



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ

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Kia ora e te whānau



Today was 'Cup Cake Day' at Taieri College. Students and staff were able to purchase a cupcake at Break 1, which was delivered to another person, of the purchaser's choice, just before Break 2, along with a note of support and encouragement. Cupcake Day is another Wellbeing Ambassador initiative to help promote and encourage positive self-esteem and healthy relationships across our college.

Our music department have had a full and very exciting week. The college had eight bands and one solo/due item in the Smokefree Rockquest regional heats held last weekend. Three of our bands were in the final twelve selected to move into the next round. Well done to all who participated in this event. The Taieri College school choir is also preparing for the Big Sing competition in Week 8 of this term. They are fundraising for new t-shirts to wear to the Big Sing along with a new name and beautiful new logo, designed by Tere Aitken in Year 11. Their new name is 'Nga Manu Tioriori o te Kareti Taiari' which translates to 'The Songbird of Taieri College'. This week they held a sausage sizzle, bake sale and karaoke event which was well supported during break times.

Finally, my congratulations to Ryan Fitzgerald who has received School Cycling New Zealand's 'Outstanding Contribution' recognition award for his work in starting up and organising what has been a very popular and exciting mountain biking club here at the college. Ryan is one of many teachers and whanau who generously give up their time and energy to provide amazing opportunities for our students outside the classroom in many different sports. My thanks to all who are involved.

Noho ora mai

Brenton Hackfath
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



Key Dates

30 May 2023

National Young Leaders Day

31 May 2023

L1 SPR Mountain biking assessment
Year 7 and 8 Rippa Rugby tournament

1 June 2023

Year 12 "Love Me Not" programme
Year 12 Students rostered home (PPTA
Industrial Action) - TBC

1-5 June 2023

Shakespeare Festival Nationals

6 June 2023

Year 10 Students rostered home (PPTA
Industrial Action) - TBC

8 June 2023

Year 9 Students rostered home (PPTA
Industrial Action) - TBC

Senior Assessments Due

30 May 2023 - L3MAS Experimental Design Principles
31 May 2023 - L1 SPR Mountain biking assessment
1 June 2023 - L1 Music 1.1 Solo Performance
2 June 2023 - L1ENC Formal Writing AS90053
2 June 2023 - L1ENL US 3483 Fill in Forms
2 June 2023 - L1DRA 90999 Paperwork Use Features of a Drama/Theatre Form in a Performance
9 June 2023 - L2ENG/C/L Speech Presentation AS91102

PPTA Industrial Action – Term 2

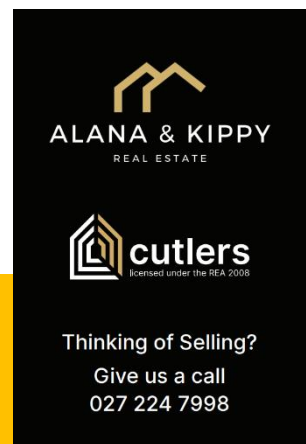
At present the PPTA have suspended all industrial action until Wednesday 31st May pending the outcome of a new round of Collective Agreement negotiations with the Ministry of Education. If industrial action resumes on Wednesday 31st May, the following industrial action will take place over the next two weeks;

Week 6: Thursday 1 June – Year 12 rostered home

Week 7: Tuesday 6 June – Year 10 rostered home

Thursday 8 June – Year 9 students rostered home

Once we are made aware of the outcome of the latest negotiations, we will inform you via email.



Sports Behaviour

As we are in full swing into our winter sport season at Taieri College, I want to take a moment to outline the good behaviour and values that we strive to instill in our players here at the college. We want to create a positive and supportive environment that will help all our players to develop not just as athletes but also as individuals.

Good sportsmanship is one of the most important values that we can teach; this means treating opponents, teammates, coaches, referees, and supporters with respect and dignity.

We expect our students to give their best effort on the field, but we also want them to show humility and grace whether they win or lose. We want our students to play in the spirit of the game, so we need them to be mindful of behaviour practiced prior to, during, and after a game that allows players to work together to uphold the rules and to enjoy the game.

We understand that sport can be highly competitive and that not all games will end in victory, however, we want our students to approach every game with a positive attitude. We believe a positive attitude breeds success on and off the field and we want our students to be prepared for the challenges that lie ahead.

We look forward to another exciting winter sports season ahead and to seeing the students of Taieri College develop into strong, responsible, and confident young adults.

Regards
Blake Prince

Loves Me Not Workshop

One of our goals at Taieri College is to help our students identify what safe and healthy relationships are like so that they and their friends can form and maintain positive relationships with others. To this end we have been given the opportunity of hosting the New Zealand Police at our college on Thursday 1 June 2023 to share the 'Loves-Me-Not' all-day workshop (developed by the Sophie Elliott Foundation) with our Year 12 cohort.

