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Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Kia ora e te whanau

It has been an exciting week of celebrating and recognising student achievement. Tuesday night was our Blues evening where our best scholars, performing artists and sports people were recognised. Congratulations to Keira Wallace for being named Arts Ambassador, Ella McKenzie as Sportswoman of the Year, Ollie McKenzie, Sportsman of the Year and the Boys' Cricket 1st XI for Team of the Year. Our thanks to our guest speaker, Atawhai Hotene who shared her successful journey from her early days at Clinton Primary School to representing New Zealand at touch and the Otago Spirit at ruaby.

On Wednesday Otago Polytechnic hosted the annual Pasifika Achievement Awards. Pearl Harris-Blain (senior) and Issy Wirangi (junior) were deserved recipients of the Taieri College awards.

On Thursday our young writers were recognised at the annual Literary Luncheon. The English Department were impressed with the quality of submitted work and were kept busy assessing around 700 separate pieces of writing. My congratulations to all students who entered the competition and well done to those who received the accolades. The premier awards (Frances Cosgrove Awards) were won by Zara Deans, Jenny Petegem-Thatch and Livy Urquhart. Tonight, we honour our high achieving Māori students at the Mana Pounamu Awards at the Dunedin Teachers' College Auditorium. Ruby Walpole (tuakana) and Georgina Te Kanawa (teina) are our award recipients.

Our performing artists have also been in the spotlight this week with the Students' Council promotion of the "Taieri's Got Talent" show on Thursday and the Music Department's "Vocal Showcase" on Thursday evening. Congratulations to all participants for sharing your talents with us and my thanks to the number of students and staff who contributed to the activity behind the scenes.

The weather gods certainly played their part last weekend during the 150th reunion celebrations of education on the Taieri. Ex-students from Mosgiel District High School, The Taieri High School, Mosgiel Intermediate and Taieri College all converged to relive memories, share stories, and revive old friendships over the course of the weekend. The weekend was a great success and my thanks to the reunion committee for the hours of preparation and planning that took place.

Our Senior Prizegivings are on next Wednesday (2 November 2022). Year 11 Prizegiving begins at 5.00pm and our Year 12 and 13 ceremony gets under way at 7.00pm. Parents and whānau are warmly welcome to join us in celebrating the outstanding accomplishments our senior students attained during 2022.

Ngā mihi nui

Dave Hunter PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

28 October 2022 Manu Pounamu Awards

29-30 October 2022 Otago SS Athletics Champs

2 November 2022 Year 11 Prizegiving 5.00pm – PAC Year 12-13 Prizegiving 7.00pm – PAC OPSSA South Zone Athletics (Year 7 & 8)

3 November 2022 TK Writing Club Parent Evening

7 November 2022 NCEA Exams Begin

7-11 November 2022 Year 8 Camp – 8FY & 8HR

7-18 November 2022 Year 7 Just Swim Lessons

11 November 2022 Sport Council Golf Day Year 10 English Exam Year 9 Mathematics Exam

12 November 2022 Otago Primary Schools' Swimming Champs

14 November 2022 Year 10 Mathematics Exam Year 9 English Exam

14-18 November 2022 Year 8 Camp – 8WO, 8SJ, 8GY

21-25 November 2022 Year 8 Camp – 8BZ, 8JT, 8MR

8 December 2022 Year 7 & 8 Prizegiving -11.30am Year 9 & 10 Prizegiving -1.30pm End of Term 4







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).

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Literary Lunch

On Thursday 27 October 2022, the English Department hosted the annual Literary Lunch to celebrate our top writers in the college. With over 700 entries into the school-wide Young Writers' Awards competition, we were delighted to acknowledge the exceptional writing talent of 65 authors, playwrights, poets, and illustrators. The future of the New Zealand literary landscape is looking bright with Taieri College students!









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Young Performer Awards

The NZ National Young Performer Awards competitions were held in Palmerston North last week. Five Taieri students, Sophia Hannigan-Johnson (Year 7), Charlotte Horne (Year 9), Isabella Ramsay (Year 10), Kate Coates (Year 11) and Caitlin Stewart (Year 12), were involved in the dance troupe section of this as part of their Dance school, Mosgiel Meenan Dance Centre's troupe. Their troupe was the only representative from the Otago/Southland Region to qualify for these competitions. Up against some incredible competition they



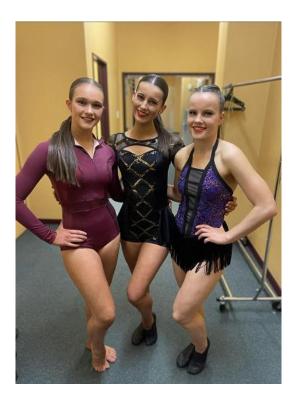
came 23rd out of 85 troupes from across the country.

