



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATO A



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Kia ora e te whānau

The freezer door certainly opened this week with some frosty mornings. Despite the cold, our annual South Otago High School sports exchange still went ahead on Wednesday. Junior sports were played in Mosgiel, and our seniors went to Balclutha. I travelled to Balclutha and enjoyed watching our Senior A netball, 1st XV rugby and 1st XI football teams. The Senior A's won convincingly, our 1st XV showed great character to score late in the second half to draw with a much bigger South Otago team, and our footballers dominated with a 10-1 victory. Murray Boyne was the standout with six goals! All games were played in excellent spirit, and I congratulate all students who participated and proudly represented Taieri College. My thanks also to the teachers, managers, coaches, and our sports department for making the day such a success.

Our student council organised a mufti day this week that coincided with Octacan. Octacan is Presbyterian Support Otago's major winter food drive and supports many local people through the colder months. Kai for Octacan is the 'harvest', when food is gathered for those in our community who are grappling with the impact of hardship, and find they need the support of the Family Works Foodbank. Once again, our students have responded well to the challenge of helping our community, by donating around 1550 cans to the Foodbank. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

The teachers' union (PPTA) and the government are still to settle on a new collective employment agreement. During the week primary teachers settled, but secondary teachers are still undertaking industrial action. Please be aware that unless we hear otherwise, several year levels will be rostered home over the next few weeks. The timetable for rostering home is in this newsletter and on our website. If the situation changes, we will contact our community as soon as possible. If you have any queries about the ongoing industrial action please contact me at the College.

Ngā mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

11-12 June 2023

Otago Secondary Schools' Netball
Tournament

12 June 2023

Year 11 and 12 rostered day home
Reading Literacy Assessment (Year
10)

Big Sing Choir Competition
Defensive driving course

13 June 2023

Year 9 and 13 rostered day home
L1 GEO Field Trip to Sinclair Wetland
Writing Literacy Assessment (Year 10)

14 June 2023

Year 10 and 11 rostered day home
NZ Economics Competition

15 June 2023

Year 12 and 13 rostered day home
Numeracy Assessment (Year 10)
L3 Drama Toitū #2

Defensive driving course

15-16 June 2023

Ngā Manu Kōrero Regionals

Senior Assessments Due Week 8

L1 SPR US32842 - all week in class
L1 Dance 1.1 Compose Dance Sequences #2
L1 History AS91002 internal
L3 GEO AS91428 Event Internal Due

PPTA Industrial Action – Term 2

The Taieri College Board of Trustees have been advised by the Post Primary Teachers Association (PPTA) that they have resumed industrial action for the remainder of Term 2. This industrial action will continue to involve the rostering home of different Year levels. This continuing action is in response to the government's disappointing collective agreement offer which was rejected by the PPTA. Taieri College has no control over this action as it is organised by the PPTA. The industrial action planned for the next 2 weeks is as follows;

Week 8: Monday 12 June – Year 11 and 12 students rostered home
Tuesday 13 June – Year 9 and 13 students rostered home
Wednesday 14 June – Year 10 and 11 students rostered home
Thursday 15 June – Year 12 and 13 students rostered home

Week 9: Monday 19 June – Year 9 and 10 students rostered home
Tuesday 20 June – Year 11 and 12 students rostered home
Wednesday 21 June – Year 13 and 9 students rostered home
Thursday 22 June – Year 10 and 11 students rostered home

Also, on Wednesday 21 June PPTA members will not be participating in any extracurricular activity before, during or after school.

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



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Congratulations Kate Coates

Kate Coates recently competed in the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Rhythmic Gymnastics Competition. This ran in conjunction with the Margaret Woolf competition held in Auckland. She competed in Level 10 (top NZ level) and came away with some fantastic results. Placing 1st Hoop, 2nd Ball, 2nd Clubs, and 4th in Ribbon. Overall, she was 1st in the NZSS and Margaret Woolf competitions. She has recently been selected for the 2023 NZ Gymnastics championships and is looking forward to the nationals after such a good season.



Students' Council News

We would like to thank Holli Hayward for her work as Students' Council President for the first half of this year. As she has recently decided to step down from this position to pursue post-secondary studies, we have had a re-shuffle of our executive members and are pleased to welcome Joanne Brock-Smith to the team.



