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Tēnā Koutou Katoa

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Kia ora e te whānau

This week started with our Year 13s given the opportunity to explore the Otago University and Polytechnic as part of their annual Open Day. Our students attended lectures and checked out what the different faculties have to offer. It is hoped that for many it will finalise their plans for next year and they can turn their focus to achieving the results required to do their preferred course.

It is also the time of the year where schools begin the process of accepting enrolments for 2023. Taieri College has welcomed over 240 prospective families this week as parents and whānau explore educational options for their children. Rather than a one-off open day we choose to show our college off during a "normal" school day. Families get the chance to see the school in action and have a realistic experience of a school day at Taieri College. The tour groups are split into small numbers which allow for lots of questions to be asked. My sincere thanks to our student guides who gave up their time to assist with the tours.

On Monday a letter will be sent to families of our current Year 8 students outlining the process for transition into Year 9. Should parents want to explore the secondary element of Taieri College, then personalised tours will be made available to them. If there are any questions around enrolments, please feel free to contact the college office.

Over 150 students travelled to Invercargill on Wednesday as part of our annual James Hargest winter sports exchange. A 6.00am start meant for a long day and we were proud of how our students fronted up and performed. Once again James Hargest won the overall trophy, but we gained excellent wins in Senior A Netball, Theatre Sports, Under 15 rugby and girls rugby. My thanks to the Sports Office for their organisation and the coaches and managers who accompanied the teams.

Next week it's our Year 7 and 8 sports students' chance to represent Taieri College, as they take on Kavanagh College as part of their annual winter exchange. Good luck to those involved.

This week we said farewell to Miss Nicole Wilson who is one of our Cyclone IT Technicians. Nicole joined us three years ago and has made an invaluable contribution to the operation and function of our computer systems. Nicole has received a deserved promotion at Cyclone, and we thank her sincerely for her contribution to Taieri College and wish her all the best for her future plans.

Nga mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

9 August
Taieri
College
Sport
Photographs

10 August
Year 7/8
Kavanagh
College
Interchange
Growing
Future
Farmers
Open Day

11 August
Senior
Mathematics
Competition

12 August
Junior
Reports
Emailed
Home
Otago
University
Visit

14 August –
16 August
L3ECO trip to
Wellington

17-18 August
Parent
Teacher
Interviews

Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 17 August 2022 & Thursday 18 August 2022
4.00pm-7:00pm

Bookings for interviews can be made at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the booking code **hpx6d**. The booking code will become 'live' online **from Friday 12 August 2022 at 3.00pm**. 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 with further information and maps of the college that indicate the rooms that teachers will be conducting the interviews in.



Absence Procedure

A reminder to all parents/caregivers regarding students signing in and out at the College Office during the college day. A note or telephone call is required explaining your student's absence. There is also a dedicated telephone message line on our telephone system for absences. Please telephone 489 3823 and press 1.

If you are leaving a message on our automated service, please provide a reason for the absence. The MOE has a coding system for absences and any absences that are unexplained must be coded as truant. If any parent/caregiver leaves a message that simply says that their child won't be in without any reason this will need to be coded as truant. Please give a specific reason for your child's absence.

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.

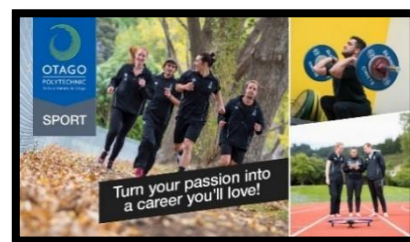
Our Sports Council is always welcoming and very appreciative of any new sponsors wishing to come on board. If you think this is an area you can help, please contact the Sports Office (sport@taieri.school.nz).

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 – The Institute of Sport, Exercise and Health (Otago Polytechnic)

How lucky are we, as a college to have the sponsorship support from the Institute of Sport, Exercise and Health at Otago Polytechnic. This could be where a few of our students may head next year to further their education, likewise, so many of our previous students have attended and studied. We even have staff present now who have gained their degree at the Polytechnic and are putting it to great use here at Taieri College. The students, as part of their sport hours, also attend and support The Sports Council on Golf Day.



