Kia ora e te whanau

This week has been one of great challenge for our college, our community, and indeed our entire country. What occurred in Christchurch on 15 March 2019 will remain in the psyche of most of us for a long time to come.

We are proud to have a number of Muslim students as part of our college family. It is their welfare we respect above all, at this time.

As time will inevitably march on and the thousands of flowers that adorn the memorials across the country begin to wilt, it will then be a true test of our deep resolve. We all need to play a part in enriching our kiwi culture to be truly inclusive and understanding of everybody who chooses to call New Zealand their home. We need to make this a long-term transformation, not a short-term recognition.

Social media plays a huge role in the information that our teenagers receive on a daily basis. Parents and caregivers won’t need reminding of that! Unfortunately, the Christchurch tragedy has been irrevocably tied up with social media. Please be aware that the police will display little tolerance for those who receive, forward or post content that is deemed highly offensive. It is an excellent time to talk with your children on what they have been reading, posting, and viewing over the past week.

Our thoughts and condolences are also with the Kavanagh College community as they mourn the sudden death of their Principal, Mr Tracy O’Brien. Tracy was a wonderful man, a great character and a valued colleague. He will be sorely missed by many.

Finally, a fitting quote from Martin Luther King. “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Look after each other.

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

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**Key Dates**

22 March  Learning Readiness Issued
25 March  College Closed – Otago Anniversary Day
26-27 March  L3 Geography Taieri River Catchment
27-29 March  L2 Geography/Biology Trip to Mount Cook
28 March  SISS Athletics
1-2 April  L2 SPR Mountain Biking
2 April  L3 Biology Trip
4 April  Otago Primary/Intermediate Triathlon Champs
         Academic Blues Assembly
8-11 April  L3 SPR Tramp
8-9 April  L3 Class Play
11 April  Vietnam trip departs
12 April  End of Term 1
29 April  Start of Term 2
The ticket price for this event is estimated to be between $95 and $100. We understand this is expensive and our Social Prefects work very hard to keep the ticket price down. The ticket price is strictly set to cover costs of the event only; we do not set this to make a profit. The price of the ticket covers entertainment, access to photographer’s website, hire of venue, dinner and transport to and from the venue. The exact ticket price will be advertised closer to the sales. Any questions regarding this please telephone Monique Evans, Student Support Administrator 489 3823 ext 111.

Arts Corner

So much is happening in the Arts at Taieri right now. This is a brief synopsis of all of the exciting activity that is going on.

The Music Department has had a busy start to the term with 9 Rock Academy bands (Years 7-9) and 14 senior Rockquest bands, who are all preparing and writing songs for Rockquest next term. This really shows how strong Taieri’s presence is in contemporary music! Choir is preparing for the Big Sing, a secondary schools choral competition. With 60 members in the choir this year, we are hoping for a big impact. The jazz band and chamber music groups are also up and running.

In the Drama Department we have five teams participating in the Shakespeare festival, which is held in our Performing Arts Centre this year. The Year 13 play is in full preparation for their performance “Bare”. The play is about giving marginalized people a voice. This is held on the last week of term with Monday and Tuesday performances; everyone is welcome to come watch but it does contain adult content. Savanna, Lizzy and Sampson from Year 13 are performing a play called “Marine” in the Fringe Film Festival. Zac and Emerald are performing in a play called “Home Invasion” at the Firestation Theatre from 22-30 March 2019.

A major part of the arts calendar this year from both the Music and Drama Departments is the return of the school production, which is now possible because of the Performing Arts Centre. Auditions have been held for “High School-Spoofical” with practices due to start shortly. This will be held in early Term 3 and it is something very exciting for students to work towards.

The Arts Department is also bursting with activity with arts club every Wednesday in the Art Room, with a particular focus on photography. The junior art courses, although short, are working on collaborative works which will be put up around the school. The Year 11-13s are enjoying access to adobe cloud, and we are seeing amazing digital photography and design works coming from these year levels. Students have even had success in beautiful moving-image works. Recently the Board of Trustees have kindly granted the Arts Department with 12 new cameras and a set of professional lights, which will really add to the works we see coming from the department. Overall the arts block is seeing an abundance of healthy dialogue about ideas for their portfolio work; striking and confronting some important issues through art.