Executive

			
Ella Coudret	Jackson Rosie	Joanne Brock-Smith	Andrew Matheson
President	Vice President/ Treasurer	Secretary	Student Representative on the Board of Trustees

Pasifika Voices

On Wednesday 7 June at Otago Boys' High School, the Otago Secondary Schools' Pacific Island Speech Competitions were held. In 2018 the first Pasifika Voices Competition started at Otago Girls' High School. This event is student led and gives Pacific Island students a voice where they can speak about their culture and their language. Twenty Pacific Island students participated from schools around Otago. The competition is split into three sections. One section is for students speaking in their mother tongue, another section is for junior students in Year 9-10 with the subject 'It is important to protect our culture as it is the foundation of our identity' and a senior section (Year 11-13) with their subject being 'If you want to go fast, go alone; If you want to go far, go together'.

While Taieri College didn't have any speakers participate in the competition, a small group of Pacific Island students from our school went along to watch with Miss Tuhega (Kaitiaki – Teacher in charge of Māori and Pasifika students).

Miss Tuhega said "It was inspiring to hear our local Pacific Island students speak from their heart and what their culture meant to them.



Isaac Wirangi (Māori & Fijian), Tarquin Tautua (Cook Island & Māori), Fonotele Konelio (Samoan), Gardenia Paia-Letman (Cook Island).

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Otago Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships

Just over seventy Otago secondary school students competed from nineteen secondary schools throughout Otago at the annual Otago Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships at Moana Pool in Dunedin on Sunday 28 May 2023.

It was a fast-paced session of racing, with a whopping nineteen championship records set. While there were many experienced racers present, there were also some students who were new to the competitive swimming scene, which was fantastic to see!

Taieri College were one of nineteen representative schools with eight swimmers competing this year. Our team consisted of Emma Bain (12JN), Keira Hughes (11LO), Joel McGrath (9MI), Regan McGrath (10NI), Emily Russell (11BK), Abby Samuels (11FS), Barrett Smart (9FR) and Laura Thomas (11SP).

With the age groups split only two ways it's always tough competing against the older swimmers. Most of our fifteen and over swimmers were competing with the sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds and our two year nine boys were up against the fourteen-year-old boys, as well as their own age.

Our best results were as follows:

15 and Over Females

Emma Bain – 3rd 50m Freestyle, 100m Individual Medley 2nd, 50m Butterfly 3rd, 100m Butterfly 2nd, 50m Backstroke 2nd, 100m Freestyle 2nd.

Keira Hughes – 1st 100m Individual Medley, 1st 100m Butterfly, 1st 200m Butterfly and new PB.

Emily Russell – 6th 50m Backstroke.

Abby Samuels – 1st 50m Freestyle, 2nd 50m Butterfly, 1st 100m Freestyle.

Laura Thomas – 5th 100m Individual Medley and 5th 100m Freestyle and a PB in 50m Freestyle.

15 and Over Males

Regan McGrath – 5th 100m Individual Medley and a new PB in 50m Breaststroke.

14 and under Males

Joel McGrath – 4th 100m Backstroke and two new PBs in 50m Breaststroke and 100m Freestyle.

Barrett Smart – 5th 100m Breaststroke and 5th 100m Freestyle.

Relay Results

Relays were open age groups.

We entered a team in the MIXED 200m Freestyle relay and the MIXED 200m Medley relay. Results were the same for both relays.

The Taieri College A relay team consisting of Emma Bain, Keira Hughes, Regan McGrath, and Abby Samuels placed second to a tight Dunstan 4 NAG swimmer relay team.

The Taieri College B relay team consisting of Joel McGrath, Emily Russell, Laura Thomas, and Barrett Smart fought hard to place fourth in these relays.

We would like to personally thank Tony McGrath for stepping up the night before to take on the Team Manager role when Mrs Hughes went down with Covid. Thank you for managing these students and we hear you thoroughly enjoyed it. A special thanks to Stacey Smart, Tarryn McGrath and Aimee Samuels for time-keeping at this event. Without the ongoing support to run meets they would not be possible. Thanks again to Swimming Otago for organising this fabulous event for our swimmers to enjoy and Grassroots Trust for supporting this competition.

Congratulations to all the swimmers and we look forward to the coming summer season for more exciting racing.



Salvation Army Appeal

Maxx Turu and Ella Coudret accepting a certificate of appreciation and a \$250 Warehouse Stationery voucher from Rob and Phillipa van Abs for helping with this year's street appeal.

Sports News

Rippa Rugby Year 7 and 8

Last Wednesday saw Taieri College take in three Year 7 and 8 Rippa rugby teams to Logan Park for a Dunedin school tournament. All three teams did Taieri College proud with their attitudes and teamwork. Taieri College Blue finished third in the tournament. After a tough game against a Balmacewen Intermediate team in the semi they bounced back to beat Fairfield in the third vs fourth game. A big thankyou goes out to the parents for their support throughout the day and the coaches of the three teams Rhys Farr, Josh Munro, Jalen Forgie, Blake Clarkson and Cameron Lord. Congratulations to all who participated.



