



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATO A

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Kia ora e te whānau

I enjoyed my week on the Year 10 camp at Tautuku. My thanks to the teachers, student leaders, and participating students for contributing to such a successful camp. The cooperation and teamwork from everyone involved were a key factor in the success of the camp. Well done to the students who left their "comfort zone" and had a go at the variety of challenging activities. Getting up close to an inquisitive seal while kayaking with a group on the Papatowai Estuary would have been my highlight.

As previously stated, the National government have introduced "100 Day Priority Education Initiatives." One of these initiatives is the banning of cell phones in schools. The initiative has been titled "Phones away for the day."

The Government regulations to put this requirement in place can be found at: [Education \(School Boards\) Amendment Regulations 2023 \(SL 2023/294\) Contents – New Zealand Legislation](#)

We are required by law to have a policy on this in place by the end of Term 1. In this newsletter, we have included a draft policy for consultation. Please read it and if you want to provide us with feedback you can email the college at office@taieri.school.nz.

Noho ora mai

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

1-3 March 2024

South Island Long Course Champs

2 March 2024

Otago Secondary Schools' Touch Champs

3-4 March 2024

Cricket - St Kevin's Interchange

4 March 2024

Golf Tournament

5 March 2024

L2SPR Surfing - HN

Otago University Visit

Defensive Driving Course

NCEA Parent Presentation

5-8 March 2024

L3 SPR Adventure Challenge

6 March 2024

L2/3 Automotive Trade Tour

Dunedin school wide Head

Student meeting at Queen's High School

7 March 2024

Defensive Driving Course





TAIERI COLLEGE

CELL PHONE POLICY

Rationale:	Students are often distracted by their cell phones, drawing attention away from their classwork tasks or face to face communication. We also know that some students feel unsafe or vulnerable when other students have cell phones out during the school day. Removing the temptation to use cell phones during class and break times allows all students the opportunity to remain focused, stay active and engage positively with their peers.
Legislation:	Education (School Boards) Amendment Regulations 2023

To achieve this, the following controls are proposed:

- Cell phones must be turned off and in bags for the duration of the school day (from 8.45am until 3.00pm). This also applies to special events such as Athletics Day, assemblies and prizegiving.
- When on EOTC day trips, the same rule applies. In some circumstances students may be permitted to have access to their phones at an agreed time, set and determined by the TiC.
- Cell phones are not to be used during break times, between classes or in the hallways or stairwells.
- In special circumstances, an exemption may be granted to a student who uses their cell phone to monitor medical devices such as people with diabetes. If there is an urgent need for communication that cannot wait until the end of the school day, students and whānau can make contact through the school office.

Should a cell phone be used during the school day, in contravention of these controls, there will be the following consequences:

First time - the phone will be put in a small plastic bag (with completed slip) and taken to the office by the staff member. The student will be able to collect the phone (after speaking with a member of the senior leadership team) at the end of the school day. A record of this confiscation will be added to KAMAR by the staff member who confiscated the cell phone.

Second time - the phone will be taken to the office as per the first time. The parent/whānau will be contacted and asked to come and collect the phone when they are able to and

Third time - the phone will be taken to the office as per the first time. A meeting will be scheduled for the student, whānau and Dean/SLT to discuss the issue.

Senior Assessments Due Term 1 - Week 6

L2MAF US28094 Budgeting
L2MAS AS91268 Simulations
L3MAS AS91581 Bivariate Data
L3DAN AS91592 Repertoire Dance #1
L2DAN AS91209 Repertoire Dance #1
L3 HIS Internal AS91434

Introducing 2023 Social Prefects

Our social prefects this year are Anika Chettleburgh, Blake Clarkson, and Hannah Hunter. The social prefects help to organise social activities with our Year 7 and 8 students and also organise our college formal. The Taieri College Formal this year will be held in the Otago Business School on Saturday 11 May at 7pm. When the final budget has been worked out, we will let you know the exact price. We understand the expense for families with this event 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 only; we do not set this to make a profit. Any questions regarding this please phone Monique Evans, Student Support Administrator 489 3823 ext 111.



NCEA Parent 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 5 March 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 5:00pm – Tuesday 5 March 2024

Please RSVP to office@taieri.school.nz



Tautuku Camps for Year 10

Over the coming weeks all Year 10 form classes will be issued information about the upcoming camps to the Tautuku Outdoor Education Centre. We understand that this is another cost at the start of the year. If you need financial assistance please email Jarrad Waldron - Assistant Principal on jwaldron@taieri.school.nz to start this process, or if you would like to start a payment plan please contact the finance office prior to the start of your child's camp.

