



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ

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Kia ora e te whānau



Welcome back to Term 2. Students have returned refreshed and ready for the winter term. As the temperatures cool, warm classrooms become inviting places for students to learn. It is important that students quickly re-establish routines around their subject requirements. For the vast number of students who are playing a winter sport, or who have a part-time job, time management becomes imperative. To alleviate impending stress from assessment requirements, students should plan ahead and get an idea about when major assessments are due in the upcoming weeks.

Winter sport is a massive undertaking at Taieri College. My thanks to the support we receive from our community in delivering so many sporting options to our students. To those who assist in coaching, managing, transporting, and spectating we are indebted for your support. Good luck to all students who are donning Taieri College colours this winter season. Train hard, support your coaches, respect your opposition, and embrace competition.

This week our Year 12 students participated in a programme titled "Loves Me Not." This day-long course is presented by the New Zealand Police on behalf of the Sophie Elliot Trust. The "Loves Me Not" programme was presented on Thursday and involved excellent advice on how to build and maintain, healthy, positive relationships. It also emphasised the importance of helping and supporting each other when they recognise things aren't going so well in a social context.

Congratulations to Keira Wallace and Kate Coates who have been named as our 2024 Class Act recipients. This is thoroughly deserved recognition for two outstanding individuals. Keira and Kate will receive their awards from the Prime Minister at a ceremony later in the year.

Finally, I would like to wish all the duck shooters a safe and enjoyable weekend for opening day tomorrow.

Noho ora mai

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL



Key Dates

6-7 May 2024

L2SPR (HN) Mountain Bike Trip

6-12 May 2024

NZ Divisional II Swimming Championships Hamilton

7 May 2024

Attitude Presentations

8 May 2024

Automotive Trade Tour

8-9 May 2024

L2SPR (MG) Mountain Bike Trip

10 May 2024

World Vision Conference

11 May 2024

School Formal – PAC 6:30pm

11-12 May 2024

Hillary Challenge

13 May 2024

Vision testing - Year 7

Paid Union Meeting – Taieri

College closed from 12:15pm

27 May 2024

NZQA Teacher Only Day – Taieri
College closed

Senior Assessments Due Week 2

L1SCI 92020 Microorganisms

YEAR SEVEN VISION SCREENING

The Vision Hearing Technicians from Te Whatu Ora - Southern will be visiting your school to screen all Year 7 students on Monday 13 May 2024

Screening Provided:

Distance Vision (Amblyopia & Hyperopia)

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

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

This free vision check is not required if student wears glasses and/or is currently under care of an optometrist or eye specialist (with in the last six months).

*In this case you **do not** need to fill in an opt-out slip as we ask all children before we screen if they fall into this category.*

They will also visit Year 8 students who were absent during their visit last year.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions relating to the testing.

Jarrad Waldron

Assistant Principal

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Paid Union Meeting – 13 May 2024

The Post Primary Teachers Association (PPTA) have advised Taieri College Board of Trustees that a paid union meeting has been scheduled for the afternoon of **Monday 13 May 2024**. The paid union meeting is part of the secondary teachers' collective agreement which Taieri College has no say in. This means that union members will not be available to teach that afternoon and we are advising parents/whanau that we will be closed for instruction from 12.15pm. There will be minimal supervision available from 12:15 - 3:00 for Year 7 and 8 students who require it.

GoBus has informed us that the buses will run at 12:15pm, except for the Henley bus due to other commitment will leave at 3.00pm.

NZQA Teacher Only Day

On Monday 27 May 2024, the teaching staff will be involved in a Dunedin wide NCEA training day. This Teacher Only Day was included as part of the PPTA collective agreement with the government in order to upskill teachers in their knowledge, and understanding of the new NCEA standards, and how they are assessed.

This means that Taieri College will be closed for instruction for all of our students on Monday 27 May. This Teacher Only Day will coincide with the upcoming Student Work Day

We appreciate your support as staff develop new skills to improve their knowledge, understanding of how to teach and assess the revised NCEA standards.

WORKDAY 2024

In the past, Taieri College Students' 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 Students' Council are planning to hold the Year 9-13 Workday on the same day as the scheduled Teacher Only Day in Week Five of Term Two: Monday 27 May 2024. 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 \$25.00. 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.