Mia Warman

Artwork by Alex Cochrane
Equestrian Success

At the recent Upper Clutha Agricultural and Pastoral Show held in Wanaka 8-9 March 2019, two Taieri College sisters were competing on their ponies in the A Pony ring. Ella Walker had an outstanding show with her pony winning Champion A Ring Pony, Champion Rider, Champion Paced and Mannered Pony and topping it all off with Supreme Pony of the show. Her younger sister Lily got Reserve Champion A Ring Pony and won the Turnout Trophy. Wanaka show is one of the biggest one day shows in the country. Well done girls.

Ella has also been selected to represent New Zealand in the 2019 Grand National Saddle Horse and Rider Championships in Sydney next week.

Ella Walker

Lily Walker

Marching Results

Last week Emily Faulkner and her team Onyx Militaires Under 16 Team travelled to Christchurch in preparation for attending New Zealand Marching Championships held on Friday and Saturday. On Friday they marched in the qualifying march and were confirmed top six and moved into the Championship March on Saturday afternoon. On Saturday the Championship marches started at 3.00pm and Emily and her team were placed 2nd for Technical March, 2nd for Display March, which made them overall 2nd NZ Championship Team.

Taieri College Athletes in action at the NZ track and Field Champs

Tara McNally was impressive in the hurdles, picking up bronze in the Women's under-18 100m. Zharna Beattie also had impressive outings in the under-18 grade to win silver in the discus and bronze in the shot put.

Ethan Walker claimed gold in the under-18 javelin by nearly 15m, with a throw of 58.82m. Ben Baines took a gold in the javelin and silvers in the discus and shot put in his grade.

This was a great set of results for these athletes who again came to the fore at the Otago SS Athletics Champs.

Multicultural New Zealand (MNZ) and Dunedin Multi-ethnic Council (DMEC) jointly would like to invite students to come together to share their stories

Time 1.00pm, Sunday 24-March-2019. Venue: 640 Cumberland St, University Union, main common room. Contact: luxmanan.s@gmail.com 021727473
Over the past week we have had a various amount of sporting activities and performances that Taieri College pupils have been involved in and gained exceptional results. Last Friday and Saturday we had 36 competitors competing at the Otago Secondary Schools’ Athletic competition. 17 of these athletes qualified to attend South Island Secondary Schools’ Athletics competition with their top three placings.

Tayla Cramond (pictured) received the Caledonian Society Cup presented by John Stinson (Caledonian Society) for winning the senior girls high jump event.

Thank you to all the teachers, non school competitors and caregivers for helping support and to help out the returning of javelins.

Athletic results:
Olivia Ellis u14 1st 80 hurdles and 1st high jump
Neve Beattie u14 1st long jump, 1st triple jump, 3rd discus
Shyah Beattie u15 1st long jump, 1st shotput, 1st Discus, 2nd triple jump
Melissa Hussey u15 2nd javelin
Paige Flett u16 2nd 100, 3rd 200, 3rd long jump
Tayla Cramond Senior 1st high jump, 3rd 100m
Tara McNally Senior 1st 100 hurdles, 1st 300m hurdles, 2nd 200m
Laura Bungard senior 2nd 3000m
Neeve Wooltorton Senior 3rd High jump
Zharna Beattie Senior 1st discus (record), 1st shotput, 2nd hammer, 2nd triple jump
Mikairi Beauchamp Moore Senior 1st Javelin
Ollie MacKenzie u14 1st 200, 3rd 200
Logan Kakahi U14 3rd 400
Lachlan Nicholl U15 2nd Javelin
Ethan Walker Senior 1st Javelin, 3rd hammer
Dylan Lloyd 1st Para 100m
Ben Baines Para 1st Javelin - NZ U17 record, 1st shotput, 1st discus

On Sunday we had three school students participating in the Otago triathlon champs. All were able to have top three placings in their section. Timon Schnieder (pictured) 1st for U23 grade, Shanae Stanley 1st in U16 grade and Nimah Burke 2nd in the “Have a go” grade.