CAMP 1: Week 3 (12 – 16 February 2024) 10HY, 10NI, 2/3 10MI

EOTC Form due 7 February 2024: Payment Due 9 February 2024

CAMP 2: Week 5 (26 February 2024 - 1 March 2024) 10HE, 10RK 2/3 10ST

EOTC Form due 14 February 2024: Payment Due 21 February 2024

CAMP 3: Week 7 (11 - 15 March 2024) 10MH, 10KP, 1/3 10MI, 1/3 10ST

EOTC Form due 28 February 2024: Payment due 6 March

Marine Conservation – Beach Clean-Up

The environmental prefects are organising a beach clean-up on Sunday 17 March 2024, to promote marine conservation, and help keep Ōtepoti's stunning coast free of rubbish. By preventing large pieces of plastic and rubbish from entering the ocean, we can help prevent this from breaking down and entering the food chain. With free beach clean-up kits provided by Our Seas Our Future, students and families are invited to support the effort. Keep an eye out in the notices to find out how you can get involved!

Mrs G King



Drama

Year 10 Drama, experimenting with some face painting techniques

This photo shows Lucas Mitchell (10KP) who has been skilfully painted up by Tane Lennox-Toa (10ST)

Ms C Short



Sports

Sports Council

Sports Council's AGM TUESDAY 12th March 2024, 7.30pm to be held in the Board Room (Front Main Office Building) A normal meeting will follow. Are you interested in joining our sports council or in a position to be a yearly SPONSOR? We are always looking for new businesses to join, our generous pool of local sponsors. We rely heavily on sponsorship to keep sporting opportunities healthy in the college. Please if you think this is an area you would like to be involved in, contact bprince@taieri.school.nz. (All sponsorship levels are outlined on the main college website, under sport).

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Athletics Day

Last Wednesday we had our athletics day down at Memorial Park. Excitement and competitive spirit filled the air as students competed for valuable points for their form classes. We had a great turn out from our students who dressed up which made up for a great atmosphere and it was awesome to see students giving it their all in their events.

We had five records broken, Hunter Innes (7HJ) broke N. Boylan's record in the Under 12 Boys 75 metre record with a slick time of 10.18 seconds. Alec Miller took home the Under 13 Boys 400metre record with a time of 1.05.47, replacing F Murdoch's time set in 2015.

Blake Dalton set two new records in the 100 metre and 200 metre. Blake beat T Fiddes' time which was set in 2008 by .4 secs with a new record of 11.08. He then went on to beat A White's time in the 200 metre which has stood from 1988 with a time of 23.38.

The last record to be broken this year was the Over 16 Girls 1500m, Georgia McHutchon broke the record of J Willsman which she set in 1985. Georgia now has the new record with a time of 5.25.

Congratulations to the new record holders, and a massive thanks goes out to all the staff and students who made the day a success.



Alec Miller, Blake Dalton, Georgia McHutchon, Hunter Innes.

Top Form classes

Year 13: 13MP

Year 12: 12BT

Year 11: 11MT

Year 10: 10KP

Year 9: 9WM

Year 8: 8WO

Year 7: 7HU



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Senior A Volleyball Mainlands

The Senior A Volleyball team headed to Christchurch last week, a calendar event for the team. The girls were competing in Division Two.

Day One started well with a 3-0 win against Riccarton A, and a hard-fought battle against Hillmorton A winning 3-2.

The team played three teams on Day Two. They won against Wakatipu A 3-2. In the afternoon they had a stunning five set game against Nelson Girls' A just losing the last set 14-16. STAC B was the last game of the day, losing 1-3.

Day Three meant they were playing off for fifth and sixth, in Division Two against Logan Park High School. They put up a good fight despite injuries. The team placed sixth overall and this was a huge improvement from last year, as they had placed fourth in Division Three.

A huge thank you to Ryan Ehlers who coached the girls all weekend, and our amazing support crew of parents and whanau!



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Taieri College 2024 Photobook



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\$10.00 – Colour photos

To be ordered at the Office with cash (using the envelope system), eftpos, or internet banking.

The school account number is: 03 1725 0106800 00



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Careers

This week forty students attended an interesting overview of all the courses Otago Polytech offer and next week we are hosting the University of Otago for the same. Please encourage your senior students to attend these talks and to continue to collect information to assist them to understand what actions are required to turn career pathway plans into reality!

