



# TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATO A

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Tēna koutou katoa

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2023!

Next Friday 8 December 2023 is our last school day of the year, where we farewell our junior students with their formal prize giving ceremonies. I always enjoy the opportunity to listen to the accolades our junior students have obtained during the year.

Our Year 7 and 8 prize giving begins at 9:15am and our Year 9 and 10 prize giving follows at 11.00am. Both ceremonies are in the Performing Arts Centre and should take approximately one hour. I invite parents, caregivers, and whānau to join us in celebrating the wonderful achievements of our junior students.

Our 2023 Taieri College School magazine is fabulous. My thanks to everyone involved in its publication, especially our English Department who have put in a huge amount of time and effort. It is an excellent record of the many actions, adventures, achievements that have occurred during the year. Make sure you don't miss out on your copy and enjoy reading it.

Next year's start dates are now confirmed. Our course confirmation day for 2024 Year 13 students is on Thursday 25 January 2024 followed by the Year 12s on Friday 26 January 2024. Year 7, 8 and 9 students begin on Tuesday 30 January 2024 with the Year 10s joining them on Wednesday 31 January 2024. The whole school (Years 7 to 13) come together on Thursday 1 February 2024. As well as plenty of new students we are also looking forward to welcoming several new teachers who are joining our team.

My best wishes to the staff members who are departing at the end of this year. I would like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment they have contributed to our college. I wish everyone the very best for their relocations, retirements, overseas experiences, and new teaching appointments.

Finally, thank you to everyone in our college community who has helped coach, manage, mentor, encourage and inspire our students in both curricular and co-curricular activities this year. Please accept my thanks and gratitude for all you do for our students and for the college. The support we receive from our parent community is precious and plays a vital part in making us a true community college. I wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday.

Ngā mihi nui  
**Brenton Hackfath**  
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## Key Dates

### 1-2 December 2023

Mountain bike trip to Queenstown

### 3-5 December 2023

1st XI v Wakatipu Cricket Interchange

### 4 December 2023

Mountain Bike Club Matangi Station trip

Te Kainga Writing Club parent evening.

### 4-6 December 2023

Junior Cricket tournament - St Kevins

### 5 December 2023

Year 10 Te Reo Māori Karitane and Moeraki Trip

### 5-6 December 2023

Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Mt Somers

### 7-10 December 2023

National Secondary Schools Athletics Championships

### 7-11 November 2023

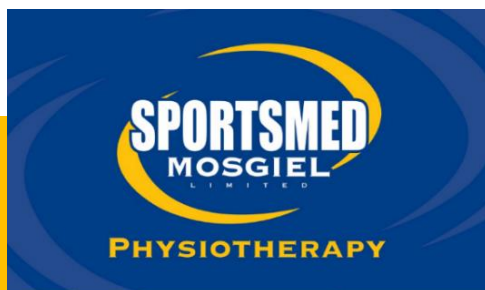
Senior Mixed Touch Nationals

### 8 December 2023

All junior reports emailed home.  
Years 7/8 Prizegiving 9.15am in the PAC  
Years 9/10 Prizegiving 11.00am in the PAC  
Lockers - Locks must be removed, and lockers emptied.  
Last Day of Term

## Year 10 Drama

On Monday 27 November 2023, our wonderful Year 10 Drama class performed scenes from "Attila the Hun" by Abby Howells. We were treated to two fantastic performances, with the lead roles being filled by different student in each show. This allowed more pupils to experience the buzz of being a star on stage. Thank you to the lovely whanau who came in for these performances.





## Year 10 Drama



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## Sports

### Cricket

Congratulations to Annabelle Andrews, Emily Evans, Sarah Evans, and Tilly Ruthven, who were all selected in the Dunedin Under 19 team that competed against Canterbury, Southland, North Otago, and Central Otago in a recent tournament. Annabelle, Tilly, and Sarah were also selected in the wider training squad for the Otago Under 19 squad.

This is an awesome achievement, and we are proud of their effort and dedication.



### Sports Council Golf Day

On Friday the 17 November 2023 the Sports Council held their annual Golf Day at Taieri Lakes Golf Club, the day wasn't blessed with good weather, with rain falling for most of the day but that didn't stop the attendees from enjoying the day out on the golf course. It wasn't the best golfing weather but that didn't stop all the teams enjoying the day. A massive thank you goes out to everybody who donated an auction prize, raffle prize, or food for the day, the generosity shown from the Taieri College community was awesome. Also, a massive thank you goes out to all the sponsors that sponsored the day; with your help these days do not go ahead. It was great to see so many students who the sports council have supported throughout the year come and give a helping hand on the day.


The biggest thank you must go out to all the members on the Sports Council; the time and effort they have put in to give the students of Taieri College the best possibility to allow students to attend tournaments, and events around NZ, I know the students appreciate it when they get funding from the Sports Council. You play a huge part in Sport here at Taieri College, and we are very thankful to have such an amazing group here at Taieri College.

## Touch

Our Senior Mixed Touch team had their last lead up tournament, before the nationals at Rotorua on Saturday. They played in a quadrangular tournament up in Cromwell, where Wakatipu, Cromwell, and South Otago were the competition for the Taieri College students. Through pool play Taieri College had a win against Cromwell, a draw with South Otago, and a loss against Wakatipu. These results were good enough to qualify for the final against a strong Wakatipu side. The game was a see saw contest, and in the end the game ended in a draw at final time, which lead to extra time. In extra time Wakatipu found a way to score and take the win. The Taieri College team took some massive learnings and played some lovely touch heading into the big dance in a couple of weeks time. We wish them all the best for the national tournament in Rotorua over the 9-10 December 2023. Go well!



