



# TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ

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Ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

The warm weather has continued this week and once again we have enjoyed consistent temperatures of over 20 degrees. Perfect conditions for our second Tautuku camp. The feedback I have received from the camp has been very positive. As farmers will appreciate, our fields are very dry with burnt off grass cover providing little give in the ground. We certainly could do with some rainfall in the next couple of weeks as our winter sports teams start their pre-season programmes.

Our top scholars from 2022 were recognised at senior assembly this week as they were presented with their academic blues. These prestigious awards are given to students who have excelled in NCEA and achieved a significant number of Excellence credits. By achieving such high quality results these students have demonstrated excellent levels of self-management, diligence and determination. All important traits as they further their studies at Taieri College or move into future tertiary education. Parents and whānau will be able to share in the celebration of these achievements when the same students are honoured in our Blues Ceremony later in the year.



On Wednesday Taieri College was fortunate enough to have Tamatea from 'Attitude' come and speak to our students about topical Health issues. 'Attitude' delivers Health presentations across the country and Tamatea was an engaging and humorous presenter. All students learnt a great deal from Tamatea and can hopefully implement a Health enhancing strategy.

Year Group	Presentation Topic
7/8	Friendship Factor - Social skills, friendships, bullying
9	Connected - Social media, friendships, bullying
10	Hardwired - Drugs, alcohol and peer pressure
11	Sex With Attitude - Safe sex & healthy relationships
12/13	The Pits - Mental wellbeing

Good luck to our Senior Girls Volleyball team this weekend as they compete in the Mainland Tournament in Christchurch.

Have a great weekend.  
Kia pai tō rā whakatā

Dave Hunter  
Principal

## Tyler Lubbe 11CT

Congratulations to Tyler Lubbe 11CT, who has been selected as one of 30 young people from across the country to be part of the Youth Voices Group in the New Zealand Curriculum Refresh. To ensure that children and young people's voices are heard, the Youth Groups will be:

"Sharing their unique perspectives, insights and lived experiences.

Developing their own ways of working and collective work programme.

Deciding how to interact with and give feedback to the other groups involved.

Designing mokopuna engagement across the country."

Having low vision, Tyler will be a member of the group representing youth living with a disability.

We wish him all the best in this endeavour!



### Key Dates

5 March 2023  
Weetbix TRYathlon

5-6 March 2023  
St Kevin's Cricket Interchange

7 March 2023  
Mufti Day – gold coin donation.  
Lincoln University Visit  
L2SPR Surfing (HY)

7-10 March 2023  
L3 SPR Adventure Challenge

8 March 2023  
Enviro school's Hui  
Ugly Shakespeare presentation  
Otago Polytech Visit

9 March 2023  
Year 8 and 9 Scholarship Assembly

### Senior Assessment Due

9 March 2023 - L3MAS AS91582 Use statistical methods to make a formal inference.

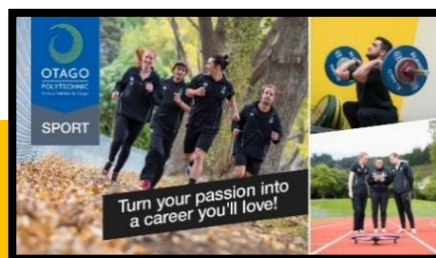
9 March 2023 - L1MAS / L1MAT AS91026 Numeric Reasoning

17 March 2023 - L1ENG/E AS 90053 Formal Writing  
24 March 2023 - L1ENC AS 90856

24 March 2023 - L2ENC AS 91107 Close Viewing

### Mufti Day

Our first Mufti Day of the year will be on Tuesday, 7 March 2023, students participating should bring a gold coin donation. All proceeds will be going to support the New Zealand Red Cross and their efforts to support those in need in the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle. Thank you in advance for your support.





## Leonardo Helicopter Team Visit

On Wednesday we were lucky enough to have the Leonardo Helicopters team visit our school to talk to our students about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) careers. They did an introduction to the students on the Leonardo Worldwide Industry and the many careers available in their fields. The team introduced themselves and explained their pathways into the industry. The students were then given a Cargo Drop Activity in which they had to design a rescue hoist bucket that would be dropped from a height. The cargo, in this instance, was a hollow easter egg. The students had to meet timelines, stick to a budget for resources, and rate the environmental impact of their design. We then got to test the structures by dropping them off the G Block veranda to see if they could protect the egg, within the rules. Four out of six eggs remained intact, and the students got to use teamwork, problem solving and communication skills. All of which are recognised as key skills to become successful in the engineering world. Our local MP, Ingrid Leary, came along to the session. The students also listened to our local SOREC (Southland and Otago Regional Engineering Collective) representative James Bracewell, who can help with work placement and advise students how to start a career in engineering. The students enjoyed the visit and the opportunity to see the different careers in the engineering and aviation fields.





