Kia ora koutou

It has been a typically exciting and busy start to the school year as students channel their energies from planning holiday activities to concentrating in the classroom. This adjustment generally takes longer for some than others, but it is important that it does occur. Our expectations in the classroom are based on our three school rules. Trying hard (mahi), getting on with each other (whanaungatanga) and using good manners (manaakitanga). If students stick to these simple principles, then they will do well.

Students should now have met their teachers and be settling down into their core business of learning and achieving. Our Year 9 students will be getting used to moving between classes and managing their time wisely. Unfortunately, the weather put pay to our Year 9 Berwick trips this week as rain and subsequent underfoot conditions led to us cancelling the planned activities.

One aspect of classroom behaviour we are paying particular focus on is cell phone use. Cell phones are not permitted to be used during class time unless there is clear permission from the teacher to do so. Examples where cell phone use may be allowed at the teacher’s discretion, is listening to music, or using a phone for an internet search. I am hopeful our parent community will be supportive of regulating time spent on cell phones.

An important aspect of our school operation is our daily student notices. These are circulated at form times every morning, and are also available on KAMAR. This is where students gain information on the huge amount of co-curricular opportunities that we offer at Taieri College. It is important that students don’t sit back and wait for opportunities to come to them. If something sounds interesting, fun, and challenging - then give it a go!

Noho ora mai

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates
11 February
Girls in Science Stem Expo Trip
L3 History – Hocken Library Trip
12 February
Bates Cup – Year 9-13 Girls’ Cricket
14 February
L1 Art Trip – Portobello Marine Studies Centre
17-21 February
Tautuku Camp 1 10HK & 10PN
18 February
NZC Cup Year 7-8 Boys Cricket
19 February
NZC Shield Cup Year 7-8 Girls Cricket
21 February
TK Triathlon Period
24 February
7RL/7SW Waihola Trip
25 February
Taieri College Athletics Day (Postponement day – 26 February 2020)
27-28 February
Level 1 PRM trip to South Canterbury
29 February
Otago Secondary Schools’ Touch Tournament
2 March
Tautuku Camp 2 – 10JH and 10TM
Primary Industries

This week the Level 2 and 3 Primary Industry class got to hear about life at Lincoln University and the Dairy NZ Scholarships available from Brad Trebilcock who is an ex Taieri College Student. Brad finished at Taieri College in 2017 and is now in his last year at university. He is studying Environmental Science and works as an AI technician in the summer. He has some good advice about applying for the scholarship.

Kia ora whānau

We are now in the ninth month of the Māori year – Huitanguru, also known as Pēpuere. The summer star of Rūhī is above us and seedpods are bursting open to fall upon the whenua.

As we move towards Rākanui (full moon) on Sunday 9 February this week it is a valuable time to come together as whānau and share ideas, insights and gratitude.

The high energy Tangaroa period (when the moon is waning) begins on Monday 17 February and this is the perfect time to get outside and visit your favourite beach, river or lake to connect with the water around you.

The New Moon of Whiro on Sunday 26 January was the beginning of the Chinese New Year. The celebrations continue into February and are a great time to gather together, reflect over the past year, look forward to the new, and eat! Foods to eat are long noodles (for longevity – do not cut!), spring rolls, egg rolls, dumplings and mandarins (for wealth).

Remembering Te Tiriti o Waitangi every day

On February 6th, 1840, the Treaty of Waitangi was signed between the British Crown and Māori chiefs.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi is the foundation document of Aotearoa/New Zealand and it essentially underpins our school goals and actions. Together we can reduce inequities in Aotearoa and work towards sustainable and inclusive outcomes for all. Our cultural wellbeing actions at Taieri College will build on this priority throughout the year, and beyond.

I invite parents to provide me with any insights into your culture that could be useful here at school. We wish to strengthen our diverse cultural identity and promote inclusive actions and attitudes. Your ideas and suggestions are very important to us.

