch Girls’ at 3.00pm. They were a big team and for the first two quarters it was goal for goal, but our girls again found that amazing skill and energy they have and we capitalised on their mistakes and made sure of our goals.

We were super proud of them as they took the game by 38 goals to 29. It’s only the second time we have walked away with the top prize and the first time in the Year 10 grade. Huge congratulations to Ange Beattie and Sally Thompson who have coached and looked after these girls for many years. It was a long trip home but made all the easier to come home with the silverware.
This year the boys 1st XI hockey team is going to Ashburton to play in the Coach’s Cup during tournament Week. This will cost the boys $500 each. To cover these costs we are selling environmentally friendly, reusable fruit and vege bags. The cost is $13 for a pack of four. If you are interested, please contact the school office by Wednesday 31 July 2019 and put your money through by direct credit, or pay in the envelopes at the student slide with your name and “Fruit & vege bag” as the reference.

Thank you for your support.
Victoria University Wellington Open Day

Victoria University is holding an Open Day on Friday 23 August 2019. Open Day is the best opportunity to see all that Victoria University of Wellington has to offer and get a taste of university life. The programme includes:

- sample lectures and subject information sessions
- expos showcasing Victoria’s faculties, schools and student services
- tours of the campuses and halls of residence
- opportunities to talk with current students and staff
- Clubs Zone for information on the 150+ clubs
- information about the new Bachelor of Communication and Bachelor of Midwifery

If you would like to attend then please register at https://forms.gle/wKwzkMU1UUUGXrC96 by Friday 2 August.

Hands On At Otago
Science, Humanities And Business

A week long experience of Otago student life, open to all students who are in Years 12 and 13 in 2020. To find out more and download a Hands-On at Otago application form and scholarship application forms go to otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago or refer to flyer in this newsletter.

University Of Auckland Open Day

Students are their parents are invited to attend the University of Auckland Open Day on Saturday 31 August 2019 from 9.00am – 3.30pm. This is a chance to explore study options and career opportunities and experience what it is like to be a student on campus. Please register at www.openday.ac.nz or facebook.com/UniofAkl

So you want to build your own future?


Prepared Speech Finals – Year 12 and 13

As students completed their speeches in Term Two, the Prepared Speech Finals were held over two days for the Year 12/13 competition. Very thought-provoking speeches were delivered and incredibly well presented. Congratulations to the following:

1st – Zac Henry 13SU – Toxic Masculinity
2nd = Tabitha Littlejohn 12MB – The Miserable Nature of Literature
2nd = Elizabeth Horner 13BC – Gender Dysmorphia
4th – Reuben Wilson 12DK – The Refugee Crisis
5th – Angel Cookson 13HS – Mindfulness
6th – Madi Baker 12GO - Legacy
Youth Leadership Summit

On Friday 12 July 2019, Matthew and myself headed up to St Andrew’s College in Christchurch for the 2019 Youth Leadership Summit. We were lucky enough to be selected as Youth Leaders, which meant that we were there to not only experience the summit but also help to lead the New Zealand and Chinese delegates.

On Saturday 13 June 2019, 60 Chinese students and 20 New Zealand students headed to St Andrew’s College to be greeted by ourselves and the six other youth leaders. All of these students went through an application process where the top academic and skilled students were chosen to attend the summit. We were all set up in the St Andrew’s hostels, and we spent the next six days surrounded by one another.

The summit consisted of an official opening ceremony that was attended by Chinese Government Officials, New Zealand Government Officials, teachers, parents, students, family and friends. Throughout the week we experienced multiple workshops and talks from highly educated and experienced leaders from our country and China, teaching us all about how to lead on an international level. The workshops educated us about one another, the differences and similarities in our countries and culture and how to integrate our two worlds to work together in the future.