Sports Council Sponsor of the Week

Dunedin ITM – ITM Dunedin is another locally owned and operated business by Jon Conley, one of our Sports Council members. If you've got a project in mind like a deck for those summer days that will creep up or looking to add a fire pit so you can still enjoy those peaceful chilly winter nights then there's no better time to go in and see the team at ITM Dunedin on Wharf Street, they're knowledgeable, straight up people. Thank you, Jon, for time and sponsorship you give to the Taieri College and the Sports Council.

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South Otago Interchange

A big day of sport at was split between Taieri College and South Otago High School on Wednesday seeing the senior part of Taieri College travelling down to Balclutha and the junior sides hosting South Otago High School here at Taieri College. The sports involved were netball, basketball, rugby, football, hockey, and theatre sports. The day started with a bus ride down and a warm welcome from South Otago upon our arrival. Then the Basketball boys A, Netball A and Football went to warm up before the competition began. It was a very frosty morning, so it was quite cold for the players who had to play outdoors, but it was nice to see some sun come out later during the day. It was great to see parents and supporters who came down to watch from the Taieri side-line. There was a lot of competition out there and good sportsmanship which made the day more enjoyable. There were a few tough battles out there such as the rugby firsts which ended in a 15-point draw. We ended the day with nice kai from South Otago and finding out that most of our games came with a win, giving Taieri the cup for 2023.



The Junior side of the action saw a warming welcome from Taieri College pupils to greet their competitors from South Otago. After the welcome we saw five teams competing against South Otago. First off saw the netball games split with a win to each school, the mixed Hockey 1stXI got a win but the biggest result came from the theatre-sports team that put on a dominating show and showed off their talents with a great victory. Thanks to everyone involved; players, coaches, managers, officials, and supporters.

Overall Taieri College 7.5, South Otago 3.5
Jemma West
Sports Prefect

Sport	Team	Winning Team	Result
Hockey	Mixed 1 st XI	Taieri College	6-2
Rugby	1 st XV	Draw	15 all
Rugby	Under 15	South Otago High School	17-34
Netball	Senior A	Taieri College	28-17
Netball	Senior B	South Otago High School	8-20
Netball	10 A	Taieri College	29-22
Netball	9 A	South Otago High School	17-29
Basketball	Senior Boys	Taieri College	80-20
Basketball	Senior Girls	Taieri College	80-27
Football	Boys' 1 st XI	Taieri College	10-1
Theatre Sports	A Team	Taieri College	Taieri College Win

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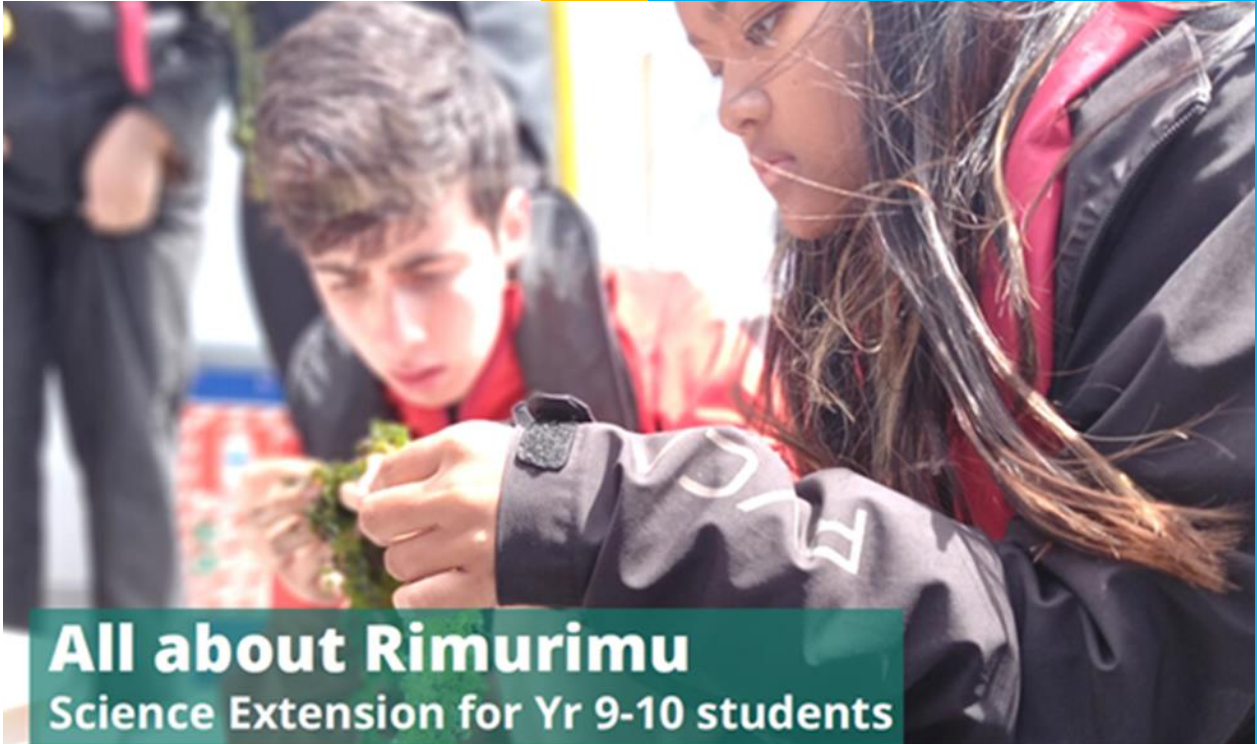






