



Tēnā koutou katoa

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It's been a busy week for our Year 7 and 8 students, starting off with our Year 7 writing trip to Dunedin on Monday. Students visited three different parts of Dunedin and will use their experiences to produce some creative writing. The busy week continued with the TK social at Wingatui Hall on Tuesday evening. Thanks to the prefects for the wonderful job they did in organising and entertaining. On Wednesday we hosted Longford Intermediate from Gore as part of our annual winter sports exchange. I had the pleasure of watching several different sports and was impressed with the standard of play and sportsmanship on display. Well done to everyone who was involved, and congratulations on winning the trophy for overall wins during the day.

My thanks to whānau and students who attended our annual whānau hui in the library on Wednesday. As well as sharing tasty kai, we shared stories of our whakapapa and participated in a practical session of weaving a kete (basket) from harakeke (flax). Gemma Tuhega (our kaitiaki) did a superb job in co-ordinating the evening.

I thoroughly enjoyed the Saturday performance of our college production, "Disco Inferno." The acting, music, props, and costumes were of the highest quality. The artistic talent we have at Taieri College was clear and evident. It is difficult to thank specific individuals as it was such a team effort, both on stage and backstage. To everyone who played a part in the production, thank you. Congratulations on three wonderful performances. Thanks also to those who joined the audience over the production season. Your support is appreciated, and I hope you also enjoyed the show.

Business time for our seniors next week with NCEA assessments taking place. These examinations give clear evidence as to how things are progressing, and will in some instances provide evidence later in the year should students require a derived grade for not being able to make their final exams in November. It is the College's expectation that those sitting exams spend significant time during the week revising for them. As I stated in this week's senior assembly, "preparation is successes best friend".

Ngā mihi nui

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL

## Key Dates

**21-25 August 2023**

Senior Assessment Week

**22 August 2023**

TK Writing Trip

**23 August 2023**

Special Olympics Football  
Tournament

**24 August 2023**

Junior OMATHalon competition

**27-30 August 2023**

Under Fifteen Rugby Trip

**27 August 2023 - 1 September**  
**2023**

South Island Equestrian  
Championships

Mixed First Fifteen Hockey  
Tournament

**28-31 August 2023**

Senior SISS Netball Tournament

**30-31 August 2023**

Under 85kg Rugby Tournament

## Term 3 - Week 6

21-25 August 2023 – Senior Assessment Week

### Senior Exam Timetable 2023

Time	Monday 21 Aug	Tuesday 22 Aug	Wednesday 23 Aug	Thursday 24 Aug	Friday 25 Aug
9:00 – 12:00	L1 ENC 52 (2 hours) L1 ENG 114 (3 hours)	L1 DRA 21 (2 hours) DRA L1 DVC 18 (2 hours) D6 L1 SCP 12 (3 hours) C4	L1 MET 19 (2 hours) starting at 10am in D7 L1 SCI 137 (2 hours)	L1 ECO 45 (3 hours) L1 TXT 18 (2 hours) D3	L1 ACI 26 (3 hours) D1 L1 HEA 18 (3 hours) L1 MET 20 (2 hours) D7
	L2TAW 21 (2 hours) D7	L2 ENC 76 (2 hours) L2 ENG 67 (3 hours)	L2 DVC 4 (2 hours) D6 L2 GEO 23 (3 hours)	L2 ARD 7 (3 hours) D1 L2 BIO 62 (3 hours)	L2 ECO 22 (3 hours) L2 HEA 19 (3 hours) L2 MUS 19 (3 hours)
	L3 BIO 21 (3 hours)	L3 CLS 5 (3 hours) L3 GEO 24 (3 hours)	L3 DVC 7 (2 hours) D6 L3 HIS 12 (3 hours)	L3 ARD 13 (3 hrs) D1 L3 PHY 15 (3 hours)	L3 DRA 11 (2 hours)
1:00 – 4:00	L1 ACI 26 (3 hours) D1 L1 DRA 21 (2 hours)	L1 MAT 73 (2½ hours)	L1 HIS 29 (3 hours)	L1 DAN 4 (3 hour) G6 L1 GEO 49 (3 hours)	L1 AHS 18 (2 hours) L1 MUS 19 (3 hours)
	L2 ART 15 (3 hrs) D2 L2 TXT 9 (2 hours) D3	L2 APH 13 (3 hours) D1 L2 CHE 30 (3 hours) L2 DRA 9 (2 hour)	L2 MAT 25 (3 hours) L2 MAS 62 (1-3 hour)	L2 AGB 7 (2 hours) L2 DAN 4 (3 hours) G6 L2 HIS 26 (3 hours)	L2 MED 7 (3 hours) L2 PHY 19 (3 hours)
	L3 ART 6 (3 hours) D2 L3 ENC 27 (3 hours) L3 ENG 29 (3 hours) L3 TXT 2 (2 hours) D3	L3 MAG 23 (2 hours) L3 MAS 20 (2 hours)	L3 APH 13 (3 hrs) D1 L3 CHE 20 (3 hours) L3 HEA 12 (2 hours)	L3 DAN 1 (3 hours) G6 L3 MAC 11 (3 hours) L3 MED 8 (3 hours)	L3 ECO 10 (3 hours) SENG 5 (3 hours) SBIO 4 (1 hour)