While we went into this experience not entirely sure what to expect, it was a truly life-changing experience. The friendships we made while living with a group of people from across the world were incredible, and it was extremely sad having to say goodbye to them all on Tuesday as they headed back to China. Next year, the summit will be held in Qingdao in China. Anyone who is interested in growing their personal skills and relationships on a global scale, this Summit is an incredible once in a lifetime opportunity that you need to take with both hands, it honestly is an incredible experience.

Hayley O’Connell and Matthew Miller
Excellent Opportunity For Year 12 And Year 13 Science Students

We have an excellent opportunity for Year 12 and Year 13 students who love Science but also love to problem solve. We also require them to be team players!

Powering Potential organised by Royal Society Te Apārangi and supported by Freemasons NZ is a three day event/programme based in Wellington where all costs are covered for 40 students! Students will work in teams to research a topic presented to them by a scientist who will work alongside them for part of the time. The team will then present their findings.

Students do need to be nominated and only two students can be nominated per school. For more information and forms please go to https://royalsociety.org.nz/what-we-do/funds-and-opportunities/powering-potential/about-powering-potential/

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 4 OCTOBER 2019! Please see Mr Fitzgerald if interested.

Ecowarriors

Over the past few weeks the Taieri College Ecowarrior group have been trying to promote Plastic Free July. We felt it was a great opportunity to be able to get the school involved in a variety of different activities and competitions that would help us promote the plastic free July and using sustainable products instead of single use plastics.

Last term we collected rubbish around the school to find out how much plastic we produce in one day. We found out that we produce 9.1 kilograms of plastic waste in one day, and we displayed this outside Block one afternoon as a visual representation for our school community. At the start of Term Three we held a competition to see who could calculate how much plastic would be produced if the school was open for 200 days. Benjamin Renton was the winner with the correct calculation of 1,820 kilograms. That is the equivalent to 3.29 elephants. Also, we held a quiz in the library in the last week of term to test the knowledge of our students. We have encouraged students this week by creating a challenge of making a plastic sculpture with the collected plastic from around the school. The best sculpture will win a prize and be displayed in the library.

Some waste free tips for your child’s school lunch boxes would be utilising a compartmentalised lunch box which means there is no need to wrap the food. Buy large bags of chips and put some in a reusable container or bag for lunch. Seal the large bag with a peg, twisty or rubber band. BETTER STILL make popcorn and send that in a reusable container. Instead of a muesli bar, how about baking cookies, muffins or a slice or if you’re not a baker crackers and cheese (taken from bulk packs and put in reusable containers/bags) are a great snack, healthier and create less waste. Yogurt is a good lunch item. Consider buying it in bulk and using a screw jar (e.g. a marmite or honey jar) to transport it to school. You can use the jar over and over. The yogurt will be cheaper and you’re creating less waste. HOT TIP! Second-hand shops often have yogurt makers for sale; cheaper still and even less waste. All these ideas are helping to prevent single use plastic from coming into our school surrounding environment.

The Ecowarriors have been busy making beeswax wraps, to make available for Taieri College students and families to buy and use for their lunches. We also hold a beeswax making workshop afterschool on Wednesdays for anyone interested in learning the craft and wanting to learn something new. Great alternative to glad wrap! Link: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nmqA7ghkC3GXNuATnY2M-vVn_o7dRO1qr3_vYjBZUN1cESzZNVzdRSDkxUkho5WNE1YS0dZTt4u

Big thanks to Countdown Mosgiel for supporting us and funding our prizes for this week’s challenges. Ciara Lawlor, Environmental Prefect.
Auction Night

Sat 31st August
Taieri Rugby Club
Doors open 7pm

Band: Stark Raving
Auctions
Raffles

Tickets Available from:
Gail 0272947084
Deb 0272799179

Supper Provided
Tickets $25
Courtesy Coach Available

Taieri College Rugby
Spain/Portugal Tour
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For your generous contribution to the very successful OCTACAN 2019 supporting our Family Works foodbank.

THANK YOU
FOR BEING SO GENEROUS!