An employment record for students will be handed out by their form teacher in Week 3 of Term 2 and is to be returned to school with the funds raised once the work has been completed. Students who are unable to work on this specific day may still complete this on the weekend instead if that better suits their situation.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Absence Procedure

A reminder to all parents/caregivers regarding students signing in and out at the College Office during the college day. A note or telephone call is required explaining your student's absence. There is also a dedicated telephone message line on our telephone system for absences. Please telephone 489 3823 and press 1.

If you are leaving a message on our automated service, please provide a reason for the absence. The MOE has a coding system for absences and any absences that are unexplained must be coded as truant. If any parent/caregiver leaves a message that simply says that their child won't be in without any reason this will need to be coded as truant. Please give a specific reason for your child's absence.

Unwell Students Procedure

If during the course of the day your young person becomes unwell, they are to come to the College Office first where they will be assessed by the office staff. Parents/caregivers will then be contacted.

Students are not to contact parent/caregiver; the Office will organise this as students need to be signed out on the Enrol System, which is part of MOE guidelines.

Thank you.

Office Hours 8.00am – 4.00pm

Taieri College Year 10 Economics Market Day Wednesday 15 May 2024

Limited edition custom Taieri College Croc Jibbitz for sale

\$3 per Croc Charm – Cash sale only – no presales or holds.

Wear your School Pride!!

Great for Sports Tournaments or School Trips!!

Come and see Barrett, Joel, and Thomas at Market Day to purchase.

Please note - these will only be sold at Market Day so get in quick, so you don't miss out.



TAIERI COLLEGE CLASS ACT FINALISTS 2024

Keira Wallace: for Arts - Music

Subjects: English, Music, Music Technology, Maths Statistics, Biology

Achievements:

- Environment Prefect 2024 organised beach cleanup 2024
- Academic: Level 1 NCEA Certificate endorsed with Excellence (123 Excellent credits) and Level 2 endorsed with Excellence (96 Excellent credits)
- Ecowarrior 2022-2024
- Bandquest mentoring 2021, 2023, 2024.
- Junior Form Leader 2024
- Arts Council 2021-2024
- Wellbeing Ambassador 2023 - 2024
- Academic Blues
- Music Blues 2021-2023
- Performing Arts Ambassador 2022



Outside School:

- Rockquest solo/duo top 10 national 2023
- Lion Foundation Songwriting 3rd place 2023
- 2023 National Top 10 finalist Solo/Duo Rockquest
- Song Hub 2022 – youngest ever participant
- Opened for international artists on NZ tour 2023
- Over 210000 streams for 6 released singles globally
- Guest youth artist at Whare Flat folk festival
- Hosted song writing workshop AMPED 2023
- 90+ solo live performances 2020-2024

Future ambition is to study BA in Music with minor in psychology with a view to a career either in the music industry or in social work.

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TAIERI COLLEGE CLASS ACT FINALISTS 2024

Kate Coates: Leadership, Sport, Arts

Subjects: Dance, Geography, Health, Physical Education, Biology

Achievements :

- Head Prefect 2024
- Academic Blues 2022 and 2023
- Junior Form Leader 2024
- Reader Writer for Learning Support Centre
- Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Bronze award 2022
- Junior Dance Club leader 2023

Out of School:

- **Dance** – I take multiple classes a week as well as teaching classes. I do around 9-10 hours a week having one class every day and two on Tuesday, Thursday and three on Fridays. (On days I have gymnastics I go straight from gymnastics to dance getting home around 9pm). I teach two classes, one a jazz class with teenagers and one a baby jazz class with 4/5yr olds. I compete in many dance competitions a year and was just nominated for my third nationals a couple of days ago. I train in Jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical, Hip hop, Ballet, Acrobatics, and musical theatre as well as competing in styles such as barefoot, Neo-Classical and Variations.
- **National Rhythmic Gymnastics**- I train 11 hours a week, Monday (3hrs), Wednesday (3hrs) Friday (2hrs) and Saturday (3hrs). I often coach on a Monday a group of level 2 gymnasts aged around 7yrs. These gymnasts go on to compete in junior competitions later in the year and it is my job to make up routines, teach them, and prepare them for competitions. As for my own competitions, I have received many placings over the years; my proudest placing was first at Nationals for Level 9 in 2021. In 2023 I travelled to America with a team for a tour. This meant we competed in 2 competitions in Seattle and San Diego as well as taking master classes and exploring the country. This has prepared me well as I have recently been selected to represent NZ next month in Singapore. This was a huge dream of mine and the work going into preparing for an event like this was phenomenal. I was the only gymnast south of Christchurch to qualify and it will travel with a team of gymnasts from all over the country in May.
- **Work:** I currently work under Geneva Health Care looking after a client with cerebral palsy. She is 17yrs old and attends Sara Cohen School in Dunedin. This job includes many everyday activities like showering her, dressing/ changing her, medications and feeds, and generally looking after her. I usually work 3 morning shifts a week before school then pick up extra shifts in weekends when I can.



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Supporting Your Teen's Mental Health

Dear parents/guardians

Invitation to a workshop on recognising and supporting your teen's mental health challenges

As we navigate through the challenges of raising teenagers in today's world, it's crucial to prioritise their mental health and wellbeing. Adolescence can be a challenging time with a lot of changes, marked by hormonal changes, academic pressures, leaving school and moving into the workforce. It's understandable that many teens may struggle with their mental health.

Research has shown that mental health issues among adolescents are on the rise, with anxiety and depression becoming more prevalent. Therefore, as caregivers, it's essential for us to equip ourselves with the knowledge and resources to support our teens during these formative years.

With this in mind, we are running FREE presentation and workshop on supporting your teen's mental health, organised by Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust (LMSPT). LMSPT is dedicated to promoting mental health awareness and preventing suicide and is based in Ōtepoti Dunedin.

The target audience for this presentation is parents and guardians of teenagers within our community. We understand the vital role that parents play in nurturing their children's mental health, and this presentation aims to provide you with valuable insights and practical strategies to support your teens effectively.

We will cover various topics, including:

- Understanding the mental health challenges faced by teenagers today.
- Recognising warning signs of mental health issues in your teen.
- Discussing how to confront suicidal thoughts.
- Effective communication strategies to foster open dialogue with your teen about mental health.
- Role plays of what opening the mental health conversation may look like.
- Available support in Dunedin for teenagers as well as parents/guardians.

Date: 13 May 2024 Time: 6-8pm Location: Taieri College Performing Art Centre, 3 Green St, Mosgiel

We believe that by empowering ourselves with knowledge and understanding, we can create a supportive community where our teens feel heard, understood, and supported in their mental health journey. We strongly encourage all parents and guardians to attend this presentation. Together, let's prioritise the mental health and wellbeing of our teenagers.

To register your interest in attending the workshop please email admin@lifematters.org.nz by Friday 10 May

Warm regards,

The workshop is supported by Altrusa International of Taieri

Clare Curran Co-general Manager of Life Matters Suicide Prevention Trust





SUPPORTING YOUR TEEN'S MENTAL HEALTH

WORKSHOP

13 May

6 - 8pm

Taieri College

Performing Arts Centre

3 Green Street, Mosgiel



FREE

TO REGISTER

 RSVP by 10 May 2024
 admin@lifematters.org.nz
 027 240 0114

Available support

Self care

Tough conversations

Kai

Prefect Reading

Hello everyone,

Today, I want to talk about something that is absolutely crucial on the journey to success – dedication.

Imagine your favourite athlete, musician, or artist. What sets them apart from the rest? It's not just talent or luck – it's dedication. It's the countless hours they spend practising, honing their craft, and pushing themselves to be better every single day.

Dedication is about making a commitment to yourself and your goals. It's about putting in the hard work even when it's not easy, even when you face setbacks or challenges along the way.

Think about the things you're passionate about, the things that light a fire inside you. Whether it's sports, music, academics, or anything else – dedication is what will take you from good to great.

But dedication isn't just about achieving your goals; it's also about personal growth. It's about learning resilience, discipline, and perseverance.