Taieri College Sports Council are proud to work alongside the following sponsors; McDonalds Dunedin, LJ Hooker – Lachie McLachlan, Mastercraft Mosgiel Kitchens, Sportsmed Mosgiel, Waiholo Surfacing, Reece Building Consultants, DS Building Limited, Promo-X, Dixon Roofing, TAK Flooring, Loan Market, Otago Polytech Institute of Sport, Exercise & Health, CREDIFLEX Otago, Willow & Silk, Beauty Lane, ITM Dunedin.



Young Writers' Awards 2022

Entries are due Wednesday 28 September at 3:00pm.

Entries 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 the Illustrated Books section (if not in electronic format) can be delivered to the English Department Office in the last week of Term 3.

SHORT STORIES

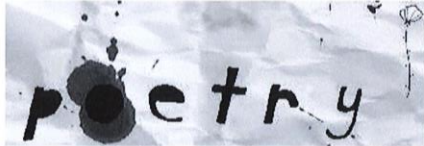
Completed individually, this can be a story consisting of a minimum of 250 words. There should be a suitable title and formatted with paragraphs. The content may be a real experience, an adapted real experience, fiction, or inspired by other stories read or viewed. It does not have to come solely from a classroom activity.

Article

This section is completed individually. Entries need a suitable title and written in paragraphs. Present your opinions about a subject such as Road Safety, Conservation, Social Media, Politics, etc. You could be aiming to persuade the reader to act/behave/think in a different way. Or you could present information about a subject such as Taieri history, animals, ancestry, your job, an historic event, etc. Entries may relate to some study you have completed. Entries do not have to come from classroom activities.



This may be a combined effort of up to two people (e.g. a text writer and an illustrator). Options include:
(a) Children's Illustrated Book - 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).
(b) Graphic Novel - This text needs to be at least 15 frames, using the visual and written conventions of graphic novels (comic books, anime). Entries be a full story or the beginning of a longer narrative not yet written.



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.



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).

Young Writers' Awards

Use the following statement to draw inspiration for a piece of writing for any category:

We are running out of time. . .

Art Department

Cameras needed!! Do you have any old digital cameras we could have for our Year 10 students?

Sometimes they are just sitting in drawers. we have a large class of 30 wanting to share the cameras we have.

Thank you,
The Art Department



Careers Chat

It was enjoyable to head into Dunedin on Monday for the rescheduled **Tertiary Information Day** and to see many of our students exploring the campus and courses on offer at **Otago Polytechnic** and the **University of Otago**.

All students considering study with the University of Otago are encouraged to apply for an **Entrance Scholarship**-these close 15 August 2022.

This link contains helpful information for an application.

<https://www.otago.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/index.html>

The best site for exploring possible scholarships available throughout New Zealand is studyspy.ac.nz

We are also busy providing references for our students who have applied for Residential College accommodation in their first year of study throughout the country.

Our **University of Otago Liaison Officer, Greg Hellyer** will be at school all day **Friday 12 August** to assist our students with planning a first-year course and in general with the transition into university.

There will be visits from other university and polytechnic staff later this term and students should make sure they attend these important workshop meetings. These specialist staff work for all tertiary providers and can be contacted directly via email or phone for assisting with any potential study questions.

Some of our other students are moving directly into apprenticeship and other job offers, including a number who have had a job offer because of their Gateway work placement. This is really pleasing and a win win situation for all involved!

The current job market is very buoyant with a wide range of opportunities being advertised. Any student unsure of their career pathway has the option of looking carefully at these opportunities and going into something that will give them that important first full-time job experience.

And of course, it is important that our students keep their focus and work hard to achieve the best possible results they can from their respective NCEA work this year. Senior School exams run from 1-7 September.

Please contact us directly if we can help in any way, (you may like to refer your son or daughter for an interview if they have any pressing career concerns or if they need help with a CV etc).

Your Taieri College Careers Team

Steve Walker - Head of Careers & Pathways, email swalker@taieri.school.nz

Fiona Smeaton - Careers Admin & Gateway Coordinator, email fsmeaton@taieri.school.nz

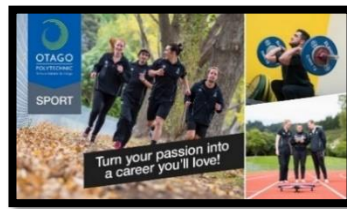


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HIP HOP Regionals

The Otago/Southland Hip Hop Regionals were held in Invercargill this past Saturday. Courtney Smith (Year 8) and Talia Mortimer (Year 10) were both involved in this in their respective dance crews (both dance for RASA School of Dance). Courtney's dance crew called 'Diamond' finished top in the primary/intermediate crew section and they also gained the highest score for any school of dance crew regardless of age for the competition. Tahlia's crew called 'DFYNT' finished second in the senior crew section. Both girls' crews have qualified for nationals in Wellington in September after this performance.