The goals of the 'Loves Me Not' workshop are to help young people live their lives free from the harm of unhealthy and abusive relationships and to focus on positive (healthy) relationships. During the workshops, the students will explore the qualities of good relationships and recognise the early signs of relationship abuse. Students are encouraged to become critical thinkers when it comes to developing relationships. They will also be given ideas on how to be active bystanders where they can 'take action for change' for their friends and family, as well as themselves to ensure that we have safer communities.

The workshop component of 'Loves Me Not' is delivered by up to three facilitators. The facilitators are made up of a teacher, police officer and can include a representative of a non-government organisation working in the field of family violence prevention. The workshop is linked to the NZ Curriculum so that schools and students are still achieving educational outcomes, whilst looking at an important social issue.

We trust that our Year 12 students will gain useful tips to help them as they develop positive and healthy relationships with other people.

If whanau have any questions about this programme, please feel free to get in contact with the school.



Smokefree Rockquest is a nationwide event giving young musicians the opportunity to perform their own original music, live, in front of an audience in a professional setting.

Taieri College had eight bands and one duo entered in the Regional Finals of this years' NZ Smokefree Rockquest, held at our PAC on Saturday 20th May.

BANDS:

Jaffa - Telesia Vatuvei, Alex Inder, Aidan Wells, Oliver Warren

Chaos Constructors - Tayla Bain, Ariana Cockburn, Ella Hurring, Kyra Martin

Quasi Deciso - Jenny Petegem-Thach, Matthew Petegem-Thach, James Perkins, Ben Whaley

Black Tomato Sauce - Carter Hoffman, Chicane Woodward, Lachlan Edwards, Flynn O'Connor

Laconic - Kailey Marshall, Emily Russell, Cody Masters, Tyler Lubbe, Joel Bain

Fostok - Beau French, Joe Smithies, Oscar Berry

Valetta - Isaac Wirangi, Reef Tamihana, Chiara Crompton-Bray, Charlie Brough, Cameron Lord, Tyler Little

Sanguine - Jaide Townsend, Ella Coudret, Maxx Turu, Leo Burkett, Robert Hannaford

SOLO/DUO:

Rook Peak - Keira Wallace & Kate Aitken

A huge congratulations to "Rook Peak" for taking out the solo/duo section, and to "Valetta" for winning 'Tangata Beats'.

"Black Tomato Sauce", "Laconic" and "Valetta" secured a place in the Otago Regional Finals and move on to the next stage. Only twelve bands were selected to move on to the next round and we are so thrilled that three of them are from Taieri College. We will keep you posted on their progress!



Smokefree Rockquest 2023



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Engage in Science

There is an opportunity for students in Years 9, 10, and 11 to take part in an enriching on-campus science experience at the University of Otago, called '**Engage in Science**'.



University of Otago
Te Whare Wānanga o Ōtago

On Friday 30 June, Otago University have organised a special event, tailored to ignite curiosity and deepen understanding in the field of sciences. This event promises an engaging and interactive day, filled with hands-on experiments, stimulating demonstrations, and thought-provoking discussions, all aimed at enhancing your passion for science.

The day is free of charge, with morning tea and lunch provided.

We firmly believe that this on-campus science experience will be an exceptional opportunity for you to connect with the world of science, beyond the classroom walls. By encouraging their participation in this programme, we hope to inspire a lifelong love for scientific inquiry.

If you are interested in attending this event, please reply via email, before 3:00pm Monday 5 June 2023.

Mr K Knowles
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Thank You Dr James Pemberton

Last week, Keisha and I had the opportunity to spend the day at the Cardiology unit with Dr James Pemberton. Our time was spent shadowing James like med students, as we learnt what a jam-packed day in the life of a cardiologist was like. We watched a keyhole valve surgery, pacemaker replacement surgery, sat with James as he helped patients, and learned about the technology and methods involved in treating heart-related issues. It was fascinating getting to see up-close what it was like for James as he went through his very impressive day, constantly on his feet with something different to do at any given moment. As future Health Science students, Keisha and I found this to be an amazing opportunity to get more of an understanding of what it would be like to work in the medical field. Thank you so much to James for letting us follow him for the day, and Mr Fitz for organising the opportunity for us!

Keisha Hollands and Hannah Jones



New Zealand Divisional II Swimming Championships

Abby Samuels Fastest 50m Freestyler at the Meet

Last week Taieri College had two students attend the New Zealand Divisional II Apollo Swimming Championships in Wellington. This swimming championship ran from Tuesday 16th May until Saturday 20th May with over 500 swimmers. Both Keira Hughes (11LO) and Abby Samuels (11FS) belong to the Taieri Swimming Club.