So, how do you become dedicated? It starts with setting clear goals for yourself. What do you want to achieve? Where do you see yourself in the future? Once you have a vision, break it down into smaller, manageable steps. Take it one step at a time, and don't be afraid to ask for help along the way.

It's also important to stay focused and prioritise your time. In a world filled with distractions, staying dedicated means staying true to your goals and not letting anything derail your progress.

And remember, dedication is not about being perfect. It's about being consistent and persistent, even when you stumble or fall. Failure is just another opportunity to learn and grow stronger.

So, as you navigate through your teenage years and beyond, I encourage you to embrace dedication. I will now leave you with a quote from Nick EH 30, "Never back down, and never give up!"

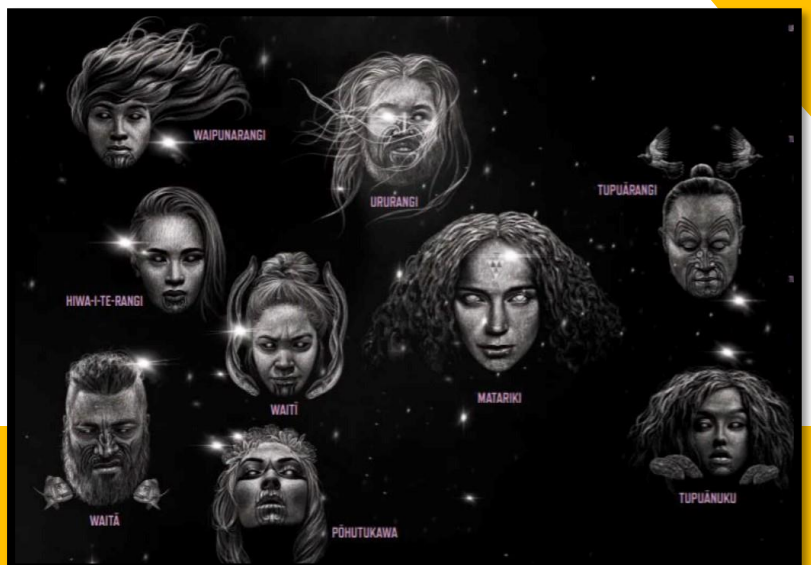
Thank you

Charlie Brough



Matariki Hakari (Celebration)

Taieri College is holding a Matariki celebration in Week 9 of this term (24-27 June). There will be activities at school during that week and a Hakari (celebration) on the Wednesday evening. We are looking for volunteers from the community for this event, particularly for help with food and hangi prep. There will be live music and activities running. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Toni Sutton (tsutton@taieri.school.nz) or Brad Martin (bradmartin@taieri.school.nz).



Student Council

Last term the Students' Council decided for our mufti day we would donate to the Orokonui Ecosanctuary, especially with the environment being a topical issue in society today. This was quite successful, and we managed to raise and donate \$1400 to the sanctuary. The team at Orokonui were excited by this donation and invited the Students' Council Executives and Environmental Prefects to the ecosanctuary for a guided tour to show their appreciation. Like many charities around New Zealand, Orokonui Ecosanctuary are experiencing financial stress and are grateful for any donation. Thankfully the Taieri College donation came at the perfect time to help ensure predators had not entered the sanctuary where a tree had recently fallen down onto and damaging, a fence. Orokonui Ecosanctuary is doing a lot of brilliant work supporting our native bird population and improving our ecosystem which would not be possible without continued support from the community.



BWANA There's a body in the Bath!

100-year-old Peter Whitehead from Hampden in Otago has lived a full and eventful life, from leaving his family in the UK as a young teenager to following a dream in Australia, Peter had to endure many hardships just to survive. After working hard on the land and taming horses Peter became a Rough Rider in WW2. From here Peter worked his way to another dream in Africa where he had the most incredible stories including working with the Lions on the set of "Born Free". After a horse accident broke Peter's leg and lack of decent hospital care where Peter lived, his daughter convinced him to then move to New Zealand. By now Peter was 85.

