



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATO A

Kia ora e te whānau



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This last week of term has been jam-packed with a variety of activities. Many of our Year 11 students have had a taste of tramping in the Silver Peaks area and over Swampy Summit while our Year 13 Geography and Tourism students have explored the stunning scenery around Te Anau and Milford Sound. Our Māori students had the privilege to be part of the National Manu Kōrero speech competitions while our Year 11 Drama students presented their class play. Students have also been working hard to complete several internal assessments that were due today. Congratulations to all students who were involved in these activities. Hockey also held their end-of-season prize giving and my congratulations to the players who received accolades for their efforts.

Our Year 9 – 13 students recently voted for their new student representative on the Board of Trustees. It is my pleasure to congratulate Louise Lawson who has been elected as the student representative. I am sure Lousie will acquit herself admirably in her new role. I would also like to thank Andrew Matheson, our outgoing student representative, for all his hard work and input.



Senior reports for our Year 11-13 students were emailed home yesterday. With senior prize giving and study leave happening in Term 4 Week 4 it is important that they are carefully read, and advice is acted upon. Tutorials for several subjects will start next term and it is advised that students try to attend. They are excellent opportunities for students to gain extra assistance in exam preparation.

This week students have also received their course selection booklets for 2024. I am pleased to say that we have a wide variety of subjects on offer for our students and would encourage them to think carefully about their subject choices. The upcoming holiday break is an opportune time for them to discuss their options with you, as whānau. We are holding our course selection interviews from Years 10-13 during the first week of Term 4. Your young person has information about these evenings and how to book your interview. We encourage all students and whānau to take advantage of the opportunity to meet with staff to create the most effective course for their students' needs.

My thanks to everyone who has contributed to a busy and rewarding school term. I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday and look forward to seeing all our students refreshed and ready for Term 4.

Noho ora mai
Brenton Hackfath
ACTING PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

22 September 2023

Senior reports emailed home.

Last day of Term 3

25 September 2023 – 6 October 2023

School Holidays

22 September 2023 – 7 October 2023

Taieri Cricket XI to India

9 October 2023

Start of Term 4

9-10 October 2023

L2SPR High Ropes/Caving -HN

9-27 October 2023

Life Education Bus (Year 7/8)

10-11 October 2023

Course Confirmation Interviews

11-12 October 2023

L2SPR High Ropes/Caving - HY

12 October 2023

L1PRM trip to Central Otago

Senior Assessments Due Week 1 - Term 4

L1 GEO AS91014 GIS Internal Due
L3 PED AS 3.8 due

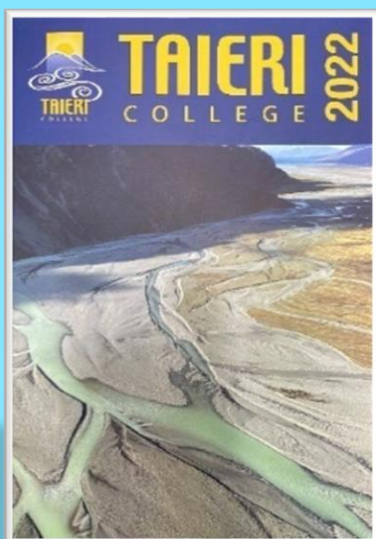
School Magazine 2023 \$25.00

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 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.

Payment can be made by internet banking to 03-1725-0106800-00 using your **name** and **magazine** as the reference, or by EFTPOS/cash at the office.



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2024 INTENTIONS Course Selection

While subject choice at this stage of the year is not binding, the number of classes, and staff allocation, are based on this return, and therefore this should be filled in as accurately as possible.

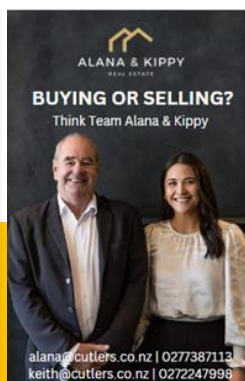
A booklet provided to all students contains information on all subjects available. Note that, in general, subjects only operate where there are sufficient students choosing that subject.

