



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ

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Kia ora e te whānau



Today is Pink Shirt Day across New Zealand. Our students acknowledged this by wearing a pink accessory as part of their school uniform. The ethos behind this initiative is to encourage people to stand up to, and stamp out bullying by celebrating diversity, and promoting kindness and inclusion. Our expectation is that Taieri College students respect the rights of others to be who they want to be, to embrace the differences that exist between us and solve disagreements that will inevitably occur during life in a mature and responsible way.

On Monday after school, our staff had the privilege of listening to Michael Hempseed (Director of Frontiers of Hope), an expert in mental health, as part of their professional development. One interesting fact that he discussed was the importance of sleep. He said that at least 8 – 10 hours of sleep each night is vital for the teenage brain. Sleep helps reduce anxiety, stress, anger, and other health issues while improving engagement in learning. Sleep is not the only treatment to improve our mental health, but it is a simple and easy thing for us all to work on. Turning off electronic devices before going to bed and/or leaving them outside the bedroom is one practical way to remove distractions that might stop us all (teenagers and adults) from a good night's sleep.

As Term 2 progresses and the days get colder and shorter, can I encourage students to fully engage in their learning. Students who 'do their best' now will reap the benefits as the pressure of completing and submitting school work mounts towards the end of the term. Many Year 10 students have approximately one month until their first NCEA assessment, the Literacy and Numeracy corequisite assessments. Our senior students have numerous 'internal' deadlines to meet in several subjects. I encourage parents/whānau to discuss with their young people when assessments are due and to help them develop time management skills that will be beneficial now and in the future.

Finally, my congratulations to our 2023 Class Act recipients Philippa King and Caitlin Stewart. Philippa and Caitlin are outstanding students. They always give their best and fully embody our college values. They fully deserve this prestigious award.

Noho ora mai

Brenton Hackfath
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

20 May 2023

Smokefree Rockquest Heat –
Held in the Taieri College PAC

23 May 2023

L3 MED Censor Day Trip

25 May 2023

Year 11 Students rostered
home (PPTA Industrial Action)
Year 7,8,9,10,12 and 13 Form
Class Photos

30 May 2023

Year 13 Students rostered
home (PPTA Industrial Action)

1 June 2023

Year 11 Form Class photos
Year 12 Students rostered
home (PPTA Industrial Action)

Senior Assessments Due

23 May 2023 - L1 Dance 1.1 Compose Dance Sequences #1
23 May 2023 - L3MAC 3.3 Trigonometry Internal
23 May 2023 - L1 Music 1.2 Group Performance
24 May 2023 - L1 GEO AS91013 Global Internal
25 May 2023 - L2 Dance 2.5 Repertoire Dance
25 May 2023 - L3 Dance 3.5 Repertoire
26 May 2023 - L1ENG/E Creative Writing Assessment AS90052
2 June 2023 - L1ENC Formal Writing AS90053
2 June 2023 - L1ENL US 3483 Fill in Forms

PPTA Industrial Action – Term 2

The Taieri College Board of Trustees have been advised by the Post Primary Teachers Association (PPTA) that further industrial action will take place during Term 2. This industrial action will take the form of rostering home different Year levels and rolling national strikes. This action is in response to the breakdown in negotiations around the government's collective agreement offer. Taieri College has no control over this action as it is organised by the PPTA. The industrial action planned over the next two weeks is as follows;

Week 5: Thursday 25 May – Year 11 students rostered home

Week 6: Tuesday 30 May – Year 13 students rostered home

Thursday 1 June – Year 12 rostered home

Further industrial action has been planned. We will make you aware of this as the term progresses.



Thinking of Selling?
Give us a call
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Form Class Photos

The Year 7-13 form class photos will be taking place on Thursday 25 May. Students will be required to be in their full school uniform. Year 7-10 students will require their vests and Year 11-13 will require their blazers and vests. It would be appreciated if you could remind your student/s to have the required uniform with them.

