

Kia ora e te whanau

Our students have quickly settled into classroom routine and are engaging positively in their learning. Senior students will have received course prescriptions of their subjects, including the number and type of achievement and/or unit standards being offered in respect to attaining NCEA at the end of the year. Whilst it is normal for students to make subtle changes to their courses, it is important that those changes are made for the right reason. Not fitting with a career path is a valid reason for wanting to change. Changing course because students think it might be difficult is not a reason to change. Academic NCEA courses all come with a degree of difficulty. We want our students to be challenged by difficulty and roll their sleeves up and work hard to overcome it. To do so creates real achievement and sense of accomplishment. The trait of "responding to challenge" is one that will be an important one as they progress into tertiary education or the workplace.

Education outside of the classroom plays a huge role at Taieri College. We try and balance classroom routine with rich learning opportunities using our wider community, and our pristine natural environment. Next week our first Year 10 Tautuku camp takes place and I wish all students and staff the very best. The variety of outdoor adventures are great fun and I challenge everyone to do their very best and participate fully in what is being offered.

We are offering a new senior course this year called Agribusiness. This subject looks at the agricultural sector from a commercial point of view, including marketing and economic concepts. The Year 12 class are heading to Central Otago next week, looking first-hand at several commercial operations and I wish them all the best in their ventures.

Our daily notices have been containing lots of "sign ups" for several extra-curricular activities, including choir, kapa haka and summer sports. I encourage all students to leave their comfort zone and join a college group or team.

Nga mihi nui

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL



## Key Dates

- 15-21 February  
Year 10 Tautuku Camp No. 1
- 15-17 February  
L2 Agribusiness Trip
- 15 February  
Year 7 Green Island Landfill Trip  
Gateway Information Evening
- 16 February  
Enviroschools Launch Day
- 17-18 February  
Challenge Wanaka SS Triathlon
- 17 February  
Year 7 Green Island Landfill Trip
- 18 February  
Year 7 Green Island Landfill Trip
- 19 February  
Year 7 Waiholā Trips – 7SW, 7MB, 7BL
- 22 February  
Year 7 Waiholā Trips – 7HU, 7MR  
Berwick Trip 9LH
- 23 February  
Taieri College Athletics Day
- 24 February  
Reserve Day – Taieri College  
Athletics Day
- 25 February  
L2SPR Surfing  
L3SPR Sur Kayaking
- 25-26 February  
Level 1 PRM trip to South  
Canterbury



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## Sport

Many summer sports start this evening or over the weekend, namely volleyball, waterpolo and cricket, while other summer sports all beginning next week. All the best to the students representing Taieri College, play with pride, try your best and never give up. We all must remember why people play sport; to have fun, be challenged, develop and improve, be part of a team, and enjoy time with friends. Many thanks go to our staff and community who volunteer their time to assist with sport.

A strong cohort of Taieri College Touch students are off representing Otago Touch teams at Youth Nationals in Papakura. The best of luck to Eilish Fright, Sophie Galliven, Charlotte Williams, Ollie MacKenzie, Logan Kakahi and Gabby Kakahi. Followers can track their progress and watch live stream of their games on the Touch NZ website.

Over the last two Thursdays we were fortunate to have assistance from the Taieri Tennis Club in running introductory tennis lessons right here at the college. Any students wanting to extend their tennis skills further into the season or get involved please contact [admin@taieritennis.co.nz](mailto:admin@taieritennis.co.nz) to get involved.



Our annual Taieri College Athletics day is fast approaching and is scheduled for Tuesday 23 February 2021.

Ryan Rosevear  
Head of Sport

## Taieri College Athletics Day 2021 - 23 February 2021

On Tuesday 23 February 2021 Taieri College will be having our annual Athletics day at Memorial Park. This is a fun athletics day in which students seek to not only gain points for their form class, but also qualify for athletic championships later in the year. If there is poor weather, then Wednesday 24 February 2021 is set aside as a reserve day. Students will be entering into the athletics day through their form classes over the next few weeks. On the day the school canteen will be operating at Memorial Park so students will be able to purchase food and drink at the ground.

On The Day:

- Students Year 7 – 10 are to compete wearing normal PE Uniform, while Year 11-13 in are to wear appropriate mufi.
- Students are to go directly to Memorial Park at the normal times for school. Your form teachers will be doing a roll at the start and end of the day.
- Sun hats are encouraged to be worn. Remind students to bring good food and water.
- Students will not be leaving the fields during the day unless signed out by a parent. This can be done in the Mosgiel football clubrooms.
- If the weather is bad, postponements will be made before 7am and will be posted on the Taieri College Sports Page TC Website and Facebook page. Postponement day is the following day.
- No BBQS are allowed at the event.
- There is no face paint permitted at the grounds.
- Students travelling on buses will be dropped off and picked up from Memorial Park.

# Taieri College Sports Council

Sports Council wish to welcome everyone back to College for 2021 and express a warm welcome to all our new students and families.

**Our Mission - "To promote and encourage sport at Taieri College and on the Taieri"**

## INTERESTED IN BEING A SPONSOR?

Sports Council is lucky enough to have a fantastic group of local businesses, supporting us with Sponsorship, this allows us to fund towards The Sports Academy, Teams and Individuals, facility and equipment upgrades plus the purchasing and ongoing running costs of our College vans. Where possible we encourage our College community to shop local and use these wonderful businesses featured below. Each month we will showcase a business, so you can get to know them all.

We are always looking and welcome any new business wishing to become a SPONSOR (please note we have multiple entry levels) or joining our COUNCIL (one meeting a month), please contact the Sports Office or [rosevear@taieri.school.nz](mailto:rosevear@taieri.school.nz)

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## Year 8 HPV Programme

The Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination programme will be offered to all year 8 students at school this year.

During early-mid February, the Public Health Nurses associated with each school will be doing education around the vaccinations to the year 8 students. The students will be given a consent form to take home to their parents/caregivers. If you do not wish for your child to partake in the education please contact the school.

Please read the consent form carefully, fill it out in pen and return it to school ASAP, even if you do not consent for your child to be vaccinated at school.

No student will be vaccinated without their parent/caregiver's consent.

The HPV vaccination is also available free of charge through your practice nurse or doctor up to their 26th birthday. Delaying the vaccine may mean your child needs more injections to be protected, as people aged 15 years and older need three injections.

For any further information please phone the Public Health Nurse for your school, or look up [www.health.govt.nz/hpv](http://www.health.govt.nz/hpv)



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