



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ

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Kia ora e te whanau

Students had an unexpected day off this week as teachers across the country participated in a national strike. The teachers' union (PPTA) are still negotiating a new collective agreement with the government and have yet to reach a settlement. The teachers' collective agreement actually expired in June 2022 so it will be a relief to all to get a suitable resolution.

Parent Interviews are on next week and I encourage parents, caregivers, and whanau to book a meeting with their child's teacher. We do a lot of contact with home via Learning Readiness reports and email, but you can't substitute the value of meeting someone face to face. Details of booking an interview time can be found in this newsletter.

We are crossing our fingers for a fine Friday next week when we hold our annual athletic sports at Memorial Park. Our elite athletes will be encouraged to have a go at beating school records and for others it will be a chance to combine a bit of fun with some exercise.

Our congratulations to Mr Jared Peacock, one of our Assistant Principals on his appointment at Darfield High School in Canterbury. He will begin his new position in a couple of months.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing Otago Anniversary weekend.

Noho ora mai
Dave Hunter
Principal



Key Dates

20 March 2023

COLLEGE CLOSED - Otago
Anniversary Day

21 March 2023

L2SPR Surfing (HY)
NCEA Parent Information Evening

22 March 2023

Parent Interviews

23 March 2023

Parent Interviews
Level 1 Primary Industry Class to
Barewood Station
L2SPR Surfing (HN)

24 March 2023

School Athletics Sports Day –
Memorial Park

24 -26 March 2023

South Island Open Water
Secondary Schools'
Championships

SISS Touch Tournament

26 March 2023

Otago Primary & Intermediate
Swim Champs

Senior Assessments Due

23 March 2023 - L1 PED Athletics Assessment Day
21 March 2023 - L3 GEO AS 91432 Global Internal due
24 March 2023 - L1ENC AS 90856
24 March 2023 - L2ENC AS 91107 Close Viewing
24 March 2023 - L1 GEO AS 91011 Research internal due
31 March 2023 - L1 SCI AS90930
9 April 2023 - L3CLS AS 91398 Influences of the Classical World

ATHLETICS DAY NEXT WEEK!

On Friday 24 March 2023 Taieri College will be having our annual athletics day at Memorial Park. This is a fun athletics day in which students seek to not only gain points for their form class, but also qualify for athletic championships later in the year. If there is poor weather, there will be no reserve day. Students will be entering into the athletics day through their form classes. On the day the school canteen will be operating at Memorial Park so students will be able to purchase food and drink at the ground.

On The Day:

- Students Year 7 – 10 are to compete wearing normal PE Uniform, while Year 11-13 are to wear appropriate mufti.
 - Students are to go directly to Memorial Park at the normal times for school. Your form teachers will be doing a roll at the start and end of the day.
 - Sun hats are encouraged to be worn. Remind students to bring sunscreen, good food, and water.
 - Students will not be leaving the grounds during the day unless signed out by a parent. This can be done in the Mosgiel Football Clubrooms.
 - If the weather is bad, postponements will be made before 7am and will be posted on the Taieri College Sports Facebook Page and Taieri College Website.
 - There is no face paint permitted at the grounds.
- **Students travelling on buses will be dropped off and picked up from Memorial Park. The day will finish by 3.00pm and students can be picked up from Memorial Park.**

Canteen Menu for Athletics Day: Cash or Eftpos is available!

Food	
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Pies Mince / Mince & Cheese	\$4.50
Salad Bun	\$5.00
Donuts	\$2.50
Cakes & Slices	\$2.50
Brownie	\$2.50
Cookies	\$1.50
Doritos	\$2.50

Drinks	
Lipton Tea	\$3.00
Pump Large	\$3.00
Pump Small	\$2.00
Cool Change	\$1.70
Cool Sips	\$1.70
Honest Fizz	\$2.20
Frozen	
Juices	\$1.20

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.



NCEA Parents Information Evening

Are you a parent who is new to NCEA and would like some help to understand what NCEA is and how it works? On Tuesday 21 March 2023 (the day after Otago Anniversary weekend) we are holding an information evening to help answer these questions. There will be a short informal presentation with time at the end for questions.

