



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATO A



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Kia ora e te whānau

The first of our Tautuku camps departs next Monday when our Year 10 students will spend a week participating in outdoor education activities around the picturesque Catlins forest. With the aid of staff, and our enthusiastic Year 12 leaders, the students will participate in a variety of fun and challenging outdoor pursuits, including kayaking, abseiling, the confidence course, bush walking, camping out, and the famous mud run. I challenge all students to try their best in all activities. Keep safe and have fun!

Despite the distraction of Covid-19 during 2022, we were once again extremely pleased and proud of our 2022 NCEA results. Our students achieved results well above national averages. In Year 11, 77% of Taieri College students attained NCEA Level 1 compared to a national average of 63%. In Year 12, 85% of Taieri College students obtained Level 2 NCEA compared to a national average of 74%. In Year 13, 73% of Taieri College students obtained Level 3 NCEA compared to a national average of 67%. My congratulations to all students who reached their goals last year and I now challenge this year's NCEA students to set themselves challenging and aspirational academic goals as they begin 2023.

2022 NCEA Summary Table	Taieri College	National
Year 11 Level 1 NCEA	77%	63%
Year 11 Level 1 Literacy	86%	81%
Year 11 Level 1 Numeracy	91%	80%
Year 12 Level 2 NCEA	85%	74%
Year 13 Level 3 NCEA	73%	67%

I spoke to local police this week and they asked me to forward a message around bike helmets. They have observed a greater number of young people across Mosgiel biking without helmets. They would like to remind all cyclists that riding without a helmet can lead to an instant fine of \$55.00. If your child does ride a bike to school, please remind them of the need to wear a helmet (on their head, not the handlebars!). Police are hoping this message may improve correct helmet usage without them having to start issuing infringement notices.

Noho ora mai

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

13 February 2023
Waiholā Trip - 7HU and 7HJ.

13 -17 February 2023
Tautuku Camp – 10WJ, 10JH,
1/3 of 10HM.

15 -16 February 2023
Wanaka Challenge Triathlon.

17 February 2023
Learning Readiness.

23 February 2023
Athletics Day.

Musical Instrument Lessons



Now is the time for students to sign up to learn a musical instrument!

Tuition is provided by experienced tutors, mainly in small groups, during school time. Lessons last 30 minutes.

There is no charge for our group lessons. If required, orchestral instruments can be hired. The cost of this is \$70 per year.

Instruments available: drums, guitar, voice, bass guitar, saxophone, trumpet, flute, violin, cello, clarinet.

Our spaces are limited, and priority is given to students in Year 7-10, but senior students may sign up.

Link for the online form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeXNSvEoxhzbz8tF134WW9lhQvNZq1iMymJlqlb8kEC6g0vhzw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Please complete this form by Wednesday, 15 February 2023.

If you have further questions, please contact Amanda Goodwin, agoodwin@taieri.school.nz



Taieri College WELLBEING AMBASSADORS 2023



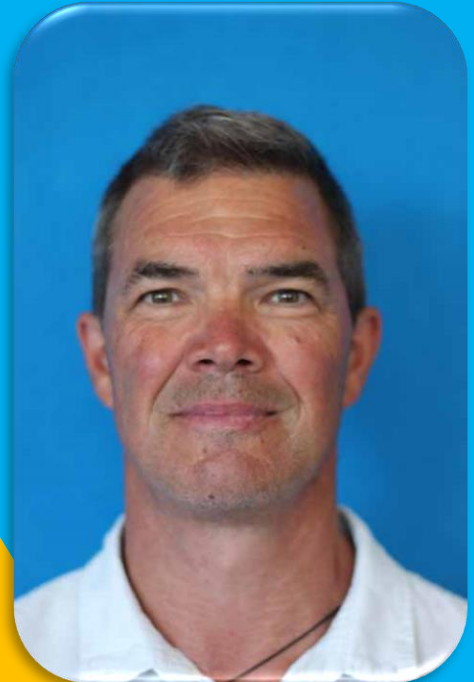
Back row from left: Grace Pool 13CN, Caitlin Stewart 13HS, Meg McDonald-Page 13CN, Gabby Woodcock 13PA, Keira Wallace 12CG, Georgia Baines 13CN, Joanne Brock-Smith 12JN, Hannah Jones 13CN, Josie Bennie 13HS, Kayley Lindsay 13HS, Keisha Hollands 13MP, Ella Coudret 13HS, Emily Evans 13MP, Rosie Mitchell 10WJ

Front row from left: Caroline Quirey 13MP, Abigail Anderson 12GO, Andrew Matheson 13PA, Anaya Mundamattam 13CN, Sophie Letts 13CN
Absent: Gardenia Paia-Letman 12GO



New Staff Profiles

Name: John Hedges
Birthplace: Auckland NZ
Schooling: Papakura High School
Tertiary Qualification: Massey University, Graduate Diploma in Primary Teaching
Subjects Teaching: Year 7
Hobbies/Interests: mountain biking, tramping, reading, walking the dog.
Favourite Quote: "Get the job done."



Name: Lachlan Gordon
Birthplace: Dunedin
Schooling: Tokomairo High School, King's High School.
Tertiary Qualification: Registered Electrical Inspector; ETCO Tutor, Graduate Diploma of Teaching.
Subjects Teaching: Technology, Hard Materials, Trades, DVT.
Hobbies/Interests: I have kids, so none.
Favourite Quote: "My mistakes establish my existence." Augustine.



Name: Mitchell Foster

Birthplace: South Auckland

Schooling: Alfriston College

Tertiary Qualification: Bachelor of Science
(Honours) in Microbiology

Master of Teaching, and Learning

Subjects Teaching: Science, Environmental
Science, Chemistry.

Hobbies/Interests: basketball, cooking, piano,
gaming, reading.

Favourite Quote: "Do not be sorry, be better."



Name: Gemma Millar

Birthplace: Dunedin

Schooling: Otago Girls' High School

Tertiary Qualification: Bachelor of Sports and
Exercise Science, Master of Teaching, and learning

Subjects Teaching: Science

Hobbies/Interests: rugby and athletics

Favourite Quote: "You miss 100% of the shots you
don't take." Michael Jordan.



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Science Department

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.


The Science Badge programme allows students to follow the 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.



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.



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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 barbeque 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 1/2 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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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

2023 Netball Sign Ups

Welcome back to Netball for 2023. Over the next few weeks, we will start making netball signups for each year level available. Year 11-13 signups are available now. Please click [here](https://forms.gle/WYgypFYDvapG5VN26) for the link.

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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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- Agriculture
- Astronomy
- Botany
- Chem & Processing
- Conservation
- Electronics
- Energy
- Entomology
- Environmental Science
- Food Technology
- Forensic
- Geology
- Home Chemistry
- Home Physics
- Horticulture
- Human Biology

- Investigation
- Large Animals
- Marine Biology
- Meteorology
- Optics
- Ornithology
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WHAT

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WHEN & WHERE

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