



# TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ

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Kia ora e te whanau

Hard to know where to start this week with so many activities over the last couple of weeks, and several exciting events occurring next week. After seeing the standard of acting during the Level 3 Drama performance this week, I was not surprised to hear of Taieri College's success in the Regional Sheilah Winn Shakespeare Festival.

Congratulations to Jackson Rosie (Director), Kairi Mortensen-Morunga and Andrew Matheson for their stunning performance and earning the right to head to Wellington to compete in the national finals. An incredible result and a great opportunity to seek national recognition! Our senior Sport & Recreation students have also been busy with the Year 12 classes walking the Kepler Track this week. I am sure it was a fresh start on Wednesday morning after some recent snow. Our Level 3 students take on the Rock and Pillars in their tramp next week.

Year 12 Biology and Geography students travel to Mt Cook next Tuesday and get to explore the surrounds of the Mt Cook National Park. The trip includes a boat ride on Lake Tasman (at the terminus of the Tasman Glacier) and a plane ride and landing to the head of Tasman Glacier. It is a stunning landscape to explore, and I am sure it will be a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

Not to be outdone, our Year 12 and 13 History students depart for Vietnam on Monday night. Their itinerary is packed with visits to local heritage sites that have recognised historical significance. Ha Long Bay, Ho Chi Minh City and the Mekong Delta are all part of this trip which is sure to fascinate and inspire.

Good luck to our Mountain Bikers who are in Queenstown over the weekend competing in the South Island Championships and likewise to our athletes who are competing at the South Island Athletic Championships in Invercargill.

Ngā mihi nui

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL

## Key Dates

1 April 2023  
Otago/Southland Debating  
Regional Competition

3 April 2023  
L2SPR Surfing (HN)  
Cricket - Year 7 & 8  
Balmacewen Interchange

4 April 2023  
Social Sciences Vietnam Trip  
L3 SPR Rock & Pillars Tramp  
L2 BIO/GEO trip to Mt Cook  
Defence Force Recruiting visit.

## Senior Assessments Due

3 April 2023 - L2MAS AS91260 Networks  
3 April 2023 - L2 PED Aquathon assessment  
4 April 2023 - L3MAG AS91574 Linear Programming  
4 April 2023 - 91213 Performance Apply Drama Techniques in a Scripted Context  
5 April 2023 - 91213 Performance Apply Drama Techniques in a Scripted Context  
5 April 2023 - L1MAS AS91034 Transformation Geometry  
5 April 2023 - 90997 Performance Devise and Perform a Drama  
6 April 2023 - 91517 Paperwork Perform a Substantial Acting Role in a Significant Production  
6 April 2023 - L3ENG/C AS 91476 Speech Presentation  
6 April 2023 - L1ENG/E AS 90857 Speech Presentation  
7 April 2023 - 90997 Performance Devise and Perform a Drama  
7 April 2023 - L1ENG/E AS 90857 Speech Presentation  
9 April 2023 - L3CLS AS 91398 Influences of the Classical World

## 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.





## Sheilah Winn Festival of Shakespeare

Yesterday Taieri College had two teams represent us in the Otago Regional University of Otago Sheilah Winn Festival of Shakespeare. This is a very prestigious international competition. The standards of performance are incredibly high. There were 21 performances from across the region and 125 competitors. Abbey Dawson-Brown directed a very colourful and original concept for her scene from Twelfth Night. Luke Payne, Georgia Goodsir, Marissa Conway, Maddison Ennis, Pyper Greer, Rylee Hayes, Andrew Matheson and Kairi Mortensen-Morunga lit up the stage in this performance. Andrew and Kairi also starred in a very intense and blood soaked scene from Macbeth, directed by Jackson Rosie. This performance stunned the audience and the adjudicators resulting in a win for the Otago Regionals. This means that team Macbeth will be representing Otago in the nationals in Wellington. This will be an amazing experience where they will get to work with top industry professionals, which is well deserved. Congratulations to everyone who took part, you have all done yourselves proud!





## Level 3 Biology Trip to the Otago Peninsula



On Tuesday this week, 21 students and 2 staff went on our annual trip down the Otago Peninsula to learn about the impacts of tourism on the peninsula's ecosystem. The day started at school with a session learning about the history of Taiaroa Head and actions taken by staff at the Albatross Centre to help conserve the Northern Royal Albatross. We then headed out in vans over the high peninsula road to the Albatross Centre where we learnt more about the actions taken to conserve the albatross and other species that inhabit Taiaroa Head. It was then off to the viewing hide to see Albatross juveniles and adults trying to land in the strong southerly wind on the headland to feed their chicks or 'show off' to potential mates.



