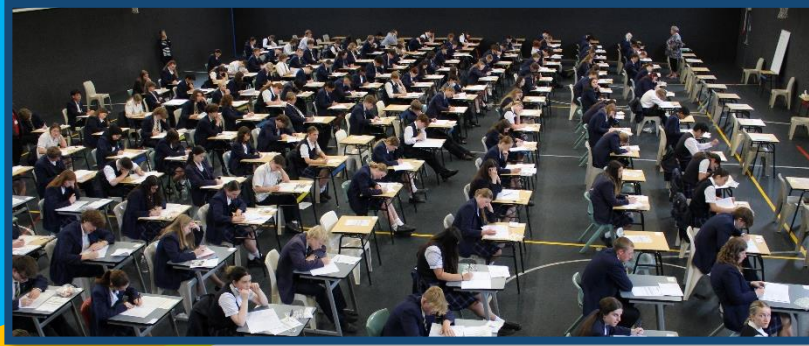




TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATO A

Kia ora e te whanau



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The NCEA national examinations began on Monday. Many senior students have arrived at school nervously awaiting the call to come inside to sit their exams. Whilst there are always some tricky questions and some difficult papers, it has also been encouraging to see smiles on many faces as they have come out with comments like "It wasn't that bad actually" and "I really liked that question". I trust that their study and revision programmes have held them in good stead. Results of the exams will be released in January 2024.

The Art boards for our senior Art Painting, Design, and Photography students were sent away for marking yesterday. I am amazed at the talent of our students. Their work is stunning! My thanks to their teachers who spent many hours providing opportunities for the students adding the finishing touches to their boards. Some examples of their work are included in this newsletter.

We are excited that work has well and truly begun on the first of several important building projects around the school. Our Agriculture room has just been gutted and the refurbishment process is now underway. The scaffold has been erected in front of our Technology block as contractors begin important remedial work on the roof of the junior Technology rooms. The work will be completed before the start of the 2024 school year.

This week, we have enjoyed meeting many of the parents and whānau of the students who are starting Taieri College in 2024. This week we held several information evenings giving out details regarding day-to-day life at Taieri College, and the remainder of the meetings will occur next week. It was an excellent opportunity for any questions to be asked. My thanks to the staff who presented at these meetings and the families/whānau who attended.

The first of our Year 8 camps have been at Queenstown over the past week. The second camp begins on Monday, and I am looking forward to being part of that camp for a few days next week. Hopefully the weather plays its part and students enjoy participating in the wide range of exciting activities on offer.

This coming Monday is the Teacher Only Day which was negotiated between the Ministry of Education in conjunction with the PPTA to enable teachers across the Dunedin schools to prepare for the new Level 1 NCEA standards that will come into effect at the beginning of 2024. This will be valuable time of professional development for our teachers as they meet with colleagues from other school to finalise their programme of learning and assessment plans for 2024. As previously mentioned in an earlier newsletter, this also means that our college will be closed for instruction to all of our students on Monday 13 November.

Ngā mihi nui

Brenton Hackfath
ACTING PRINCIPAL



Key Dates

6-29 November 2023

NZQA NCEA Senior Examinations

10-12 November 2023

Year 7 and 8 Water Polo Tournament

13 November 2023

Teacher Only Day – Taieri College closed.

13-17 November 2023

Year 8 Camp Queenstown – Camp 2: 8MB, 8MR and 8SW

Year 7 Just Swim

14 November 2023

Leonardo Helicopter Visit - Year 10

14-15 November 2023

Year 7 2024 Evening

17 November 2023

Year 9 Maths Exam

Year 10 English Exam

Year 7 and 8 Cricket vs Balmacewan

19 November 2023

Gore Pony Club Interscholars Show Jumping Champs
(equestrian)

20-24 November 2023

Year 8 Camp Queenstown - Camp 3: 8BZ & 8JT

28 November 2023

Year 11, 12 and 13 Clearance Day 9:00am – 12:30pm

13 November 2023 Teacher Only Day – Taieri College closed

Reminder – Year 9 Scholarships for 2024

Year 9 Scholarships for 2024 close Thursday 30 November 2023

Scholarships are available for Performing Arts, Sporting and Academic. Application forms are available from the school office.

Art

Pyper Greer and Bella Neale will be busy over the next few weeks.

