Kia ora e te whanau

As per government instruction, we entered a Level 2 Covid response on Wednesday this week. Like the rest of the country, we await further instruction and detail around where we go to next. At Level 2 we focus on good hygiene and diligence in our ability to contact trace. We also avoid the mass congregation of more than 100 people. Parents and caregivers can play their part by keeping students at home if they have flu like symptoms, and promoting common sense hygiene practices. Curriculum delivery and learning programmes generally continue as usual during Level 2 and we do our best to mitigate any anxiety students may have during these uncertain times. There has been significant disruption to weekend sport and extra-curricular activity. We will pass on any new information as soon as we are informed. My thanks for everyone’s cooperation and understanding.

Thank you to the large number of parents and caregivers who took the opportunity to meet their children’s teachers this week at parent interviews. As a college, we value the opportunity in openly sharing the learning progress of our students with whanau and were very pleased with the large turn out over the two evenings.

The Otago University and Polytechnic held their annual open day on Monday this week and the majority of our Year 13 students attended. It is an important time for them as they confirm their motivations for tertiary study or future employment. We hope that the visit enhanced the motivation of our Year 13s as they approach upcoming practice examinations.

Our Te Kainga students hosted Kavanagh College on Tuesday in their annual sports exchange. After a rousing Mihi Whakatau the action began. All games were played in excellent spirit, with the positive attitude of players and coaches making for an entertaining spectacle. The weather also played its part as the games were played in sunny and mild conditions. Well done to all the students for their efforts and performances.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and safe weekend.

Nga mihi nui.

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL
Taieri College Sports Council

Mission: 'To promote and encourage sport at Taieri College and on the Taieri'

Taieri College’s Sports Council is a committee made up of both parents and teachers. We rely heavily on the generosity of sponsorship to keep our programmes in place; to fund teams and individuals; to supply equipment; to upgrade playing areas; and to purchase school vans to transport our students. We aim to give our young athletes every opportunity possible.

Our Sports Council is always welcoming and very appreciative of any new sponsors wishing to come on board. If you think this is an area you can help, please contact The Sports Office (sport@taieri.school.nz)

There are four LEVELS of Sponsorship: PREMIER (amount is by negotiation), PLATINUM ($2,000 + GST per year), GOLD ($1,000 + GST per year) and SILVER ($500 + GST per year).

Each MONTH the Sports Council would like to SHOWCASE one of our valued sponsors. Where possible we urge our Taieri College families to support these generous businesses just like they support us.

GOLD SPONSOR OF THE MONTH
TAK Flooring Ltd

Thank you to Greg Tomlinson from Tak Flooring for his continued support! Carpet and Vinyl is what they do, so please if you are doing renovations and need a professional on the job then give Greg a call or go see him at 95 Crawford Street, Dunedin.

Taieri College Sports Council are proud to work alongside the following sponsors; LJ Hooker – Lachie McLachlan, Braveheart Decorators, Mastercraft Mosgiel Kitchens, Sportsmed Mosgiel, Waihola Surfacing, Reece Building Consultants, DC Motors, DS Builders, Norwood Farm Machinery, Promo-X, Cramond & Craig, Dixon Roofing, TAK Flooring and Loan Market.

Taieri College Class Photographs 2020

Class photographs are now available for purchase through Kelk Photograhy. Please follow the link to order http://kelkphoto.co.nz/view-your-event/taieri-college/

If you missed out on 2019 Class Photographs – these are still available online to order.

Payment can be made by using a PayPal account or credit/debit card information. You can also use Paypal guest checkout if you don’t have an Paypal account.

Orders will close on Friday 21 August 2020. Postage options include: Send to school (we will do this as one bulk order after the closing date), pick up from Kelk Photography (free) or pack and post option for $7.00.
Young Writers’ Awards 2020

Entries are due Wednesday 23 September 2020 at 3:00pm.

Entries into the Short Story, Poetry, Essay/Article, Drama Script, and Project (where possible) sections need to be e-mailed as a Word document attachment to ywa@taieri.school.nz. The subject line must indicate the category and year level.

Entries for Children’s Illustrated Books and Project (if not in electronic format) need to be delivered to the English Department Office.

**Short Stories**

Completed individually, this can be a story consisting of a minimum of 200 words. There should be a suitable title and formatted with paragraphs. The content may be a real experience, an adapted real experience or fiction. It does not have to come solely from a classroom activity.

**Project**

Also completed individually, this is an investigation into a subject of your interest. It may derive from your classwork in any subject, or it may be a hobby topic, e.g. the Royal Family, the Albatross colony, a mathematics investigation, the Maori Battalion, etc. It does not have to come solely from classwork. Be creative with how you present your work – it could be in the form of a report, brochure, poster, diorama.

