



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ

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Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome to the 2023 school year! It certainly has been a warm start as we have greeted our new and returning students. It would be fair to say a lot of our buildings in the deep south were never designed to cope with the extreme heat we have experienced this week. We encourage everyone to keep hydrated and to seek the shade where possible.

The first day of the school year is always a nervous and exciting one for our Year 7 students. After an initial assembly in the Indoor Training Centre (ITC) they are welcomed by haka and waiata from our returning students. Once that is completed, they head to their class, meet their teacher, senior class leaders and new classmates. By Thursday we have our entire student population on site, and they share the campus with over 1240 other students.

Adjusting to work mode from holiday mode is always challenging, especially after such a long and hot summer. Punctuality, wearing correct uniform, and appropriate cell phone use are three areas we often focus on as students return to regular classes. We appreciate the support we get from home during the start of the year when we implement and apply our behavioural expectations.

As well as seeing old friendships renewed after the holiday break, we also welcome lots of new students across all year levels, who are beginning their tenure at Taieri College. A warm welcome to our new students and their families. We also welcome several new teachers and support staff to our team. We will be profiling our new staff in the newsletter over the next few weeks.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable Waitangi weekend.

Ngā mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

6 February 2023
Waitangi Day – Taieri College
Closed


9 February 2023
Itinerant Music Concert
Period 5
Gateway Contract Signing
Evening



Science Department

Science Badge Year 7-9

In Terms 1, 2 and 3, students from Year 7 to 9 with a passion and interest in Science can work on gaining Science Badges. To do this, the students will need to let their Science teacher know by the end of Week 3 that they are interested. Mr Fitzgerald (Head of Science) will coordinate the order for the Science Badge(s) that they want to work on. For students in Year 8 who don't do Science until the second semester, can parents/students please contact Mr Fitzgerald directly at rfitzgerald@taieri.school.nz.



HOME CHEMISTRY

This is a sample Home Chemistry Activity Sheet only. Its main purpose is to show you some of the interesting activities that you can do when you choose this badge. Also, you can use this sample sheet to start doing the badge activities, while your teacher is sending away for the full activity sheet and badge.

If you have completed some of these activities before your full sheet arrives, your teacher can mark this sheet, then transfer the marks to the full activity sheet.

Sample Home Chemistry Activity Sheet

Rating	Home Chemistry Activities	Teacher's initials and date
4 **	A mixture of colours can be separated using paper chromatography. Cut a strip of paper towel 20 cm long and 2 cm wide. Place small dots of food colouring or water based felt pen 2 cm from the bottom. Suspend the strip in a glass with 1cm of water in the bottom. Make sure the dots of colour are above the water level. Leave until the water has soaked 3/4 of the way up the strip. Remove the strip from the water and leave to dry. Mount your strip on a chart and label. Repeat with other colours. Explain your results.	
8 *	Crush some barbecue charcoal to a powder. Shake a coloured liquid, such as cordial, with the charcoal and then filter using the equipment from #3. Write a brief report on the results.	
10 **	Find out what electrolysis is and write a brief report. Submerge a 9 volt battery upright in a glass containing water and 1 ½ teaspoons of salt. Report what occurs and offer an explanation.	
13 *	Find out and report on how you could distinguish between sugar and salt without tasting them.	
16 ***	Bake scones using a basic recipe. Make a change to the dry ingredients that you think might improve the scones and then bake them again. Write a report on what you did and the results. Take photos or provide samples for your teacher.	

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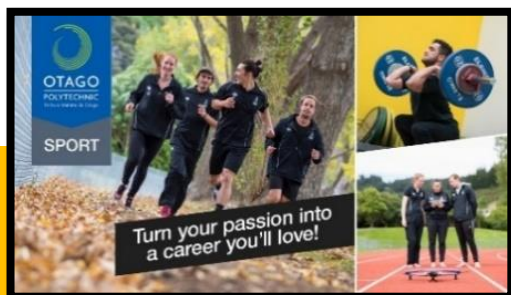
The Science Badge programme allows students to follow science field(s) of interest. To gain a Science Badge, they need to complete 20 points from a range of activities of their choice outlined on the Science Badge Card. The work is to be checked, evaluated and, in some cases returned, until it is at a suitable standard. This is to be done by the Science teacher of that student. As mentioned above, for those students not in Semester One classes, Mr Fitzgerald will do this.

Once students complete a badge requirements, Mr Fitzgerald will coordinate the purchasing of the badge and this will be awarded at an assembly.