Exams will take place mostly in the ITC apart from other rooms where indicated.

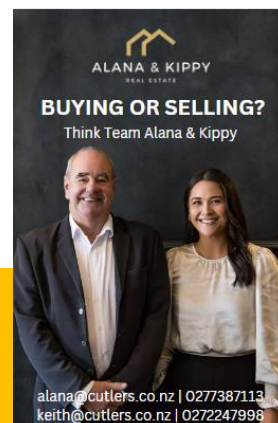
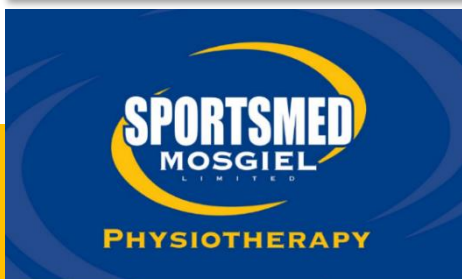
Year 11, 12 and 13 students have study leave while exams take place.

Students must stay for the entire length of the exam if it is under 2½ hours. Students must stay for 2 hours if in a 2½ - 3hr exam.

## ICAS exams

The ICAS exams will take place in the following days and will be completing on devices supplied by the College. Good luck to all students.

Science - Wednesday 23rd August 11.30am-12.30am in G6  
Mathematics - Wednesday 30th August 11.30am-12.30am in G6



# SCHOOL EVIDENCE EXAMINATIONS

21-25 August 2023

## Examination Procedures

- **Full correct school uniform is to be worn by all students.**
- Morning exams start at 9:00am. Students need to be lining up on the netball courts at 8:45am on the second bell.
- Afternoon exams start at 1:00pm. Students need to be lining up on the netball courts at 12:45pm.
- Students will line up in their subject classes.
- For 2 hour exams students must stay for the whole time (except L2MAS and scholarship Biology students who may leave after one hour)
- For 2½ – 3 hour exams students will be permitted to leave after two hours but we recommend you take the time allocated. Once you leave you will not be permitted back in.
- Nobody is permitted to leave in the last 15 mins of an exam.
- If toilets are needed, students should put their hand up and wait for a supervisor.
- *It is compulsory for all students to attend all exams for their timetabled subjects. Students who forget about an exam or fail to arrive for a scheduled exam, or choose not to come to their timetabled exam will be required to sit the exam they missed during make up sessions from 3:15-5:15pm the following week.*

### What can be taken into the Examination Room:

- Cell phones, car keys, wallets and watches (both digital and analogue) must be in a clear plastic bag and placed under your seat. Phones must be off.
- Pens, rulers etc. Must be in a clear plastic bag.
- See through water bottles are allowed, food is not (you won't be allowed out for a drink)
- Calculators (if the exam allows them to be used)
- **Refill pad if needed – will be checked by exam supervisors. At the end of the year refill paper cannot be taken into the examination room with you.**