**Article**

This section is completed individually. Present your ideas and opinions about a subject such as Road Safety, Uniform, Conservation etc. You could be aiming to persuade the reader to act/behave/think in a different way. Or you could present information and ideas about a subject such as Taieri history, animals, your family, your job, an historic event etc. Entries may relate to some study you have done. It does not have to come solely from a classroom activity. Submitted work should have a catchy title and be formatted in paragraphs.

**Children’s Illustrated Books**

This may be a combined effort of up to two people (e.g. a text writer and an illustrator). The book must be at least six pages long, but the page size is not restricted. It should be suitable for pre-school children to read or to have read to them. (i.e. the text and pictures may be quite simple).

**Poetry**

Completed individually, entries can be any length, rhymed or unrhymed. Very short poems, however, may not be judged as favorably as longer ones reflecting greater effort. Use a suitable title. The subject may be serious or humorous. It may be shaped on the page.

**Drama Scripts**

Collaborative efforts of up to three people may submit entries in this category. Drama scripts may be any length – a simple sketch or a piece of dialogue or monologue, and could contain one or several scenes. Stage directions must be included. It should be set out as a play script with dialogue and stage directions, as well as a captivating title.

Questions can be directed to your English teacher or to Miss Hurst in C10 or by email (ehurst@taieri.school.nz).
Accounts

Statements were issued on 30 July 2020. There are currently 330 accounts that were emailed that have not yet been opened. Please remember to open your emails to check out your accounts.

Remember that financial assistance is available in some cases so if you have any concerns at all about paying your account please do not hesitate to phone the college on 489 3823 and speak to Mr Peacock (extn 101).

Parental Contribution is tax deductible and receipts are automatically issued on full payment of this donation. If you need a copy of this receipt, please let us know.

Thank you.

Rosie Mitchell from 7MR

Rosie got a sewing machine for her 11th birthday. With her love of sewing and due to Covid-19, Rosie has been busy making sandwich wraps, aprons, wheat bags, scrunchies and now face masks.

According to Rosie’s Mum, Deb Mitchell, Damian from “The Breeze” radio station tracked Rosie down via Facebook and wanted to meet Rosie. He asked her all about her business how she got started etc., Deb took Rosie into the radio station on Monday morning for two interviews. Damian even bought a mask. She was also on the front page of the ODT on Monday morning!

Well done Rosie. Taieri College is very proud of you.

Rosie sells her products on a Facebook Page called “Rosie’s Hand Made”. She also donates $1 per sale to the Heart Kids’ Otago charity and has also donated wheat bags to Foster Hope Otago. Check out her Facebook page! “Rosie’s Hand Made”.

![Images of Rosie Mitchell and her family](image-url)
Sport Column

Unfortunately, being back at alert level 2 has an effect on our college sporting sides. Here is the update on weekend sport, as of Friday morning.

Netball:
Only 9A, 10A and Taieri College A teams are playing at Level Two. Rules from DNC are: no spectators allowed, and no umpire duty for teams. All other Taieri College teams have their grades and fixtures cancelled.

Year 7&8 Netball: TPJN Saturday competition is cancelled unless we move to Level One on Saturday.

Rugby:
All secondary school matches for this weekend will only proceed if we move down to Level One. Therefore, if the level remains at two or goes higher, school rugby for this weekend will be cancelled.

Basketball:
Games are scheduled for tonight at school gyms and Edgar Centre, but no spectators allowed.

Midweek sports such as hockey, some netball grades, and future sporting tournaments planned during winter tournament week are all subject to future government announcements, but fingers crossed we are back soon. If a social media user, please add yourself to ‘Taieri College Sport’ Facebook group to keep up to speed with updates in the coming days and weeks.

On a more positive note, we hosted the Kavanagh Year 7/8 Interchange on Tuesday, our students experienced a great occasion. We had wins across hockey, netball, rugby, soccer and miniball, and players were supported by their peers, senior students and parents on the sideline. It was stunning to see our younger students enjoy each other's company and have positive experiences wearing our Taieri College colours.

Ryan Rosevear
Head of Sport
Congratulations!
1st place band – Schlappers (Taieri College)
2nd place band – Fool Of Stars (Queen’s High School, Taieri College)
3rd place band – Velvet Strings (Taieri College)

1st place solo/duo – Liam Boyne (Taieri College)
2nd place solo/duo – Keira Wallace (Taieri College)

Musicianship Award – Seth Fleming of Velvet Strings (Taieri College)

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**Senior Exam Timetable 2020**

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Exams will take place mostly in the ITC apart from specialist rooms where indicated.
Year 11, 12 and 13 students have study leave while exams take place.
Students must stay for the entire length of exam if 2 hours or less. Students must stay for 2 hours if in a 3hr exam.

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