



Kia ora e te whanau

This week we have really enjoyed seeing everyone back with such energy and enthusiasm. After the initial excitement of seeing their friends for the first time, we are now settling into regular classroom routine. This routine includes good hygiene and common sense practicable social distancing. I have been impressed by the way our students have readjusted to their normal "at school" procedures. Getting up when it is still dark has been a challenge for many.

The news that end of year NCEA external assessments have been pushed back by 10 days will be a relief to many as it gives us more scope to cover the necessary detail that students require for attaining good results. Our teachers are now recalibrating their courses to accommodate the extra time that has been given by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA). This includes looking at finding new dates for curriculum based field trips. Parents and caregivers will be informed as soon as possible of the new field trip dates, with the understanding that these will only occur if, or when, Covid19 conditions allow.

Another important date on our calendar is the school formal. This has been deferred to Saturday 1 August 2020. The venue will still be at the Dunedin Town Hall and the format eg. bus transport etc. will be similar to previous years. As similar with field trips, its existence will be determined by whatever the government regulations are at the time, with the formal being subject to guidelines around large social gatherings.

We are also looking to continue our Year 8 camps to Queenstown in November. It is always a highlight for our students and if things progress as they have been over the last couple of weeks then we should be fine to go ahead with the camps as originally planned. Parents and caregivers will soon receive a notice outlining details.

Nga mihi nui

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### Key Dates

#### 1 June

Queen's Birthday Holiday – college closed

#### 5 June

Learning Readiness Issued

#### 8 June

Year 8 Science GATE  
Portobello

#### 16 June

Mufti Day – Octacan Appeal



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### Mufti Day – Tuesday 16 June 2020

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## Hoodie Orders

To order a Taieri College Hoodie, please fill in the form below and forward your payment of \$50.00 via internet banking to 03 1725 0106800 00 quoting student's name, form class and sports hoodie as the reference. Payment can also be made by eft-pos or through the envelope system at the student slide. Payment must be made before the order can be completed.

All orders MUST be completed by Wednesday 17 June 2020 to receive the sports hoodie next term. If sufficient orders and payments have been received early, we will submit an early order.

We encourage all students to come to the Sport Office to try on sample hoodies to confirm the size they would like. Please note that names on the back of hoodies will be checked and if deemed inappropriate will need to be changed.

Once hoodies have arrived at Taieri College, we will notify students via the student notices and the Facebook Sport page for them to collect their hoodie from the Sport Office.



Thanks for your order.  
Sport Office

## Sport Update

I know many of our students will be itching to get back on our sporting fields and enjoy the competitive and social elements of sport that we have all missed over the last seven weeks. However, like many areas recently, how sport looks when we return will look very different.

Currently all after school sport practices, trials and games are required to meet the government's mass gathering rule of a 10-person maximum. This includes spectators, players, coaches and officials. This has put a halt to sport practices this week, but we eagerly await the government's announcement on a new mass gathering restriction size on Monday. Rest assured, we will be set to kick sport off once we get the green light.

Sport at Taieri College is adopting a 3-phase return to play schedule.

### 1) Get Ready!

- Until Monday 25 May 2020 we will be preparing to start training again soon. This is assessing if students are still interested in playing sport and preparing sport practices to be ready to follow safe hygiene standards. This includes having contact tracing procedures set to go for all sport trainings.

### 2) Prepare to play

- After Monday 25 May 2020 (hopefully) we will be preparing to play, and will begin sport practices again for our teams, with students and coaches, following contact tracing procedures. It is likely this will be for multiple weeks to allow players to prepare for the season ahead.

### 3) Return to play

- Lastly, I expect in mid-late June, local sporting competitions to begin to restart at the earliest. However, students and coaches are likely going to be required to follow new contact tracing procedures, possibly in the form of an online app and QR code scanner. Many Otago sporting organisations are eager to provide a competition for our students to play in, but they will require some time to get up and running to safely provide for our community. So expect community sport fields, courts and matches to look a little different for players and supporters when we get back to sport.

Ryan Rosevear  
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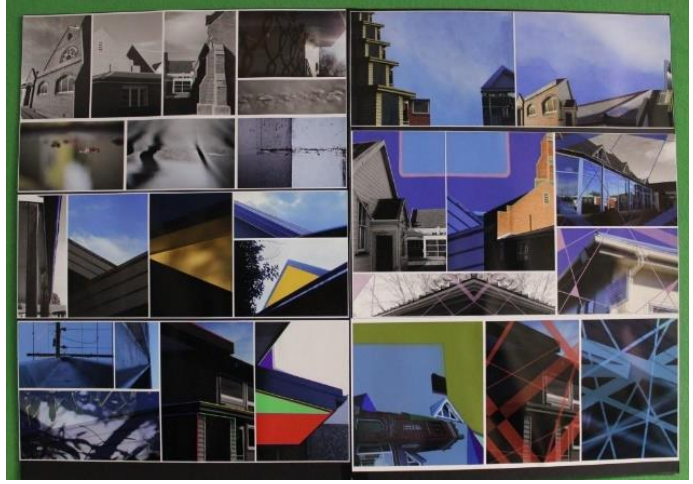
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## Health Notice

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Headlice may be present amongst children in your child's class. These insects are a nuisance and can be controlled or eradicated by families. Headlice crawl from head to head and may be passed on through shared objects such as hairbrushes and hats. It is recommended that you check all members of your household carefully. Anyone can host headlice. Cleanliness is not a factor in whether headlice are present or not.

What to look for

- Small light or dark brown insects without wings.
- Tiny whitish eggs (nits) like grains of salt attached to hair shafts.
- There may be unusual itching on the head or neck.
- Small red marks on the neck or behind the ears (headlice bites).

What to do

- Check all members of the household daily at the same time for at least three weeks.
- Treat anyone who is hosting headlice. Effective treatment need not be chemical or expensive.
- Please advise the school if you find headlice and confirm that treatment has begun.
- Be prepared to continue treatment for about three weeks depending on the method chosen. Three weeks is the length of the headlouse breeding cycle; you need to break the cycle or infestation will continue.
- After each treatment, comb the hair with a fine toothed comb.
- Extra precautions may include washing all bedlinen, pillowcases and towels in hot water and tumble drying for 20 minutes on high. Other items that have come in contact with heads should also be thoroughly cleaned.
- Soak hairbrushes and combs in hot water for at least ten minutes.
- Vacuuming carpets and rugs may be helpful.
- Repeat treatment 7 to 10 days after initial treatment.

Treating the hair is no guarantee that the problem has been eradicated. Success is more likely if treatment is thorough, checking is daily for at least three weeks and children are reminded to avoid head to head contact with others.

What not to do

- Do not use shampoo, conditioner or a hair drier on hair within 24 hours of using a chemical treatment. Each of these can make the treatment less effective or cause it to fail.
- Do not use ordinary insecticides, pet shampoo or flammable petroleum products.
- Do not use chemical products if the person applying the treatment or the person being treated is pregnant.

For more information please go to <https://www.healthnavigator.org.nz/health-a-z/h/head-lice/>

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