Presbyterian Support Otago
Family Works
Hannah Day, Fundraising Events Coordinator

2020 Hands-On at Otago
Whai Wheako i ʻOtākou

12–17 January 2020

AskOtago: 0800 808 098
Email: hands-on@otago.ac.nz
Registration opens Monday 22 July go to otago.ac.nz/hands-on-at-otago for more details.

Canon
Free seminar:
‘Parents as Career Educators’
Wednesday 28 August 2018
7.00pm - 8.30pm

Gating teenagers through the various career and study options available to them in the modern world can be a challenge. They see so many options and have different views from their parents and others – it can be hard to know how to nurture what is right for them.

At this seminar, UC Career Consultant Dave Pettit will talk with parents about how to support their teens in making informed decisions about their futures.

Parents and caregivers of secondary school aged kids (Years 9-13) are invited to attend this seminar at:
Dunedin Community House
301 Money Place
Dunedin

This free seminar will cover:
- Career pathways
- The world of work and what’s next – including key skills employers seek
- How to make informed career decisions now and in the future
- How parents can assist and communicate effectively
- Career development assessment

Register online at: www.canterbury.ac.nz/events

Light refreshments will be available at the seminar.

Dave Pettit is a Career Consultant with the UC Career Centre, helping students to identify, plan for, and pursue appropriate careers, internships and employment opportunities. He is an experienced career educator at University of Canterbury and is currently a specialist in Career Education in Schools with Greater New Zealand.

NOTE: This seminar is part of UC’s Career Awareness Program at the University of Canterbury. If you wish to cancel or substitute, please email careers@canterbury.ac.nz

The University of Otago School of Medicine, in conjunction with the University of Otago Education Department, offers the Poutama Scholarships. These full-fee-funded scholarships provide an opportunity for students to develop the knowledge and skills for their future careers. They are open to Maori and are available in Science, Business, Nursing, and Social Work.

The Scholarship will cover costs for successful applicants to travel to Dunedin in mid-January 2020, to experience a week-long hands-on practice. The scholarship will cover costs for successful applicants to travel to Dunedin in mid-January 2020, to experience a week-long hands-on practice. The scholarship will cover costs for successful applicants to travel to Dunedin in mid-January 2020, to experience a week-long hands-on practice.

All applications are welcome. For more information, please visit www.otago.ac.nz/poutama.
CALLING ALL GIRLS AGED 5-8

Come make new friends, learn basketball from Otago Gold Rush players. Wednesdays in Term 3 from 4-5pm. Register online @ otago.basketball

GIRLS GOT GAME

@basketballnz
Dunedin residents are being asked for suggestions on improvements to some of Dunedin’s busiest streets and roads as part of its Our Streets project.

Our Streets is a project to improve the road safety of Dunedin’s main streets. It also aims to make streets easier for people to use, however they chose to travel which includes, motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and people using buses.

Some of the improvements that may happen include more crossings, lower speed zones, more lowered and built-out kerbs, removal of painted flush medians, and the inclusion of cycle lanes.

Feedback is being sought on nine sites during the initial stage of the project - Bank Street and George Street (North Dunedin), South Road (Caversham), Main Road and Main South Road (Fairfield), Musselburgh Rise and Silverton Street (Musselburgh), Serpentine Avenue and Maclaggan Street (City Rise), North Road (North East Valley), Forbury Road (South Dunedin), Hillside Road and Orari Street (South Dunedin), and Factory Road and Bush Road (Mosgiel).

Improvements are expected to commence in 2020 and completion of all nine sites can take up to three years to deliver.

These streets were chosen as they are wide and therefore have enough room to provide for different road users. It is expected that improvements can be made with very limited impact on parking.

Feedback can be made through the online survey or interactive map at https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/roads-and-footpaths/projects/our-streets by Thursday 8 August.

Additionally, we have direct links to the interactive maps below:

Ngā mihi nui,
Garrett

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