Congratulations to Trey Russell (pictured) who has been selected for the Trans Tasman U18 New Zealand touch trial in July for the Touch World Cup in Australia. We look forward to hearing more about this in the near future.

Congratulations to Arana Kelly (pictured second from left) on being selected for New Zealand International Softball Academy tour to Australia.

from Maigan Fright and Trey Russell (Sports Prefects)
Last week Laura Bungard (13HS), Jordan Kelliher (12DK), Kylie Gale (10TM) and Niamh Burke (9CJ) all competed at the NZ Div 2 swimming meet here at Moana Pool in Dunedin, from Wednesday 13th March – Saturday 16 March 2019.

Swimmers competed over eight gruelling and competitive sessions, including preliminary heats in the morning sessions to return for finals (if they made top eight).

Niamh Burke competed in the 13 year old girls and Kylie Gale in the 14 year old girls sections. Arguably they were in the most competitive sections with the largest number of entries. Both girls performed credibly with personal best times in all their swims.

Laura Bungard swam in the girls 16-18 year old section as a 17 year old. Laura swam in five events making four finals. Laura’s best result came in her 200m Breaststroke race winning a silver medal. She also still holds two titles in the 50m Butterfly and the 50m Breaststroke at this National meet. She also popped down amongst all her swimming to run a mere 3000m track race at the Caledonian for the Otago Secondary Schools Athletics Champs.

Jordan Kelliher swam in the 16-18 year old boys section as a 16 year old. Jordon was on absolute fire and had the most success in his swimming career to date. Jordan swam eight events and made seven finals. From the seven finals he received four gold medals. He was unfortunately disqualified after smashing the field in the 400IM for apparently a slight movement of his ankle, after “take your marks” prior to the dive start.

On top of this resounding outright success Jordan swam 7 personal best times and holds 4 swimming event titles (fastest time in that event at Div 2’s). We will all look forward to his National Age Groups Meet in April, now that he has a few more qualifying times. Great work Jordy.

Congratulations Taieri College swimmers, you should all be very proud of your performances.

Climate Change March

On Friday 15 March, seniors and some of the EcoWarrior team went to the climate change mass movement march. This wasn’t just happening in Dunedin but in many states and countries around the world. But because of our timezone, New Zealand was among the first to be doing this act of global action. The confronting message that we all took home was that if we want to save our planet we need to start implementing better changes at Taieri College. This was a great learning experience for all of us involved and hope that it will influence us to start thinking smarter. Seeing all the schools of Dunedin, and people young and old come together and strike against something that will affect our generation was something very special.
Prepared Reading Finals

On Thursday 21 March 2019, the Prepared Reading Finals were held for students in Years 11-13. Well done to all participants:

Year 11
1st – Jasmine Rixon 11MC – We’re All Completely Beside Ourselves
2nd – Briana Day 11WG
3rd – Sara Hall 11FG

Year 12/13
1st – Tylah Harris 13BC
2nd – Zac Henry 13SU
3rd – Lorraine Ruka 13MD
4th – Tabitha Littlejohn 12MB
5th – Ben Hamlin 12GB

The finals for students in Years 7-10 will be held on Monday 8 April and Tuesday 9 April.

Year 7 Certificate Winners

Congratulations to these Year 7 students who were awarded certificates from their form teachers at the end of Week 7. Our Year 7 group have made a fantastic start to their time here at Taieri College, and we are looking forward to seeing them continue to achieve in all areas of our school this year.

Year 7 Netball - “Year 7 UP to Speed”

Sunday 31 March
Edgar Centre
9.00 - 10.30 am

Year 7 Netball moves from six aside at Year 6 to seven aside at Years 7 and beyond.

