



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ



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Congratulations to our senior debating team who made the semi-finals of the recent Otago Regional Schools' Debating Championships. This was an outstanding effort, and it was pleasing to see team members recognised in the awards ceremony. Joanne Brock-Smith received the Best Style Award and was promptly named in the Otago squad that will compete in Wellington later in the year. Aahana Mundamattam and Jenny Petegem Thach were also rewarded for their performances by being named in the Otago Kōroa Development Squad. A fantastic effort. My thanks to Liz Hurst for her leadership and guidance of the team.

A special assembly was held on Thursday when we presented our 2024 Year 9 Scholarships. Awards are presented to Year 9 students who show significant potential in academia, the performing arts and sport. We proudly received several high-quality applicants across all three categories, and it was an immensely difficult task to select the final recipients. Congratulations to those who were successful in gaining a scholarship. I look forward to following everyone's progress during the year. A huge thank you to our Sports Council who generously contribute to four sports scholarships. Their support is greatly appreciated.

On Monday the college will be closed for instruction as the teaching and support staff are participating in a professional development programme. We are going to be exploring behavioural management strategies with a particular emphasis on restorative practice. School will resume as usual on Tuesday.

Our Parent-Teacher interviews are also next week. Creating a positive partnership between home and school is important to us, as it generally correlates with optimum academic achievement. Interviews can be affirming of things that are going well, but also an opportunity to share any issues that may be impeding student progress. We look forward to seeing a good turnout of parents on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Bookings can be made on the schoolinterviews.co.nz The booking code required is later in this newsletter.

Ngā mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

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Key Dates

18 March 2024

Teacher Only Day – Taieri College closed.

18-22 March 2024

Summer NZSS Sports Week

19 March 2024

Parent Teacher Interviews 4.00pm-7.00pm

Engineering Trade Tour

20 March 2024

Parent Teacher Interviews 4.00pm-7.00pm

South Otago Summer Interchange

20-23 March 2024

South Island Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Championships

20-24 March 2024

Senior Girls' Secondary School Water Polo Championships

21 March 2024

Southland/Otago Secondary Schools Senior Adventure Race
Year 11-13 Rippa Rugby

22 March 2024

L1 History RSA visit

25 March 2024

Otago Anniversary Day – Taieri College Closed.

Teacher Only Day

On Monday 18 March, the whole teaching staff, along with our teacher aids and support staff, will attend an important professional development course focusing on student pastoral care.

This means that Taieri College will be closed for instruction for all of our students on Monday 18 March.

This date has been advertised in previous newsletters.

We appreciate your support as staff develop new skills to improve their teaching practice so that your students are appropriately catered for.

Senior Assessments Due Term 1 – Week 8/9

L2ENC AS 91107 Close Viewing
L3MED AS 91497 Script Writing
L2DAN AS91209 Repertoire Dance #2
L3DAN AS91592 Repertoire Dance #2
L3CLS Internal AS 91398 Lasting Influences
L3 History Final Submission AS91434 Internal

Uniform Notice

Cooler weather approaching?

When the weather is inclement and jackets are needing to be worn, the Taieri College jacket is the jacket to be worn to and from school as well as around school.

For senior students during Term One and Term Four, the senior blazer is compulsory to be worn to assemblies and on formal occasions, but it is optional at other times during these summer months.

The senior blazer is required to be worn at all times during Term Two and Term Three.

The Taieri College jacket can also be worn by senior students when the weather is inclement. The jacket is NOT a substitute for the blazer. The jacket can be worn OVER the blazer when it is raining.

If students are wearing short sleeved Taieri College senior shirts or blouses and wish to wear polyprops, the polyprops should be plain white and have short sleeves.

If students are wearing long sleeved Taieri College senior shirts or blouses and wish to wear polyprops, the polyprops should be plain w