After a short lunch at the café, we headed to Weller's Rock where we boarded the Monarch for a one hour trip around Taiaroa Head and out to the open ocean waters. On this trip we saw seals, lots of species of albatross, Little Blue Penguins and Giant Petrels, but the highlight was having a pod of Hector's Dolphins swim in front of the boat and jump out of the water. This was the first trip we had ever seen the dolphins.

Once we were back on shore, it was off to Pilot's Beach to learn about how tourists had degraded the beach over the last 30 years and all the actions taken by Department of Conservation, the local hapu, and other rangers to restore the habitat and support the Little Blue Penguins.

The last trip of the day was to Penguin Place where we learnt about the biology and threats to Yellow-eyed Penguins. Next, we visited the recovery centre where some 90 malnourished, Yellow-eyed Penguins and one Fiordland Crested Penguin were being fed and cared for. The day ended with a van trip out to Pipikaretu Beach to walk through the reserve and its elaborate array of viewing trenches. Unfortunately, we were not able to view a Yellow-eyed Penguin here, but that is often the nature of the trip given how rare they are becoming.





## Taieri College Formal – Ticket Price \$126pp

The Taieri College Formal this year will be held in the Otago Business School on Saturday 6 May at 7pm. 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.



## Gymnastics

Kate Coates is a level 10 Rhythmic Gymnast who has recently been competing overseas. She recently travelled to America with a group of 11 gymnastics from Christchurch and Tauranga to compete in two major competitions in San Diego and Seattle. Kate was really happy with her efforts, placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in Clubs, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Ribbon, 7<sup>th</sup> overall in Seattle, and 7<sup>th</sup> overall in San Diego. She also travelled to Los Angeles where she took a class with Abby Lee Miller, a famous dance teacher from the show Dance Moms. She also travelled to Las Vegas to take a masterclass with Ben Cirka (a renowned Rhythmic gymnast).



## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Libby Tisdall who is the new South Island Division 2 Barrell Racing Champion. Well done Libby!



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# Swimming

## Mile of An Achievement

Congratulations to Taylor Stonelake 8MR, and Corin Taylor 8JT who both completed their mile badge for swimming with the Taieri Swimming Club last Tuesday. Both students had to swim 64 lengths of the Taieri College pool without stopping and complete this in under one hour. Both students comfortably completed this and should be very proud of this accomplishment. Well done!

*Please insert individual photos of Taylor and Corin.*

## Open Water Swimming



Congratulations to Corin Taylor 8JT who participated in the Whakatipu Legend open water swimming competition last Saturday 25 March 2023. Corin completed the 1km open water race and placed third in his under 15 age group.

Congratulations to Keira Hughes 11LO who flew to Rotorua to compete in the NZ Secondary School Open Water championships as well as the Makos zone (South Island) Secondary School Open Water championships. The 3.5km course was held on Saturday 25 March 2023 in Blue Lake, Rotorua. Keira placed 10<sup>th</sup> overall in NZ in her under 16 age group and received a silver medal for the Makos zone.



## Otago Primary School Swimming Championships

On Sunday 26 March 2023, Mrs Hughes took a team of five TK swimmers to the Otago Primary School Swimming Champs. Each student had to meet strict qualifying times to even be entered into the competition. The number of entries were phenomenal from throughout the Otago region this year, with more than 300 swimmers entered. Three individual events were on offer - 50m freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. In addition to this many age group relays were held and we entered into the Mixed Medley relay placing 9<sup>th</sup> out of two heats of teams.

The TK Swim team consisted of Taylor Stonelake 8MR, Corin Taylor 8JT, Nash Gilmour 7HJ, Leila Hughes 8FY, and Isabel McHoull 7HU. All of these swimmers performed creditably, with some great personal best times on the day for all. Nash Gilmour received a 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> placing in the Freestyle and Breaststroke respectively, Taylor Stonelake placed 10<sup>th</sup> in the 50m Freestyle and Leila Hughes placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the 50m Backstroke.

A special thanks to Toni McHoull and Justin Stonelake who were timekeepers for this meet, and our wonderful parental support in the stands. It was greatly appreciated for the successful running of this meet and the outcome for our students.