## Lockers




### LOCKERS


As the end of the year approaches, this is a good time to start removing locks and clean out your lockers. Lockers that still have locks after 8 December 2023 will be cut, with contents being donated or binned. Please make sure to clean out your locker before you leave school for the summer. Thanks.



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## Year 8 Football South Training

This week we were lucky enough to have Football South come in and deliver their Kotuitui Football Programme to all our Year 8 students. The programme targeted engagement in physical activity through a range of football skills, and drills. Overall, it was great to see all the students getting stuck into their sport and learning some new skills.

Mr N Hull



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### In-Store:

Drop off your Stationery List to Paper Plus in Mosgiel. This is located at 172A Gordon Road, Mosgiel. If you forget to take your list with you, Paper Plus in Mosgiel will have a copy of all the lists for you to refer to. The Paper Plus staff will either assist you or make up your requirements for you. For your convenience they will be accepting lists before Christmas and will ring you in the New Year.

Yours faithfully

Brenton Hackfath  
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E te iwi, maranga mai!

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.../>

## Message from Otago Regional Council

### Do you use a Mosgiel public bus?

Otago Regional Council want to know if the route 77 / route 78 service is working for you.

Visit [orc.govt.nz/mosgielbusfeedback](http://orc.govt.nz/mosgielbusfeedback) to fill in a three-minute survey.

**Survey closes 5.00 pm, Monday 4 December 2023**

Thanks,  
Charlotte



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## Choir

On Thursday 30 November 2023 our students performed at A Very Taiari Christmas event in Anzac Park. Our choir, Ngā Manu Tioriori o te Kāreti Taiari, performed several songs. Along with Year 12 students Chicane Woodward, Carter Hoffman, and Year 8 band Bleeding Roses. The rain didn't stop the Christmas fun!

Mrs A Goodwin



## Message from the Mosgiel Foodbank

The Mosgiel Foodbank would like to share their heartfelt thanks for funds collected from your recent Mufti Day. This gift is very special to us at the foodbank, and the ripples of your kindness extend through the community in ways even we cannot imagine.  
At this time of year, we really appreciate your support as we head into the Christmas Season.

With thanks,

Rev Lee Kearon  
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## Taieri College Europe Trip Quiz Night Fundraiser

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## Caregiving: your aroha and patience can make a big difference

### There are tamariki and rangatahi in your community in need of care

We know it's best when tamariki and rangatahi can stay at home safely. When this isn't possible, we take a whānau/family first approach to caring for tamariki and rangatahi. We work with parents and the wider whānau to explore who can offer a safe, stable and loving home when it's needed.

It's also important we have approved caregivers who can provide care for tamariki and rangatahi when they are not able to stay with whānau straight away. These caregivers provide care for tamariki while we work with the parents and whānau to safely return tamariki and rangatahi home or to live with their wider whānau.

### How can you help?

There are different ways you can care for tamariki and rangatahi. In your region we're currently looking for caregivers who can provide emergency, respite, short-term care or supporting independence.

**Emergency care** is when tamariki and rangatahi are placed in your care at very short notice because there are immediate concerns for their safety, and there is nowhere else safe for them to go right now. This type of care is for a short time while other arrangements are made. It can often occur at night or during the weekend.

**Respite care** is when you look after tamariki or rangatahi for a weekend or short period of time. Respite care is best when it is planned and regular. It provides an opportunity for tamariki and rangatahi to connect with wider members of their whānau or community, and for caregivers and tamariki to recharge.

**Short-term care** is when you look after tamariki or rangatahi while we're working with their whānau to safely return them to their parent's care or, if this is not possible, to the care of another safe family, whānau, hapū or iwi member. Supporting tamariki and rangatahi to return home, or transition to another care arrangement or to independence, is an important part of the role of a short-term caregiver.

**Supporting Independence** is when you care for rangatahi aged 18-21, enabling a gradual transition for them as they leave care, helping them get a good start to their adult lives and transition to independence

This type of caregiving involves assisting rangatahi in the development of skills and knowledge over time, and supporting them to grow and learn.

### About You

Caregivers from all walks of life open their hearts and homes to tamariki and rangatahi. They have a diverse range of backgrounds, cultures and experiences, just like the tamariki and rangatahi they care for.

Every caregiver is unique. They're connected through their willingness to help, and the aroha they have for the tamariki and rangatahi in their care.

Tamariki and rangatahi have told us they need caregivers who make them feel loved and part of the whānau, and help them learn, heal and grow.

The tamariki and rangatahi that can't live at home come from a range of circumstances and have their own experiences. Many have been harmed by the adults they trusted and may have had a difficult start to life.

Their past experiences will have affected them, so being able to stick with them if things get tough is really important. This means being patient, understanding the effects of trauma, and being willing to learn more about how you can best support them.

The rewards of being a caregiver are great if you have aroha, patience and an open mind.

**Can you care for tamariki and rangatahi who need it most?**

**Contact us to find out more today**

**Call the Caregiver Enquiries Team on 0508 CARERS (0508 227 377) or visit our website at [www.orangatamariki.govt.nz](http://www.orangatamariki.govt.nz)**





# Caregiving

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Can you care for tamariki (children) and rangatahi (young people) who need it most?

Contact us to find out more about being a short-term, emergency, or respite caregiver.

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