Due to the PPTA Strike Day, Year 11 will get their photos taken on the 1 June 2023.

Please email me directly on jpeacock@taieri.school.nz with any further questions.

Regards,

Jared Peacock
Assistant Principal

Thank You Teacher Aides

This week our local Altrusa club presented a thank-you gift to all our teacher aides. Any school is always grateful to teacher aides as they work, often behind the scenes, to help students and teachers alike. This valuable resource is appreciated by whanau, students, and teachers. Taieri College is lucky enough to have 27 teacher aides currently and we are indebted to them on a daily basis.



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Every year, the ODT newspaper gives us the challenge of selecting which two of our Year 13 students are our Class Acts. This is no mean feat when faced with the talents and gifts represented by our senior students. The final five students were selected based on staff nominations and academic record. They were certainly a very impressive group. However, only two can be chosen and the Senior Management Team have chosen the following two students as our Class Acts for 2023:

Philippa King: Leadership, Environment, Academic, Sports, Arts

Subjects: Biology, English, Mathematics Calculus, Geography, Chemistry

Achievements:

- **Academic:** NCEA Certificate Level 1 endorsed with Excellence (102 Excellent credits). Level 2 endorsed with Excellence (75 Excellent credits)
- Prefect- Environmental 2023
- Junior Class Leader 2023 and Camp Leader 2023
- Sports Blues Recipient 2022
- Academic Blues recipient 2021 and 2022
- Orchestra and Chamber Music 2021-2022
- Jazz Band member 2022 to present.
- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Hillary Award 2021
- Duke of Edinburgh Silver Hillary Award 2022
- Netball Coach 2021
- 2022 Subject Awards for Geography, Mathematics and Music.

Out of School:

- Aerobics – Started in 2021 and won in Secondary Pre-Choreographed Individual section at Regionals and Nationals. 2021 named Most Promising for region. 2022 – 4th at regionals in Secondary Novice individual. 2nd at Nationals. 2023 competing in Australia as part of a NZ fitness team – FISAF Pacific Open in Melbourne. Also coaching younger aerobics athletes.
- Piano player since Year 3 – grade 4 and used these skills to complete Music Solo Performance in Levels 1 and 2 a year early. Most Talented Pianist at Taieri College 2022.

Future ambition

Aim to go to University of Otago to study Geography and Chemistry.



Caitlin Stewart: Leadership, Academic, Arts (Dance)

Subjects: Biology, Dance, Maths Calculus, Physics, Chemistry

Achievements:

- **Academic:** NCEA Certificate Level 1 endorsed with Excellence (94 Excellent credits). Level 2 endorsed with Excellence (71 Excellent credits)
- Deputy Head student and Arts Prefect 2023
- Junior Class Leader 2023
- Wellbeing Ambassador 2023
- 40 Hour Challenge 2023
- Treasurer on Arts Council 2023
- Academic Blues 2021 and 2022
- College orchestra and Chamber music 2022
- School production 2021

Out of School:

Dancing: 12 hours of classes each week leading to competitions and exam work. Level 13 Jazz and Contemporary and Hip Hop. Advanced 2 Ballet.

Offered a place at Brent Street Sydney for their 2-year contemporary dance course – limited and exclusive to only 30 places internationally. Auditioned and accepted.

Future ambition

Aim to go to New Zealand School of Dance in Wellington, or to Sydney to train there with a view to being a professional dancer.



Year 12 Māori Class Art Gallery Trip

On Thursday 11 May our Year 12 Tikanga Māori Class went to the Dunedin Public Art Gallery and looked at different Māori Art Exhibitions such as Hurahia and kā Whetū – Unveiling the Stars is the result of a series of ongoing conversations between the team at Dunedin Public Art Gallery and Paemanu, a group of Ngāi Tahu (Kāi Tahu) visual artists. Over a period of more than two years, the Gallery and Paemanu have been working in partnership, sharing knowledge and developing relationships that reach across many aspects of our work.