Kate Coates and Caitlin Stewart also competed as Soloists in both the Ballet and Modern sections at the competitions and both performed incredibly well, gaining some amazing feedback and marks from the judges.

Ballet



Modern Jazz



150 Years – School Reunion Celebrations at Labour Weekend

Our 150th school reunion was held at Labour Weekend celebrating 150 years of education in Mosgiel. Over 630 past students and staff took this opportunity to socialise and reminisce this momentous occasion.

with our Encore Events organiser.

Planning for this event began in 2020 with the celebrations to happen in 2021. However due to covid, the reunion unfortunately had to be postponed until 2022. It was a mammoth task to organise this event by a very small but enthusiastic and dedicated committee, along

Mosgiel School began in 1871 and moved to our present site in 1885. We became Mosgiel District High School in 1901 and in 1951 we were the largest district high school in the South Island with 660 pupils. We became The Taieri High School in 1956, and then merged with Mosgiel Intermediate in 2004 to become Taieri College, the school that we are today.

Although most of the buildings have changed, we are still using a refurbished B Block which was built in 1961, C Block is located on the site where the pupils looked after a garden, and our fives courts are the old rifle range used by pupils back in the day.

Kaye Field is named after Mr W Kaye who was the Principal in 1928-1951.

A Mix & Mingle event was held on Friday night at the Taieri Rugby Club. On Saturday a welcome for everyone was held in the PAC and the reunion officially opened with the cutting of a cake by our Head students and Sir Alan Mark, who was the oldest past pupil attending the reunion. Sir Alan started Mosgiel District High School as a senior in 1945. The school was open for people to wander around and appreciate our wonderful facilities and view an amazing archives display, an amazing High Tea was held in the ITC, and a Gala Dinner was held in the evening at the Taieri Rugby Club. On Sunday people gathered for a final catch up, relaxing outdoors on another stunning Mosgiel day to enjoy lunch and live music by our own Kiera Wallace. Everyone had a fantastic weekend reconnecting with each other and reliving the memories of school days past.









Reunion Photographs





















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Taieri's Got Talent 2022

1st Place: Black Tomato Sauce 2nd Place: Kate Coates 3rd Place: Keira Wallace



Taieri's Got Talent was a great way to see the talent that the students of Taieri College have to offer and to have a fun afternoon with entertainment and some good prizes. Being able to give students the ability to come along and witness the talent in this school was a long overdue opportunity. Everyone who attended walked away pleasantly surprised by the incredible show put on by all the brilliant performers. Thanks to the efforts of the Students' Council, wellbeing ambassadors, teachers, and so many other people, the afternoon ran smoothly enough, and everybody had a great time. We look forward to seeing Taieri's Got Talent return in the future.

Sport

The Taieri College 2022 Sport, Art and Academic Blues were held this last Tuesday evening. It was fantastic to celebrate our 29 students receiving a sporting blue for outstanding achievement in their sport, with 9 students receiving a blue for multiple sports.

Atawhai Hotene was our wonderful guest speaker. Atawhai's speech included her childhood growing up in Clinton and attending South Otago High School. She spoke about being a typical country school kid. She hated the idea of trying new things, and preferred playing on the playground than playing sport. Netball was the sport she stuck at during primary school during winter then gradually she tried touch rugby in the summer. Atawhai spoke about how much she enjoyed touch, and her experience trialling for Otago, but missing out





on the team. She cried

the whole way home, and felt so disappointed. When Atawhai was 12 she made the Otago team and has continued to be in the Otago mix since. Atawhai has since travelled the world with touch, representing New Zealand age group teams. This year, Atawhai decided to switch from playing club netball in winter to try rugby for the first time instead. After her first season, Atawhai got the call from the Otago Women's Spirit coach to be in the wider training squad. The coach saw potential in Atawhai, even though this was her first season of rugby. She took the opportunity with two hands, got stuck in and learnt as much as possible from her coaches and teammates. For the first game against Hawkes Bay, Atawhai was selected as number 23, absolutely stoked she even made the bench. A starting player became injured, and the day before kick off, the coaches told Atawhai she would be starting at 14 on the wing. She was in shock and extremely nervous, but remembered how much hard work she had put into her training, and knew she was up for it. They won their first game, and Atawhai started at 14 for every game that season.

Atawhai's takeaway message was inspiring. "When the opportunity comes into your hands, grab onto it, and don't let go. These opportunities don't always come when you want them to. Things may not go the way you plan sometimes, but if you put in the work behind the scenes, you'll be ready to take on opportunities head on and not look back".

We had the privilege of awarding our supreme awards – Sportsman, Sportswoman and Team of the year. Congratulations to the below recipients:

For outstanding achievement in rugby and touch, Ollie MacKenzie, Taieri College 2022 Sportsman of the Year.