Course booklets are available on our website: <http://www.taieri.school.nz>. Senior booklets can be found under "Academic/senior-programme-ncea" Junior booklets can be found under "Academic/Junior Programme"

To assist students in making option choices we have held special assemblies and for Year 10 – 12 students we encourage you to make an appointment with Senior Staff on either Tuesday 10 or Wednesday 11 October from 3.30pm to 7.00pm (first week back next term) to discuss the course selection. This is done through the [website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) using the code: 3255c

The intention sheet must be filled in and returned to the Form Teacher no later than Friday 13 October (first week back).

Once the choices are made, **students** need to enter this information into our system by logging into Kamar (from the homepage with the notices) and clicking on course selection or from <https://kamar.taieri.school.nz>



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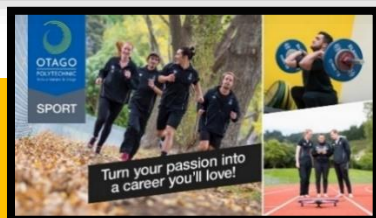
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Otago Polyfest 2023

The Otago Polyfest celebrated 30 years this year. Ngā Taiariari (Year 7&8 Kapa Haka) performed on Wednesday night 13 September 2023, and Ngā Piko o te Taiari (Year 9-13 Kapa Haka) performed on Thursday night 14 September 2023.

Well done to all our students, and a special thanks to Miss Tuhega, Whaea Toni, Dr Martin, Mr Sutton, Mr Hedges, Ms Pattison, and Mr Whaley.

Ngā Piko o te Taiari

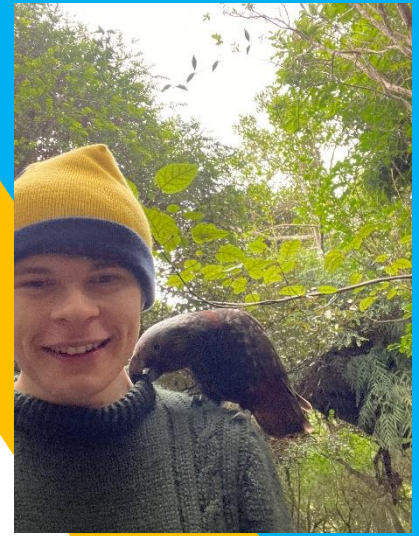


Ngā Taiariari



Level 3 Biology trip to Orokonui

In Week 9 of Term 3, the Level 3 Biology students ventured to Orokonui Ecosanctuary to carry out field work for their chosen investigation. Students were looking at how an environmental gradient such as light, exposure or altitude affected leaf morphology in their chosen native species. Taylor Collier-Davies, who is the senior educational leader at Orokonui, had visited Taieri College the previous week to help students plan their investigation. He met the students on the day and gave them an initial introduction and welcome. After that, the students were off with light meters, anemometers, micrometres, and plenty of sampling bags among their gear to collect and measure their leaves. The morning was calm and sunny, making it quite pleasant, but that turned around lunchtime to heavy showers which caught out those who had ventured down the Bellbird Track to sample leaves at different altitudes. One highlight of the day was our head boy Andrew Matheson having a South Island Kaka land on his head. Overall, the day was a success, and lots of work was achieved. A big thank you to Taylor as well as Mr Hackfath and Ms Miller who helped run the trip.



Secondary Schools National Ngā Manu Kōrero

The Secondary Schools National Ngā Manu Kōrero (Speech Competition) was held in Ōtepoti this week on Tuesday 19 September, Wednesday 20 September Thursday 21 September.

All of the Dunedin Secondary Schools have been practising the haka and waiata for the pōwhiri to welcome in the Manuhiri (visitors) of 50 Secondary Schools from around NZ.

Ngā Manu Kōrero is regarded as the most significant event on the Māori education calendar for nurturing the oratory skills and providing the stage for young people to express their views and to lay down their challenges to an admiring and critical audience of peers, parents, whānau, and judges.

The speech contests are intended to encourage the development of skills and confidence of Māori students in spoken English and te reo Māori. All secondary schools are invited to participate in this wonderful event, noting that the Māori section is open to all students as part of a strategy to support everyone to learn and to speak in te reo Māori.

