



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATO A



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Kia ora e te whānau

This week we made the difficult decision to roster home specific year levels on given days. The decision was made due to a culmination of factors. Firstly, our staff have recently been hit with a significant amount of Covid cases. On Monday we had 11 staff who were at home recovering for the week. Secondly, we had pre-planned co-curricular trips that took several teachers off site for the week. Our senior History students left for Vietnam with three staff accompanying, our senior Biology and Geography students were at Mt Cook with five teachers accompanying, and we had a Year 13 camp that had two teachers leading it. The upshot of these circumstances meant we had almost a quarter of our teaching staff off site for the week. On top of this we are in the middle of industrial action from the teacher's union (PPTA) who have instructed their members not to cover classes of their colleagues when asked. I would like to sincerely thank our college community for their understanding during these challenges.

As we look forward to next term, I am hoping that a resolution can be found between the government and the teachers' union. Further industrial action is in the pipeline, and it would be a great relief if a settlement was reached before school resumes on Monday 24 April 2023.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to an eventful and busy term. Enjoy your Easter and have a relaxing holiday.

Ngā mihi

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

4 April 2023 – 19 April 2023

Social Sciences Vietnam Trip

7 April 2023

Good Friday – Taieri College Closed

10 April 2023 – 21 April 2023

School Holidays – Taieri College
Closed

13 April 2023 – 17 April 2023

North Canterbury Basketball SIPT
Tournament - Y8 Miniball

25 April 2023

ANZAC DAY – College Closed

26 April 2023

Year 7 Vision testing

L1 SPR Kayaking (WJ)

27 April 2023

Prepared Reading Finals

L1 SPR Kayaking (DK)

28 April 2023

Y8 HPV vaccinations

L1 SPR Kayaking (PJ)

Senior Assessments Due

14 April 2023 - L3 PED AS 3.3

26 April 2023 - L1 SPR Kayaking assessment WJ- ALL DAY

27 April 2023 - L1 SPR Kayaking assessment DK class- ALL DAY

28 April 2023 - L1 Kayaking assessment PJ class- ALL DAY

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. 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.



Taieri College Sports Council

Mission: 'To promote and encourage sport at Taieri College and on the Taieri'.

Taieri College's Sports Council is a committee made up of both parents and teachers. We rely heavily on the generosity of sponsorship to keep our programmes in place; to fund teams and individuals; to supply equipment; to upgrade playing areas, and to purchase school vans to transport our students. We aim to give our young athletes every opportunity possible.

Our Sports Council is always welcoming and very appreciative of any new sponsors wishing to come on board. If you think this is an area you can help, please contact the Sports Office sport@taieri.school.nz.

There are four LEVELS of Sponsorship: PREMIER (amount is by negotiation), PLATINUM (\$2,000 + GST per year), GOLD (\$1,000 + GST per year) and SILVER (\$500 + GST per year). Each MONTH the Sports Council would like to SHOWCASE one of our valued sponsors. Where possible we urge our Taieri College families to support these generous businesses just like they support us.

Taieri College Sports Council are proud to work alongside the following sponsors; McDonalds Dunedin, ITM Dunedin, Mastercraft Mosgiel Kitchens, Sportsmed Mosgiel, Waiholo Surfacing, Otago Polytech Institute of Sport, Exercise & Health, Reece Building Consultants, DS Building Limited, Promo-X, Dixon Roofing, TAK Flooring, Loan Market, CREDIFLEX Otago, Willow & Silk, Beauty Lane, LJ Hooker – Lachie McLachlan, The support we receive from your business is invaluable and it's a partnership that we truly appreciate here at Taieri College. We look forward to continuing with you all in 2023 and beyond.

Nadia Bird

YEAR 7 VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Population Health, Southern District Health will be visiting your school to screen all year seven students for distance vision on Wednesday 26 April 2023.

- **Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)**

This determines how well your child can see at a distance. It involves reading an eye chart.