We have also hosted a Gateway workshop this week and had a good discussion of workplace expectations and obligations. Students are beginning their placements from now and our goal is to get everyone started by early Term 2 at the latest. **We can also potentially organise work experience for any senior students so get in contact with us directly if you would like to pursue this potential opportunity.**

If your son/daughter is unsure of their future direction get them to log into Career Central, our interactive online careers tool. Get them to complete the Bullseye quizzes (based on the Hollands code personality/interests) and the personal strengths quiz. Challenge them to save up to 5 jobs they are interested in! There is more information below.

Coming Events

- **Tuesday 5 March-University of Otago visit**-all Yr13s considering study with U of O next year should attend, careers room L1 11am (will run into P3).
- **Tuesday 12 March Health & Safety Workshop** run by Lifecare for all L3 Careers students and held at school (half day, covers one L3 unit standards).

We are currently updating our new web site in partnership with **Careerwise**. This will feature events and job opportunities that our senior students should be aware of and will generate a newsletter that will be sent out to all senior students fortnightly.

Career Central, is our interactive online careers tool that all students can access and use;

You can ask your senior school son/daughter to show you this!

- **Student 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, cv 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 four 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), Personal Strengths Quiz-helps pinpoint personal & emotional strengths**
- **Under Next Steps students can save jobs they are interested in and collect information about entering these occupations**

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



Primary Industries

The first trip for our Primary Industry class took place on the 22 and 23 February 2024. We left early on Thursday morning to travel to Timaru to see industries relating to our Primary Sector. The first stop was the Canterbury Woolscourers. We were excited to return to this plant as due to covid restrictions we have not been able to get in for the past few years. We were able to see the brand-new electric boiler system replacing the old coal one, making this plant the greenest wool washing plant in the world. We then went around to the Southern Packers to see the onions coming in and being packed for the European markets. Challenges for the company at the moment are getting product to market as the shipping route they use around the Suez Canal is under siege from attacks on ships by Houthi rebels, consequently added two more weeks' journey as the shipping companies take alternative routes. This is firsthand experience of world problems affecting New Zealand. After lunch we visited Turley Farms and saw firsthand the latest diversification they are doing as they are attempting to grow a new variety of apple suitable for children. The trees like the rocky hard ground that South Canterbury has, and the students enjoyed trying the apples! We also saw wheat in full harvest and were able to watch the machines in action. We went to Geraldine High School for dinner and some farm activities, and it was lovely to see new Principal and ex Head of PE at Taieri College Marcus Cooper. Next morning we visited South Island Seed Dressing who are in full production with trucks arriving every few minutes to unload seed. Our new visit for the year was McCain's in Timaru on the way home. This plant produces all the fries for McDonald's, KFC, and Burger King, so seeing the chips produced and sampling the product was a definite highlight. We are indebted to the business and farms that let us come and see what they do. We really appreciate the opportunity. Thank you to Mr Hunter for coming on the trip with us.



TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL

AGM: Monday March 18
7.00pm

Taieri College Library
We need you to help us...
Please come along!