We send our congratulations to both girls and wish them well for the national competition.

ROCKQUEST Otago Regional Final Results

Due to Covid constraints the finals for the Otago region were comprised of groups submitting a video which was compared to their live act at the Regional Heats held on 23 June 2022. Taieri College was once again very successful, gaining a number of awards. We were unfortunate to not make the top three bands who had eligibility to vie for the semi-finals, but illness did really have an impact on the bands' ability to practice and produce a quality competitive video. Our successes were:



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| Valetta | 1st Place Tangata Beats and the Musicianship Award |
| Keira Wallace | 1st Place Solo Duo |
| The Manipulators | Best Original Lyrics. (Ella Coudret, Jaide Townsend, Leo Burkett, Maxx Turu) |
| Black Tomato Sauce | Best Original Song. (Carter Hoffman, Chicane Woodward, Matthew Harding and Flynn O'Connor) |



James Hargest Interchange

Approximately 160 students and staff had early alarms this Wednesday, and filled three large buses at 6am, departing to Invercargill for our James Hargest College Sports Interchange. After a warm welcome from James Hargest students on arrival, the fixtures began. An awesome day was had by all, with some great results and fantastic sportsmanship. We had wins with our Senior A netball, Under 15 rugby, girls rugby and theatresports. Thanks to everyone involved, and a special thanks to all the outside coaches and parents who travelled to support our teams, it is greatly appreciated.

Basketball Senior Boys lost 59 - 45
Basketball Junior Boys lost 43 - 30
Basketball Junior Girls lost 34 - 49
Football Boys lost 3 - 0
Hockey Boys lost 3 - 2
Hockey Girls lost 4 - 0
Netball Senior A won 25 - 23
Netball 10A lost 35 - 19
Netball 9A lost 35 - 29
Rugby Boys 1st XV lost 29 - 5
Rugby Boys Under 15 won 41 - 20
Rugby Girls won 63 - 27
Theatresports won 25 - 22
Overall Result Win to James Hargest 9 - 4





Celebrating Success

Congratulations to the below students who have recently been selected to represent New Zealand, Otago, or Dunedin in their respective sports. We have so many sporting talents at Taieri College! If you or a friend have also achieved something we can celebrate in the newsletter, please let the sports office know!

Georgina Te Kanawa: New Zealand Under 16 Girls Touch

Blake Clarkson: New Zealand Under 16 Boys Touch

Anneka Stevenson: Southern United Under 15 Football

Neve Beattie: Dunedin Under 16 Gold Netball

Annabelle Andrews, Janaya Guthrie and Georgina Te Kanawa: Dunedin Under 16 Blue Netball

Sarah Evans and Libby Jones: Dunedin Under 14 A Netball

Lana Chettleburgh, Jessica Clough and Sienna Forgie: Dunedin Under 14 B Netball

Primary Trades Academy – Fencing Day

On Wednesday, the Level 2 Primary Trades Academy students were invited to attend the FCNZ (Fencing Contractors Association) Field Days, held at the Taieri A&P Showgrounds.

The weather was amazing, and the six students involved in the mini-competition represented themselves and Taieri College well. Congratulations to Lance McClimont, Jordyn Timney and Matt Howe for taking out the head-to-head against Pipa Mooyman, Katelyn Henderson and Sam Henderson.

Special thanks to Geraldine High Trades Academy for arranging the competition, and Nick from Custom Fencing Waikouaiti for the support and guidance during the day.



Taieri College

Board of Trustees Election 2022

Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

- Aidan Bird
- Jessica Corbett
- Donna Burkett
- Kerry MacKenzie

Staff Representative:

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

- Karen Blick

Signed

Lynne Blackwood
RETURNING OFFICER



ONYX UNDER 16
Marching Team

Welcomes New Members

Monday's
6pm - 8pm
Edgar Centre

Ages 13 - Year 12

Shona: 0273088351

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Marching

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