Ngā mihi nui

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Art

The Level 1 Design and Year 10 Photography & Film classes, have been given the challenge of taking the most interesting photograph in their bathrooms at home. We have been discussing angles, light, format and composition over the week. Students then brought the photos in and there was one winner per class judged by staff.

Winners were:
Anna Smithson 10HK
Anna Clearwater 11FG

Taieri College Sport 2020

The start of a new year is an exciting time at Taieri College. It is a time of welcoming new and returning students into Taieri College and getting them involved within sport at Taieri College.

We aim to provide a quality experience in the sporting realm and our students often take up a wide range of the diverse opportunities we offer. Sport also provides students with the opportunity to represent Taieri College and demonstrate their ability to try their best and get along with others.

To get involved in sport at Taieri College is an easy process. Information about getting involved in sport is available to both students and parents via:
- Daily Notices – which parents can also see on line through the Taieri College website.
- Taieri College Sport Facebook page – which we encourage parents to join.
- Sport Office – please feel free to contact the Sport Office if you have any questions about sport at Taieri College.

This year we are moving towards using on line enrolment forms for sport. These will be emailed home to parents after students have signed up for sport and attended a meeting with the teacher in charge of the sport. It is important that these forms are completed as soon as possible to ensure we get students involved in sport. There will also be some hard copies of these forms available at the sport office for students to collect.

Through the newsletter and advertised around the school are a number of businesses that support sport and Taieri College. They provide us money every year to help our athletes and sport teams achieve their goals, they have assisted in purchasing our fleet of vans that carry our teams to events and go to camp. So, if you can support these businesses please do and say that you are supporting them because they support sport at the college.

Hockey

Hockey specialist coaching opportunities: Otago hockey is offering an accelerator programme for young players to upskill and get themselves for and ready for the upcoming season. All sessions will be taken by Hymie Gill (NZ Rep and current Nz men’s u18 coach) and supported by other local representative players. The programme starts next and click on the link to register.

On Tuesday 25 February 2020 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 26 February 2020 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. A full menu of what will be on offer will be in next weeks’ newsletter.

On The Day
- Students Year 7 – 10 are to compete wearing normal PE Uniform, while Year 11-13 in are to wear appropriate mufti.
- 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.

White Ferns

Next Thursday, 13 February 2020 at 2:00pm, The White Ferns are taking on South Africa in an exciting T20 International Fixture at The University of Otago Oval. Otago Cricket is hoping to get as many keen cricketers and supporters along to witness some of New Zealand’s most talented female cricketers in action including our very own Otago Sparks; Suzie Bates, Katey Martin and Hayley Jensen. As such, they are offering a special discounted fare to all high school students who will only have to pay a gold coin entry to attend the game.

Upon arrival, each student will just need to bring their Student ID and gold coin to the main gates at The University of Otago Oval (20 Logan Park Drive).

Lost Property

These shoes have been handed into the Taieri College Office from the Gymnasium or lockers not cleared from last year. If you think they may be yours please claim from the office.
Outram Summer Hawk & Hurl

SATURDAY, 15 FEBRUARY | 11AM – 2PM

Outram Sportsfield and Hall
102 Formby Street, Outram

- Car boot sale $15 per site – Contact Brian Peat to register your spot. Email: peat23@hotmail.com
- Bring your electronic waste for recycling – small recycling charge will apply.
- Scrap metal recycling collection
- Plant stall with a variety of garden plants
- Clothes swap
- BBQ by the Taieri Lions

Cash ONLY event – All proceeds from the Hawk & Hurl will go to the Outram Volunteer Fire Brigade. The DCC Rural Skip Day will be held at the same time. See www.dunedin.govt.nz/community-rural-skip-day for further details (standard disposal fees will apply).

What is a Hawk & Hurl?
Ever heard the saying “One person’s junk is another one’s treasure”?

You’d be amazed at what people throw away when often it could be used again or even repurposed.

The Hawk & Hurl is a community-led event that focuses on rescuing valuable resource for reuse or recycling rather than going to landfill.