The competitions are in four divisions: the Pei Te Hurinui Jones Contest (Senior Māori), Korimako Contest (Senior English, Te Rāwhiti Ihaka Contest (Junior Māori) and Sir Turi Carroll Contest (Junior English).



Level 3 Tourism / Geography Te Anau trip



From Monday to Wednesday of the last week of Term 3, the "geographers and tourists" headed off for their annual trip to Te Anau. The weather forecast was up and down with watches and warnings all over the place, as well as the Milford Road being closed on and off.

On Monday there was so much rain the glow worm cave entrance was underwater, so the students got to check out the main street of Te Anau instead. Once tea was sorted, we all settled into the Steamers Dorm at Te Anau Lakeview Holiday Park. Both nights saw some very competitive games of spoons being played, and it was lucky no one lost a finger.

Tuesday saw a respite in the weather, and we headed off to Milford Sound. We were all greeted with a stunning view up the Eglinton Valley and the Mirror Lakes were just like what you see on the postcards. Everyone enjoyed the cruise on Milford Sound, seeing the wildlife and getting up close to the waterfalls. We finished off the day by heading back to Te Anau and doing the glow worm cave visit we had missed the day before. At least it wasn't windy in the caves.

Wednesday saw us visiting the Milford Opportunities Project where Fi and the team gave us a talk about what they are up to and the possible courses for the future of Milford Sound. Then it was off to Real NZ where Rochelle and Marion talked to us about the company and its origins. They then talked about the vast array of jobs available in the company.

The last stop for the day was Fiordland Jet and an action-packed ride down the Waiau river with heaps of jet boat spins. Chris and Abby also talked to the students about Fiordland Jet, how to be successful, and general life advice. Chris called it a rant, but our students really enjoyed it and took a lot out of it.

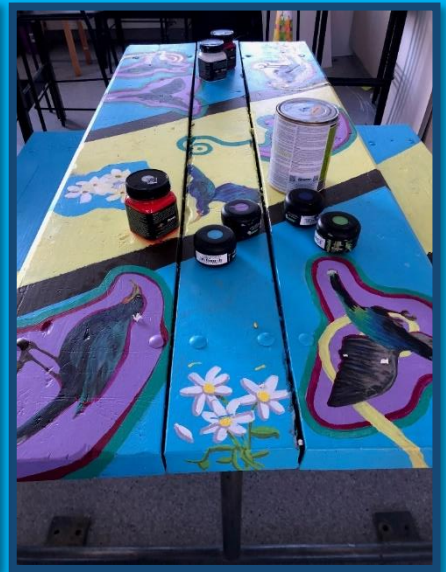
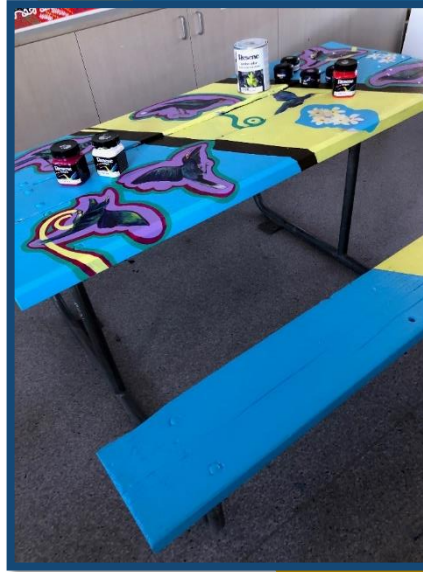
Then it was off home, and we set sail – literally, as for once we had a tail wind. Thanks to all the companies involved, as you made it a trip the students will never forget.



Art

The DCC owned benches from Anzac Park are being painted by our art department. They will be covered with anti-graffiti paint, showing an extinct bird the Huia, plus our native clematis Puawananga.

Thanks to Bella Neale and Pyper Greer who will carry on with the other two tables next term. Huia preferred slightly open spaces, which suits our lovely Anzac Park. Thanks so much to our akonga for beautifying our local environment.