## Year 10 Tautuku Camp





## Sport

This week we have seen the full array of sporting opportunities available at Taieri College. Many summer sports are coming to the end of their season, so we would like to thank the coaches, teachers, managers, volunteers and parents who have taken time out of their busy lives to support our students to play the sport they love. Also, a big thank you to the students of Taieri College for upholding the school's core values while playing, you have done yourselves and the school proud over the summer months.

Winter sports are starting to take shape with netball, basketball, hockey, and rugby trials all under way, or about to be in the next week or two. Don't forget to register online or come into the Sports Office to sign up.



### Girls Cricket

Congratulations to Sarah Evans, Tilly Ruthven, and Annabelle Andrews who represented the Girls District Cricket team last weekend. Great to see the Taieri College students shining at the next level.

## Touch

Last weekend our Mixed Touch team represented Taieri College at the South Island Tournament in Christchurch. Game One they were up against Mt Hutt. After being down one-nil at half time, Mt Hutt slipped out to a 4-nil lead but the Taieri College team showed good character by fighting back to lose in the end 2-4. Game Two saw them come up against one of the heavyweights of the competition in Rolleston. The Taieri College team showed they could play with the best of them, but in the end went down 2-9. Game Three was against old rivals South Otago. After previously losing to them pre-tournament by a hefty margin, the team showed how far they've come in a short amount of time, losing 2-4 with the game still in the balance with minutes left. In the playoff for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Taieri College took on Rangiora and took the win 6-5. Taieri College touch team had a successful tournament, and made good improvement throughout. Massive thank you goes out to the coaches, management and support staff for their efforts behind the scenes and to the players for representing Taieri College





## Prefect Reading 23 March 2023

Kia ora everyone, and welcome to this assembly. As your Culture Prefect, I'm here to talk to you today about a concept that's deeply rooted in Māori culture: manaakitanga. Manaakitanga is often translated as "hospitality" or "caring for others," but it's much more than that. It's a way of being, a way of living that reflects the interconnectedness of all things.

Manaakitanga is about showing respect and kindness to everyone around you, regardless of their background or culture. It's about sharing your resources, your time, and your energy to uplift and support those in need. It's about recognizing the inherent value and dignity of every human being, and treating them with the love and care they deserve.

Now, I know that being a teenager can be tough. We're all trying to figure out who we are and where we fit in, and sometimes that can lead to cliques and exclusion. But I want to challenge you all to embrace the value of manaakitanga and make an effort to include and uplift those around you. Whether it's checking in on a friend who's struggling, inviting someone new to sit with you at lunch, or simply smiling and saying hello to someone in the hallway. Every small act of kindness can make a big difference. At its core, manaakitanga is about building relationships and connections. It's about recognizing that we're all part of a larger community, and that our actions can have a ripple effect on those around us. When we show kindness and respect to others, we not only make their lives better, we also create a more positive and harmonious environment for ourselves.

As we strive to be better members of our school community, I want to leave you with a quote from Te Puea Hērangi, a prominent Māori leader and activist. "Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari he toa takitini." This translates to "My strength is not that of an individual, but that of the collective." When we embrace the value of manaakitanga and build each other up, we create a collective strength that's greater than any individual could achieve on their own. So let's choose to be kind, choose to be inclusive, and choose to live out the value of manaakitanga in everything we do. Thank you for your time today, and I look forward to seeing all the ways you'll put this value into action.

Josie Bennie



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## Barewood Station

Last Thursday Level 1 PRM visited Barewood Station. They had the opportunity to listen to the career journeys of some of the staff and local stock agents, as well as tips and tricks to succeed in the farming industry. After a morning tea of saveloys and bread, they went out to the yards and spent the rest of the day penning up, drenching and ear tagging the sheep. They got to work with ex student Pippa who did her work experience at Barewood last year and gained employment there when she finished school. Big thanks to Barewood Station Manager, Marty Deans, for having us for the day. We really appreciated being able to experience some farming life.



Youth East Taieri is preparing for the next intake of Ground Zero. Program runs on Wednesday evenings from 3rd May—21st June.

Ground Zero is open to students in Year 7.

Ground Zero focuses on identifying & developing strengths, through fun challenges and activities designed to build confidence, leadership and communication skills.

