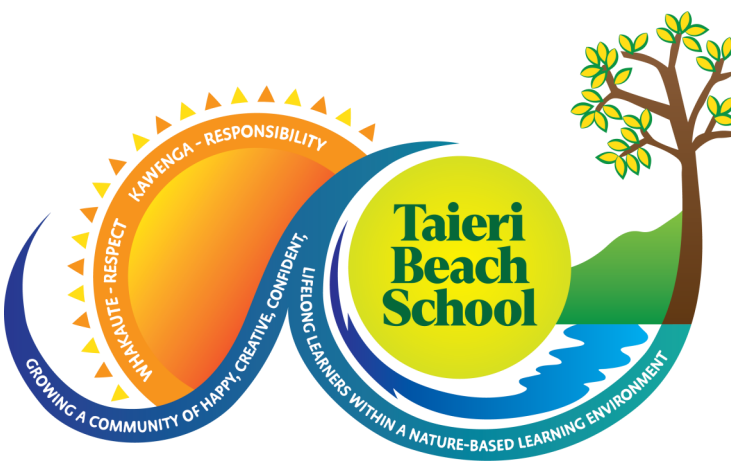




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Kia ora koutou katoa, Greetings to you all

Welcome to 2024. It was great to welcome everyone back to school all looking refreshed and excited for another school year.

Congratulations to Lisa and James on the safe arrival of Fionn, a little brother for Talia. All the very best to the O’Mahony family from Taieri Beach School.



A warm Taieri Beach School welcome to Petra Carruthers who will be working with us this year while Lisa is away on maternity leave. Petra is an experienced teacher who is very passionate and enthusiastic about teaching and learning especially within a nature based learning philosophy. Welcome Petra and we hope you enjoy your time with us.

We are very excited about our new Nature Based programme. We have children from Mosgiel and Milton schools visiting for half a day each week to be actively involved in our nature based learning sessions. It is exciting to see the positive results for both the visiting children and our Taieri Beach School children

The new Government has introduced several education areas in their 100 day plan. No cell phones in schools doesn’t affect our students as currently they do not bring cell phones to school. The other area is to ensure students have an hour of reading, writing and maths every day. This is already happening as part of Taieri Beach School’s balanced curriculum and we will continue to provide our students with a rich and balanced curriculum which is grounded in literacy and numeracy.

A special thank you to Linda Street, who is doing a fabulous job maintaining our community/school swimming pool. Please use this community asset while the summer weather lasts. We would also like to thank Blair Allen for keeping our lawns and hedges looking great in yet another dry year.



DATES TO REMEMBER

25 March
Otago Anniversary Day

12 April
End of Term 1

Kia ora, talofa, malo e lele, hello and gooi dag,

I have been asked to write a blurb introducing myself to you, the Taieri Beach School community. My name is Petra Carruthers and I have the privilege of filling in for Whaea Lisa while she is on maternity leave enjoying her new baby.

This is my 25th year of teaching, a profession I trained for after parent-helping in my daughter’s class. I enjoyed it so much I thought this would be a cool profession to be in, and it has. I have been excited, challenged, satisfied and frustrated in the job but I have never been bored.

I am excited to be at Taieri Beach school with its amazing environment, collegial staff and board, and cool students. The drive to work along the coast road is a pleasure in itself. I am very interested in the nature based learning programme that Gloria has instigated and watching the positive impact it has on students from all walks of life.



Looking forward to a great year ahead.

GEO NET VISIT: During the holidays, scientists and students from The University of Canterbury came on site to measure the composition of the land that our school sits on. This helps them interpret the data they pick up from their monitoring instruments, i.e. Impact waves travel differently through solid rock or sand. They placed monitors around the school, especially between the monitoring box and the road and then regularly sledgehammered the ground. The speed and force that the waves travelled between monitors told them a lot about the land composition.

Strong Motion Instruments
Geo Net have over 300 strong-motion accelerometers in major centres of population, near significant faults, or in different types of building structures. They are capable of measuring very strong shaking associated with damaging earthquakes. One of the strong motions instruments is located at our school Taieri Beach School (GeoNet code TMBS).

Looking at the data
You can use the Strong Motion data tool to view recent quakes, or search for quakes, and then see if our schools instrument recorded any data by looking for the code TMBS. Email Geo Net for further information: info@geonet.org.nz





Ryker has such a passion for fishing he made his own fishing rod using natural materials found at our school so he can now fish from our boat.



COMMUNITY NEWS



HUGE thank you and congratulations go out to the Social Committee responsible for the Picnic in the Park, the High Tea afternoon and Love to Dance night. What a marvellous time was had by all. Look on the community Facebook page for photos of these occasions. Special thanks go to Fay Coster, Jade Coster, Helen Eason, Angela Moore and Jocelyn Lindner for the tremendous amount of work and effort put into making these occasions special and quite successful! And to any other helpers we may have forgotten to mention!!

It is wonderful to see new and old ideas coming together to create such tremendous fun for our community. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket, who baked a cake, who donated a raffle prize, who bought a raffle ticket, who quietly supported behind the scenes. It takes a community of caring people to achieve such a success. Thank you again EVERYONE!!

TAIERI MOUTH AMENITIES SOCIETY

The next Taieri Mouth Amenities Society meeting will be held **Monday 11 March 2023 at 7.30pm in the Leitch Memorial Hall.** Please bring your ideas for discussion. Get to know your Community. ALL WELCOME

CDC SUBMISSION FOR 'OUR PLACE TAIERI MOUTH, COMMUNITY PLAN

Don't forget to go online and fill in your Taieri Mouth Our Place for the Clutha District Council. You need to make your submission by March 1. It's easy to do online. This is your opportunity to tell the CDC what you would like to see in Taieri Mouth!

To find it online:

1. Visit cluthadc.govt.nz online
2. Under MENU go to COMMUNITY
3. Go to OUR PLACE COMMUNITY PLANNING
4. Go to OUR PLACE TAIERI MOUTH COMMUNITY PLAN
5. Scroll to the bottom of page and go to HAVE YOUR SAY & SUBMIT

Taieri Mouth Trappers Lure Day

The Taieri Trappers Library will be open after the Moturata Mile Race on Saturday the 9th of March at 5 p.m, Livingstonia Park. Salted rabbit (1,600 squares) and 10L of 'eggsellent' lures have arrived for the DOC200s. These compliment the many litres of the other lures we already have. We are giving bait away to all those who already have traps & we also welcome those people who wish to try trapping on their property to come along & have a chat. Please bring your own pots or jars & take away some of our delicious bait for the pesky pests of Taieri Mouth.



COMMUNITY BUSINESSES



Diesel fuel is available to the public via the fuel facility on Marine Parade. BSP Fuel cards can be obtained by visiting www.bspfuels.nz email info@bspfuels.nz or contacting Jeremy on 027 2830589.



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