Sport

AKO Special Olympics Basketball

On Wednesday two teams represented Taieri College in the Special Olympics Basketball Tournament at the Edgar Centre. The day, which started with an earthquake, continued to be an active fun day. Teams from KVC, Bayfield, Trinity and Sara Cohen participated. Lots of skill, good sportsmanship, grit, and determination was shown by our students which resulted in one of our teams placing 1st in Division One, and the other team placing 3rd in Division Two. This was a great achievement as it was the first time Taieri College have won Division One. A great day was had by all, and it was a pleasure to be part of this event.

Marama Nicholas



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Sport

As we reach the end of Term 3, we can reflect on what a busy winter sports season we had. We had some amazing results on the field and some even better results with plenty of students reaching higher honours in playing for Otago in their chosen sport.

A huge thank you to all the students who have been involved in a sport, whether it is in an A, B, or social team with friends. It has been great to see. Thank you also to the coaches, managers, and supporters that our teams have had, we couldn't do it without you! Take the upcoming holiday break to rest and recuperate, getting ready for a big Term 4 where we roll into the summer sports. Don't forget to register for your upcoming summer sports on the Taieri College website, and see you all in Term 4

Prefect Reading

Good morning everyone,

I'm Marama one of your sports prefects this year.

Standing up here is honestly, for me, a complete nightmare, so to get up here I have lost a lot of sleep and wasted a lot of time and energy stressing over it.

I needed to dig deep and step way out of my comfort zone and find some inspiration and courage.

I was complaining about this speech to pretty much everyone and someone told me, "Courage is the key to life itself".

I thought "This isn't about courage, it's just a speech and something I really don't want to do".

But when I thought a bit longer, I realised I didn't want to do it because it is way out of my comfort zone. It isn't something that is easy for me.

Put me in the gym with a volleyball or a basketball and I will happily show you what I can do, and meet your challenge head on, and I'll happily enjoy doing it.

Unfortunately, not all challenges or opportunities put in our path are easy or enjoyable for us. Sometimes we have no choice but to try and do something new that we find hard, or terrifying.

We may even think that things are impossible or want to give up and hide, yes that would be my preference right now, but finding courage, however, or wherever we can, and attempting the things that are challenging or scary or hard, makes us grow.

We might not get things perfect, or excel straight away, or enjoy it, but we are more likely to learn and become better if we dig deep and find the courage to try, so I'll leave you guys with a quote you will all know, "Just do it."

Thanks for listening.

Marama Nicholas



Speech Competitions

The last week of Term 3 saw the final rounds of the annual speech competition draw to a close for our Year 7s, Year 9s, and Year 10s. The Year 8s had their final round, Impromptu Speaking, postponed to Thursday 12 October. Congratulations to the following public speakers on their outstanding performances on Thursday:

Year 7 Impromptu Speaking Finals

- 1st – Emma Collins 7BL – What does technology look like in 50 years' time?
- 2nd – Tom Taylor 7BL – We should all be made to participate in at least one sporting activity.
- 3rd – Logan Oke 7WO – Should students be encouraged to travel overseas?
- 4th – Corbin Barringer 7HB – Students should get more or less homework.
- 5th – Milano Da Silva 7ME – Life was easier for our parents.
- 6th – Will Calvert 7HJ – We need longer break times at school.

Year 9 Prepared Speech Finals

- 1st – Ashlee Murray 9FR – Mental health in New Zealand
- 2nd – Livy Urquhart 9KR – Our true identity
- 3rd – Maddison Aitcheson 9WM – Animal testing
- 3rd – Red Balucas 9RK – Family
- 5th – Poppy Scott 9FR – Social media

Year 10 Prepared Speech Finals

- 1st – Ollie McFelin 10MH – Teens today have it harder than their parents.
- 2nd – Aster Collis 10MH – Social media is toxic and unsafe.
- 3rd – Jenny Petegem Thach 10MH – Which came first: the chicken or the egg?
- 4th – Rosie Mitchell 10WJ – Banning phones is not the answer.
- 5th – Mia Scheepers 10WJ – Instagram makes our lives harder.
- 6th – Bella Neale 10FM – The dangers of AI



Careers Chat

Gateway Promotion 2024

This week we have visited each Year 11 form class to promote our **Gateway Programme** for 2024. This is a formal work experience opportunity that interested Year 11 and 12 students must apply and be interviewed, to gain a place. We currently have thirty places funded, students must choose Careers as one subject line, and for Term 2 and 3 they are out at work for one day a week. If anyone is not considering university study and is interested in a trade, or moving directly into work, they should consider this opportunity. We will host an Information Evening Wednesday 11 October 2023 7.00pm-7.30pm in the Taieri College Performing Arts Centre, to give further details on this programme (first week back next term).

