



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATO A



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Kia ora e te whānau

I have received some questions around the rostering home of students and impending strike days. Currently the PPTA (Secondary Teachers Union) and the Ministry of Education are at loggerheads over a new collective employment agreement. The teachers' collective agreement expired in June last year and despite extensive negotiations a resolution has not been found. The PPTA has exercised their right to begin industrial action. It is important to understand Taieri College has no say in the direction of this industrial action, and we are obliged to comply with the union's request. If you are feeling frustrated over the disruption of learning, please feel free to contact the Ministry of Education and voice your concerns.

Winter sports season is now underway, and I want to wish the very best to all students who are representing the college over the coming months. Embrace the competition, train hard, respect your coaches and most importantly enjoy yourselves! My thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help coach and/or manage, and if you are still keen to help, but haven't put your name forward yet, I am sure our Sports Office would love to hear from you.

Welcome back to our history students and staff who toured Vietnam over the school holidays. The feedback I have received has been very positive and I trust all participants found the experience a rewarding one.

I am looking forward to seeing our senior students in their finery tomorrow evening at the formal. A huge amount of work has gone into the organisation and my thanks to our Social Prefects, Kyla Standing, Sophie Letts, and Caroline Quirey, who under the watchful eye of Mrs Evans, have done an amazing job.

Ngā mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

6 May 2023
Taieri College Formal – Meet at
the PAC 6:30pm

8 May 2023
Year 13 Tertiary Open Day

9 May 2023
Taieri College Closed - STRIKE
DAY (PPTA Industrial Action)

11 May 2023
Year 13 Students rostered
home (PPTA Industrial Action)
L2 & L3 Tikanga Māori Art
Gallery Trip

16 May 2023
Year 9 Students rostered
home (PPTA Industrial Action)

Senior Assessments Due

5 May 2023 - L1MAT AS91032 Right-Angled Triangles
5 May 2023 - L1 SPR US 32842 (In class throughout week)
5 May 2023 - L1 History Miss Blick class AS91001
8 May 2023 - L3 History AS91434 Research Internal
10 May 2023 - L2 PED 91329 (In class all week)

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



Arts at the Taieri

Our students have achieved some incredible feats, such as singing performances, theatre competition wins, dance crew successes, and even opportunities for some students to act in films. The Arts Prefect, Jackson Rosie, Ella Coudret, Caitlin Stewart, want to shed some light on the incredible achievements of students at our school.

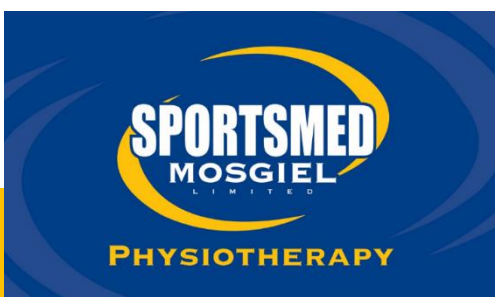
What's been happening?

- **Keira Wallace** performed at the Botanical Gardens.
- **Caitlin Stewart** and **Kate Coates** gained nominations to attend the National Young Performer Awards as modern soloists.
- **Tahlia Mortimer** was successfully chosen for the RASA Dance crew.
- The **Level 3 Drama** Class performed their play, scenes from "Daughters of Heaven" by Michelanne Forster.
- The band '**Valetta**' played at the Dunedin Teachers Strike in the Octagon.
- The **Arts Council** held a successful sausage sizzle and performance session during a break to raise money for the Arts Council.
- **Mosgiel Meenan Dance Centre Troupe** gained a nomination to attend the National Young Performer Awards, featuring students from Taieri College.

What's coming up?

- Director **Jackson Rosie** and cast members **Andrew Matheson** and **Kairi Mortensen-Morunga** will head to Wellington to compete in the Nationals for the SGCNZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival for their award-winning piece from 'Macbeth.'
- **Arts Council Arts Showcase** to fundraise sending the Shakespeare nationals team to Wellington; more info to come.
- **Smokefree Rockquest** is coming up 20 May 2023, Taieri College PAC.
- **SGCNZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival** nationals in Wellington, 1-5 June.
- Rehearsals have kicked off the Taieri College Production, '**Disco Inferno.**' The show will be performed in August; more info to come.
- **Rock Academy/Rockshop Bandquest** teams have begun rehearsing; they will compete in August, more info to come.
- The **Taieri College Choir** are preparing to perform at the Big Sing in June; more info to come.
- **Ollie Mcfelin** and **Rosie Mitchell** are set to direct this year's Level up performance "Fairytale Homicide."
- Many students are performing for the **International Dance Day** in Dunedin.
- Many Taieri College students are performing in the annual **Gang Show**.
- **NZ Music Month** is coming up and there will be weekly breaktime performances to commemorate and show off the incredible musicians we have at Taieri College.

Taieri College Arts Council



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Taieri College Arts Showcase

Thursday 11th May 7pm
Taieri College Performing Arts
Centre, 3 Green Street
Art Sale & Exhibition,
Live Music, Dance, Theatre

Tickets: \$10

Proceeds go
to Taieri
College's
Shakespeare
Team for
Nationals in
Wellington.