Students can complete the requirements for multiple science badges. They then can receive higher awards for completing a certain number of individual badges regardless of how many years it takes to do this:

- Bronze Star Badge (5 badges)
- Silver Star Badge (10 badges)
- Gold Star Badge (15 badges)
- Platinum (30 badges)

Below is an example of a Science Badge for Home Chemistry. Please contact Mr Fitzgerald if you have any further questions. Further information about the range of badges can be found at Science Badges - SCIENCE Award Trust.





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Sport

Welcome back to sport at Taieri College! This year we encourage you to try something new, to meet new friends and to enjoy the great sports we have to offer.

Sport Sign Ups

To sign up for Term 1 summer sports, please use the below online sign up form, which is found through the Taieri College website under Sport. After registering your interest on the online form, keep an eye on the school notices and emails for any break time meetings regarding team trials, creating social teams, uniform allocation, competition dates and confirmed sport prices.

<https://www.taieri.school.nz/sport/sport-enrolment-forms/>

Forms are due back by 9am on Tuesday February 7.

Touch Nationals

Our Senior A mixed touch team competed at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Championships in December. In terrible weather conditions, the team did extremely well, qualifying top of their pool making the top 10. Their final placing was 9th out of 23 teams! The team were an absolute pleasure to take away, and showed exactly what Taieri College is about. A huge thank you to the coaches Trey Russell and Gabbi Kakahi for building the team and leading from the front. Another thanks for team managers Jan Fright, Nadia Bird, and Darryl MacKenzie. Every detail was perfectly organised ensuring our students had a great time and were able to play some amazing touch.



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Athletics Nationals

Congratulations to Blake Dalton and Josh Siloy who competed at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Track and Field Championships in Inglewood, Taranaki in December. It was very wet and windy conditions! Blake placed 7th in the 100m finals. Blake also made it through to the 200m finals but unfortunately had to pull out due to injury. Josh was in the 3000m final and got a personal best time in his 1500m Prelims. Fantastic effort boys!



Queenstown Cricket Carnival

The Taieri College 1st XI cricket team entered the Queenstown Carnival with the task of repeating the success of 2022. We sent up a young team and our main intention was to develop our players for the second grade men's competition. First up we struck our old friendly foe, Wakatipu High School. Another nail biter, and we ended up winning with a direct hit from Max Shrimpton with W.H.S only needing another 5 runs to win. On the 2nd day we played two 20/20 games. We were beaten by a strong Southland Boys' 1st XI in the first game, despite a powerful 48 from Isaac Sinclair but won our afternoon game against St Bedes.

Our finest victory came in the next game as we toppled Otago Boys' High School, with captain Jalen Forgie leading the team with a magnificent 74 not out. On the last day we faced a young John McGlashan side who played very well and ended up chasing down our modest total of 135 in a 40 over match.

Overall, the young team performed exceptionally well, finishing in 5th position. Everyone contributed with either bat, ball or in the field throughout the tournament, with Jalen Forgie leading the batting stats and the Walker brothers, Josh and Caleb, leading the bowling.

We look forward to going back to compete next season, but first our focus remains on the second half of the Dunedin season, with a big fixture and King's 1st XI in the near future.

Swimming Fitness

This term, on Tuesday mornings from 7.30am – 8.30am in the school pool will be swimming fitness for any interested students of any age. While this is targeted at the waterpolo players, it is open to all students. Swimming is a great endurance option to build fitness for other sports, so come along for a swim before school!

Congratulations!



Ella MacKenzie

Taieri College's 2022 Sports Woman of the Year, Ella MacKenzie has recently been named in the Southern Steel Blast Team. Well done Ella. The team will compete in the National Netball League starting March 11.



A big shout-out to Mosgiel New World!

The team at Mosgiel New World provide us weekly with a big box of fresh fruit, bread, ham, and spaghetti for the toasted sandwiches we give our students. This has been an ongoing arrangement over the past several years.

We are so very grateful for their generosity and willingness to support our school whānau to be nourished. This manaakitanga is willingly donated by their team and gratefully received by us to provide for our young people.

Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone at Mosgiel New World.

Ngā mihi nui, the Taieri College Counselling Team



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Year 7 & 8 Meet the Teacher Night 2023

Next Tuesday, 7th February, we will be holding our 'Meet the Teacher' evening. This will take place from 6.00pm. We invite parents / caregivers / whanau to come along to your child's classroom at this time.

The staff are looking forward to meeting you and I would encourage you to come along.

Lance Woods
Director Year 7 & 8

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.