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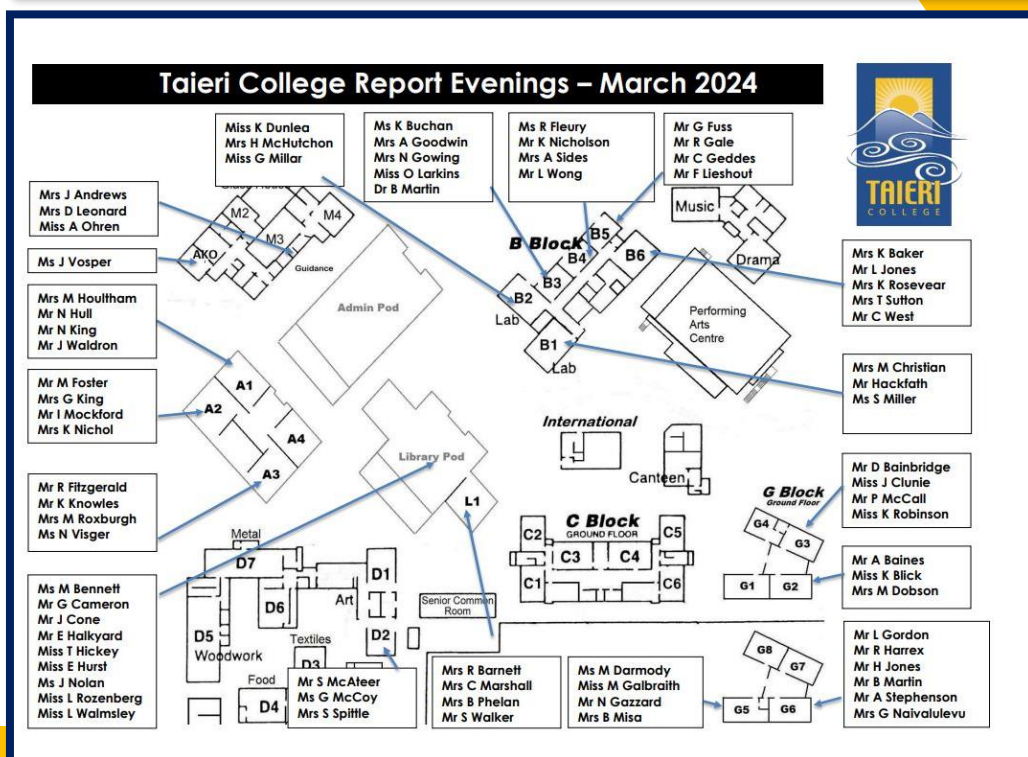
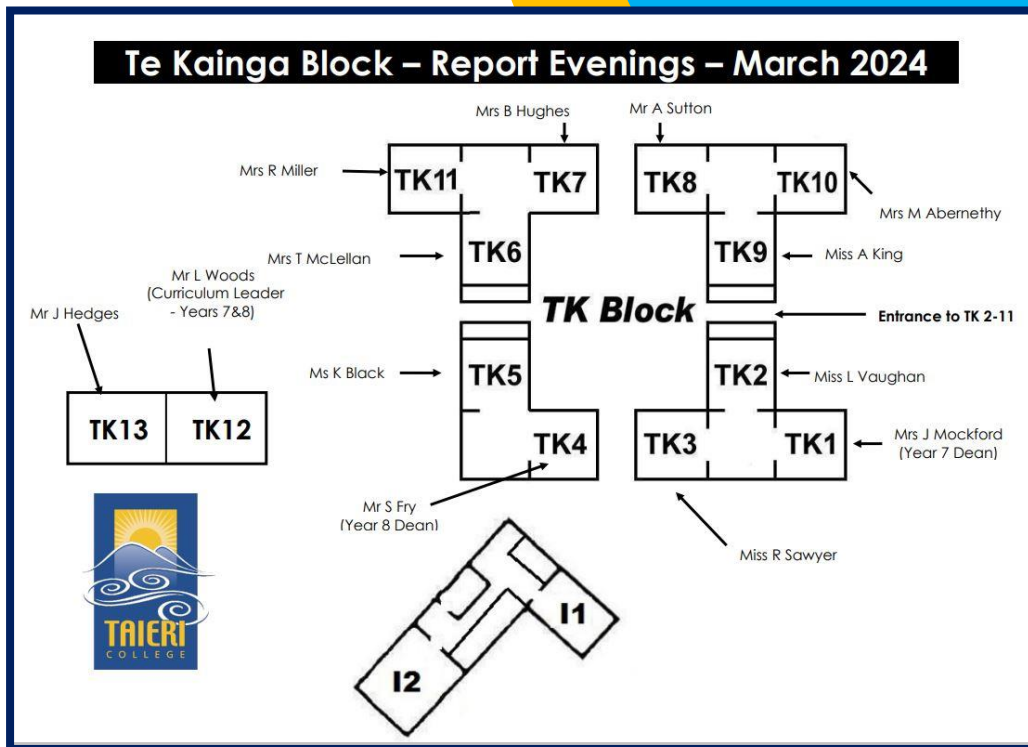
Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews

Tuesday 19 March and Wednesday 20 March 2024

4.00pm-7:00pm

Bookings for interviews can be made at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the booking code **jxcj4**. The booking code is currently 'live' for caregivers and whanau to book interviews with teachers. If you are having trouble with bookings please contact the office and they will make them for you.

A separate email has already been sent out with maps of the college that indicate the rooms that teachers will be conducting the interviews.

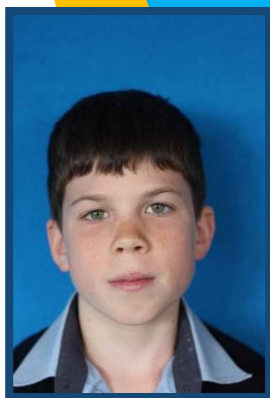


Scholarship Winners

Academic



Shiva Kasibhatla



Jake Whitley



Hugo Kirk

Performing Arts



Brooke Parsons

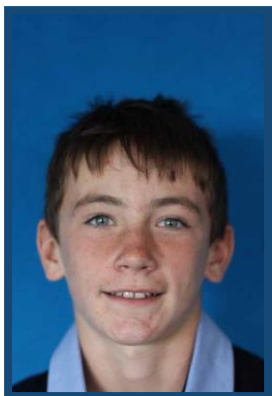


Leila Hughes



Maddie Ransfield

Sporting



Alec Miller

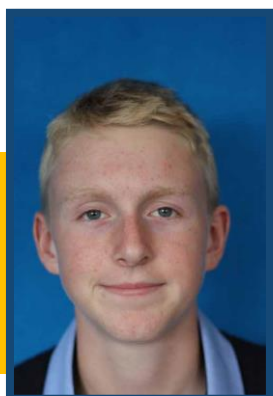


Nate Kakahi



Kaiah Hiko

Sports Council Scholarship



Corin Taylor



James Barclay



Samuel McHutchon



Yulia Neilson

Taieri College Europe Trip Quiz Night Fundraiser – TONIGHT!