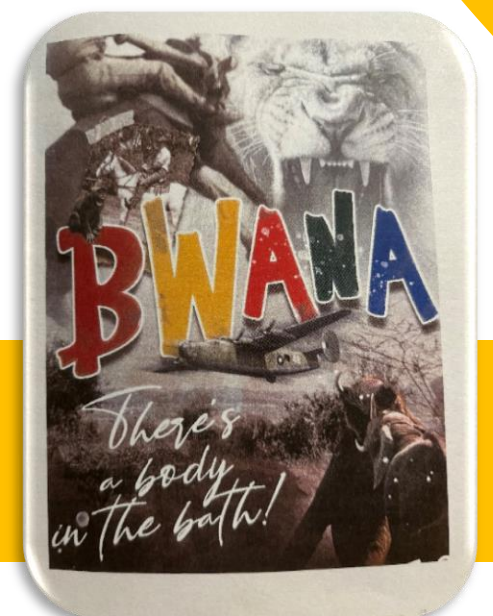
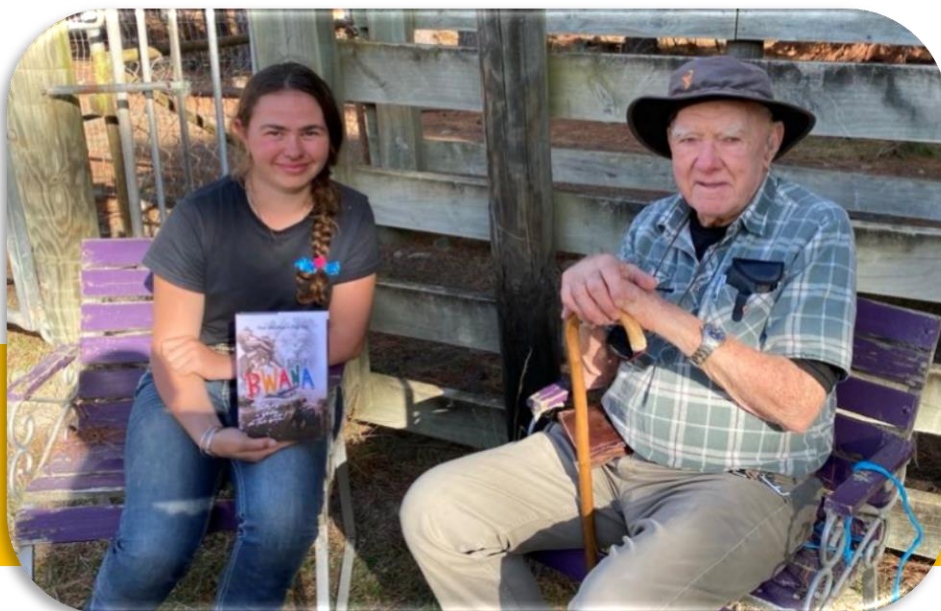
After meeting Peter and reading his autobiography Year 12 student Kiera O'Neill enquired into buying a copy of Peter's book for the school library and was delighted when Peter offered to donate a signed copy of his hard back including photos for the students to enjoy.

Attached is a photo of Kiera receiving the book from Peter.

I highly recommend the students reading about Peter's adventures and if anyone would like to purchase their own copy of this amazing book, they can do so by contacting us at

navoneill8@gmail.com.

By Kiera O'Neil



Level 3 Drama

In the final week of Term 1, our Level 3 Drama Group treated us to a wonderful performance of "Burn Her", a play by Sam Brooks. This play told the story of the 'Aroha' political party and the scandal that threatened to derail their future. Congratulations to the cast for very thought-provoking and strong performances.



Robert Hannaford, Aria Holgate, Cody Good, Louise Lawson, Chiara Crompton-Bray, Holly Pool & Sophie Robertson



Congratulations Talia Perkins (8SR)

One of our talented students, Talia Perkins (Year 8), is a finalist in the 2024 Kōkako awards - celebrating Best Children's Performance in NZ! She entered with her original song 'Remember Me', and she will be flying to Auckland on 3rd of May for the final round of auditions. She will also attend singing workshops and watch the Auckland Opera rehearse. She will attend the New Zealand Children's Music Awards where the winners will be announced. The winner of this award performs later in the year with the Auckland Philharmonic. Congratulations Talia!!! Have an amazing time!

