

TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOA



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Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back to Term 3. I trust everyone had a relaxing holiday break and is refreshed and ready to get back into the school routine.

Congratulations to our Year 9 and 10 netballers who travelled to Christchurch in the first week of the holidays to compete in the South Island Junior Secondary Champs. Our Year 10s played superb netball on the first day to make the top 16 and were then on the wrong side of some very close matches on the second day. Our Year 9s found the competition challenging and despite results not going their own way, kept giving 100% every time they took the court. Their efforts were recognised by being awarded the "Best Sportsmanship Trophy" at the end of the tournament. My thanks to the players, coaches, managers, and supporters who all contributed to a successful few days.

Next week we welcome a group of students from Japan who are visiting New Zealand to explore our education system. The visit will be our first visit from an overseas group since the Covid pandemic. We are excited to host international groups and look forward to the diversity they bring to our campus.

At this week's Year 9 and 10 assembly, students were reminded of our procedures around cell phone use in the classroom. Cell phones are not permitted to be used in the classroom unless specific instruction is given by the teacher to do so. If a student is caught using their cell phone inappropriately during class time the teacher will confiscate the phone and it will be sent to the main office where it will be stored in a secure location. Phones are returned when a parent/or caregiver calls in to pick it up. We appreciate the cooperation we get when dealing with issues around cell phone use.

We have made a few staffing changes at the beginning of this term. Stephanie Miller returns to our Science Department after parental leave. Gabby Naivalulevu will be teaching in our Technology Department for the rest of the year and Bob Martin has also joined us for the rest of the year. Bob will be teaching in our PE Department. A warm welcome (and welcome back!) to our new staff.

Noho ora mai

Dave Hunter

Key Dates

26 July 2023Growing Future Farmers Open
Day.

26-28 July 2023 L1 Te Reo Māori Takapo Trip.

27 July 2023University of Otago
Performance.

27-28 July 2023 L3SPR Sinclair Wetlands Volunteer Work.

28 July 2023Ōtepoti FIFA Fan Festival
Schools Day.
School Cross Country

Senior Assessments Due Term 3 - Week 2

L1 SCI AS90947 Chemical Reactions L1 HEA AS 1.3 all week in class L2 HEA AS 2.5 all week in class

Term 3 - Week 6

21-25 August 2023 – Senior Assessment Week

OPEN WEEK



Come for a tour during our Open Week

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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



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These policies guide the use, development, maintenance, protection and preservation of Dunedin's more than 300 natural areas which include parks, reserves, sports grounds and other green spaces.

Have your say at www.dunedin.govt.nz/reserves-management-review







Young Writers' Award 2023

Are you the next literary genius who will make millions selling your work for books, film scripts, or even award winning song lyrics?

There are five categories: Poetry, Short Story, Drama Script, Essay/Article, and Illustrated Books.
Entries close on Wednesday 20 September at 3:00pm to ywa@taieri.school.nz (hard copies of Illustrated

Books and Graphic Novels can be dropped into the English Department Office).

Winners are invited to a Literary Luncheon in Term 4 to celebrate their achievements.

Here is the challenge topic from this week to inspire a piece of writing.

Young Writers' Awards

Use the following statement to draw inspiration for a piece of writing for any category:

Nothing is more memorable than scent.

Prefect Assembly Reading

Today I am going to talk to you about the importance of wisdom. Wisdom is defined as the quality of having experience, knowledge, and good judgement. It's especially relevant now as you make your way through the school and some of you will soon find yourself faced with the decisions regarding courses you wish to pursue through NCEA.

It's important that we be wise about decisions we make, as we currently live in a world where our actions present themselves in ways that can often be used as learning experiences. Every opportunity presented to you should be taken as an opportunity to expand your knowledge and your judgement.

Last week, we as a country celebrated Matariki, a time to reflect on those we have lost, and acknowledge the environment around us and the people we find ourselves in the company of. It's important not to let yourself get caught up with people who will bring you down, it's important to be wise when presented with situations that may require good judgement, and it takes courage to say no when something doesn't feel right.

You may aspire to be a prefect, you may aspire to be a successful rugby player, a world-famous writer, a world-famous singer.

To make your way through the school, and the world successfully – you must be wise in decisions you make. You are young, and at this stage in your life you've made it halfway through your time here at Taieri and I know the feeling of looking ahead and seeing three or four more years in your future, but don't take that as an opportunity to make decisions that you will regret later in your life. Embrace it, try your best, find a new extracurricular, play a sport, join a club. Make your time here at Taieri fulfilling. Matariki is a time to remember, remember the people that helped you along your path, and think of those who provided you with the wisdom to be a good person.

"Haere taka mua, taka muri, Kaua e whai." – Be a leader, not a follower. Thank you.