(Not required if child wears glasses/ or is currently under care for their vision)

If you do not wish your child to be screened please fill out an opt-out slip, which is available at the school office before our visit.

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South Island Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Championships

In the weekend, students from Taieri College competed in the South Island Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Championships held at Coronet Peak. After a few disruptions due to snow, the downhill practice and seeding runs were held on the Friday afternoon and Saturday morning with the race run being on Saturday afternoon. The course was a technical Grade 5 course from the top of the chairlift to the Coronet Peak base building. Ryan Merrilees finished 3rd in the U20 Boys with a race run time of 3.17.25. This also placed him 12th overall out of 188 competitors. In the U16 Boys, Oakley Bird's race run time of 3.50.29 placed him 19th in his age group and 78th overall. Bradley Tapp, also in the U16 Boys, finished 25th in his age group and 91st overall with a race run time of 3.59.32.

In the Enduro event, racers had to complete four different courses with their times for each course combined to determine their overall position. To get between each course, the riders had to either ride or catch the chairlift. Hudson Shaw finished 41st in the U15 Boys and 147th overall. Cheydon McLeod finished 36th in the U15 Boys grade and 133rd overall. Liam Lord, also in the U15 Boys grade finished 24th in his age group and 101st overall. In the U16 Boys grade, Bradley Tapp finished 28th in his age group and 124th overall. Finally, Ryan Merrilees finished off a successful weekend by finishing 7th in the U20 Boys Enduro event and 12th overall.



TK Waterpolo



This term we entered a Year 7 team 'The Taniwhas' and a Year 8 team 'The Barracudas'. After grading games our Year 7 team were placed in the B grade out of the available A grade, B grade and Novice grade. This team consisted of the bare minimum to field a team of seven, so they had no subs which made hard work for this team. However, their commitment to the team, dedication and hard work paid off, earning them a spot in the final after beating Trinity College 11-1 in the semi-final. The final was played against the Columba College Year 7 & 8 team winning this in sensational style, 9-1.

Our Year 7 team consisted of Emma Collins 7BL, Emma Burton 7HB, Isabel McHoull 7HU, Nash Gilmour 7HJ, Tom Taylor 7BL, Charlie Clements 7BL and Alyssa Hughes, a Year 6 student from St Mary's Mosgiel, who received dispensation to play for us.

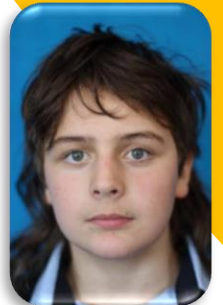
A huge thanks goes to their Coach Brad Gilmour who took trainings and attended games on Friday evenings. Mrs Hughes was our, as usual, reliable Manager.



Our Year 8 team The Barracudas consisted of Taylor Stonelake 8MR, Jax Robertson 8FY, Angus Russell 8HR, Angus Wilson 8SW, Adam Riepma 8JT, Leila Hughes 8FY, Lily Ballantyne 8SW and Corin Taylor 8JT. This dedicated team did well during the grading games and were placed in the A grade which is a first for Taieri College. This team only lost to the long term, A grade teams Balmacewen Gold and DNI Kia Maia. Their results were very competitive against these teams. The play offs on Friday had us playing off for third and fourth against Fairfield Red. It was a very aggressive and hard fought, game with very tight defence. There was nothing in it between the two teams except in the end a referee's call that resulted in a 3-4 loss. Placing us fourth overall in the A grade. A big thanks to Justin Stonelake for coaching this team and Pete Wilson for supporting Justin and the team pool side.



If you think you would like to give Water Polo a go, it sounds like the next season will be starting later in Term 3 rather than at the start of Term 4. Please register your interest with Mrs Hughes for Years 7 & 8. We welcome all new players, but you must be a confident swimmer and be able to cope in very deep water.



South Island Athletics

We had a super weekend away at South Island secondary schools athletics championships in Invercargill. We saw 4 seasons of crazy weather over the weekend. We also saw some amazing results with lots of personal bests from athletes. Well done to everyone who competed and a big thanks to the parents and supporters who came down for the weekend.