From KIWIKIDS Facebook Page:

We would love you to meet our Kōkako Award finalists!

Introducing:

Performer: Talia Perkins (Age 12)

Song Title: Remember Me (Written by Talia Perkins)



Talia is a student of Taieri College in Otepoti/Dunedin and has been singing and performing from a very young age. "Remember Me" is a song about grief and saying goodbye to a good friend. Talia is a huge jazz and pop music fan and loves playing touch rugby and spending time with her family and friends.

Kiwi Kids Music, in partnership with Auckland Philharmonia and @nz_opera, is thrilled to announce the 5 finalists in the inaugural Kōkako Award, for Best Children's Performance.

The Kōkako Award is a celebration of the vibrant expressions of our young performers highlighting the importance of children's artistic creativity and nurturing the blossoming talents of our young performers in Aotearoa, New Zealand!

Our FIVE finalists are:

Aria Clarke (Age 11), performing 'Be My Own Me'

Talia Perkins (Age 12), performing 'Remember Me'

Tiahuia Wara (Age 12), performing 'Tāku hoa moa'

Ilisha Harris (Age 11), performing 'For the Better'

Lydia Clark (Age 10), performing 'Of Love We Are Made'

In the coming hours and days ahead, we will be shining the spotlight on each of our amazing Kōkako Award finalists in more detail. But for now, a HUGE

congratulations from us all at Kiwi Kids Music, Auckland Philharmonia and NZ Opera!

2024
Kōkako
award
for
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Tiahuia Wara
Talia Perkins
Aria Clarke
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Anzac Cup

On ANZAC Day the Taieri College Football team took on Ex Taieri College students of the Mosgiel Football club in the annual Anzac Cup match held at Memorial Park. This fixture has been going since 1970, and was a hotly contested fixture with both teams playing the game in great spirits. Both teams scored some fantastic goals but, in the end, it was the Ex-students of Taieri College coming away with the win. A massive thanks to all the players who took part in the match to keep this annual fixture going. Thanks to Mr Bainbridge and Mrs Sides who played and showed they still have the finer touches.

Also, a massive thankyou Lynette Campbell for the amazing photos taken on the day.



Second Hand Sports Equipment

As we roll into winter sports, I take this opportunity to ask if you have any old winter sports gear that your child has either upgraded or your child has outgrown, to donate it to the Sports Office for the upcoming season. These items could greatly benefit others and make a huge difference to people who may not have access to these resources. These donations promote inclusivity in sports by reducing barriers to participation and allowing more children to engage in physical activities.

Year 7 and 8 Water Polo Celebrate!

Cast your memory back to the last day of Term One, Friday the 12 April 2024. Everyone was celebrating that school had finished for our two week holiday break. However, the Year 7 Water Polo team, the Taniwhas and the Year 8 team the Barracudas had other plans and reasons to celebrate.

The Year 7 Taniwhas were playing in their play off for third and fourth having gone down to Balmacewen Silver 6-4 in their semifinal the week before. This week they were playing Fairfield Black, a team we had lost to at the start of the season 5-6. The Taniwhas had a successful result turning the tables for a 3-4 win, placing them third in the B Grade. This is testament to the hard work and improvement they have shown over the season.

The Year 7 Water Polo team have excelled under the coaching of Brad Gilmour and Emily Russell (12FG) and the management by Mrs Hughes. We would also like to acknowledge the support and contribution of Jett Bennett (10KP) and Ryan Bain (11CT) who helped to cover when the coaches were unavailable. We have appreciated the team coaching efforts to ensure we've had an excellent training session week in and week out, backed up by our game every Friday.

In addition to this, players have attended Swim fit on Tuesday mornings before school. If players were not in regular swim fitness sessions, they were encouraged to attend in order to build on their swimming fitness. Thus, allowing players to contribute more to the team. We thank Keira Hughes (12CG) for running these sessions and the supportive teachers who volunteered to supervise, Bridget Hughes, Mel Abernethy, Mel Christian, Tash McLellan, Nathan King and Steve Walker.