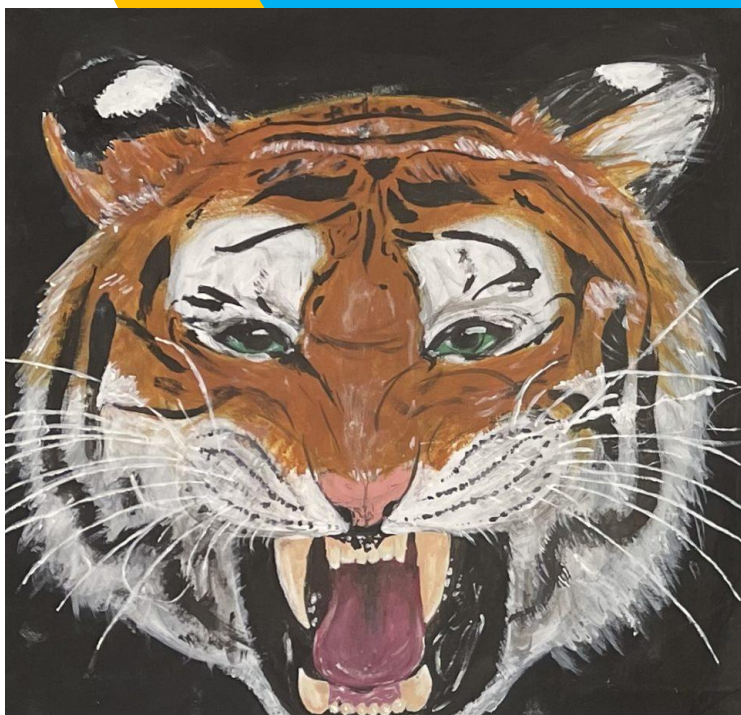
They are going to paint a mural for a kind donor to the school, who will be formally thanked when it is completed.

The designs are based on sunflowers, and will include the beautiful Saddle Hill, Pukemakamaka, whom many of you know represents a sleeping taniwha. Hopefully he won't wake up as the students clatter up and down ladders. The mural will stretch over most of a building.

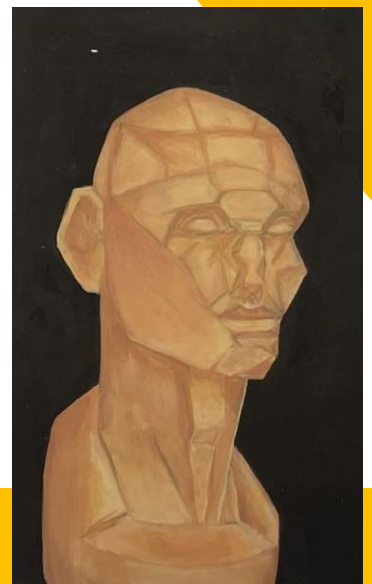
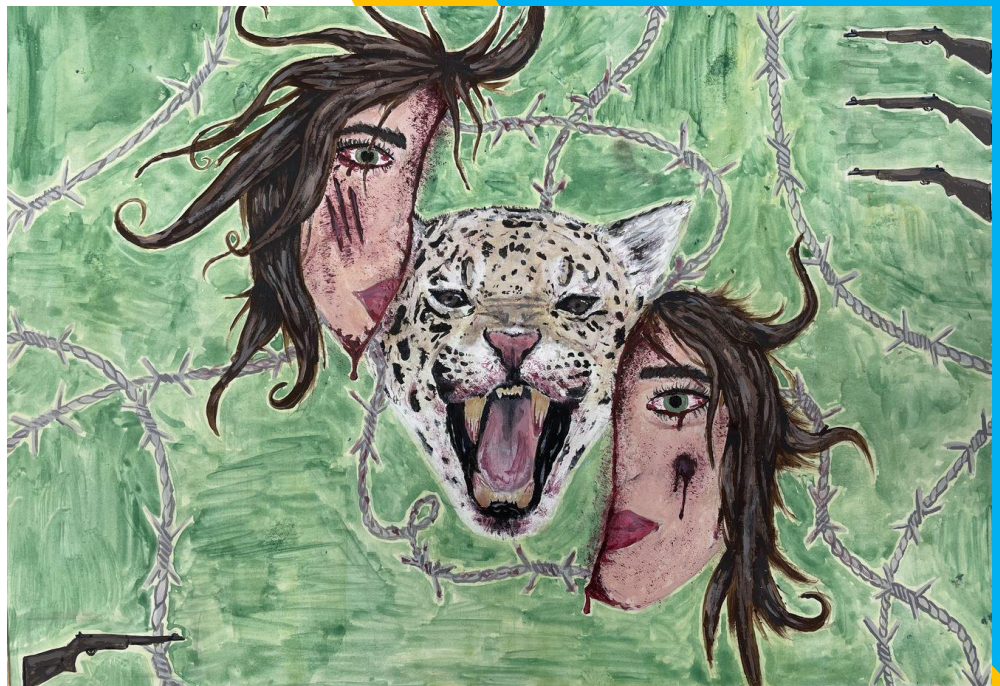
Thank you and good luck, Mrs Spittle will be right behind you, while you do your magic!



