

TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOA



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Kia ora e te whanau

After two months of sunshine, we finally received some welcome rain this week. I know our farmers and our gardeners were very pleased to see it! Unfortunately, it did coincide with our athletic sports. Whilst the weather cleared on Friday (our reserve day) the rain over the previous couple of days meant the track was very slippery. In the interests of health and safety we made the call to postpone. We are still keen to hold athletics this term and will look on our calendar for a potential future date.

Our Primary Industry (Agriculture) students ventured into South and Mid Canterbury this week to explore several farming and primary industry operations. Students got to see a variety of businesses, including cheese making, onion exporting, flour mills, seed exporters and arable farms. In the evening Geraldine High School hosted the group and provided several practical and fun challenges for the students to complete, before providing a barbeque tea. My thanks to the students for the way they conducted themselves throughout the trip and the staff for their organisation.

The second Tautuku camp leaves on Monday and I wish all campers a fun, exciting, and safe week. I challenge the students to give everything a go and to be prepared to participate in activities that may be outside of their comfort zone.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Blake Prince as our new Director of Sport at Taieri College. We look forward to Blake joining our team in early March.

Ngā mihi nui

Dave Hunter PRINCIPAL



Key Dates

27 February – 3 March 2023 Tautuku Camp 10VN, 10NI and 1/3 10HM Level 3 Hocken Library Trip

Attitude Presentation
 Learning Readiness

Level 3 Agribusiness – half day trip.

2 March – 5 March 2023 South Island Long Course Swimming Champs

> 2 March 2023 NZASE Science PD Day

3 March – 5 March Senior A Girls Volleyball Tournament 5 March Weetbix TRYathlon

Introducing 2023 Social Prefects

Our social prefects this year are Sophie Letts, Kyla Standring, and Caroline Quirey. The social prefects help to organise social activities with our Year 7 and 8 students and help organise our college formal. The Taieri College Formal this year will be held in the Otago Business School on Saturday, 6 May at 7.00pm. When the final budget has been worked out, we will let you know the exact price. We understand the expense for families with this event and our social prefects work very hard to keep the ticket price down. The ticket price is strictly set to cover costs of the event only, we do not set this to make a profit. Any questions regarding this please phone Monique Evans, Student Support Administrator on 489 3823 ext. 111.



Senior Assessment Due

1 March 2023 and 3 March 2023 - 90006 Performance Apply Techniques in a Dramatic Context











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Accounts

Financial statements have been emailed this week showing annual school costs.

Payment can be made by internet banking to the school Westpac account number 03-1725-0106800-00. Please include the student's name and ID number as the reference. If your payment is for a specific cost e.g., camp, please note this also in the reference.

If you are paying regular automatic payments, it would be appreciated if they are of a sufficient amount to cover all the costs by the end of the year. You may also need to make additional payments for any sports fees charged (which are due at the beginning of the playing season) and for any camp or trip costs (which are required before going on the trip).

Payment can also be made by eftpos or cash at office reception, or by cash using the student envelope system at the office.

You can view your account at any time by logging in to the Kamar Portal on the Taieri College website.

If you have a query about your account, please email <u>accounts@taieri.school.nz</u> or phone the Finance Office extn 206 or extn 129.

Please note that financial assistance is available in some cases, so if you have any concerns at all about paying your account, please don't hesitate to phone the college on 489 3823 and speak to Mr Peacock (extn 101).

Thanks
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Primary Industry Class Trip to South Canterbury

On Tuesday and Wednesday Primary Industry class went on tour. After missing last year due to Covid it was nice to be back on the road. We included our Level 2 students as they missed out in 2022. Our first visit was Whitestone Cheese in Oamaru where we learnt about the diversification into cheese of the Berry family who were local dairy farmers in the 1980 rural downturn. The students had a factory tour and got to taste some yummy cheese. We then travelled to Timaru to check out the Farmers Flour Mill and Southern Packers who sell locally produced, onions to the European market. We then met up with Gerard Scott on his local farm and learnt about the crops he grows. We finished the first day with a Young Farmers Challenge, BBQ tea and a game of touch with Geraldine High School, who are always great hosts with the students getting on extremely well. Day Two started at South Island Seed Dressing in Ashburton where the students see all the process of cleaning and dressing seeds, and grain for export and the local market. Our final stop was Waipopo Farm in Seadown, Timaru, that produces potatoes for McCains. We are extremely grateful to all the wonderful farmers and businesses who open their doors and let us visit. Thanks to the staff, Mr Hunter, Mrs Nichol, and Mr Whaley who give up valuable time to come on the trip and of course the students who were wonderful ambassadors for our school.











7ME and 7AM Waihola Camp

7ME and 7AM enjoyed a fun filled day at Waihola on Tuesday. The students took part in frisbee golf, an assault course, team initiative challenges, zorb soccer, archery tag and zip lining. There were lots of connections made between both the students and adults attending. The parents enjoyed meeting their child's classmates and friends. The teachers were pleased with the positive "can do" attitude of the students, how well they listened to instructions, and how they all helped each other with the challenges. A big thank you to all the volunteers who gave up their time to help at the different activities. Without these volunteers the day could not go ahead.