Year 11, 12, and 13 school leavers should contact us directly if they require any careers assistance. The careers room in L1 is open both break times for help, or an appointment at another time can be made.

We wish everyone in our school community a safe and relaxing school holiday break.

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 or need help with a CV etc.

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



Learning with Harold

Pip & Harold are really excited to be visiting your school next week with our specially designed & built mobile classroom. Over the next few days the Students and Teachers will participate in specifically designed health based programmes (selected by the Teachers & created by Pip) to meet the needs of the school & local community.

If you would like to learn more about our programme please visit our website

<https://www.lifeeducation.org.nz/what-we-teach>

We even have a special page just for kids (how cool is that!)

<https://healthyharold.org.nz/kids>

Please ask your kids what they have been learning about during their visits, I'm sure they will have lots to share with you. They will also have received a 'Take Home Pack' filled with activities you can do together at home.



If you would like to check out the classroom for yourself (or even reminisce your own Harold memories) please contact either the school or email Pip at heartland@lifeed.org.nz and we can organise a time to pop in either before or after school.

Meet the Candidates

'Meet the Candidate' evening Thursday 14 September 2023 7.00pm – 9.00pm at the Taieri Rugby Club, 35 Reid Ave, Mosgiel.

New Zealand is governed by representative democracy. That means that we decide who we want to represent us and our interests when decisions are made at local and central government level. We select representatives (aka politicians) through the election process, so ensure you are enrolled to vote and are well informed.

The **Mosgiel Taieri Community Board By-election** voting opens on Thursday 14 September 2023 and closes at midday on Friday 6 October 2023.

Candidates for the Mosgiel Taieri Community Board by-election in attendance are:

- Austen Banks
- Amy Taylor
- Rebecca Shepherd
- Trish McCarthy
- Kimberlee Wallace (video presentation)

Some **General Election** candidates for the Taieri Electorate will also be in attendance. This is your chance to hear what they have to say on policies, what they stand for and get to ask them questions. Be 'vote ready' for the General Election held on Saturday 14 October!

Co-hosted by Taieri Network and the Mosgiel Taieri Community Board.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

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Our Guide and Ranger Units (girls aged 9-12½ and 12-17 Years) need volunteer adult leaders to join them today!

If you are passionate about positive outcomes and experiences for girls and young women in your community, apply now on our website at <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/volunteers/>



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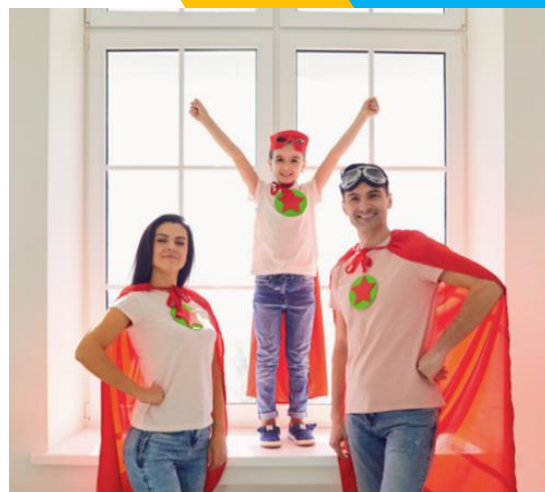
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The logo for Disney's The Lion King Jr. features the word "Disney" in its signature script at the top left. Below it, the words "THE LION KING" are written in a large, bold, orange-yellow serif font with a slight 3D effect. Each word is underlined with a thick orange-yellow stroke. To the right of "THE LION KING", the letters "JR" are enclosed in a circular, distressed orange-yellow border, giving it the appearance of a stamp or seal. The entire logo is set against a solid dark blue background.

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