Ollie has consistently demonstrated a high level of skill during his time at Taieri College. He is the essence of what Taieri College represents on the sports field. Ollie is in three of our college's premier teams. He is a cocaptain and a vital member of the Senior A touch team, and a crucial member of the 1st XV rugby team and 1st XI hockey team. He is a leader for those around him. Everything he does is at 110% and is also so effective. He is illusive on the field and turf, making a massive impact in every game.

Ollie was named most valuable player for this year's Taieri College 1st XI hockey team. The team had a successful season and attended winter tournament week in Ashburton. Ollie's skill and leadership was a large contribution to the team's third place, the highest a Taieri College hockey team has finished in many years.

A vital member of our college 1st XV rugby team, Ollie helped the team beat a tough South Otago side 21 - 7 in an exciting evening game under lights at West Taieri Rugby Club, a highlight of the team's season. Because of his high level of skill in rugby, he was named in the Otago Metro U18 Rugby team.

His talents continue through to touch, where his most notable achievements came. He co-captains our Senior A team, who are deep in training, leading up to nationals in December. He is a regular member of the Otago Touch teams over the years and this year was no exception when he was named in the Otago U18 Boys team. He recently was a trialist for the U18 New Zealand touch team, and just last week Ollie got the call to say he had made the team. This was an exciting and rewarding moment for him and his family. He will travel with the team to Australia next year. This is a huge honour to represent the country and to pull on the formidable black fern that only few can say they have done in their chosen field.

Without hesitation, Ollie always gives back to sport at the college. Often refereeing our Year 7 & 8 touch teams on Monday afternoons, helping with school interchanges; he is a massive role model to his peers and our junior athletes, inspiring them to do the best they can. Ollie is exceptionally talented and has a bright future ahead across all three codes.

Congratulations Ollie



For outstanding achievement in netball and basketball, Ella MacKenzie, Taieri College 2022 Sportswoman of the Year.

Over Ella's time at Taieri College, she has shown a high level of achievement in her sports, netball and basketball.

In 2022 Ella rose to the opportunity and responsibility of being the captain for our Taieri College Senior A netball team. With Ella's leadership, wisdom and knowledge of the game, the team had a fantastic season. Playing in the club Premier B grade each Saturday meant they were up against club players much older than themselves. They were, however, definitely not out of their depths. The school sports interchanges saw Ella and her team win against both South Otago and James Hargest.

In June, Ella and the Senior A netball team competed in the Otago Secondary Schools' tournament. Some outstanding netball on display lead to their successful third place. Following on from this tournament, the girls, headed to Timaru during winter tournament week to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament. Back to back games at tournaments can be difficult, but with Ella leading the team, they performed outstandingly. They went into the tournament with a ranking of 32nd, and came away with the Waitaki shield for 17th place.

As well as Ella's leadership and role modelling abilities, she undoubtedly is an exceptional player. She is extremely skilful on the court. In the position of goal attack, Ella is a reliable and consistent shooter with a high shooting percentage. Her speed and agility on court makes for a difficult game for the goal defence marking her, constantly driving in and out of the circle. She is a massive asset to her team, and a large contribution to the team's success.

As well as netball, Ella is also an extremely talented basketball player. She is a member of our Senior A team, who also had a great season. Making it to semi finals in the Premier A girls schools grade, they beat St Hilda's in an incredibly tight game, earning their spot in the final where they unfortunately lost against Columba College.

Ella's talent on the basketball court has meant she has been a part of Otago representative teams for many years, this year representing the Otago U19 Girls Basketball Team. In this team she was awarded the endeavour award, recognising her contribution to the team.

Ella demonstrates exceptional skill and has the ability to go far in both netball and basketball.

Congratulations Ella.



For outstanding achievement in cricket, 1st XI Cricket team, Taieri College 2022 Team of the Year.

Sam Duff Jalen Forgie Billy Hunter Isaac Sinclair Caleb Walker Josh Walker William Samuels





Firstly, thank you to the coaches of this team, Mr Jarrad Waldron and Peter Walker. The team has gained so much skill, cohesiveness, and determination from all the time and effort you have put into them. As a college we are immensely grateful for this. Would you please come forward and join your team on stage. Alongside Jarrod and Peter, the team has an incredible support group amongst the parents, with every single parent on the sideline of every game. I can speak on behalf of the team to say that the boys appreciate this immensely.

The 1st XI Cricket team is made up of a talented group of students. This team has developed a positive, resilient and hard-working culture that strives for success. This has been a huge contribution to their following achievements.

At the start of the year in January, the boys and support crew made their way to Queenstown for the Cricket carnival. An open South Island entry, they entered into the top division, playing some big teams including St Bede's, St Andrew's and Southland Boys'. The team were massive underdogs going into it, especially in the top division and had no expectations.