### What cannot be taken in:

- Prohibited electronic devices like MP3 players and iPods, non-approved calculators, PDAs and electronic translators are not permitted in the examination room. At the end of the year these will be removed from candidates by supervisors and may be sent to NZQA.
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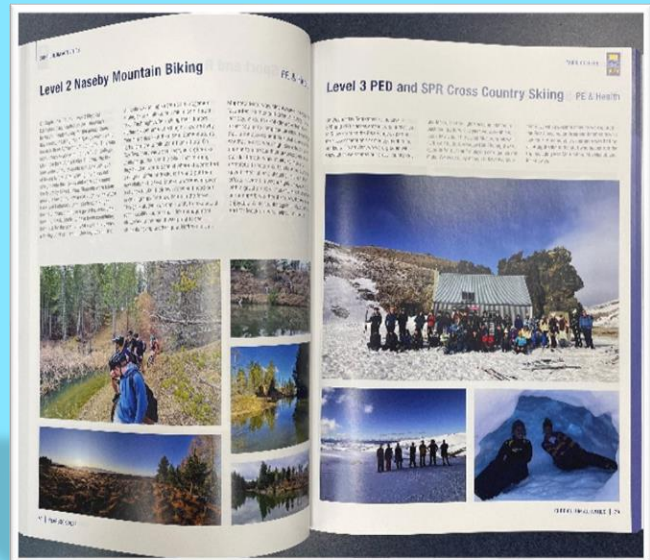
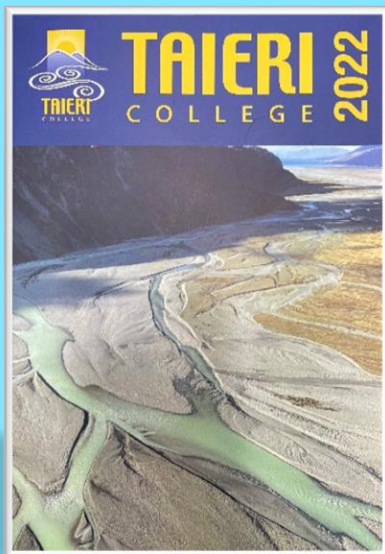
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We are taking payment now for our annual school magazine which is distributed at the end of Term 4. This is a colour printed A4 magazine which records the activities throughout the school year and includes form class and co-curricular (Sport, Arts, Cultural) activities group photos.

All students have been invoiced \$25.00 for this magazine but if you do not want a copy, or only want one copy per family, please email [accounts@taieri.school.nz](mailto:accounts@taieri.school.nz) to have this charge removed.

The payment must be made by **22 September 2023** to confirm your order. Late payments cannot guarantee a magazine will be available for the student. Magazines are ordered and printed by our printer based on the number of confirmed orders at the due date.

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## Year 8 Leadership Chat with Kieran Read

Over in TK Block, the Year 8 students have been working through a Social Studies unit on People of Impact, with a big focus on leadership. 8BZ and 8MB were lucky enough to speak with ex Crusader and All Black Kieran Read, who now runs seminars on leadership for business and sports teams throughout the country. We asked him questions about leadership, resilience and dealing with pressure situations.



Here are a few things we took away...

A piece of advice I will implement in my life is not to focus on the negative, stay positive. Angus Lloyd 8BZ

Always have a positive attitude and know that you can't win every time. Never doubt yourself. Harry Tibble 8MB

He taught me that to be a leader means being yourself, and not trying to be someone else. Stay authentic. Brooke Parsons 8MB

One thing I took from our chat was to never give up, even when times are hard. Maddie Ransfield 8BZ

When something doesn't go your way in life, don't blame it on others. Look at what you could have done better. Jack Lambert 8MB

Being a leader doesn't mean being bossy, it also means you have to be there for your team/group. You have to support them. Adia Sahu 8MB





## Year 7 Writing Trip

On Monday 14 August 2023 the Year 7 classes took an exciting trip around Dunedin to get inspiration, and ideas to motivate us for our writing. We were divided into three groups and rotated around the Octagon, St Kilda beach, and the Botanic Gardens during the day. We collected many ideas and had lots of fun along the way. My favourite part was when we talked to Sid the cockatoo at the Gardens! He mimicked what we said in a high pitched, squeaky voice. It was hilarious! The trip also made us a lot more aware of our natural surroundings and all the beautiful details hidden in plain sight. We became one with nature as we listened and observed, we could catch all the small things that we do not normally observe. Most of us could hardly record down all the ideas that were running through our heads! Overall, it was an amazing day that was both entertaining, and educational at the same time.