The Year 7 Taniwha team consists of Athan Breytenbach (7HU), Saphira Dickson (7BL), Alyssa Hughes (7BL), Max Lind (7HU), Leo Rietveld (7ME), Ryan Van Tuel (7HJ), George Van de Water (7BL) and Rio Bennett (7BL). Congratulations Taniwhas, third place in the B Grade is a fantastic effort.

The Year 8 team, the Barracudas, played in the A Grade final against Balmacewen Gold. We were quietly confident having beaten them twice in the round robin games, although they were always very close games and narrow wins. We also knew that finals brought out the best play in everyone and teams knew to bring their A game to finals and Balmacewen Gold would be no exception. This final promised to be an epic battle of full proportions. The game was played at 6.50pm, the last round of the competition. The atmosphere was electric with parents, grandparents, friends, family and even other schools gathering and surrounding the deep dive pool, for the epic final that was about to occur. The game was intense, the pressure and excitement continued to build throughout the game. It was a close fought battle with super tight defence right to the end of the clock. The game ended in a 2-2 draw. We gathered the team to catch their breaths and calm down, waiting to hear how this epic battle would be resolved. A phone call made by Otago Water Polo confirmed that our fates would be determined by a penalty shootout. Something we had not experienced before. Each team had to nominate five players to shoot and select a goalie.

Balmacewen shot at one end whilst we shot at the other end. Each team taking a turn to bring forth a player and take on the goalie of the other team. Shot for shot. If we thought the game was exciting, this was another level again, just when you thought you had reached top gear, we had to find another one! The electric excitement, the oohs and arghhhs and cheers as each goal was taken was deafening. For this author the heart palpitations, blood level and adrenalin was excruciating and whilst it was difficult to watch (with what was at stake) you couldn't help but not watch. At the end of the penalty shoot out the score was 5-3 and an epic and historic win for Taieri College. The players were thrilled with their win, and it was very satisfying receiving the trophy which had only ever had Balmacewen Intermediate engraved on it. Finally, Taieri College were the school to stop their championship run and cement our placement in the A grade.

The Barracudas would like to extend a massive thank you to our wonderful coach Brad Gilmour who like Mrs Hughes have been working really hard to build and develop Water Polo at Taieri College. We look forward to another exciting term of water polo in Term 4.

The Barracudas team consists of Tom Taylor (8VL), Emma Collins (8WO), Nash Gilmour (8WO), Isabel McHoull (8WO), Charlie Clements (8WO), Joshua Cairns (8KI) Evelyn Bond (8SR) and Daniel Riepma (8SR).



Pictured from left to right (front row) Tom Taylor, Nash Gilmour, Charlie Clements, Rio Bennett (slightly behind) Daniel Riepma, Josh Cairns. From left to right (Back Row) Emma Collins, Isabel McHoull and George Van der Water. Absent; Evelyn Bond.



National Age Group Swimming Championships (NAGs)

Bronze for Abby Samuels in the 50m Freestyle

This year Taieri College had the largest number ever of swimmers to qualify for NAGs; Emma Bain, Keira Hughes and Abby Samuels. The national qualifying times for this meet are incredibly hard to obtain and are a phenomenal achievement in themselves. Congratulations to these swimmers for obtaining them.

Emma Bain and Abby Samuels took up the challenge and headed to the Hawke's Bay. This event was televised live by Māori Action via You Tube and is still available for viewing under Apollo Projects National Age Groups (Day number heats and/or finals), should you like to view their races?

There was no rest for Emma or Abby at the start of their holidays as they made their way to the mighty Hawke's Bay. This was a five day, long course meet (10 lane, 50m pool), with various events programmed throughout. Day One was on Monday 15 April 2024, through to Day Five, on Friday 19 April 2024.

Emma Bain qualified in two events; the 50m Freestyle and the 100m Freestyle. The 50m Freestyle event was on Day Two. In the heats Emma swam a 28.96 and placed 25th in the 17 – 18 year old women event. Emma is 17 years old.

On Day Three Emma swam the 100m Freestyle event. She swam a 1.04.24 in the heats placing her 23rd in the 17 – 18 year old women event. Congratulations on competing at NAGs Emma, well done!



Abby Samuels qualified in four events for the 15 year old women; the 50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly and 100m Butterfly.