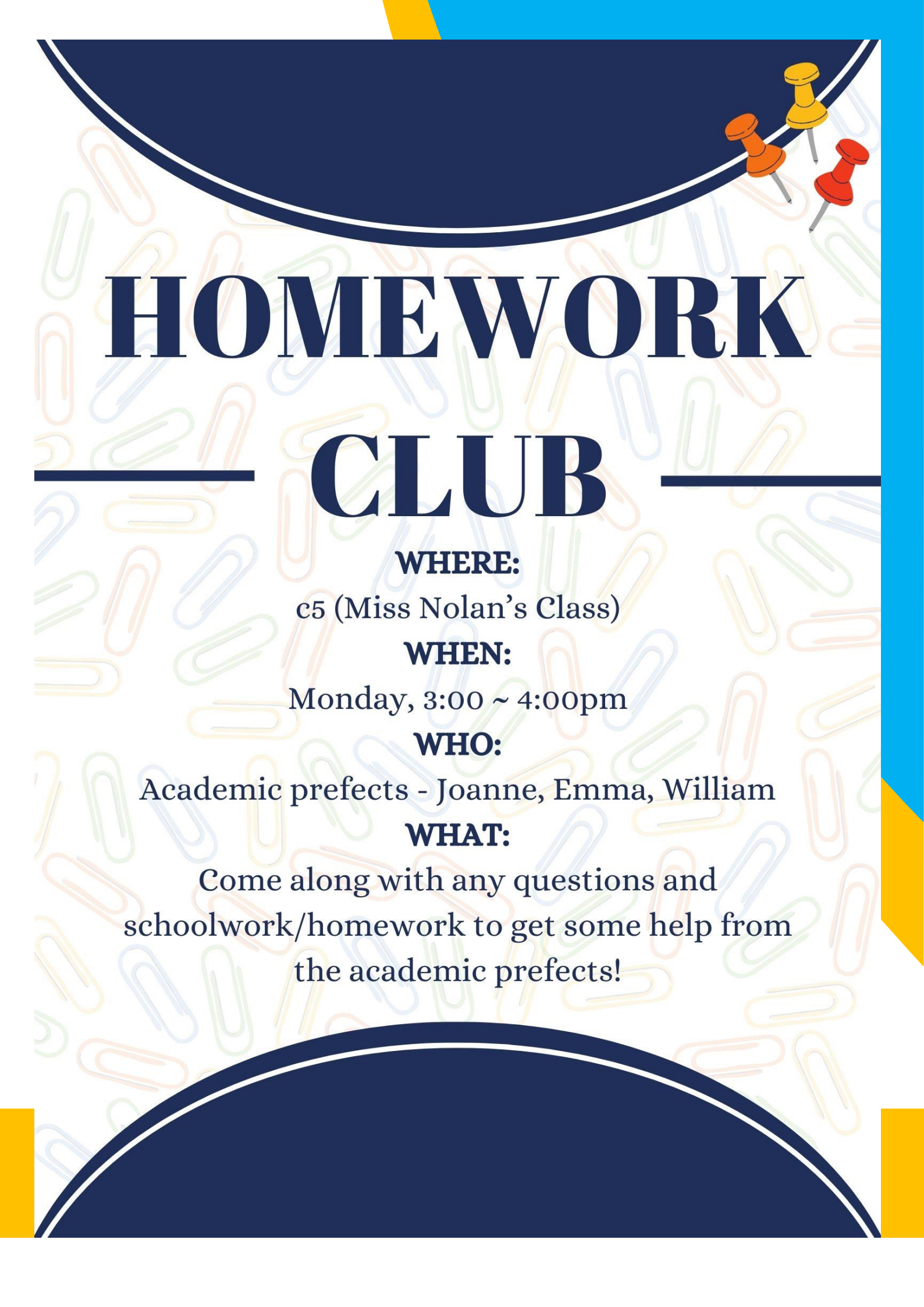


The Taieri Plain's Junior Netball Committee is a small group of volunteers without whom the Saturday netball games would not occur and this year more so than ever!

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 Monday March 18, 7.00pm and meet us all.

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



HOMEWORK CLUB

WHERE:

c5 (Miss Nolan's Class)

WHEN:

Monday, 3:00 ~ 4:00pm

WHO:

Academic prefects - Joanne, Emma, William

WHAT:

Come along with any questions and schoolwork/homework to get some help from the academic prefects!

Taieri College Europe Trip Fundraiser

Get a team of 6 - 8 together,
think of your team name and
[register at this link](#)

Please note pre-registration and
payment required (no door sales)



Prizes to be won!



Taieri College Europe Trip Quiz Night Fundraiser

When: Friday March 15th

Drinks and food
available for purchase

Where: Taieri Bowling Club

Time: 6pm *Quiz starts at 7pm

Teams of 6-8 \$40 team registration

Raffles &
Silent Auction

Fundraiser for the Taieri College Europe Art History Trip

Contact: Melissa 027 221 7526



Tickets on sale from 26 February 2024



EUROPE 2024 FUNDRAISER

An afternoon with Suzanne Prentice (OBE)

2pm, Saturday 13 April 2024
at the Taieri College
Performing Arts Centre

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- Grants Braes Guides for 9.5-12.5-year-olds meeting Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm or Ōpoho Guides for 9.5-12.5-year-olds meeting Mondays from 6:15-7:45pm
- Rangers for 12.5-17-year-olds meeting on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm

In Mosgiel we have:

- Guides for 9.5-12.5-year-olds meeting Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm
- Rangers for 12.5-17-year-olds meeting Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm

If this sounds like your girl then please make an enquiry at <https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/find-a-unit/#girlenquiryform>

Waitlists may apply for our larger groups.

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sized amount



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use **a small pea**
sized amount

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Spit out toothpaste but **leave mouth**
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