Year 8 Miniball

During the Term 1 holidays, a team of Year 8 boys travelled to Christchurch to attend the North Canterbury SIPT tournament. The boys showed great individual skills and worked together to finish the first pool round in second place, beating Chisnalwood and North Canterbury, losing to Marlborough. Placing second meant we were now in the top eight! Our new pool saw us play some tough competition, but we started with a win against another Marlborough team. Two losses were next against yet another Marlborough team as well as Oamaru Intermediate, who later won the tournament. This saw us finish in fifth place overall. This was an outstanding effort considering our section had seventeen teams! This was a great opportunity for the boys to develop their skills and play against opposition they wouldn't normally get to in Dunedin. On a more important note, Miss Martin was very impressed at the boys' ability to do their dishes without being asked! Another great tournament ticked off.



Prepared Reading Finals

On Thursday 27 April, the English Department kicked off the annual Public Speaking competition with the first round – Prepared Reading. With over 70 students competing across the year levels, the competition was fierce. A change to this year's competition saw the Year 10s jump on the #booktok trend and deliver their speeches online. Well done to all finalists – you have set the bar high for the next two rounds of competition. Congratulations to the following place getters:

Year 7

- 1st – Emma Collins 7BL – Spy School
- 2nd – Georgia Goodsir 7BL – The Hunger Games
- 3rd – Lily Paterson 7ME – When Stars are Aligned.
- 4th – Marissa Conway 7BL – Nightfall
- 5th – Alex Barnes-Millbank 7HU – Skulduggery Pleasant
- 6th – Grace Slocombe 7ME – Crumbs

Year 8

- 1st – Leila Hughes 8FY – Max Crumbly
- 2nd – Lily Ballantyne 8SW – The Hunger Games
- 3rd – Ashley White 8BZ – The Eagle in the Snow
- 3rd – Grace Fry 8MB – Nevermore
- 5th – Shiva Kasibhatla 8FY – Rosa Parks
- 6th – Lucas Tikey 8SW – Eddie Popcorn

Year 9

- 1st – Kael Hughes 9RK – Percy Jackson and the Sea of Monsters
- 2nd – Maddison Ennis 9WM – Mice
- 3rd – Xanthe Biernat 9MG – Killing Floor
- 4th – Bianca Melrose 9RK – Foul Lady Fortune
- 4th – Aahana Mundamattam 9FR – The Hunger Games
- 6th – Ashlee Murray 9FR – Becoming Me (Michelle Obama)

Year 10

- 1st – Ollie McFelin 10MH – New York Scandal
- 2nd – Kobe Watt 10NI – Captain Underpants and the Attack of the Talking Toilet
- 3rd – Rosie Mitchell 10WJ – The Hunger Games
- 3rd – Jenny Petegem Thach 10MH – One Word Kill
- 5th – Angel Collis 10MH – Six Times We Almost Kissed and the One Time We Did
- 5th – Ryan Bain 10WJ – Spellslinger

Year 11

- 1st – Keira Hughes 11LO – Kidnapped.

Year 12 and Year 13

- 1st – Ella Coudret 13HS – Animal Farm
- 2nd – Joanne Brock-Smith 12JN – Poem 'Untitled'



Careers Chat

All our Year 12 & 13 students should have a sharp CV by the end of this term. Year 12s can build their CV in Thursdays study class and we are opening L1 'Careers Café' for these students only in every break to work on CVs and have a chat to either Mrs Smeaton or I about any career related issues.

Career Central has a new skills matcher quiz that all senior students should complete and a reminder that it also has three Bulls-Eye quiz options to do. These help identify potential career matches with students' strengths and interests. You can also link from CC to the Career Quest Quiz that can also be accessed directly on careers.govt.nz.

The **Otago Tertiary Open Days** are early next week, 7 and 8 May 2023. On the Monday all our Year 13s are off timetable, and most are expected to attend, transport must be organised privately. The 77 bus is a top option. Year 12s should go on the Sunday; they need parental permission if they wish to attend on the Monday. We are fortunate to have the University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic on our doorstep and the very wide range of quality tertiary courses they offer. For full information on this event check out the web site; otago.ac.nz/opendays

Feel Good Story – We were approached by an elderly member of the public for assistance to move his 6-year-old 4-ton pile of gravel from his drive and in stepped the "Fantastic 5" from PRM. The Year 11 boys grafted away and successfully spread the gravel around his home and even managed some paving. The car can now reuse the driveway! Top job and thanks to Gage Holmes, Joshua Binnie, Oliver Biernat, Archie Eaton and Jac Thompson.



Coming Events

- Sunday, Monday 7 and 8 May **Otago Tertiary Open Days** (all Year 13s go on 8 May 2023)
- Wednesday 28 June **Dunedin Careers Expo**-all Year 11s to attend, 9.00am-11.00am

Career Central, our new interactive online careers tool.

