



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ

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Kia ora e te whanau

Despite the cold weather this week we enjoyed showing Taieri College to well over 200 prospective families. Tours were either conducted at 9.30am or 3.30pm and several families got the opportunity to explore our facilities and see the college in action during a "normal" school day. My thanks to the prefects and students who gave up their time to assist in the tours. As well as accompanying the tours they were also on hand to provide a valuable insight into student life at Taieri College.

We have been fortunate to host a school group from Tokyo this week. Our Japanese guests have explored several local sights (including some pre-lamb shearing in the snow at Lee Stream) and have also been part of our classes. It is our first overseas visit since the Covid pandemic, and we are thoroughly enjoying the diversity the group has brought to our school. They are staying with us for another week and depart for Japan on Sunday 6 August 2023.

Keira Wallace and Kate Aitken have been recognised nationally as part of the National Rockquest competition. On Monday it was announced that these two wonderful musicians have made it to the top 30 acts across New Zealand in Rockquest. A panel of music industry professionals will now select a top 10. Let's hope Keira and Kate can make the cut into the top 10! Either way, it is an awesome achievement.

Next week we will open our time slots for parent-teacher interviews. The interviews will take place on Monday 7 August 2023 and Tuesday 8 August 2023. Face-to-face conversations are still the best form of communication, so I encourage parents, caregivers, and whānau to make an appointment for an open conversation with teachers. Junior reports will be emailed out on Friday 4 August 2023 and I'm sure these will be an excellent starting point for conversation. Information about booking interviews can be found in this newsletter.

Congratulations to our Rugby 1st XV who pulled off a stunning upset win over a very good Otago Boys' team on Saturday. It was a tight game and the attitude and resilience our boys displayed were commendable.

Next week we host James Hargest College from Invercargill as part of our annual winter sports exchange. A variety of sports will be played. Good luck to everyone involved.

Noho ora mai

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

23 July - 6 August 2023
Japanese student
exchange group visit.

2 August 2023
James Hargest
Interchange (At Taieri
College)

3 August 2023
Senior Impromptu
Speaking Final

4 August 2023
Junior reports emailed
home.
Dunedin Youth Jazz
Festival

6-12 August 2023
Chinese student exchange
group visit.

7- 8 August 2023
Parent Teacher Interviews.

8 August 2023
Mufit Day

Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews

**Monday 7 August & Tuesday 8 August
4pm-7:00pm**

Bookings for interviews can be made at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the booking code **m6ye9**. The booking code will become 'live' online **from Wednesday 2 August 2023 at 4.00pm**. If you are having trouble with bookings please contact the office and they will make them for you.

A separate email will be sent out next week with further information and maps of the college that indicate the rooms that teachers will be conducting the interviews.

Prefect Reading

Kia Ora Koutou. Welcome everyone to the first senior assembly of Term Three. I am Emily, one of your academic prefects for this year and today I am going to talk to you about something I'm sure you have heard many times before, and that is resilience.

Resilience is the ability to bounce back in the face of difficult challenges. As a high school student, you may be faced with any number of tough issues. These can range from academic, to sports, to arts, to skills challenges. This term we have several large events coming up including senior practice exams, the Taieri College Production, as well as tournament week. The pressure to perform may be extremely intimidating for many of you, especially for those who may be sitting NCEA exams for the first time or competing in your first tournament.

Throughout these next few weeks, you may experience a setback or a failure. This may be any number of things such as forgetting your lines midperformance, getting a disappointing grade, or throwing the ball away in a big game. This may make you want to give up or try less at the next attempt out of the fear of failing a second time. However, it is not your failures that define you, rather your ability to pick yourself up and start over. The best player on the rugby field has dropped the ball a thousand times but picks themselves up over and over again until they score that try. In the classroom, having resilience and pushing through a difficult task may be the difference between a "Not Achieved" grade and an "Excellence". It can take up to 10,000 hours of work to perfect a skill, so do don't expect to be a master on the first attempt. Instead, have resilience and persevere until you get it. This may be after the second, third, or hundredth attempt. Throughout this term I urge you to have resilience, whether that be in the classroom, on the stage, or on the sports field.

Before I finish, I want to leave you with this quote from Henry Ford, industrialist, and founder of Ford Motor Company: "Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again." Before you think about giving up, think about what would happen if you were to succeed. Thank you.



Rook Peak - Into the Top 30!



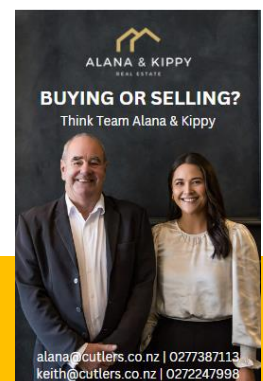
A massive congratulations to Keira Wallace and Kate Aitken – also known as Rook Peak – for making it into the top 30 acts in Aotearoa. The national finals will be made up of 7 bands and 3 solo/duo artists. A new judging panel will now review the top 30 videos and make the final choices for the Top 10. The top 30 acts are made up of 20 bands and 10 solo/duo acts, so this puts Rook Peak in the top 10 solo/duo acts in the country – quite an accomplishment!