## Spirit of New Zealand

Around 2 weeks I boarded the 'Spirit of New Zealand' along with 40 other trainees from all around the country who all didn't have clue what we were in for, along with not knowing a single person, only knowing we were going to be on the boat for 10 days! At the start it was so nerve racking as everyone was a bit out of their comfort zone and unsure of what the voyage would look like for us but by day 2 everyone was very chatty and excited as we were heading to Great Barrier Island. After a long day of sailing, we anchored up in the middle of Great Barrier where we got to swim during sunset and jump off the bowsprit which was definitely a highlight for me! The following day we got up at 6.30 and immediately had to get our togs on and then jump off the boat which was a bit of a challenge for most (including myself). We did these swims every morning, even during the rain and although it sounds rough, it was actually a great way to wake up and get refreshed for the day ahead! Over the 10 days we did activities such as a hike around Great Barrier, rafting, beach games, stargazing, swimming, jumping off the rope swing, climbing to the top of the mast and many more awesome activities that helped push me out of my comfort zone. Our voyage ended up traveling from Great Barrier to the Coromandel, where we hid from the cyclone. We then sailed to Waiheke Island when it was safe to do so. Although we were on the boat during the cyclone, the trip was still amazing as the people were so much fun and helped make some awesome memories! I would definitely recommend the Spirit of Adventure for anyone from Year 11 up who wants to get out of their comfort zone, learn some great leadership skills, meet lifelong friends from all over the country, see more of New Zealand, grow as a person and lastly make some epic memories! I would like to say a huge thank you to the school, especially Mrs Houltham for giving me this amazing opportunity, it will definitely be a highlight!

Georgia McHutchon 12CG



## New Staff Profile

**Name:** Ebin Halkyard

**Birthplace:** Warkworth

**Schooling:** Long Bay College, University of Auckland, University of Otago

**Tertiary Qualification:** Bachelor of Arts, Master of Teaching and Learning

**Subjects Teaching:** English

**Hobbies/Interests:** Music, running, football, travel, languages

**Favourite Quote:** Whiteboards are remarkable.



## Taieri College Formal

The Taieri College Formal this year will be held in the Otago Business School on Saturday 6 May at 7pm. When the final budget has been worked out, we will let you know the exact price. We understand this can be a big expense for families 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 and we do not make a profit. Any questions regarding the formal, please phone Monique Evans, Student Support Administrator 489 3823 ext 111.



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# 2023

## TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL

AGM: Tuesday March 28<sup>TH</sup>

7.00pm

Taieri College Library

We need you to help us...

Please come along!



The Taieri Plain's Junior Netball Committee is a small group of volunteers without whom the Saturday netball games would not occur and this year more so than ever!

Unfortunately, there are several 'vacancies' needing to be filled to help with the day to day running of Saturday netball.

If you would like to join our committee either on an official basis or as a helping hand on Saturdays please come along on Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm and meet us all.

The successful running of Saturday netball depends on volunteers to spread the load.



## Can you HELP!?

Netball Coaches and Managers

In order to continue to develop aspiring netball players at all levels, we are seeking expressions of interest for coaches and / or managers.

If you are interested in assisting us to continue our strong netball tradition please email Karen Rosevear on [krosevear@taieri.school.nz](mailto:krosevear@taieri.school.nz)

Teams are available from Year 7 to senior level.

Strong support networks are in place to assist all levels of coaches and aspiring coaches.



# Prefect's Speech

Hi everyone,

I hope you are all settling back into your school routines well after a much-needed summer break. Usually, prefects would stand up here and talk to you about something inspiring, but to be honest I struggled to come up with something to talk about in this speech.

I sort of came to the realisation one day when I was talking to some Year 11 girls in the PE changing room, of all places, about how I had no idea what to talk about in my prefect reading.

They said, "honestly we probably wouldn't take the advice anyway so talk about whatever you want". And fair enough too, I probably didn't listen either in Year 11.

We all already know that we must be kind to others, use our manners, and try our best. So instead, today I want to share with you a couple of things I learnt in Year 11 and 12, which I'm going to take into my final year of school, gearing up to head into the big wide world.

The first one is that simple but powerful saying, "you get out what you put in".

When heading into Year 11 it's hard to know what to expect with the NCEA system, as you begin to start counting credits and exploring different standards. But even early on after the first few assessments it became apparent that the amount of effort you put in will reflect, not only your results, but also the level of satisfaction you get from knowing you put in the hard yards.

This doesn't only apply to school space/work but also to so many aspects of our lives.

Don't get me wrong, there are always days where motivation is lacking or it's hard to juggle the things going on in our lives. But realising that making even a small effort each day can contribute to something bigger and can only assist you to achieve great things.

Today is a special assembly because it is where we get to celebrate those who have excelled in their academic year. However, as important as these high achievements are another thing I've learnt is to recognise that success looks different for everyone. Being at school, it is easy to fall into a trap of constantly comparing yourself with others around you, with constant reminders such as what grades people are receiving and how many credits they have. For some, success is getting an Excellence on their English essay, for others it's getting Achieved. Or in sport, success for one might be making it into the sports team you trialed for, and for others it could be the fact they were out there trialing in the first place.

As we all head forward in our lives and into the working world, it's a valuable thing to acknowledge that we all come from unique backgrounds and experiences which set us up to appreciate different things in our lives.

Therefore, I challenge you all, like I am myself, to find those small successes in your day-to-day lives so that you can work towards whatever your ultimate success may be.

So, to wrap up the one thing I want to say is, strive for your own kind of excellence!

Thank you, Meg McDonald.







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