In awe of the international quality pitch, they started off the tournament with a win against a strong Wakatipu side which was an expected loss for them. They scored 142, with Sam Duff scoring 42 runs and claiming 4 wickets - a great all round performance. Will Samuels was also a standout in this game getting 2 wickets. Game 2 saw them meet St Bede's, where they rolled them for 91. Billy Hunter was strong and skilful with the bat, putting on an opening partnership of 92 with Corbin Flannery.

Game number three they were up against Timaru Boys. Will Samuels bowled an outstanding spell after lunch picking up 3 cheap wickets. As a team they got them out for 103. The game was a tight finish, where Timaru needed 1 wicket, and Taieri needed 4 runs. Once again Will Samuels, however this time with the bat right at the end, got an important run to claim the win.

Going into the last game Taieri were in front leading the tournament. Up against St Andrew's, a great team, they batted well with Isaac Sinclair and Caleb Walker digging in at the top and Jalen Forgie blasting 75 combining with Josh Walker to see them through to 180. The game was an absolute nail biter. To be guaranteed a victory, Taieri needed to win outright and needed to take 10 wickets. St Andrew's needed 30 runs off 4 overs to win, however, they blocked it out for a draw. This meant the team didn't win the tournament, however, they were the only undefeated team. This was above and beyond what was expected of the team. The result was a whole team contribution, including players, coaches and supporters.

Cricket at Taieri College is growing, and is looking like an exciting 2022/2023 season ahead. Because of the Queenstown tournament success, the team is now entered into the second grade men's competition for the upcoming season, which Taieri College have never been in before. The college is working hard to create greater opportunities for our cricketers, including the introduction of two 2-day interschools in the schedule for next year, as well as an international cricket trip to India in October, which some of these students are lucky enough to be part of. A large reason of this cricket growth at Taieri College is down to the work behind the scenes being put in many hardworking teachers. Thank you for your efforts, the college truly appreciates it.

Boys, you should all be very proud of your efforts throughout the season. You all represented the college on and off the pitch and role modelled our school values to others.

Congratulations to the 1st XI Cricket Team

Taieri College Swimming Sports

Last week saw 17 swimmers compete in the Taieri College Swimming Sports. It was a great event with some huge successes from our swimmers. 17 school records were broken!

Taieri College Swimming Record Breakers:

Year 7 Boys: Corin Taylor broke the 50m freestyle record Year 8 Girls: Evie Gilmour broke the 25m freestyle, 25m backstroke, 25m butterfly, 50m freestyle, 50m backstroke, 100m freestyle and the medley records.

Year 10 Girls: Keira Hughes broke the 25m breaststroke record. Abby Samuels broke the 25m freestyle and 25m backstroke records.

Year 11 Girls: Emma Bain broke the 25m freestyle, 25m backstroke, 25m butterfly, 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke records.

Senior Girls: Kylie Gale broke the 25m backstroke record.

A big congratulations to everyone involved, and a huge thank you to a large group of Year 13 volunteers who helped on the day.









Ice Skating

Olivia Marks, (8GY) represented Otago last week at the National Ice-Skating Champs. This was Liv's first time at nationals and she skated superbly, placing 4/8 in her grade. An amazing achievement, well done Olivia!













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Taieri Swim Club Design a new look logo

With the new Mosgiel Pool excitedly approaching, the Taieri Swimming Club are taking the opportunity to design a new look logo that will take us into the future.

We are looking for a clear, logo that can be easily reproduced and printed or embroidered onto multiple uniform items and banners. It also needs to be usable on a variety of other medium including both printed and web collateral.

- The colours to be used are Gold Yellow and Royal Blue which are our registered club colours
- The logo needs to reflect the swimming club and the local area it represents
- Winner and recipients must be aware that the logo will become owned exclusively by the Taleri Swim Club.
 The judges decision is final. The club may choose to use aspects of the design and combine with other
 entries. Please make every effort to be creative, urique and original in your designs. No plegiarism allowed.
 By all means seek inspiration from existing designs but copying them is not acceptable.

There will be a top prize awarded in each age group with highly commended awards also given as judges deem appropriate.

Prizes will be awarded in three age group sections;

Under 10 years

Top Designer \$50

10-12 years

Top Designer \$75

• Over 13 years

Closing date for entries will be Saturday 11th February 2023.

Top Designer \$100

All submitted entries must be named, and the age category listed and can be handed into the Taieri College main reception at 3 Green Street during school hours or slightly after or before school hours.

OR Club times at the Taieri College Pool; Mon 6-7pm, Tues 6-7pm or Saturdays 8-10am.

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Taieri Swim Club

New Look Logo Design Entry Form

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