Each of the top 30 acts gets to record one of their songs at a professional local recording studio. This is their chance to get familiar with what it's like to be in a professional studio, to ask questions and to gain knowledge to take into their future recordings, as well as have a song they can use afterwards!

The acts are also provided with media mentoring with Sarah Gandy, a hugely experienced industry professional and media specialist, will host a series of live online workshops. She is putting together three workshops (each of which will be offered three times) tailor-made for young acts finding their feet in the music industry. The workshops will be focused on publicity, media skills, and online content. These workshops will be an awesome place to upskill - not just for music, but also for life.

Each of these opportunities has been crafted to empower the acts not only as musicians, but also as leaders in their own right. These opportunities are designed to set the successful acts up with skills to take into their future and help open even more doors for them.

Once again, a huge congratulations. The Taieri College community is immensely proud of your achievements!



New Staff Profiles

Name: Bob Martin

Birthplace: Perth, Australia

Schooling: East Otago High School

Tertiary Qualification: Otago University

Subjects Teaching: Physical Education

Hobbies/Interests: rugby and golf

Favourite Quote: "Give it a crack."



Name: Gabby Naivalulevu

Birthplace: Invercargill

Schooling: Southland Girls' High School

Tertiary Qualification: Bachelor of Arts in Geography at Otago University

Subjects Teaching: Hard Materials, Food Technology and Primary Industries

Hobbies/Interests: food, running, sports, outdoors and music.

Favourite Quote: "Do ordinary things with extraordinary love." - Mother Theresa



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7.00pm

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

Thursday 10 August 2023

Friday 11 August 2023

Saturday 12 August 2023

Adults \$15.00

Students/ Seniors \$10.00

Family Pass \$40.00

2 adults + 2 children / 1 adult + 3 children

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Arts at Taieri

Our students have achieved some incredible feats, such as singing performances, theatre competition wins, dance crew successes and even opportunities for some students to act in films. The Arts Prefects want to shed some light on the incredible achievements of students at our school - Jackson Rosie, Ella Coudret, Caitlin Stewart (Arts Prefects), Arts Council.

What's been happening?

- **Caitlin Stewart** and **Kate Coates** were awarded Most Promising Artistically and Technically overall at the Taieri Dance Comps 2023.
- Rock band **Laconic** performed a gig.
- **Ella Coudret** performed in the Taieri Dramatic Society's latest production 'Secondary Cause of Death' directed by Taieri College alumni Zac Henry.
- **Jackson Rosie, Kairi Mortensen-Morunga** and **Andrew Matheson** travelled to Wellington where they performed on the St James Theatre stage their SGCNZ UOSWSF regionals winning piece from Macbeth.
- **Jackson Rosie, Kairi Mortensen-Morunga** and **Andrew Matheson** performed at Allen Hall theatre their piece from Macbeth.
- **Arts Council** held their first blindfolded drawing competition to promote art at Taieri.
- Taieri College 2023 production '**Disco Inferno**' rehearsals are well underway, with the set and the show in its entirety coming together and cast and crew are excited for the show to open in two weeks' time.

What's coming up?

- Taieri College Production '**Disco Inferno**' opens in two weeks. Show nights are 10, 11 and 12 August 2023 all starting at 7.00pm. Tickets are on sale now!
- "Level Up" production auditions are underway, for those junior students interested in the performing arts.
- Shot glass shorts – short play writing competition. **Jackson Rosie** is a finalist in this competition, if you feel like going to watch some local theatre written by local artists, a great opportunity.
- **Keira Wallace** opens for artist Mount Eerie – Dive Music Venue – 29 September 2023. One to definitely check out!

Disco Inferno Production – Meet the cast

Jack – Maxx Turu	Heathcliffe – Andrew Matheson
Jane – Kailey Marshall	Terry – Cody Masters
Tom – Jackson Rosie	Lady Marmalade – Bella Mackenzie
Maggie – Ella Coudret	Duke – Robert Hannaford
Kathy – Amelia Baxter	

Synopsis: Working late in a London nightclub, Jack meets Lady Marmalade – a femme fatale – the Devil's right hand lady. Dreaming of becoming successful, he makes a Faustian pact with her, trading his soul to fulfil his wildest fantasies. Sounds like an ideal bargain. Think again.

Sport

Message from the Physical Education and Health Department on PE Gear on a Muffti Day

If you are in Years 7 to 11 and have a practical Physical Education lesson, you are required to wear the approved school PE uniform (see below). If you are in Year 12 or Year 13 appropriate alternative sportswear should be worn. We have these regulations in place to promote healthy hygiene practice when participating in physical activity at the college.

Approved Physical Education uniform.

- Year 7-11 school sports top and school shorts.
- Year 12,13 appropriate gear suitable for physical activity.
- Additional items of uniform.
 - Plain black or navy track pants.
 - Taieri College Sports Hoodies (over PE top).
 - Plain black or navy polypropylenes/thermals.
 - Plain black or navy bike shorts (under PE shorts).
- Footwear:
 - Bare feet are permissible indoors.
 - Appropriate non-marking sports shoes.
 - Normal school uniform socks are not to be worn in Physical Education.