The presentation will be held in the library at 7pm – Tuesday 21st March

Please RSVP to office@taieri.school.nz

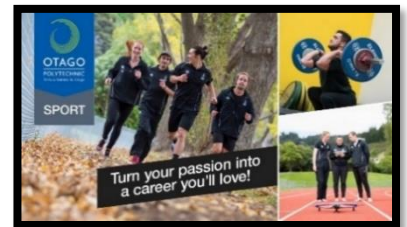
Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 22 March & Thursday 23 March

4pm-7:00pm

Bookings for interviews can be made at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the booking code **xtc7j**. The booking code will become 'live' online **from Monday 13 March 2023 at 4.00pm**. If you are having trouble with bookings, please contact the office and they will make them for you.

A separate email will be sent out next week with further information and maps of the college that indicate the rooms that teachers will be conducting the interviews.



Elly Gotz – “We have to free ourselves from hate.”

On Wednesday 15 March, Miss Hurst's Level 3 English class had the opportunity to join a Zoom presentation with Elly Gotz – a Holocaust survivor of the Dachau concentration camp.

Mr Gotz shared his life story - from growing up in Lithuania with the hopes and dreams of becoming a pilot to his family being moved to the Kaunas ghetto, and then onto the Dachau Camp. He also touched on lawsuits involving Holocaust deniers and how widespread these beliefs are still reaching in 2023. He reminded us, his friends, that “We mustn't believe the Holocaust deniers. You are listening to a witness. And when you listen to a witness like me, you become a witness when I am gone.”

Unfortunately, Wednesday Period 3 is only an hour long so the class missed out on what happened to Mr Gotz after the war. He went to university to pursue an Electrical Engineering degree, became a refugee in Norway, immigrated to Zimbabwe and South Africa before moving to Canada. Fortunately, he eventually fulfilled his childhood dream of earning his pilot's licence.

After a growing up seeing the atrocities of World War Two, he remains an optimist – “I am an optimist. We are so smart, but we have to find a way to overcome our weaknesses. Our weakness of being afraid of anyone who looks different, who has a different religion or colour of skin, or comes from a different country. I am amazed that we don't understand what we are doing to ourselves. The past is the past. So, I am hoping that humanity will go forward. Look forward to the future and stop hating.”

To learn more about Elly Gotz and to hear his story, check out [To Dachau and Back to Life: "Stories Survive" with Elly Gotz - YouTube](#).

Thank you to the History Department at Western University (London, Canada) for providing the opportunity for us to attend.



Happy Pi Day!

Pi, which is approximately equal to 3.14, is a number that comes up in different aspects of Mathematics, often when working with circles. On Tuesday it was the 3rd month, and the 14th day, therefore Pi Day. 😊 Mr. Fuss and his Level 3 Calculus class celebrated with a lemon-lime pie that he made. Yummy!



Taieri College Student Council
Workday Years 9 -13, 5 May 2023

In the past, Taieri College Student Council have undertaken a student workday each year involving Year 9-13 students. This unfortunately has not been able to take place more than once in the past few years due to COVID. The funds raised from this are given back directly to the students for their benefit. The metal picnic tables, the outdoor basketball hoops, extra drinking fountains, funding eft-pos and paywave services at the canteen, subsidising cultural and sporting individuals and groups representing the college are all examples of ways these funds have been used in the past.

This year the Student Council are planning to hold the Year 9-13 Workday on the same day as the scheduled Teacher Only Day in Week 2 of Term 2: Friday 5 May 2023. Our target/goal is to raise \$12,000.

Students are asked to find a job at home or in the community and to return any payment received for this to the office. We would hope that each student would be able to contribute a minimum of \$20.00. On many occasions in the past students have been able to help neighbours and whānau with small jobs on this day while also giving back to the school community.

This is a great way for our school community to help each other and our wider community, while also developing our young adults' understanding of what it is like to be employed. A good work ethic on this day can result in part-time employment for our students on a more regular basis.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Otago Secondary Schools' Athletics

What a great day at the track with our students performing incredibly well.

Well done to 13 students, and 3 relay teams who have qualified for the South Island Secondary Schools' Champs.

A massive set of thanks to our sports prefects Meg and Thomas, who gave up their time to assist at the javelin for most of the day.

To Lynette Campbell, thank you for the great photos that you took of our Taieri College students in action; your photos are simply brilliant.

To our incredible parents who supported our athletes on the day, your support shows all that is good in a community college.

To all the Athletics Otago officials, including Miss Dunlea, who gave up their time. Thank you, our students appreciated all your support and encouragement on the day.