Emma Collins - 7BL



## Sports

### Longford Interchange

On Wednesday we hosted Longford (Gore) in the annual TK interchange, the day got off to an interesting start with one of Longford's buses breaking down, so we only had half the Longford students for the welcome, but that didn't stop the Taieri College giving a very warm welcome to their opponents. When the sports started up it was full noise from the first whistle to the last whistle with the TK students showing great sportsmanship and talent across all sports. Taieri College came away with a 6 – 3 win to wrestle the trophy away from Longford and lock it away in the cabinet for 2023. Top effort by all involved.

Sport	Team	Result
Basketball	Year 7&8 Girls	Win-Longford
Basketball	Year 8 Boys	Draw
Basketball	Year 7 Boys	Win-Taieri College
Netball	Year 7 Girls	Win-Longford
Netball	Year 8 Girls	Win-Longford
Football	Year 7&8 Mixed	Win-Taieri College
Rugby	Girls 7s	Win-Taieri College
Rugby	Boys 15s	Win-Taieri College
Hockey	Year 7&8 Boys	Win-Taieri College
Hockey	Year 7&8 Girls	Win-Taieri College

**Taieri 6 wins**

**Longford 3 Wins**

**Draw 1**

### Rugby

A huge congratulations to 1<sup>st</sup> XV players Charlie Such (Otago Metro Under 16), Josh Munro and Jalen Forgie both (Otago Metro Under 17) for being selected in the Metro rugby sides. Congratulations boys, all the hard work is paying off.



### Miniball

With the miniball season coming to an end, I would like to say a massive thank you to all the coaches, managers, and more importantly the players who represented the college in great style. Well done to all involved on a very successful season.

### Sports Council Sponsor of the Week

**McDonalds** has become the go-to option for people looking to satisfy their hunger after a day on the sports field. If it's a mouthwatering McChicken, or a refreshing salad to refuel the energy levels, McDonalds has you covered. We are very lucky to have McDonalds as our platinum sponsor on the Sports Council. We appreciate the Stonelake family's support.





# TK Interchange





# Taieri College Production 2023









## Otago Science Fair Prize List 2023

Project Name	Student	Prize(s)
Hold Your Horses	Ramsey Ashworth 9RK	Aurora Energy Award Bachelor of Information Technology Otago Polytechnic - Te Pūkenga Award Otago Museum Innovation, Hands-On Award University of Otago, Zoology Department Award
What Poo Will Do?	Becky Vaughan 9RK	Sustainable Agriculture, Ballance Agrinutrients Award University of Otago, Biochemistry Department Award
Let It Grow	Ashlee Murray 9FR	Plant and Food Research Horticultural Award University of Otago, Biochemistry Department Award
Tooth Erosion	Dorothy Tate 9RK	Australasian Corrosion Association (NZ Branch)
The Effects of a Wastewater Treatment Plant on River Water Quality	Charlie Morrison 9FR	Aurora Energy Award
What Position is the most accurate when firing a weapon under stress and rest?	Barrett Smart 9FR	Aurora Energy Award
Ivy Cube	Matthew Petegem-Thach 9FR	Dodd Walls Centre for Research Excellence Award New Zealand Oil & Gas, Science Education Award University of Otago, Computer Science Award University of Otago, Maths and Statistics Award
Perfect Watering Amount of a Money Plant	Aahana Mundamattam 9FR	Aurora Energy Award
Solar Studies – Angle of Incidence	Jenny Petegem-Thach 10MH	Aurora Excellence in Energy Award New Zealand Oil & Gas, Energy Efficiency Award Otago Museum Innovation, Hands-On Award University of Otago, Maths and Statistics Award

## Student Clothing Market for Wellbeing

Tēnā koē

As an initiative from the Wellbeing Ambassador Team, we will be holding a Clothing Market for students during week 9 this term. We are requesting donations of clean pre-loved clothes. These can be dropped off at the Student Office anytime up until Friday 8 September 2023. This action promotes sustainability of resources. It also enhances manaakitanga – care and support of others.