Jackson Rosie



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Announcing Bleeding Roses

Bleeding Roses is now the new band name for last year's Cheeky Chic band. This band previously played 'Bad Habits' by Ed Sheeran at the Year 7 & 8 Prize giving in December last year. The band made an online submission for Bandquest 2022 as one of the band members was overseas and unable to make the live performance. Their online submission earned them a best original song title with 'Does She Know'.

Now it's a Year 8 band consisting of Alex Harkness (Bass Guitar), Leila Hughes (Voice & Guitar), Kora Meddings (Drums) and Adia Sahu (Keyboard). Renamed as Bleeding Roses, the band continues under the expert tutelage and mentoring of Wayne Meddings. Brad Martin and Amanda Goodwin offer support and guidance at school, as and when required, and are big fans of this band like they are of so many other Taieri College bands.

On Tuesday 11 July 2023 at 8.00pm, Bleeding Roses performed at the Open Mic Night at the Inch Bar in North Dunedin, following on from the feature band from 7.00pm-8.00pm. Bleeding Roses performed in their new band tops designed by Kora Meddings. The girls performed "Sweeter Weather" by The Neighbourhood, "Flowers" by Miley Cyrus and "Dandelions" by Ruth B. The band were really well received by the crowd and the vibe was very positive. In fact, the band performed so well that they have been invited back to the Inch Bar in a few months to perform as the feature band from 7.00pm-8.00pm as a paid gig.

Bleeding Roses are looking forward to the upcoming Bandquest next month and are continuing to work on their cover song and their original song Dollhouse. Bleeding Roses want to put a big shout out to Wayne Meddings and their now groupie parents for their ongoing support and encouragement. They would also like to thank the Inch Bar for providing them with the live entertainment opportunity.







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Sports

Powerchair Football

Angus Lloyd and some of his Dunedin Dragon powerchair football club members use the Taieri College gym on Sundays to get some very important training in, with four wheels and a joystick. Angus can move on a dime piece and can get up to speeds that shortly he'll need a license for his powerchair. Keep up the top work Angus.



Inglewood Exhibition match

On Sunday 2 July 2023 Inglewood, which is a school located in Taranaki, came down on a three-match tour. They finished their tour here at Taieri College which saw the game played in near on freezing conditions with snow falling during the game. Unlike the weather conditions the game was a heated battle with Inglewood sneaking out a 30-24 win. A massive thank you goes out to all families that balloted a student from Inglewood for two nights.

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SISS Junior Netball Tournament 2023

Over the school holidays, the Year 9A and 10A netball teams ventured to Christchurch for the annual SISS tournament. The teams competed for three days whilst the weather remained sunny for the second two days.

On Day One, the Year 10s won all three of their games against Nelson Girls', Rangi Ruru and Avonside Girls'. The Year 9s were experiencing their first tournament at this level with a tough pool against Kaiapoi, Cashmere and Mt Aspiring. The highlight of Day One was a very good game against Kaiapoi. The teams played in the rain and on slippery courts but kept their spirits high.

Day Two followed with blue skies and sun! The Year 10s drew against Marian 27-27 in the morning, followed by an unlucky loss to Otago school, St Hilda's. They also took the win against Wakatipu convincingly. The Year 9s, continued with determination and teamwork and played Southland Girls' and Timaru Girls'.

The Year 10s played off for 13th-16th and the Year 9s for 29th-32nd on Day Three. There were tight losses for the 10s against Ashburton (30-37) and Rangiora (38-39). The Year 10s placed 16th overall. The Year 9s had a win over Lincoln College (16-14), which had to go to extra time and then lost to a strong Roncalli side, placing 30th overall. However, the determination and teamwork paid off for the Year 9s as they received the tournament Sportsmanship Trophy for Year 9. This is an awesome achievement and truly embodies Taieri College sporting values! There was some cracking netball on display during the week! A huge thank you to our coaches, managers, staff, and parents who make this tournament possible. A



special thanks to Janaya Guthrie and Simone Letts who gave up their time to umpire for us.











Southern Hoiho Visit

On Thursday 20 July 2023 Paige Bradley and A<mark>hlise Hurst from the Southern Hoiho basketball team hosted</mark> a coaching session for a selected group of our Year 7/8 Miniball, and Year 9-13 Basketball girls.

















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PRESENTS

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Taieri College Performing Arts Centre

7.00pm

Disco Inferno by Jai Sepple, by arrangement with David Spicer Productions with additional material by David Spicer.

Thursday 10 August 2023 Adults \$15.00 Friday 11 August 2023 Students/ Seniors \$10.00 Saturday 12 August 2023 Family Pass \$40.00

2 adults + 2 children / 1 adult + 3 children

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