Level 3 Art Painting



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Music

On Sunday, 5 November, I had the privilege of having one of my compositions, Dawnrider, performed by the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. As part of their Movie Magic Concert, celebrating the work of John Williams, they wanted to feature works by local composers, and they chose my piece, as well as Hegemony by Tom Jensen. The concert was spectacular, and it was a joy to hear a piece of music I had written take life by a world class orchestra. The image is of me introducing the piece at the Town Hall.

Chris Geddes



Congratulations Luke Christie

Mōrena,

My name is Shannon Booth and I am the tutor at Otago Polytechnic/Te Pūkenga for the OSTC Police Pathways course.

I am writing to your school to inform you that Year 13 student Luke Christie, who was enrolled in the programme this year, has had an *outstanding* year with us and his efforts have been recognised in recent weeks with a number of awards.

Two weeks ago, Luke was one of five students presented with a PRIMED Values Award at the Dunedin Central Police station for consistently demonstrating professionalism, respect, integrity, commitment to Māori and the treaty, empathy, and diversity. Last Friday at the OSTC final prizegiving, Luke was the winner of the overall 'student of the year' award for "outstanding effort in all facets of the Police Pathways course".



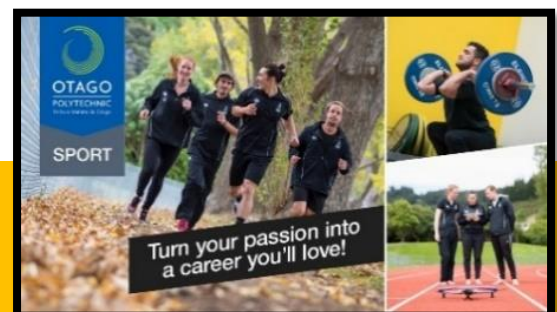
Both of these are significant achievements that Senior Sergeant Craig Dinnissen and I would like to acknowledge, and share with you and your school community.

Luke is a fantastic young man who shows all the attributes that would make a valued police officer if/when he chooses to pursue this career choice further. It has been a pleasure working with him this year and he is a credit to Taieri College.

If you have any current Year 12 students who may be interested in the course for 2024, we would love to hear from them.

**Ngā mihi nui,
Shannon Booth**

**Senior Lecturer
OSTC Police Pathways Course.**



Sport

Junior OSS Volleyball Tournament.

Over the weekend Miss Bezett and I took the Junior A girls volleyball team to the Otago Secondary Schools' competition.

On Saturday the girls played Otago Girls' High School 9A and won 2-1. Also, in the same pool as Columba College A who won the tournament, the team put up a well fought battle challenging them in the 2nd set but losing 2-0. Later in the day we played St Hilda's A. The girls were spiking the ball and blocking well. This was an unlucky loss as the sets were within three points.

On Sunday the girls continued with the momentum of Saturday and played Trinity A and took a set off them just losing within two points in the second and third sets; Final score being 1-2. It was a close battle between Otago Girls' High School 10A (0-2). We were there ready to take on St Hilda's in the final for seventh and eighth. The team were tired but managed to take a set from St Hilda's, and had improved since the first game.

The girls grew as a team and their skills were becoming more consistent and technical as the tournament continued. The team should be proud of their efforts and will continue to make improvements as we prepare for SISS on 21 - 23 November 2023 in Dunedin.

Monday Night Volleyball

It was the last night of Monday volleyball this week after a short seven-week competition. Our Senior A team are a young side and placed eighth in the competition. 2024 looks promising for the team as they head to Mainlands in February.

Our Bayfield/Taieri Year 13 team won all their games and raised the standard of the Premier grade with their experience and skill level. Our three social teams were committed and enjoyed every minute playing with their friends and developing their skills.

Thanks to you all for an awesome but short season and I hope to see you next year!