Keira and Abby have now been training with the Dunedin Swim Coaching Board for a year, since leaving Taieri squad sessions. Previously training three one hour sessions a week at Taieri and now training up to five one and a half hour sessions with DSCB this past year. There is an option for the girls to train up to nine sessions a week.

This meet had heats in the morning and finals late afternoon and evening. Heats were brutal and so close with every swimmer determined to make a final. Thankfully the final took ten swimmers, as the Wellington pool had ten lanes.

Keira Hughes qualified for twelve events in the 15-year-old girls. She elected to swim six events at this meet. Her results were as follows;

50m Breaststroke 13th & New Personal Best Time
100m Individual Medley 17th & New Personal Best Time
50m Butterfly 10th Finalist & New Personal Best Time
200m Individual Medley 7th Finalist & New Personal Best Time
100m Butterfly 6th Finalist & New Personal Best Time
800m Freestyle 9th Timed Heats for Finals & New Personal Best Time
Keira's best event was the 100m Butterfly where 0.4 of a second separated 2nd to 6th.



Abby Samuels qualified for eight events in the 14-year-old girls. She elected to swim five events. Her results were as follows:

50m Breaststroke 5th Finalist & New Personal Best Time
50m Butterfly 2nd Finalist & New Personal Best Time
50m Backstroke 27th & New Personal Best Time
50m Freestyle 1st Finalist & New Personal Time of 27.40 – The fastest 50m Freestyle across all the age groups!
100m Freestyle 6th Finalist & New Personal Best Time

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Careers Chat

Launching our new information sharing platform: CareerWise

Yesterday we emailed all parents and Year 11,12,13 students our new independent careers newsletter, generated on the **CareerWise** platform. This will feature information current and relevant to our senior students: training options; courses; promotions; job opportunities-full and part-time. You will be able to connect to our Taieri College **CareerWise** site from the careers link on our school web site. If you have a part-time or full-time job you would like advertised on this platform, just email us all the details, we can make it available to wider Dunedin schools if you indicated you would like this as well.

This is an exciting development as more education providers, private training organisations, and businesses support the site, on the cloud and with their current promotional information, and we can choose and display everything that is relevant to our community. This will develop into a 'must go to' or 'one stop site' for career pathway information!

Our existing online tool **Career Central** is designed for individual career pathway planning, so **CareerWise** will compliment this process.

Career Central has a new skills matcher quiz that all senior students should complete and a reminder that it also has 3 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 information from this quick quiz will help give up some good personal qualities and skills that can be used for CV's. Please check if your Yr12,13 son/daughter has a current CV? If not encourage them to build one on the Career Central About Me CV Builder. Our challenge is all Yr12 & Yr13 students have a CV to be proud of by the end of this term.

Coming Events

- Tuesday 27 June-**University of Otago applying for scholarships visit** 11am
- Wednesday 28 June **Dunedin Careers Expo**-all Yr11s to attend, 9am-11am

Career Central, our 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 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.nz

Thank You Willow and Silk Interiors for your Donation!

The Arts Council were thrilled to receive a generous donation from Louise Conley at Willow and Silk Interiors. Louise wanted to support the Arts at Taieri College. She gave \$1000 to the Arts Council for the purpose of supporting winning teams who need to travel to get to the next level in their arts competitions. She is the first and biggest donor to the Arts Council and Louise hopes that this will inspire others to follow suit. She was our guest of honour at the Arts Showcase and commented on how fabulous the evening was and how impressed she was at the amazing talent seen on the stage. The Arts Council and the winning team for the SGCNZ University of Otago Sheilah Winn Festival of Shakespeare, who are heading to the nationals in Wellington, are extremely grateful.



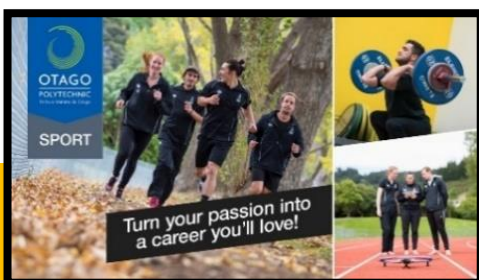
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Choir Fundraiser

The Taieri College Choir had a fundraiser on Monday, to raise money for new T-shirts to wear to the Big Sing which will be held in June.

They had a bake sale and karaoke - which was very successful and enjoyed by all. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.



South Island Hillary Challenge

On Sunday 21 May 2 teams of adventure racers completed the South Island Hillary Challenge. They had to complete 6hrs of running, biking and navigating through Geraldine and Orari Station. There certainly was a lot of mud on the biking section and some tired bodies after the last 3hr rogaie. It was a great effort by the students.





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Thank you for your generous support to the New Zealand Disaster Fund. You have helped New Zealand Red Cross be there to support people affected by the upper North Island flooding event and Cyclone Gabrielle and to prepare Aotearoa New Zealand for future emergencies.

Date: 28 March 2023

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