Kia ora e te whanau

Our sincerest sympathies have been with the family of Jayde Cummings this week as we were informed of her sudden passing following a car accident near Outram on Tuesday. Jayde was popular with her peer group and will be sadly missed by many at Taieri College. May she rest in peace. In the upcoming weeks I urge parents to keep a close eye on those close to Jayde as we attempt to support our students during this traumatic time. If you think your son or daughter might benefit from counselling, please contact the school and we will arrange specialised support.

Senior students will soon receive their reports covering their current levels of NCEA attainment. Students who have entered external examinations need to be aware that study leave begins in Week 4 of the term. Term Four tends to fly by fast and I encourage our seniors to start preparation early if they want to achieve the results they are capable of.

Congratulations to Hayden Robertson who has gained selection in the Otago Senior Men’s golf team. This is an incredible achievement and I am sure Hayden will make the most of this opportunity and represent the province with pride. Likewise my congratulations to Javier Langley who gained selection in the Southern United Youth football team. I wish Javier all the best for his upcoming games.

To conclude, this week I would like to quote Dame Whina Cooper. “Take care of our children. Take care of what they hear, take care of what they see, take care of what they feel. For how the children grow, so will be the shape of Aotearoa” – Dame Whina Cooper.

Nga mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

23-24 September
Farm Skills/Level 2 PRM Chainsaw Course

23 September
8VP/8WN Sinclair Wetlands Trip

24 September
8BL/8KJ Sinclair Wetlands Trip

25 September
8PH/8FY Sinclair Wetlands Trip

26 September
8WO Sinclair Wetlands Trip
Gateway Function

27 September
Alzheimer’s Charity Appeal
L1SPR Day Walk
Senior Reports Issued
Learning Readiness Issued
End of Term 3

11-19 October
Shanghai Trip

13 October
Start of Term 4

14-30 October
Life Education Bus Visit

16-17 October
Year 10-12 Course Selection Interviews for 2020
Teacher Profile
Mr Hunter

Mr Hunter went to the one and only The Taieri High School and played many sports. He was the captain of the 1st XV rugby team and played cricket, Senior A basketball and was a goalie for the waterpolo team. His most focused sports were rugby and cricket. A few of his biggest sporting achievements when he was younger were making the South Island Secondary Schools’ Rugby Team, the Otago age group teams for rugby at U18 and U20 level and being selected for New Zealand in the U18 rugby team.

A few goals of Mr Hunter’s when growing up were to train hard, give it his best, enjoy playing with his team mates and to represent Otago. Mr Hunter is still involved in sport and coaches the Taieri Rugby Club Premier team. He also has coached the South Island Secondary Schools team, Taieri College 1st XV and Heartland Rugby. He has coached rugby for 22 years. He still likes to give back to the game he enjoyed so much.

Overall his biggest sporting achievements were playing first class rugby and cricket for NZ Universities and Otago. He played professional cricket in the UK, played 49 rugby games for South Canterbury playing against the Springboks, Ireland and for the Ranfurly Shield. Mr Hunter’s advice is “don’t be in a hurry, play the long game”; “the biggest dog in the fight doesn’t always win”; “keep playing and enjoy it.”

Year 7 & 8 Health Focus

In Term Four we will teach the Year 7 and 8 sexuality education programme ‘Discovering Me’. This is taught separately at Year 7 and 8 over a five to six week time frame. We will be holding a parent information evening to assist you with any questions you may have about this programme on Monday 23 September 2019 at 6.00pm in TK1.

Important topics such as Changing Bodies and Feelings, Relationships and Communication and Decision Making will be explored.

If you wish to hear about this programme in more detail, please come along to the parent information evening where we will outline the lesson content and answer any questions.

Lance Woods
DIRECTOR YEAR 7 & 8

Congratulations to Luke Evans (U55kg) and Poppy Kirk (U65kg) who received Bronze for Weight Lifting recently at the New Zealand Secondary Schools’ Weight Lifting.

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 students 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!
Year 9-13 Kapa Haka Group

Last Wednesday evening (11 September 2019) our Year 9-13 Kapa Haka (Ngā Piko o te Taiari) performed at the annual Otago Early Childhood and Schools’ Māori and Pasifika Festival (Polyfest). This year was a huge change as our Kapa Haka group had new tutors come in from Otago University - Tutawake Dickel-Smith, Shakayla Andrews and Haami Turner. Even though they were a small group this year, they have big hearts. Well done to everyone who performed. Thank you to Miss Tuhega for all of her help and support, we really appreciate it.

Annual School Magazine
$20.00

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, cultural and sports team photos.

All students have been invoiced $20.00 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.

Please make payment by 18 October 2019 to confirm your order. Payment can be made by internet banking to 03-1725-0106800-00 using ‘magazine’ as the reference, or by eftpos/cash at the office.

Young Writers’ Awards
Entries are due Wednesday 25 September 2019, 3:00pm to the English Department Office

Questions can be directed to Miss Hurst in C10 or by email: ehurst@taieri.school.nz
Junior Draughtsperson

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You do not need to have experience in Computer Aided Drafting (CAD), as on the job training will be provided. However, you will require the following to be successful:

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- Good communication skills
- An eagerness to learn and develop
- The ability to work in a team environment whilst being primarily self-driven as the majority of the work is individually focused
- Good organisational and time management skills and the ability to avoid distraction
- A can do attitude and the ability to use your initiative.

Any prior practical experience on a building site would be a huge advantage.

If you think you have the required skills and want a career in draughting, we would like to hear from you. Please send a covering letter along with your CV to David Hand david@hanlons.co.nz or if you have any queries, please contact David on 477 7475.

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The Level 3 Physical Education and Sport and Recreation classes headed away last week to Wanaka on its annual ski trip, bright and early Monday morning, to complete their Safety Management Assessment Standard. The students had a great time learning how to Cross-Country Ski at the Snow Farm Ski field. This was a new skill to mostly all, but they relished the chance to do something new. The weather was perfect which gave students plenty of opportunity to develop the new skills needed. The students really enjoyed their overnight experience in Meadow Hutt and the boys even got to ski out through some fresh snow. Thanks to all of those who made the trip happen and especially Miss Edgar, Mrs McHutchon, Mr Hackfath and Mr Ratcliffe for coming along with us.
Programme

10 am - 3pm: Various organisations stalls supplying information for d/Deaf/Hard of Hearing.
Bouncy Castle for children
BBQ Fundraiser by Otago Association for Deaf Children

11am: NZSL Singing

11:30am: NZSL Taster Class

12:30pm: Turi Kids Performance

1pm: NZSL Storytime

1:30pm: NZSL Films

2:30pm: NZSL Taster Class

CELEBRATE DEAF PRIDE
SAT 28 SEPTEMBER
10AM-3PM
OCTAGON, DUNEDIN

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Athletics Taieri Summer Season
Opening night

Seniors Tuesday 15 October 2019
Memorial Park 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Age - 14yr old - Masters

Children’s Section Tuesday 15 October 2019
Memorial Park 5.30pm - 6.30pm
Age - 5 - 13yr olds

Register on-line - www.athleticstaieri.com
enquiries@athleticstaieri.com