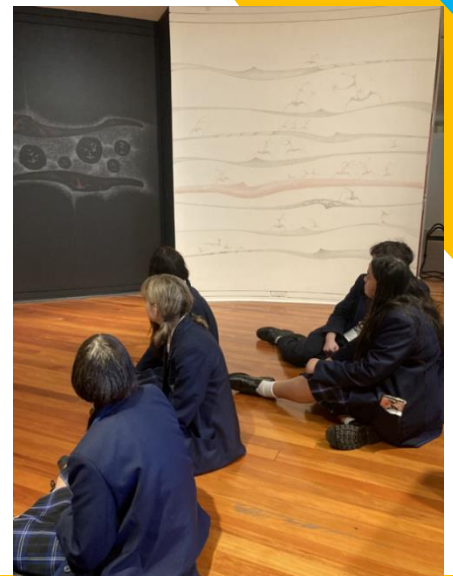
Introducing Paemanu to the collecting histories of Dunedin Public Art Gallery was an important part of developing the kaupapa of this exhibition. The four values of people, place & identity, global networks, and the power of art became a framework to acknowledge, understand and create connections across the collection. Hurahia and kā Whetū celebrates the history of this collection, the first of its kind to be established in Aotearoa. Through partnership, working to elevate Māori and indigenous voices, and layering multiple viewpoints, this exhibition looks to the past to create new paths forward.

We looked at Māori artists Dame Robin White, Michael Parekowhai and Peter Robinson. We also looked at Xoë Hall's Bloodline Mural. Xoë Hall's large-scale murals can be found enveloping buildings and public spaces across Aotearoa

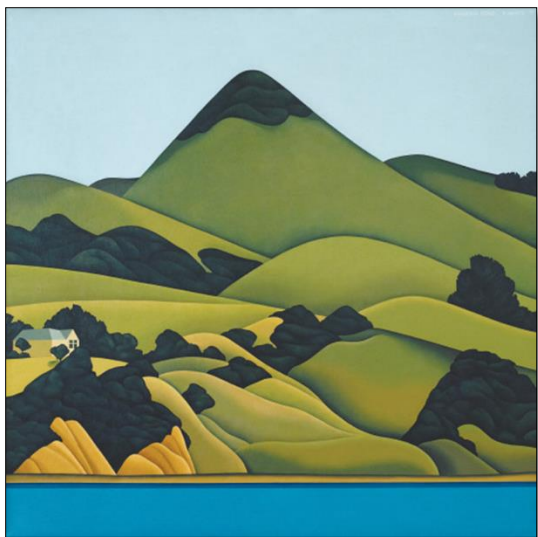


Michael Parekowhai – The Bosom of Abraham 1999.

Peter Robinson – Kā Kaihōpara.