The Clothing Market will provide students with an opportunity to browse and take items to re-purpose.

Your generosity and support for this event is appreciated.

Ngā mihi nui

Wellbeing Ambassadors and  
Diana Leonard, Director of Wellbeing



## Young Writers' Awards 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 2023 at 3:00pm to [ywa@taieri.school.nz](mailto:ywa@taieri.school.nz) (hard copies of Children's 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:

*"As he awoke one morning from uneasy dreams he found himself transformed in his bed into a..."*

*(Franz Kafka, Metamorphosis [1915])*

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## Science

An application form for the Science and the Sea Extension and Enrichment programme has been emailed to the parents/caregivers of all Year 7 & 8 students. If you are interested in taking part in the programme, complete the application form and email it to [portobello.marinescience@otago.ac.nz](mailto:portobello.marinescience@otago.ac.nz). Please also contact Miss Stephanie Miller via email ([smiller@taieri.school.nz](mailto:smiller@taieri.school.nz)) if you have applied so she can arrange for the student profile to be completed. Successful applicants will need to arrange their own transportation to and from the centre.



## Science and the Sea Extension & Enrichment for Yr 6-8 Students

This is a four-day programme for Year 6-8 students who have a keen interest and curiosity in the world around them. Over the course of the programme, students will be researching alongside academics, leading their own team project while mentored by a postgraduate marine science student.

### Participants

- Open to gifted and/or enthusiastic and curious students who are interested in engaging with the marine world and sharing their learning.
- Students must be in Year 6, 7 or 8 and available for each day of the programme.

### Programme

- October 24, 30, 31 and November 7. 9am to 3pm, with presentation for schools and whānau at 4pm on the last day.

### Location

- NZ Marine Studies Centre in Portobello, Dunedin. Transport to and from the Centre is the responsibility of the participating students/schools.

### Costs

- \$40 excl. GST. Schools/organisations will be invoiced when students are selected for the programme. Due to limited spaces, if students cannot attend this course after being confirmed for the programme, no refund is available, as we still need to cover all programme delivery costs organised for the confirmed number of attendees.

### Registration

Fill out the following pages in this order:

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

**Application deadline: 17 September 2023**

**Submit the application via email to [portobello.marinescience@otago.ac.nz](mailto:portobello.marinescience@otago.ac.nz)  
For further enquires please contact: [hannah.drury@otago.ac.nz](mailto:hannah.drury@otago.ac.nz)**

## Prefect Reading

Kia Ora Everyone, I am Jemma, one of your sport prefects. Since we have practice exams coming up next week, I would like to talk to you all about using your time wisely.

This means making intentional choices about how you allocate and spend your time on activities that are purposeful for your life, that align with your goals and values. Instead of getting caught up in distractions or unproductive activities.

I know a lot of you may be thinking 'yay, we've got a free week off school' but actually, during this coming week, it is meant for studying. You might think that these are only practice exams and the only reason you'll need these results is if you have a genuine reason why you cannot make the end of year exams, and most of us here, including me, will be thinking that's highly unlikely I'll miss out on the end of year exams, so who cares.

Even so, these practice exams are still very important. They can help you know what your current results are and how much you need to improve yourself. Then this will give you a rough idea of how much study you actually need to get the final results that you want. So, this is where using your time wisely will come in handy.

I understand when people say that they "can't" study for exams, and this usually falls under not being motivated or not knowing how to study for exams. This is where I struggle the most, sometimes I don't have any motivation to study and honestly, I don't even know where to start when I do try to study. So, there are a lot of tips online where you can learn how to study which can really make an impact.

Out of all the weeks we've had for school, this is only one week where you don't need to see your friends, just wait patiently till the weekend. If you're someone who doesn't have any exams next week, you're pretty lucky, but don't be that person that goes messaging their friends and try to take them away from their study time. So, use your time wisely and do the mahi.

The quote I am leaving for you today is from Benjamin Franklin, who was one of the founding fathers of the United States, "Lost time is never found again."

Thank you.

