Kia ora tatou

I have enjoyed my week in the Catlins this week with 10JH and 10TM who are on their Tautuku camp. The students are keenly participating in the variety of outdoor-based adventures and making the most of the stunning natural environment. My thanks to the staff who have been integral in the success of the camp.

As part of our College wide wellbeing programme, several of our Year 10s and 11s have, this week, participated in activities around self-defence and keeping safe. We have used a number of outside providers to assist in getting positive messages across regarding good choices in situations where there may be risk involved. We have been impressed in the manner our students have responded to the programme. The programme will continue with the remaining Year 10s and 11s over the next few weeks.

Staying with the wellbeing theme, on Tuesday we hosted the 2020 Attitude presentation in our Performing Arts Centre. All year levels were treated to entertaining performances that include an underlying wellbeing theme. Every topic covered was carefully pitched at the age level of the audience. The themes included holistic wellbeing, positive self-esteem, informed choices around drugs & alcohol and healthy relationships.

On Thursday evening, Mr Hackfath presented an informative seminar to parents about the details of NCEA. The presentation is generally aimed at Year 11 parents who are experiencing NCEA for the first time. As a college, we find it helpful when parents and whanau have an understanding of the assessment requirements that NCEA requires. If you weren’t able to make the seminar and you would like to obtain some information around NCEA and its demands please feel free to contact the College.

Good luck to our senior girls’ volleyball team this weekend as they compete in the Mainland Championships in Christchurch. The games begin on Friday and continue over the weekend.

Noho ora mai
Dave Hunter
Principal

Key Dates

6-8 March
Mainland Volleyball Champs

10 March
Taieri College Sports Council AGM 7.30pm
Muffti Day – Gold coin donation

11-12 March
Parent Teacher Interviews

13 March
Otago SS Futsal Tournament
Otago SS Athletics Learning Readiness Issued

14-15 March
Otago SS Senior Volleyball Champs

16-20 March
Tautuku Camp 3
10GD/10ML

18 March
2021 Vietnam Trip Information Evening – Taieri College Library

20 March
Crash/Bash Drive to Survive Year 12

23 March
Otago Anniversary Day – College Closed
Mufti Day – Tuesday 10 March 2020

Gold Coin Donation – Proceeds to Otago Children’s Autistic Support Group
Further information can be found at this link: https://www.otagokidsautism.org/therapy

Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews Wednesday 11 March 2020 & Thursday 12 March 2020 - 4pm-7:00pm

Bookings for interviews can be made at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the booking code kw74t. The booking code will become ‘live’ online from Wednesday 4 March 2020 at 4.00pm. If you are having trouble with bookings please contact the office and they will make them for you.

A separate email will be sent out next week with further information and maps of the college that indicate the rooms that teachers will be conducting the interviews.

Accounts

Statements of account have been issued this week. Payment can be made the following ways:

- internet banking/automatic payments to our Westpac bank account number 03 1725 0106800 00
- cash/cheque/eftpos at the office
- cash/cheque using envelope system by students

When making payment by internet banking or automatic payment please include the student’s name as the reference and if the payment is for a specific cost eg. camp, please note this also in the reference. You can also quote the student’s ID number which is printed on the statement (to the left of their name).

If you are paying regular automatic payments it would be appreciated if they are of a sufficient amount to cover all costs by the end of Term 4. You may need to make additional payments for any sports fees which are due at the beginning of the playing season and for any camp/trip costs which are required before the event.

You can view your accounts at any time by logging in to the Taieri College Kamar site via our website and selecting the Taieri College useful links tab.

If you have a query about your account please email accounts@taieri.school.nz or telephone the Finance Office extn 206 or extn 129.

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

Thank you.

Taieri College Sports Council AGM

The Taieri College Sports Council AGM for 2020 will be on TUESDAY 10 March 2020, in the Board Room (Front of Main Office building) at 7.30pm.
South Island Town and Country Swimming Meet Results

Kylie Gale (11MP) competed in the 15 & Over Girls Age Group as a 15 year old.

Kylie competed in six individual events and was selected for and swam in two Otago age group relays. She earned two personal best times from her individual events. Kylie received two overall second placed ribbons in the 100m freestyle and the 200m Freestyle relay. She received an overall third place ribbon in the 100m Butterfly and one first place ribbon in the 200m Medley relay.

Jessie Yee (10HK) competed in the 13-14 year old age group as a 14 year old.

Jessie competed in seven individual events and was selected for and swam in two Otago age group relays. She earned five personal best times in her individual events. Jessie received an overall third place ribbon in the 200m Breaststroke event.

Keira Hughes (8PH) competed in the 11-12 year old age group as a 12 year old.

Keira competed in five individual events and was selected for and swam in two Otago age group relays. She earned five personal best times in her individual events. Keira received three overall first placed ribbons for 200m Backstroke, 100m freestyle and 200m Medley Relay. Keira also received three overall second placed ribbons in the 100m Butterfly, 100m Breaststroke and the 200m Freestyle Relay.

Year Seven And Eight Vision Screening

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health, Southern District Health will be visiting Taieri College to screen all year seven students for distance vision.

- Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)

This determines how well your child is able to see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart. (Not required if child wears glasses/ or is currently under care for their vision)

If you do not wish your child to be screened please fill out an opt-out slip, which are available at the school office before our visit.

There will also be some Year 8 students called for on the day, if they were absent last year.
Otago Secondary Schools’ Touch Tournament
Sports Hoodies Term 1 - 2020

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 0106 800 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 11 March 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 Sports 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 Sports Office.

Thank you to those who have already placed an order.

Due to some people having issues using the Microsoft form we have also included a google form to help people order them.

Microsoft form
[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nrmqTgehakC3GXNuATnY2L4gHCRDFu5DgzTwuV4k2S1UQRURVE2M1YzTU1DWTBLnzJRNTLODU4NS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nrmqTgehakC3GXNuATnY2L4gHCRDFu5DgzTwuV4k2S1UQRURVE2M1YzTU1DWTBLnzJRNTLODU4NS4u)

Google Form
[https://forms.gle/WExchFSvUnZJMBwx7](https://forms.gle/WExchFSvUnZJMBwx7)

Please note sports hoodies are only to be worn for PE and sports events.
Cameron Gillies from 7HU has been attending the Dunedin City Petanque League at 80 Eglinton Road, Dunedin for Intermediate and Secondary Schools, every Tuesday afternoon.

Cameron had never played Petanque before. In his first week Cameron finished fifth overall, out of over 34 students in his age group. What an amazing first up effort Cameron, well done.

Year 7 Food Technology – Cupcakes

Jiu-Jitsu

Recently Aiyanna Bosscher competed in Auckland at the Australian/New Zealand Oceania Open and placed third. Well done.