Ohara Couch - 4th U16 girls long jump 4.67m

Fergus Clark - 2nd U15 boys javelin 33.28m and 9th in discus 26.15m

Neve Beattie 2nd senior girls long jump 5.11m and 7th triple jump with 9.75m

Chloe Robinson 3rd girls U16 high jump 1.30m

Sarah Evans 2nd girls U15 Javelin 33.17m

Blake Dalton 2nd by a whisker! In both 100m 11.32s and 200m 22.87s

Josh Siloy 3rd U16 boys 3000m 10.40min and 6th in 800m 2.25min

Georgia McHutchon 4th girls U19 800m 2.32 and 2nd in 400m 61.02s.

Write up and photos courtesy of Mrs McHutchon



News from the library

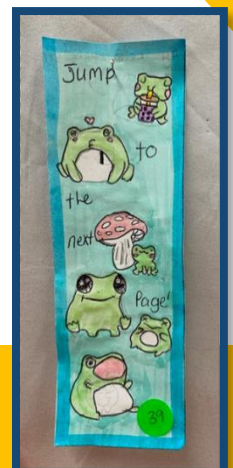


It's great to see so many students making use of the library for reading, homework and research. This is reflected in the amount of books issued in Term 1 being 4281.

The most popular titles are Dog Man by Dav Pilkey, Diary of A Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney, The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins and Ground Zero by Alan Gratz.

During the past week there has been excitement and a bit of tension as students have been voting for their favourite bookmark in our 'Design a Bookmark Competition'. There were 73 very impressive entries, of which six winners were voted as the favourites.

Congratulations to Grace Fry, Emma Collins, Aiden Reid, Indee Ager, Kiera O'Neill, and Leila Hughes. Multiple copies of these six bookmarks will be available for students next term.



Careers Chat

Over the break is a good opportunity for our senior students to further explore possible career options on Career Central. Any Yr13 students without a C.V. can go to the About Me section on their dashboard and to C.V. builder and follow through the instructions and examples. The first few weeks next term we will be offering workshops in L1 to assist Yr12 & 13 students with their C.V's.

There are also excellent personal interest quizzes and a new skills strength quiz students can complete to help them to recognise their qualities and interests, and to match these with job and training opportunities.

We have had a quick interview with nearly all Yr13's and as usual there is a very wide range of plans with many having a clear goal but others very unclear about the best options for next year. It is important that all students continue to research options, build a "plan B" if possible, and recognise that this, like continually learning, is a life-long task!

Our School/**Otago Tertiary Open Days** are week three next term, 7 & 8 May. On the Monday all of our Yr13's are off timetable, and most are expected to attend. Transport has to be organised privately. The 77 bus is a top option. Yr12's should go on the Sunday and they would need parental permission if they wish to attend on the Monday. We are fortunate to have the University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic on our doorstep and the very wide range of quality tertiary courses they offer. For full information on this event check out the website; otago.ac.nz/opendays

We are currently placing our **Gateway** students into their work positions to start next term. Our goal is to have everyone placed by the end of week 2.

Coming Events-interested senior students should all attend.

- Tuesday 2 May **Health & Safety Workshop run by Lifecare for all L3 Careers students (full day, covers two L3 Unit Standards)**
- Sunday, Monday 7 & 8 May **Otago Tertiary Open Days** (all Yr13's go on 8th)
- Wednesday 28 June **Dunedin Careers Expo**-all Yr11's to attend, 9am-11am

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 student's dashboard-explore step 1 About Me (personal skills, qualities, interests, career values, outside classroom, work experience, C.V. 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

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 5th May.



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>


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.



Junior Coaching Programme

Begins Term 2

 **30 April 2023**

Sundays

 **10.30am**
1 hour

All abilities welcome
Racquets available
Have a go for free



To register email
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