Enquiries to :Larissa Pearce (youth worker) 021 0867 1157

yetworker@shft.org.nz





# 2023 Kiwi Competitions

Certificates  
and prizes  
awarded

Online competition  
for Primary, Intermediate and  
Secondary students

Ask your teacher  
for details and  
entry form.



Kiwi Science  
Competition



Kiwi Maths  
Competition



Kiwi English  
Competition

Designed by NZ teachers for Kiwi students based on NZ curriculum.

To enter, please check your emails for a link to register. Entries close 5<sup>th</sup> May.



## All about Rimurimu Science Extension for Yr 10 students

This is a five-day programme running over two blocks of teaching, for students who have a keen interest and curiosity in the world around them. Over the course of the programme, students will be working in the field and lab, leading their own marine science team project while being mentored by postgraduate students, and staying overnight at the beautiful residency of Quarantine Island. This programme is also an ideal extension for those who have participated in previous NZMSC programmes.

### Participants

- Students who are able and enthusiastic about science, and/or are gifted – not necessarily in the sciences (e.g. have strong leadership and social skills, cultural specific abilities, sporting and/or creative skills).
- Applicants **MUST** be available for the entire duration of the programme

### Dates and location

- May 11-13 and June 1-2, 2023
- NZ Marine Studies Centre in Portobello, Dunedin. Transport to and from the Centre is the responsibility of the participating students/schools.

### Application

Fill out the following pages in this order:

- Student and a guardian are to fill out pages *Student Application*, *Guardian Waiver Form*, and *Photos Permission Form*.
- A teacher or affiliated adult who knows the student through club organisation, marae, or similar is to fill out pages labelled *Student Profile*, then return the document to the email below.

### Costs

- \$57.50 inclusive of GST per student.

**Last day to apply: April 9, 2023**

**Submit the application via email to [portobello.marinescience@otago.ac.nz](mailto:portobello.marinescience@otago.ac.nz)  
For further enquires please contact: [hanna.ravn@otago.ac.nz](mailto:hanna.ravn@otago.ac.nz)**



If any students are intending on applying, please contact Mr Fitzgerald at [rfitzgerald@taieri.school.nz](mailto:rfitzgerald@taieri.school.nz), and he will send through all the forms needed to apply.



**Come, Play, and Enjoy**



## **Mosgiel Junior Badminton Club**

**2023 Season starts  
Friday April 28th**

**Open to Children and Youth  
Ages 8-18 years**

### **Club Nights**

Fridays 7pm – 8:30pm

School Terms 2 & 3

Mosgiel Memorial Park Gymnasium

*Welcoming new and existing members  
for social and competitive play*

**Fees:** 1 Child \$30, Family \$50,  
payment due on third week of play.

**Contact:** Daryl 027 485 6094  
MosgielJuniorBdmtn@gmail.com

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for all 4 sessions

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For information email [kath@otagonuggets.com](mailto:kath@otagonuggets.com)



Night 'n Day





## 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.



# 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 Plain'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>



## SAIL ON A LEGENDARY ROUND THE WORLD MAXI YACHT

# Steinelager 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 Steinelager2. 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](http://www.nzsailingtrust.com/hine-moana)



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**LION NEW ZEALAND**  
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# TAIERI JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB

# 2023

REGISTRATIONS



If your child/children were registered with us last year you will receive an email in the next few days inviting you to re-register your child/children online with Taieri for the 2023 season. **Please note:** you will receive an email for each child registered.

*New Players*  
**CLICK HERE!!!**

## 2023 SUBS

**One Player = \$80 / 2 players = \$130 / 3 or more players = \$170**  
**(Subs include New Taieri Eel's Training Tee)**

Please make payment of subs by Direct Credit, use your child's full name as a reference.  
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If you are looking at joining us you can click on the link in this post and register online. More information on uniform collection days to come.

Please note: Children must be 4 years old before 1st January 2023 to register for Under 5 Nippers teams, no exceptions!



Please ensure you like the Taieri Rugby Football Club Facebook page to get club updates and notices.

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## WANT TO WRESTLE?

Season begins Monday 3 April 2023



### TAIERI AMATEUR WRESTLING CLUB

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

When: 5.45pm, Monday 3 April

Thereafter Mondays & Wednesdays

Juniors 5.45pm - 6.30pm

Seniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Facebook: Taieri Taniwhas Amateur  
Wrestling Club

Where: Taieri College - Hollamby Hall  
(inside the Indoor Training Centre),  
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