Unwell Students Procedure

If during the course of the day your young person becomes unwell, they are to come to the College Office first where they will be assessed by the office staff. Parents/caregivers will then be contacted.

Students should not text or telephone parents; the Office will organise this as students need to be signed out on the Enrol System, which is part of MOE guidelines.

Thank you.

Office Hours 8.00am – 4.00pm

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Prefect Leadership Camp – Quarantine Island

On the 26th of January, the freshly elected Taieri College Prefects for 2023 had the great delight of sojourning on Quarantine Island for a memorable night. Packed like sardines onto a charming ferry with our luggage, we were unloaded from a five-minute nautical journey to uncover an island of our own solitude for the next 24 hours, plus the company of funky-smelling seabirds. Together we cemented our school-long bonds, cooperating noticeably well through leadership brainstorms and activities, sharing pleasant conversations, delicious meals and baking over breakfast and dinner, as well as hilarious games of mafia, strengthening our properties as a cordial collective and a whānau. Although short, Quarantine Island camp will most likely not be forgotten soon in the minds of our wonderful Prefects, and I personally will never forget the joys of 6 am yoga and jumping into the salty, cold seawater under the peninsula sunrise.

Andrew Matheson

Head Prefect



Library

The Library is open from 8am-3.30pm each day.

This space is inclusive, safe and quiet for students to read, research, or complete homework.

Take a look at the catalogue at
<https://nz.accessit.online/TRC00/#!dashboard>
Or find it through the school website.

Students are able to borrow two items for three weeks from our wide range of resources. Reminders and overdue notices are sent to students via their school email and slips are also given out in Form Time every fortnight.

Parents will be notified via email only after the student has had three reminders. Any lost or damaged books will be charged to the student's school account.



Youth East Taieri is ready for the next youth leadership program called Summit. We have spaces available for young people in Year 8. Program runs Wednesday evenings 15th February—29th March.

Summit is adventure based learning. This means learning by doing fun challenges. Summit builds young people's confidence, leadership skills, responsibility, respect and team building. And it's FUN!!!

Want to know more?

Contact Larissa Pearce (youth worker)

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Canteen

We have several food, drink and ice-cream products which are available to purchase Break 1 and Break 2 every day. Some of these items are on a first in first served basis until sold out. We usually have a daily special which you will find on the whiteboards outside the canteen. We also have menu items which are available to order any day. These orders must be placed and paid for at Break 1, for Break 2 pickup. We also have a range of Gluten Free options available for ordering.

We are always very happy to help in any way we can and welcome any feedback.

Thank you, Lisa and Nicky.

Taieri College Canteen Menu 2023

Every Day Options		Gluten Free - Every Day Options	
Rolls/Wraps	\$6.00	Chocolate brownie (no nuts)	\$2.50
Toasted sandwich (made to order) 3 fillings	\$6.00	Cheese toastie – 3 fillings	\$6.00
Scones – savoury or cheese	\$3.50	Sandwich (made to order)	\$6.00
Sausage roll	\$3.50	Hash Brown	\$1.00
Pies – mince or mince & cheese	\$4.50	Ham salad OR Chicken salad	\$6.00
Pies (specialty)	\$4.50		
Cheese toasties	\$2.50		
Lasagna toppers	\$2.50		
Mac & cheese toppa	\$2.50		
Chicken cordon bleu	\$3.50		
Hash browns	\$1.00		
Chicken nuggets (x 4)	\$2.00		
Hot bite noodles	\$3.00		
Donuts	\$2.50		
Cookie Time Cookies	\$1.50		
Doritos	\$2.50		
Cakes or slices - \$1.00 to \$3.00			
Daily Specials – Check Notices for daily specials		Drinks List	
Hot dog with sauce	\$2.80	Pump - large	\$3.00
Wedges with sour cream & sauce	\$5.00	Pump - small	\$2.00
Hot chips	\$4.00	Pump - flavoured	\$3.00
Rice balls	\$5.50	Lipton tea	\$3.00
Sushi stick	\$5.00	Charlies Fizz	\$2.20
Chicken nuggets & chips	\$5.50	Cool Change	\$1.70
Chicken salad OR Ham salad	\$6.00	Cool Sips	\$1.70
Mini Hotdogs x 3	\$3.00	Calci Yum	\$1.70
		Primo - large	\$4.00
		Mammoth	\$4.50
		Ice Creams	
		Juicies	\$1.20
		Paddle Pops	\$1.50
		Cornettos	\$3.00
		Cookie Crumbles	\$2.50
		Cyclones	\$2.50
		Calippo	\$2.50

We welcome any feedback and suggestions

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