- **Login-go to cc.school.nz (or website link below)->log in as a student-> Taieri College->school email-> usual school password**
- **This opens the student's dashboard-explore step, 1 About Me (personal skills, qualities, interests, career values, outside classroom, work experience, cv builder. Step2-Jobs (heaps of related information, save jobs you are interested in). Step 3 Next Steps-various pathway plans, focused goal setting, employability skills, ready to leave school.**
- **There are also three Bulls Eye online quizzes that assist students to get ideas of suitable careers- Future Pathway (may need University qual), Vocational Pathway (no University study intended), Work Cluster Quiz-simple language, visual (younger students, English as second language)**

Parents/caregivers can login using the Caregiver login button on our website

<https://careercentral.school.nz>

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).

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

World Vision Challenge 2023

The 2023 World Vision Challenge student leaders Ella, Josie, and Caroline are pictured here with Emily from World Vision. Our student leaders have been given the task of organising this year's 40 Hour Challenge at Taieri College. Emily is World Vision's Youth Ambassador who will support our team. The Challenge will be held on 16-18 June. Proceeds raised will help villages in countries like Malawi to get a clean water supply. Every child in the world deserves clean water so get your thinking cap on and see what challenge you can think of that will help raise funds for these children.



Prefect Reading

Good morning everyone and welcome to the first senior assembly of Term 2, I am Philippa one of your environmental prefects for this year. I hope you are settling nicely back into your school routine after that well deserved holiday break. Term 2 is going to be incredibly busy for many of us with the academic workload amping up, the winter sports and many other competitions starting, thinking about Uni or Polytech for the Year 13s and all our other commitments within the school and around the community. With all this pressure that we are facing it is easy to get overwhelmed and stressed. For myself, I am definitely starting to get worried about the never-ending list of things I have to get done. To be able keep on top of all these responsibilities and to not get too stressed a very important skill to have is perseverance.

To persevere is to continue to or try to achieve something despite difficulty or discouragement. It is important for us to have perseverance during this busy term because it means if we hit a roadblock or encounter a problem, we will be able to get past it and complete what we set out to achieve. Every time you persevere through a stressful time it will help you to increase your resilience so you will be better able to cope with stress in the future. People who persevere show commitment to their goals despite how hard it may feel or how long it takes. They strive to reach their ambitions and don't let anything get in the way of that. If you are able to face a failure, and get back up and try again, this shows that you are strong minded and motivated and are likely to be successful in anything you put your mind to. If you have perseverance, you can use this skill in many parts of your life, with your schoolwork, on the sports field, in the arts or when you just want to learn a new skill.

Perseverance is so important in many aspects of our lives and will enable us to overcome any challenge we may face. It is a vital skill to bring with us as we finish school and will lead us to be able to succeed later in life. So, if you are finding your schoolwork hard at the moment, I challenge you to persevere and try your best to complete it. Don't just opt out of the internal or tick the box on the front of the exam, stick with it, persevere through the difficult parts and you might surprise yourself. To finish I am going to leave you with a quote from Nelson Mandela about perseverance "The greatest glory in living, lies not in never falling but in rising every time we fall".

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River Challenge Cup Results

It was a huge day at Peter Johnston last weekend. It was a tough day at the office against our old foe South Otago. Competition games start this week.

Under 14s 60-7 Win

Under 15s 19-25 Loss

Colts 57-0 Loss

Kohine 46-10 Loss

1XV 38-7 Loss

With that the Cup returns to South Otago, A huge thank you again to [The Taieri Rugby Football Club Inc](#) for hosting us! Also if you haven't yet, make sure you give thanks to [NH Photography Sports](#) and [LYNETTE CAMPBELL IMAGES](#) for quality pictures of the day.

Alana and Kippy Real Estate Raffle prize winners from 29 April 2023 at River Challenge Cup Day

1st Place Trailer of Firewood- Matt Diggle

2nd place \$100 Hamper – Jo White

3rd place \$50 Hamper – Sue Brinsdon

Massive thank you to Keith and Alana at Cutlers Real Estate for jumping aboard as a gold sponsor at Taieri College and starting off with a well-organised raffle at River Challenge Cup Day at Peter Johnson Park on Saturday. We look forward to working with the pair of you in the future.



Sports Hoodies

Next order of sports hoodies closes on the 19 May 2023, the link is on the Taieri College website under the Sports tab which you can find when clicking on the menu button on the homepage.



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The school account number is: 03 1725 0106800 00



TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL



Umpiring courses 2023



FREE

We are offering two courses to be
held at Taieri College :

Monday May 8; 3.30-4.30pm for Year 7 and 8 pupils

Friday May 19; 5.30-6.30pm for parents, coaches, supporters etc

- All teams need to provide their own umpires for games so TPJN are providing an initial opportunity for players and adults to brush up on their netball umpire skills.
- These are fantastic sessions for you to develop your own game and / or to help with the umpiring of games.
- There are no costs for the sessions, just bring enthusiasm to learn more about netball.



Please bring:

Water bottle, Whistle (if you have one, we will have some if need be), a good attitude and commitment.

Enrolment: [follow the link](#)

Year 7 -8 Players: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/234357>

Adults: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/234359>

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EVENT INFO

Wednesday, 10 May (7:00 - 8:30 PM)

Otago Boys High School
2 Arthur Street, Central Dunedin

For more information contact kristen@autosense.co.nz