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Newsletter No. 8  
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Growing a community of happy,  
creative, confident lifelong  
learners within a nature-based  
learning environment.

14 Dec = Prize Giving 2pm  
15 Dec = Last Day of the Term  
29 Jan = First Day of Term 1 2024

Kia ora koutou katoa, Greetings to you all

The year has flown by so very quickly and it is nearly Christmas. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our hardworking staff, parents and Board of Trustees members who ensure our children receive the very best education possible. We are so very proud of the academic and social progress our children have made this year.

#### Community Consultation

A very special thank you to all who contributed to our recent community consultation. We very much appreciate the time and effort you took to submit your feedback. Stacey (our Presiding Board Member) and I have collated a summary of the results with an indication of how as a school we will utilise this feedback.

#### What Taieri Beach School is doing well for our students:

The majority of respondents were happy with the way Taieri Beach School is going, in particular the genuine care the staff have for the children, the personalised programmes to meet each child's needs, and the nature based learning philosophy. Also highlighted was the effective implementation of the structured literacy programme this year. The connections we have made with other schools was regarded as a positive aspect of our children's education, especially the opportunity for one of our students to participate in Tokoiti School's camp. Our great facilities were also mentioned as well as the connections made with the community through the community/school newsletter.

#### What Taieri Beach School could improve on:

The overall response was that the majority of respondents are happy with our current and future plans. There was a comment that the school has great positives but needs to showcase these to help increase the school roll, a somewhat challenging but very important task. *The Board discussed ways we could showcase the school. We already use social media (Facebook, blog) to raise our profile in the Taieri Mouth community and the wider community. We will also be continuing Stacey's successful Taieri Beach Kids Club and the tidy-up along Moturata Road near the school. We are currently considering other initiatives to increase our public profile in the local and wider community.*

#### Any new initiatives Taieri Beach School could introduce that would benefit our students:

The overall consensus was that Nature Based Learning programme with other schools was a worthwhile new initiative. A very pertinent comment was made that we are a small school with only a small staff and board of trustees which means only a few people to take on the extra workload. This respondent suggested that before we consider introducing new initiatives we look closely at what we will stop doing and/or who we could bring on board to help us with this. *We very much appreciate this comment and always encourage community support and involvement.*

One respondent made an observation of the poor quality of written language generally in New Zealand and wondered whether this has roots in the emphasis on self-expression rather than accuracy in some school's writing programmes. *Although the respondent indicated that this comment was not directed at Taieri Beach School, the Board did still discuss this point. We consider our structured literacy programme very much emphasizes correct spelling and grammar.*

We are now into summer and hopefully the swimming season! A very special thank you to Linda for getting the pool ready and hopefully the weather will warm up so we can enjoy our school/community swimming pool. Have a wonderful festive season everyone and all the very best for 2024.



That is all for now  
Heoi anō tāku mō nāianeī

Ngā mihi nui  
Gloria

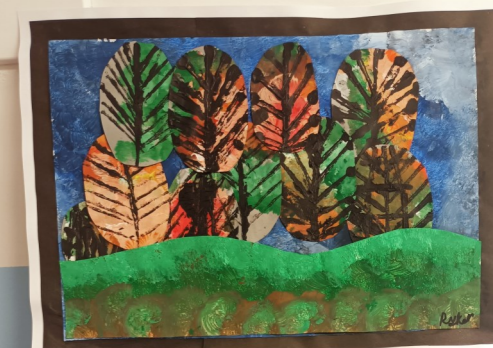
The staff at Taieri Beach School would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a safe and enjoyable holiday season with your whānau and friends. Warmest regards from Gloria, Lisa, Chrissie and Danique.



Recently the students have been creating amazing artworks inspired by famous artists. They have focussed on texture, tinting and reflection. We think Vincent Van Gogh and Claude Monet would be very proud!

Thank You

Thank you to Leona and Michael from the team at Tall Poppy Real Estate for holding the BBQ at the coastal classic event and fundraising for Taieri Beach School. We really appreciate the support.



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Taieri Beach School Community Swimming Pool is now OPEN Keys available now

Purchase during school hours from Taieri Beach School, available up until Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December from the school office. 14<sup>th</sup> December onwards contact Jeannine:  
Ph: 481-1919 or 027 33 88 120  
Cash or Bank Deposit  
\$50 for a Family Key for the season



### TAIERI MOUTH AMENITIES SOCIETY

The next Taieri Mouth Amenities Society meeting is the Annual General Meeting and will be held **Monday 29 January 2023 at 7.30pm in the Leitch Memorial Hall**. Please bring your ideas for discussion. Get to know your Community. ALL WELCOME

### TAIERI BEACH STEAM PUDDINGS

Taieri Beach School Fundraiser : \$20 per pudding : 12-15 servings per pudding. Formula Tin Size. Orders need to be in by Thursday 14th Dec, delivery Sat 16th Dec  
Text 021970869, Messenger or Email : [stacey\\_penrose@hotmail.com](mailto:stacey_penrose@hotmail.com) to order. We can also be contacted through our Facebook page: [facebook.com/TaieriBeach.SteamPuddings](https://www.facebook.com/TaieriBeach.SteamPuddings)

### Taieri Mouth Trappers



The Taieri Mouth Trappers have been really pleased & encouraged by the number of people in the Taieri Mouth area who have borrowed traps, with 63 so far out in use. After two months of trapping 100+ Percy possums have been caught along with several of their other predatory mates. If you do have traps it would be great if you could report your catches when the shed is open or sign up to the [trap.nz](http://trap.nz) website which also has a phone app where you can easily record your numbers. Alternatively, **Don Hunter** is happy to take the numbers and you can call or text him on **0221239695**.

The Scout Shed, Livingstonia Park, will be open **Saturday January 13th from 10 am 12.30 pm**

If you have any trapping queries before then please contact **Rodger Anderson** on **0272426301**

### FOOD BANK DRIVE

Do you have spare food items that can be donated to the Food Bank as so many are in need at this time of year?

Non-perishable items can be left at Taieri Beach School Office or in the box beside the School / Community Library by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

The students of Taieri Beach School will drop the items at the Balclutha Fire Brigade. Thank you

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### BSP Fuels

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](http://www.bspfuels.nz) email [info@bspfuels.nz](mailto:info@bspfuels.nz) or contacting Jeremy on 027 2830589.

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