A notice from your friendly Physical Education and Health Department

Netball Under 14 Representatives

Congratulations to Courtney Smith, Liv Jenkins, and Jessica Greiner who were all selected for the Under 14A Dunedin Rep team! The girls will compete in Invercargill on the 14th of August and in Dunedin on the 20th of August. It's awesome to see Taieri College students reach higher levels of success.



Sports Council sponsor of the week

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NZ Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships

Emma Bain (12JN) represented Taieri College last week at the NZ Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships in Wellington. The championships started on Thursday the 20th of July and ran until Sunday 23rd of July hosted by Swimming NZ. Emma competed in the 16 year old girls age group.

These swimming champs can be entered by anyone attending a secondary school wanting to swim 50m events as these have no qualifying times. Distances beyond 50m had qualifying times to enter. Emma Bain swam in five events at this meet and swam exceptionally well to PB in every event. She has been working very hard over recent years with her swimming and this meet has highlighted her efforts. Congratulations and well done Emma!

Emma's results in the 16-year-old girls were as follows:





- 6th 50m Freestyle in a time of 27.57
- 6th 200m Freestyle in a time of 2.15.73
- 8th 100m Freestyle in a time of 1.00.96
- 10th 50m Butterfly in a time of 30.78
- 13th 50m Backstroke in a time of 31.80

Congratulations and well done Emma! Taieri College are very proud of you representing us at this meet.



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Young Writers' Awards 2023

Entries are due Wednesday 20 September at 3:00pm.

Entries need to be e-mailed as a Word document attachment to ywa@taieri.school.nz. The subject line must indicate the category and year level.

Entries for the Illustrated Books section (if not in electronic format) can be delivered to the English Department Office in the last week of Term 3.

SHORT STORIES

Completed individually, this can be a story consisting of a minimum of 250 words. There should be a suitable title and formatted with paragraphs. The content may be a real experience, an adapted real experience, fiction, or inspired by other stories read or viewed. It does not have to come solely from a classroom activity.

Article

This section is completed individually. Entries need a suitable title and written in paragraphs. Present your opinions about a subject such as Road Safety, Conservation, Social Media, Politics, etc. You could be aiming to persuade the reader to act/behaviour/think in a different way. Or you could present information about a subject such as Taieri history, animals, ancestry, your job, an historic event, etc. Entries may relate to some study you have completed. Entries do not have to come from classroom activities.



This may be a combined effort of up to two people (e.g. a text writer and an illustrator). Options include:
(a) Children's Illustrated Book - The book must be at least six pages long, but the page size is not restricted. It should be suitable for pre-school children to read or to have read to them. (i.e. the text and pictures may be quite simple).
(b) Graphic Novel - This text needs to be at least 15 frames, using the visual and written conventions of graphic novels (comic books, anime). Entries be a full story or the beginning of a longer narrative not yet written.



Completed individually, entries can be any length, rhymed or unrhymed. Very short poems, however, may not be judged as favorably as longer ones reflecting greater effort. Use a suitable title. The subject may be serious or humorous. It may be shaped on the page.



Collaborative efforts of up to three people may submit entries in this category. Drama scripts may be any length – a simple sketch or a piece of dialogue or monologue, and could contain one or several scenes. Stage directions must be included. It should be set out as a play script with dialogue and stage directions, as well as a captivating title.

Questions can be directed to your English teacher or to Miss Hurst in C10 or by email (ehurst@taieri.school.nz).

Young Writers' Awards

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

Whatungarongaro te tangata, toitū te whenua

As people disappear from sight, the land remains (Māori whakatauki)



Special Rigs for Special Kids

90 Old Brighton Road

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Dunedin 9076

24 July 2023

Dear "Kids" Caregivers,

This years' fun day is to be held on Sunday 27th August at the Edgar Centre from 8.30am. The event is hosted by the local transport industry to provide children with special needs, a chance to get close to the big rigs they see on the roads.

The invitation is for a child with special needs and a supporting adult to come to the Edgar Centre where they will be taken for a ride in a truck, and then returned to the Edgar Centre for a barbeque lunch.

We would like to emphasise that the day is primarily for children with special needs and their immediate families. We would ask you to take this into consideration when organising your family group

Please Note:

- If your child is aged 7 or under please bring their car seat or booster seat with you on the day
- We require one caregiver per child to travel in the truck, as you know the individual needs of your child.
- Any special dietary requirements for your child must be provided by you on the day.
- St John Ambulance Service will be present.
- Face masks are strongly recommended.
- There is no need to respond to this invitation other than to turn up on the 27th of August from 8.30am
- There is no cost to you or your family for this event.
- Any other immediate family members will be able to travel in the bus.
- Any enquiries please contact Greg Inch 0274 358 508.

Yours sincerely

Greg Inch

Special Rigs for Special Kids President

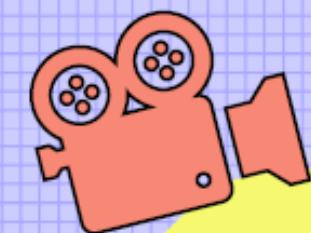


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