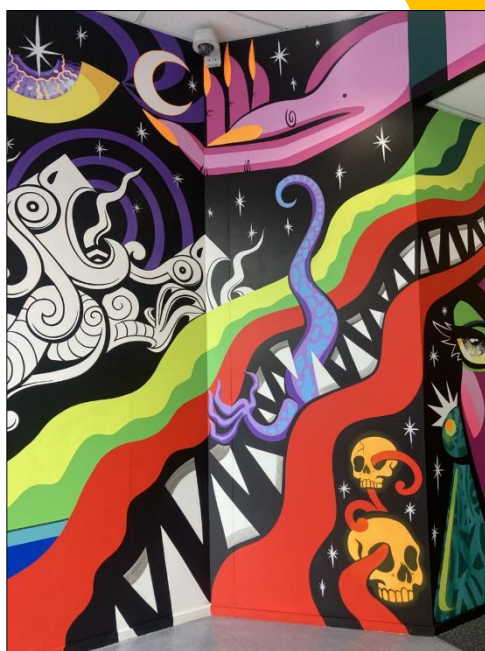
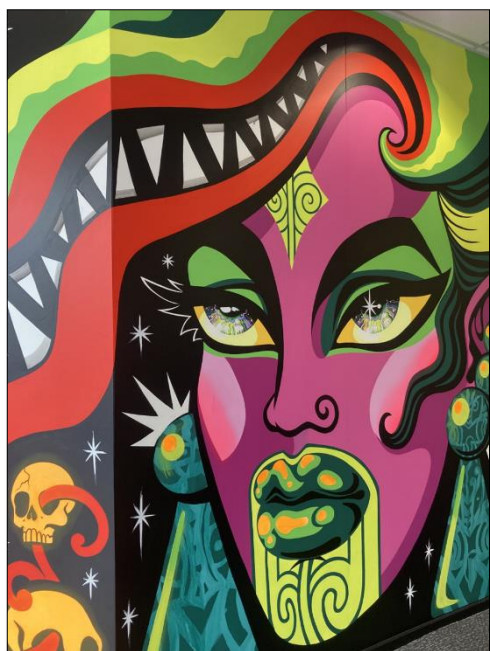
Michael Parekowhai – The Bosom of Abraham 1999.



Robin White – Harbour Cone 1972. Oil on canvas.
Collection Dunedin Public Art Gallery.



Robin White – Hooper Inlet 1976. Oil on canvas on board.
Fletcher Trust Collection, Tāmaki Makaurau 2021.



Sports

Former Student represents NZ

Former Taieri College Head Boy Ollie MacKenzie represented NZ for touch at the 2023 Asia Pacific tournament in Australia last weekend in the U18 Boys grade. Ollie and his team mates played three round robin games against, Australia, Fiji, and Cook Islands which saw them win two out of three games. In the semi final game, they comfortably beat the Cook Islands 18-2. In the final they played Australia, after a tight battle the Australians eventually coming out on top 12-9. Top effort Ollie; it's always exciting to see Taieri College students, past or present representing NZ on the international stage.

Rugby Results

Scores in the sheds Round 2

1XV vs Mt Aspiring 12-5 (loss)

Kōhine vs SOHS 15-29 (loss)

Colts vs OBHS Colts Red 46-7 (win)

Un15 Eels vs Dunstan un15 55-43 (loss)

Un14 Eels vs OBHS stripes 0-31 (loss)



Sport and Sickness

If your child is unwell and unable to attend either a practice or a game please let the coach or manager know as soon as possible. You can also advise the sports office, sport@taieri.school.nz so we can also pass this message onto teachers in charge and coaches.

Last weekend was a big weekend in the netball calendar as all twenty- three netball teams were scheduled to play.

Netball

Our Year 7 and 8 players were playing under sunny skies on the Taieri College Courts in the TPJN competition. After several weeks of trials it was great to confirm coaches and to see the players out there taking part in sport.

Our Year 9-13 teams also began their season in at the Edgar Centre on Saturday where there were some great games and it was lovely to see the positive support on the side-line.

Thanks to all of the coaches who have volunteered to help players and teams this year. We can not have teams playing without support from coaches volunteering their time.

Our Senior A team completed their first-round games on Saturday. Having begun the round in late March and playing in Premier B grade, the team had two wins, a draw and a close loss to finish in sixth place and avoid playing a promotion relegation this week. This is a commendable effort as they are often playing teams made up of players 10 years older than themselves.

The second round starts for them this coming weekend, in what will be an even tougher round as there are three new teams ready to do battle in that grade.

Otago Nuggets Visit

Sam Timmins and Joe Ahie came into the gym, and we all cheered. We were super excited to be training with the Nuggets. We got straight into a drill for layups, and then went into a 2v1 game where the 2 attackers had one shot and passed the ball between them until they got an open shot. There was one player guarding them. Later, we did a 5v5v5 game where one team attacked against another in half of the court. The other team waited until the attacking team scored or missed. If they scored the attacking team went down to the other half, and if they missed the defenders would attack down on the other half of the court. At the end, Joe Ahie Alley-ooped Sam Timmins, which is when someone throws it off the backboard to another person, who catches it in mid-air and dunks. We all got Cookie Time cookies after Sam dunked and we got some of our gear signed.