On Day One Abby swam the 100m Butterfly with a time of 1.16.15 in the heats placing her 20th in the 15 year old women event.

On Day Two Abby swam her strongest event, the 50m Freestyle. Her entry time was a 28.18 and, in the heats, Abby swam a new PB of 27.67 qualifying her for the finals. In the finals Abby swam another PB of 27.34 and earning herself a well-deserved bronze medal in the 15 year old Women 50m Freestyle! Amazing!!!

On Day Three Abby swam the 100m Freestyle in a time of 1.03.33 in the heats, placing her 16th in the 15 year old women.

On Day Four Abby swam the 50m Butterfly in a time of 30.38 in her heat and made her second final. In the final Abby swam a 30.27 and placed 6th.

This is Abby's most successful meet to date with wonderful national standings in both 50m Freestyle and 50m Butterfly. Congratulations Abby Samuels, we are all so very proud of you.



The KIWI Science, English and Mathematics Competitions are available to all **Year 7-10 students**. If you are interested in taking part, please email smiller@taieri.school.nz for a link to register. **Entries close on Friday 10 May 2024**. No late entries will be accepted.

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Kiwi Science
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Competition



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Careers Chat

Next week we will call on all Year 11 classes to discuss our visit to the Dunedin Careers Expo on Wednesday 15 May. Year 12 and 13 students can attend after school to check out the many options available and to get more details about career options they are considering.

The other important event on the horizon is **Tertiary Open Day, Monday 27 May 2024**, when Otago Polytechnic and the University of Otago showcase their wide array of course options. This year all our students will be off timetable as this is a teacher only day. The bonus of this is that Year 12s can all attend, and we especially urge any Year 12s thinking of attending OP next year to check out respective courses from the expert staff who deliver them. Otago Polytechnic also have a range of courses students can enter Semester Two this year if any students are really battling at school!

We will continue to offer more **short courses for our senior students**, and these will mostly be half subsidised by the STAR budget. These are advertised in the notices and students register at the Careers Office (you are welcome to email me directly to register), with confirmation of enrolment requiring a permission form and payment to the school office. **Anyone with financial hardship can contact us directly to discuss options.**

Learners Drivers Licence workshop day at school (complete this to make sure you will pass the theory test), you need to book and pay for your test independently, but you can book to sit very soon after the workshop. Courses are running at school **Thursdays 20 June** and **19 September 2024** (cost \$45).

The Learning Place (based in Princess St)-**Barista, Bartending, Security, Rugby Referee, Leadership, Communication**. These courses are available regularly throughout the year, especially school holidays-register early for July school holidays (cost \$170).

Mainland Driving School-**forklift driving course**-will be a course Term 2 and Term 3 (cost \$90).

Lifecare-**comprehensive workplace first aid training**, based at school Tuesday 17 September 2024 (cost \$125).

Lifecare-early: we will offer a **mental health workshop** in Term 3 at school (date to be confirmed). This is an excellent Level 3 (3 credits)-**US26971 Describe factors that contribute to mental health wellbeing and mental health challenges**, delivered in a half-day workshop. (Very useful for anyone considering a caring profession and/or keen to increase awareness of positive mental health!)

Please email or call to the careers office to register for these courses.

Coming Events

- **Wednesday 15 May 2024 - Dunedin Careers Expo at Edgar Centre**-all Year 11s will attend 9.00am-11.00am, open to all levels after school.
- **Monday 27 May 2024 (also open Sunday 26 May 2024) Tertiary Information Day-Otago Polytechnic, University of Otago** -this is a **teacher only day at Taieri College**, all Year 13s especially but also Year 12s considering Polytech study next year should attend.

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

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Come, Play, and Enjoy



Mosgiel Junior Badminton Club

**2024 Season starts
Friday May 4th**

**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, (TBC)
payment due on fourth week of play.

Contact: Daryl 027 485 6094
MosgielJuniorBdmntn@gmail.com

Facebook

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WANT TO WRESTLE?

Season begins Monday 29 April 2024



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 29 April

Thereafter Mondays & Wednesdays

Juniors 5.45pm - 6.30pm

Seniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm

**Where: Taieri College - Hollamby Hall
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