Careers Chat

We have had a busy start to the year meeting with our senior students and getting them to complete their personal details and next steps intentions on Career Central (our interactive online careers tool, further information below). We have also had meetings with our 30 Gateway students and their parents with the work visits planned to start in Term 2.

We are currently having a quick face to face conversation with our Year 13 students to confirm their goals and pathway plans at this early stage of the year. Later this term we will do the same with our Year 12 students.

This year we are going to focus on some career related work in study classes with all Year 11 and Year 12 students. This will include building CVs; detailed, focused goal setting; completing interests and strengths quizzes; saving jobs and learning to find relevant information to assist with career pathway planning.

We are going to launch projects to encourage all our students to get their driver license and to acknowledge and encourage voluntary work. We also encourage our senior students to gain paid part-time work, as well as to take up some of the wider extra-curricular opportunities our college and other outside groups offer.

Coming Events-interested senior students should all attend.

Tuesday 7 March - Lincoln University Visit L1 (careers room) 11am-12noon
Wednesday 8 March - Te Pukenga (Otago Polytech) visit, L1 11am-12noon
Friday 17 March - University of Otago visit, L1 11am-12.00pm
Monday 8 May - Tertiary Information Day Dunedin, all Yr13's expected to attend (organise own transport).

Career Central, our new interactive online careers tool:

Login-go to cc.school.nz (or website link below)->log in as a student-> Taieri College->school email-> usual school password.

This opens the student's dashboard-explore Step 1: About Me (personal skills, qualities, interests, career values, outside classroom, work experience, cv builder. Step2: Jobs (heaps of related information, save jobs you are interested in). Step 3: Next Steps-various pathway plans, focused goal setting, employability skills, ready to leave school.

There are also three "Bulls Eye" online quizzes that assist students to get ideas of suitable careers-Future Pathway (may need University qual), Vocational Pathway (no University study intended), Work Cluster Quiz-simple language, visual (younger students, English as second language)

Parents/caregivers can login using the Caregiver login button on our website https://careercentral.school.nz

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).

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

New Staff Profiles

Name: Stephen McAteer

Birthplace: Belfast, Northern Ireland

Schooling: Rathcoole High School, Queen's

University Belfast

Tertiary Qualification: Bachelor of Education, Diploma in Advanced Studies in Education.

Subjects Teaching: Visual Art – Photography, NCEA

Level 1 and Level 2 Art

Hobbies/Interests: Art History, travel, camping,

gardening, and music.

Favourite Quote: "The greatest danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low and achieving

it." Michelangelo.



Government Funded Period Products

Aotearoa/New Zealand has a very proud history of being a world leader of equality between the genders. We were the first country to give women the vote, the first to allow women to graduate from university and, once again, our country is paving the way for another barrier to equality to be removed.

Did you know that some female students in New Zealand miss school because they do not have what they need for their periods? This is no longer an issue because, from now on, every female school student in New Zealand schools will be entitled to free period products. This is not just in an emergency. Free period products – full stop!

Taieri College is proud to support this initiative. Period products will be available from the school office. Please make the most of this opportunity.





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Sports

Challenge Wanaka Secondary School Triathlon

Last week a large group of Taieri College students travelled to Wanaka to take part in the annual Challenge Wanaka Secondary Schools' Triathlon. This event incorporates not only the Otago SS Triathlon but is also part of the Challenge Wanaka week, which sees some of the best multi-sport athletes of all age compete.

For many students this was their first experience of a major large scale sporting event. As always Wanaka offered us prefect conditions for our students to compete in. Under the blue skies and warm sun our students performed well.

Results

U19 Mixed Team - Taieri Red: Emma Bain & Ryan Merrilees & Meg Mcdonald-Page, - 2nd Overall U19 mixed Team, 1st U19 Otago mixed team

U16 Mixed Team - Taieri Yellow Keira Hughes & Blake Dalton & Josh Siloy - 1st Otago U16 Mixed section, 4th overall U16 Mixed

U14 Boys Team - Taieri Blue Will Campbell, Hugo Siloy, Liam Smith – 3rd Overall & 3rd Otago U14 Boys Team

A massive thanks must also go to the parents who took students up to Wanaka for the day. Without them we would not have done so well.





Otago SS Mainland Volleyball Seeding Tournament

Last weekend our Senior A Girls Volleyball team took part in the Otago SS Mainland Volleyball Seeding Tournament. This tournament provided them an opportunity to gain some experience together as a new team, ahead of the South Island SS Mainland Volleyball Tournament to be held in Christchurch later this term. The team has taken away some great lessons which they look forward to applying at the SISS tournament. We wish them well in their continued build up to the tournament.







Team Fundraiser – Taieri College First IX Cricket Team

CHEESE ROLLS



Fundraising for Taieri College Senior Cricket Team Trip to India, Sept 2023 \$8.00 for 1 dozen \$22 for 3 dozen \$35 for 5 dozen

If you would like to place an order, please contact Anna Lord on 021 086 76411, or Joanne Sinclair 027 432 8603. Making cheese rolls, Saturday 1 April 2023.