By Jake Whitley

L2SPR Naseby Mountain Biking Trip

During Week 2 we had over forty L2 Sport and Recreation students head to Central Otago for a mountain biking trip. The students had the opportunity to explore the rail trail and attempt an official time-trial course within the Naseby tracks. Head winds on the rail trail added an extra challenge, however, the students showed resilience and pushed through. It was great to see the students out on the tracks representing Taieri College in such a positive way.



Prefect Reading

Morena, today I want to discuss a concept that has the potential to shape our lives in remarkable ways; the willingness to embrace new experiences, and to face challenges that come with them, head-on.

In life, and right here at Taieri College, you'll encounter many opportunities, each their own challenges. Sometimes, we will hesitate to seize the opportunities that come to us because we fear the unknown or doubt our abilities. But it is in those moments of discomfort where we truly grow. Each time we give something a go, whether we succeed or not, we build resilience, confidence, and self-belief. We learn that we are capable of more than we initially thought, and that knowledge propels us forward.

So, try a new instrument, join a new team or group, push yourself to study a little bit harder for your next test. Whether it comes easy to you or it's challenging, the experiences will reveal your true character and strengths. Everything that comes your way is an opportunity to understand your limits and push past them. By facing challenges, we become intimately familiar with our abilities, passions, and values. We gain a deep sense of self-awareness and forge an unshakable foundation upon which we can build our future.

My advice to you, is to chase the experiences that scare you the most, because those are the ones that have the greatest potential to transform you, unleash your hidden strengths, and pave the path to extraordinary accomplishments. I invite you to embrace this powerful concept in your lives. Embrace the excitement and the fear of trying new things, pursuing your passions, and stepping out of your comfort zone.

I'd like to leave you with a proverb: "E tū ki te kei o te waka, kia pakia koe e ngā ngaru o te wā" "Stand at the stern of the waka and feel the spray of the future biting at your face".

Ella Courdret



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Student Council News



We had the pleasure of welcoming Councillor Jim O'Malley from the DCC to speak to our Students Council on Thursday. Jim gave some background on how being a councillor at the DCC works. He also gave some advice to our representatives and answered questions. We would like to thank him for sharing his knowledge and time with us.

Pink Shirt Day

Taieri College was a sea of pink today, in support of Pink Shirt Day. Staff and students amplified the impact of upstanding against bullying by wearing pink clothes and accessories. Wellbeing Ambassadors handed out a range of kindness stickers and there was a positive vibe throughout the campus.



2023 Smokefree Rockquest Otago Regional Heats:

The heats for Smokefree Rockquest are being held at the Taieri College Performing Arts centre tomorrow, Saturday 20 May 2023.

Venue: Taieri College

Start Time: Bands start at 10am

Date: 20th May 2023

Tickets: For audience members only. DOOR SALES ONLY - From 30 minutes before the first act.

Ticket Price: \$10 for students, \$15 for adults. (Children 5 years and under - no charge).

Taieri College has 10 acts performing, so come along and support our talented musicians!



Taieri College 2023 Photobook



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- Lucky door prize
- Prizes donated by local businesses
- Please come and support us

- Selection of hot and cold breakfasts, A La Carte style:
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Two of the many aspects of life that require attention are being humble and patient.

So by commencing with the breath and relaxation we begin a journey I wish all to be part of."

Student's Testimonies

"I've been doing mediation via an app for a while. Attending your classes has highlighted essential elements and has brought both meaning and clarity. I now know what I was missing!"

"I am no longer the same person. If feel supported by the group. It is a good feeling to know I am not alone."

"I look forward to your classes every week. It's the one activity I can't miss."

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