Holli Bannister Russell
Sports Coordinator

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Coastal Classic Mountain Bike Event

On Sunday, two of our students took part in the annual Coastal Classic event held at Taieri Mouth. This event is into its twentieth year providing opportunities for runners, mountain bikers, and gravel cyclists to compete over a range of different distances. With all the rain on Saturday and early Sunday morning, there was some concern the course would be boggy, but it turned out to be a pretty quick course with not too much mud. It was also great to see the event sold out with five hundred competitors.

Hugo Siloy in Year 9 competed in the 15km mountain biking course, and finished 12th overall, only 11 minutes behind the winner. Sam Clark, also in Year 9, had his second go at the 45km course with the aim of cracking the three hour mark. He achieved this with a superb time of two hours forty minutes, finishing 17th overall.



An honorary mention to the following:

- Sue Brinsdon and Shelley Clelland, from the accounts office, who completed the 5km walk.
- Ronnie Gale, a Mathematics teacher, who finished 10th in the 45km E-bike event.
- Natalie Visger, a Science teacher, who finished 14th overall and 1st female in the 45km mountain biking event.
- Ryan Fitzgerald, Head of Science, who finished 5th overall and 1st in the Veteran Male 45km mountain biking event.



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Are you going into Years 10 to 13 next year? The Yamada O'Regan Secondary School Scholarship is now open to support the 2024 academic year. Applications will close on 1 February 2024.

These scholarships aim to support registered Ngāi Tahu secondary school students studying in Years 10 to 13 who may be experiencing hardship in completing the school year and/or successfully attaining a secondary school qualification.

Below are some examples of costs that have been covered as part of the scholarships in the past:

- * School fees
- * School uniform items
- * School resources such as stationery and textbooks
- * School trips like leadership camps
- * If applicants are participating in sports at school, some associated costs can be covered.

Visit the website to get all the details and apply! - <https://ngaitahu.iwi.nz/.../yamada-oregan-secondary.../>

Dunedin Youth Council Recruitment

The Dunedin Youth Council is recruiting for 2024!

Applications are open to Dunedin High School Students in Year 9 – Year 12 (12 to 18 years-of-age) and close on **Wednesday 22 November 2024**

View the DYC recruitment letter which contains a link to the application form here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZEhAoH_vzhPQFUbPLwkrqm1LnmRioxz1ZukA-a8nALo/edit?usp=sharing

Or you can go directly to the application form by clicking here: <https://forms.gle/qw6aKxMDFLhTrQ7N6>

If you would like to learn more about the DYC head to our Facebook Page:

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If you have any questions, you can contact the DYC Kaiaoraki Jay Phillips-Haerewa at jay.phillips@dcc.govt.nz

Apply Now!





30 NOV *A Very Taieri* **CHRISTMAS** *Evening* **5-9 PM**

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What else is happening on the Taieri?

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| Nov - Dec | Foster Hope Gift Drive (drop off: Property Brokers & Paper Plus) |
| 26th Nov, 5pm - 7pm | Whānau Fun Night - Christmas Disco |
| 30 Nov, 5pm - 9pm | A Very Taieri Christmas late night shopping in Mosgiel |
| 2nd Dec, 10am - 1pm | Greater Green Island Market Day |
| 2nd Dec, 10am - 2pm | Mosgiel Market |
| 3rd Dec, 3pm - 4.30pm | Dunedin Santa Parade, Dunedin |
| 3rd Dec, 10am - 2pm | Wingatui Christmas Market |
| 7th Dec, 6pm - 8.30pm | Christmas in the Park, Fairfield |
| Various dates | Taieri Dramatic Society: The Life & Adventures of Santa Claus |
| 10th Dec, 6.30pm - 8pm | Christmas Carols on the Street, Mosgiel |
| 16th Dec, 4pm - 8pm | Family Fun Night, Olympic Gym Car Park |
| 16th & 17th Dec various times | 'Unwrapping Christmas' interactive walk through |
| 21st Dec, 12pm - 2pm | Otago Multiple Sclerosis Society Christmas Lunch |
| 26th Dec, 11am - 5pm | Teddy Bear's Picnic & Boxing Day Races |
| 30 Dec 23 - 3 Jan 24 | Whare Flat Folk Festival, Waiora Scout Camp |

30 NOV *A Very Taieri* **CHRISTMAS** *Evening* **5-9 PM**

Late Night Shopping with loads of specials,
Santa's Grotto, live entertainment with Rainbow Rosalind,
Em & Me, Taieri College Choir, Carter and Chicane, food, face
painting and more
Details at: 'A Very Taieri Christmas' on Facebook and www.taierinetwork.co.nz



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