Finally, but definitely not last, Mrs Hayley McHutchon who after being away at camp came back to spend her time ensuring our team was well run, and supported. Here are some of the outstanding results from last Saturday:

Sarah Evans

1st U15 Girls Javelin (new record)

Will Evans

1st Hammer throw

Fergus Clark

1st U15 Boys Javelin

Georgia McHutchon

1st Senior Girls 400m

Neve Beattie

1st Senior Girls Triple Jump

Van Couch

1st U15 Boys 80m

U16 Boys Relay Team 1st

Blake Dalton

1st U16 Boys 100m

1st U16 Boys 200m



Otago Secondary Schools' Athletics Photos



Taieri College Swimming Champs

Last Thursday we had our yearly swimming champs, where we had swimmers from Year 7-13, take part.

Nash Gilmour who is in Year 7, took home two new records for his age group with a 54:45 in the breaststroke, and set a new record in the medley with an impressive time of 1:49.33.

The Year 11 girls were a very competitive group with some exciting finishes, and the girls really pushing each other, which saw seven records beaten on the day.

Abbey Samuels took four new records home, with three of those records being in the freestyle 25m ,50m and 100m, and one in the butterfly over 25m.

Keira Hughes also took home three records for her efforts in the 50m backstroke, 50m breaststroke, and set a new record for the medley.

In the open girls' category, Emma Bain knocked off three records with two of them dating back to 2008 and 2009, she set a slick time of 30 secs in the 50m freestyle and a 16:65 in the 25m backstroke.

Thanks to all the swimmers who participated, everyone put a 100% effort in, which helped see those records broken. Top effort by all.



Nash Gilmour 7HJ



Abby Samuels 11FS



Keira Hughes 11LO



Emma Bain 12JN

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TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL

Get Ready for Netball 2023

Calling all Year 5,6,7,8 players who are keen to get ready for the 2023 netball season.

Taieri Plains's Junior Netball committee are offering a two-day programme in the SECOND week of the April school holidays- Monday April 17 and Tuesday April 18. Spaces are limited. Players can attend one or both days.

PAYMENT IS REQUIRED WHEN YOU REGISTER

Please register via the following link:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/231409>

Years 5 & 6

Monday April 17 and Tuesday April 18.

9.00am- 12pm

Venue: Taieri College ITC

Cost \$30 per day or \$50 for both days

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/231409>



Years 7 & 8

Monday April 17 and Tuesday April 18.

Venue: Taieri College ITC 12.30pm-3.30pm

Cost \$30 per day or \$50 for both days

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/231409>



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

Teams are available from Year 7 to senior level.

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



WANT TO WRESTLE?

Season begins Monday 3 April 2023



TAIERI AMATEUR WRESTLING CLUB

Come along and try wrestling!

Wear t-shirt and shorts (no zips)
Bring a water bottle

Facebook: Taieri Taniwhas Amateur Wrestling Club

When: 5.45pm, Monday 3 April

Thereafter Mondays & Wednesdays

Juniors 5.45pm - 6.30pm

Seniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Where: Taieri College - Hollamby Hall
(inside the Indoor Training Centre),
3 Green St, Mosgiel.

PRIMARY
AGE
6.00-7.00 PM

Gold coin
donation
requested



Limited to 100 youth each session

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*AND
HIGH SCHOOL
AGE
7.30 - 9.00 PM

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Soft drinks
for sale



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TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL



AGM: Tuesday March 28TH

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 28th 7.00pm and meet us all.

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



SAIL ON A LEGENDARY ROUND THE WORLD MAXI YACHT

Steinlager ②

LION  NEW ZEALAND

HINEMOANA

Our female-specific youth development programme is delivered over 5 days of sailing and kayaking.

Two nights sailing on the internationally renowned maxi yachts, Lion NZ or Steinlager2. Everybody on board has the opportunity to learn to sail the boats, help with the preparation of meals and sleep aboard.

Two nights are spent on the water with Auckland Sea Kayaks, where students learn how to kayak and camp in a safe, fun and supportive environment.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH (OPTIONAL)

The programme is structured in a way that allows the participants to participate and complete components of the Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award (DOE). The programme components meet the requirements for the Adventurous Journey and as such, any participants who are interested in using this programme for DOE can do so.

For further information check out www.nzsailingtrust.com/hine-moana



SAIL ON A LEGENDARY ROUND THE WORLD MAXI YACHT *Steinlager* ② *LION* *NEW ZEALAND*

Tikapa Moana - Adventurous Journey

Tikapa Moana youth explorer is a 5 days of sailing and kayaking.

Two nights sailing on the internationally renowned maxi yachts, Lion NZ or Steinlager2. Everybody on board has the opportunity to learn to sail the boats, help with the preparation of meals and sleep aboard.

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