To help our Year 7 players with the transition Dunedin Netball are offering a workshop at the Edgar Centre on Sunday 31 March for Taieri College Year 7 players; 9.00am – 10.30 am. Other schools will have other time allocations.

The workshop will outline positions to Year 7 players, but the focus will be getting them out on the court experiencing all the 7 positions, and learning more about them, and becoming tactically attuned with 7v7.

Please let Karen Rosevear know either by email or phone message if you would like to attend [this is different to the “Get Ready for Netball Season” workshop being run at Taieri College for Years 5-8 on 15-16 April 2019: krosevear@taieri.school.nz 489 3823 ext 137].

Trials: Please remember that the second Year 7 trial is in two groups on Tuesday March 26
Group 1: 3.20
Group 2: 4.15

Players were told their groups on Thursday.
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!
Get Ready for the Netball Season

Calling all Year 5, 6, 7, 8 players that are keen to get ready for the 2019 netball season. Former Silver Fern and current Beko Team Specialist coach Jo Morrison and her crew of awesome coaches will be holding a NEW programme during the first week of the school holidays and we would love you to attend. The programme is designed to help develop your skills, fitness and get you ready to take the court this season.

LIMITED SPACES

To register please email steedie@hotmail.com

YEAR 5 & 6
Monday 15 April & Tuesday 16 April 9am – 12pm
Venue: ITC Taieri College
Cost: $30 per day or $50 for both days

YEAR 7 & 8
Monday 15 April & Tuesday 16 April 1-4pm
Venue: ITC Taieri College
Cost: $30 per day or $50 for both days
Kōrari

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An informal session for those interested in school board elections.

Location: Edgar Centre, DUNEDIN, Tuesday 9 April, 6.00pm

Attendance is FREE. All welcome. RSVP to: lshelley@nzsta.org.nz

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GIRLS ROCK CAMP
Girl’s Only 2-Day Basketball Camp
15 & 16 April
Girls - Years 1-6 from 4-6pm
Cost - $30
All sessions are at the Edgar Centre

Register at www.otago.basketball

April Holiday Camps
Basketball Experience for Kids Entering Years 1-8
When: 15 & 16 April
Time: 9am-Noon
Where: Edgar Centre
Cost: $50/child or $40 for kids of same family

Sessions led by BBQ Development Officer Natalie Visger and local coaches. Focus is on skill development, competition, and fun. Experience is encouraged, but not required, perfect camp for beginners.
DIGGERS BASKETBALL
Term 2 Youth Development Academy
8 Tuesdays @ The Edgar Centre
When: Begins Tuesday, 30th April
from 4-5pm, finishing 2nd July
Who: Kids aged 5-8 (no experience necessary)
Cost: $75 per child ($10 discount for siblings).

MINERS BASKETBALL
Term 2 Youth Development Academy
8 Thursdays @ The Edgar Centre
When: Begins Wednesday, 8th May
from 4-5pm, finishing 26th June
Who: Kids aged 9-12 (no experience necessary) Cost: $75 per child ($10 discount for siblings).

Free Basketball Academies
Terms 2&3 Programme for boys & girls in years 4–8.
*Locations, times, & ages vary
*NO CHARGE
*Tahuna Int., Valley Baptist Community
Centre, Kavanagh College, Kaikorai Valley
College, Queen’s High School
*Term 2 - starts week of 6/5, finishes week of
24/6
*Term 3 - week of 29/7, finishes week of 16/9
*Led by local coaches
*Improve fundamentals, shooting, and
decision making through drills and
competitive play

High Performance Training
Learn to train like a
pro basketball player
16-18 April for Rep. Level Athletes
Juniors (aged 13-15) from Noon to 2pm
Seniors (aged 16-18) from 2pm-4pm
All sessions are at the Edgar Centre
1. Injury prevention & Dynamic Warm-up
2. Position Work
3. Game Play
4. Strength and Conditioning
5. Cool Down and Recovery

Register at www.otago.basketball