Jemma West



## Whānau Hui

On Wednesday 16 August 2023 we had our annual Māori and Pacific Whānau Hui. It was great to finally meet after all the strikes and rostering home. Our Māori and Pacific Council led from the front starting with a Karakia Tīmatanga (Opening Prayer) from Herbie Wirangi, Karakia mō te kai (Prayer for food) from Sean Whaley, along with presentations from Maddison McGrath about the Waitangi Trip, and Kyrach Grace about the Takapō Trip. We were lucky to have Lucy Smith who then took us for a Raranga harakeke Flax Weaving Workshop where each whānau got to make a kete. It was a great night, and we look forward to starting up our whānau rōpū where parents can get together and help support, and work alongside our kura, kaiako, and ākonga.





Kia Ora,

We hope this email finds you well.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Taieri College for putting so much time and effort in to raising funds and supporting the New Zealand Disaster Fund. Please know your donation has and will continue to help those impacted by the Northland and Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland floods and those communities affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. Your kind donation is also helping to ensure we are prepared to help the next community faced with an emergency in Aotearoa New Zealand.

New Zealand Red Cross really appreciates the kindness and generosity of people like you and your initiative! As a thank you from us, we would love to give a certificate to you as a token of our gratitude and acknowledgment of the incredible work that you have done. Please find it attached. 😊

Once again, thank you for your awesome efforts and support.

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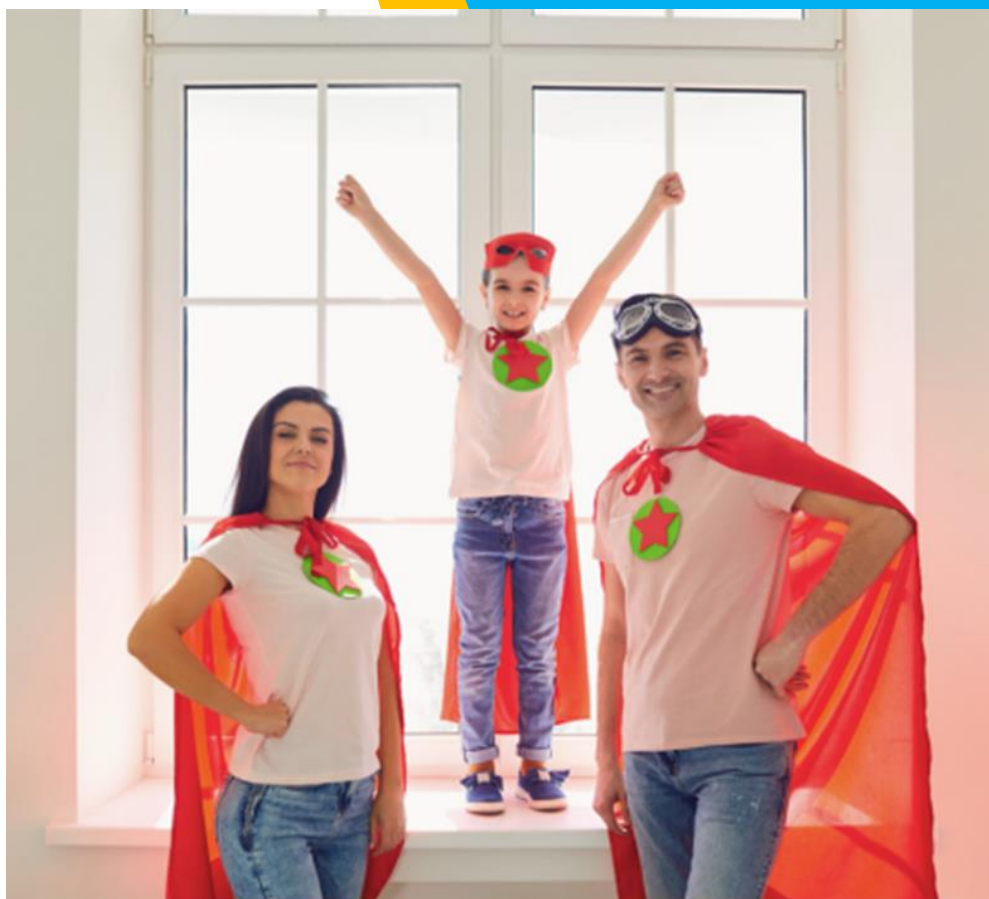
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