Science

Any interested students need to contact Mr Fitzgerald at rfitzgerald@taieri.school.nz and he will forward the application form. Please note that you need to provide your own transport to and from the Marine Science Centre.



All about Rimurimu Science Extension for Yr 9-10 students

This is a five-day programme running over two blocks of teaching, for students who have a keen interest and curiosity in the world around them. Over the course of the programme, students will be working in the field and lab, leading their own marine science team project while being mentored by postgraduate students, and staying overnight at the beautiful residency of Quarantine Island. This programme is also an ideal extension for those who have participated in previous NZMSC programmes.

Participants

- Rangatahi Māori who are able and enthusiastic about science, and/or are gifted – not necessarily in the sciences (e.g. have strong leadership and social skills, cultural specific abilities, sporting and/or creative skills).
- Applicants **MUST** be available for the entire duration of the programme

Dates and location

- July 19-21 and August 17-18, 2023
- NZ Marine Studies Centre in Portobello, Dunedin. Transport to and from the Centre is the responsibility of the participating students/schools.

Application

Fill out the following pages in this order:

- Student and a guardian are to fill out pages *Student Application*, *Guardian Waiver Form*, and *Photos Permission Form*.
- A teacher or affiliated adult who knows the student through club organisation, marae, or similar is to fill out pages labelled *Student Profile*, then return the document to the email below.

Costs

- \$50 excl. GST

Last day to apply: 25 June 2023

Submit the application via email to portobello.marinescience@otago.ac.nz

For further enquires please contact: hanna.ravn@otago.ac.nz



All about Rimurimu

Science Extension for Yr 9-10 students

Block 1

- July 19** 10am - 5pm | NZMSC. Mihimihi. Meet and greet your team and mentor. Prepare and discuss project aim and methods, incorporating kaitiakitanga. Overnight: Quarantine Island
- July 20** 9am - 5pm | NZMSC. Full day with fieldwork, either shore or vessel based. data sampling and analysis. Overnight: Quarantine Island
- July 21** 9am - 4pm | NZMSC. Half-day with fieldwork. Afternoon spent with data analysis in the lab at NZMSC.

Block 2

- August 17** 10am - 5pm | NZMSC. Finish analysis. Science communication through academic posters and novel presentations, revisiting kaitiakitanga. Overnight: Quarantine Island
- August 18** 9am - 4pm | NZMSC. Project completion. **Final presentation 4pm for whānau, teachers and the public. Finish at 5.30pm.**

Careers Chat

Our new information sharing platform: CareerWise

Look out for our second careers newsletter emailed to all parents and Year 11,12 and13 students generated on the **CareerWise** platform. This features 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 soon. Meantime please go to [taieri.careerwise.school](https://taieri.careerwise.school.nz) and check out the resources on this 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 also make this 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 three Bulls-Eye quiz options to do. These helps 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 CVs. Please check if your Year 12,13 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 Year 12 and Year 13 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 11.00am

Wednesday 28 June Dunedin Careers Expo - all Year 11s to attend, 9.00am-11.00am

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. Step 2-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



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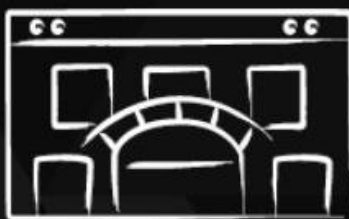
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