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

Please use this link to register a team: [Europe Trip Fundraiser Quiz Night - Taieri College \(google.com\)](#)

Prefect Reading

Kia ora,

For those of you who don't know, my name is Emma, and I am one of your academic prefects for 2024. Congratulations to all Year Nine scholarship recipients in the sports, academics, and arts areas, and thanks to parents, caregivers, and whānau for joining us in our celebration. I challenge you recipients to use your recognition to motivate you to even greater levels of achievement, however, I also acknowledge all the students here today, as each and every one of you should be proud of yourself.

As you move through your years at Taieri College, remember that your time here is not just about assessments, exams, or excellence grades. This is a time for growth. Explore your passions, discover your strengths. Each one of you possesses a unique blend of talents and interests that makes you who you are. Whether it's your passion for the arts, your dedication to sports, or your academic pursuits, I encourage you all to try new things, to get comfortable being uncomfortable, and to seize every opportunity that comes your way because you miss 100% of the shots you don't take.

Being well-rounded is anything but being perfect. The way I see it is having many different skills, abilities, or areas of knowledge and most importantly enjoying it. As you look into the future, with four or five years of school left, now is not the time for you to worry; that will come in time when you reach NCEA. Success is not final; failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts. Let us celebrate the achievements of our scholarship recipients, but let's also celebrate the spirit of curiosity, resilience, and determination that resides within every one of us, and I hope when you take that jump, you don't fear the fall. The only way you can know is to give it all you have.



Emma Bain

Otago Regional Schools' Debating Championships

The Otago Regional Schools' Debating Championships were held at the University of Otago's Hunter Centre on the 9-10 March 2024, with seventeen teams attending. It was a very high-quality competition.

The first part of the competition is the preliminary rounds where teams had thirty minutes to prepare their cases for the following moots:

- This House would ban private schools.
- This House believes that private charities should focus on reducing global poverty over climate change.
- This House, as New Zealand, would restrict the rights of Australian citizens, where Australia restricts the rights of New Zealand citizens. (For example, through removing access to welfare and student loans and the deportation of criminals).
- A potion has been invented which can permanently stop you from falling in love. This House would take the potion.
- The Football Ferns national football team is competing in a major international football competition. At halftime, they are up 6-0 against a team from Samoa. The Samoan team's loss will end their tournament. This House, as the Football Ferns, would let the team from Samoa score a consolation goal.
- This House believes that the feminist movement should actively oppose the use of makeup.

At the end of the preliminary rounds, Taieri College had four wins and two narrow losses. This placed us second equal with five other teams. Breaking into the semi-finals meant that it came down to overall speaker points... and we did it! For the first time in Taieri College Debating history, we made it into a senior debating competition championship round.

Up against the top team in the tournament, we faced Columba College on the topic of: The 'Hollywood Blockbuster model' refers to a business model employed by major Hollywood studios whereby studios opt to heavily fund a small number of films each year as opposed to distributing that funding more equally across a larger number of films. This House supports the Hollywood Blockbuster model.

Unfortunately, we fell to Columba in the semi-finals who did go on to win the tournament against King's High School.

At the prize giving, Taieri College earned many accolades:

Aahana Mundamattam (Year 10) and Jenny Petegem Thach (Year 11) were both named to the Otago Kororā Development Squad. They will receive additional training and coaching from the University of Otago Debating Society.

Joanne Brock-Smith (Year 13) deservedly received the Best Style Award for her commanding speaking style as a talented third speaker. Then to top off the evening, Joanne was also named to the Otago Region Debating Squad as a reserve and will travel to Wellington at the end of May to compete in the national competition.



Art

Earlier this week, our Year 10 Art students were given a challenge: Using just tape, recycled cardboard, and plastic rolls they had to create a modern Wharehenui on our grounds. This 'living sculpture' had to be completed in just one hour, and involved cooperation, creativity, and technical construction skills.



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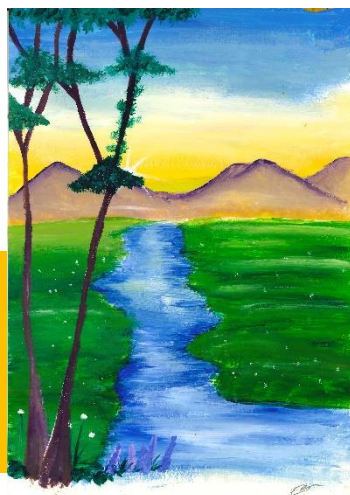
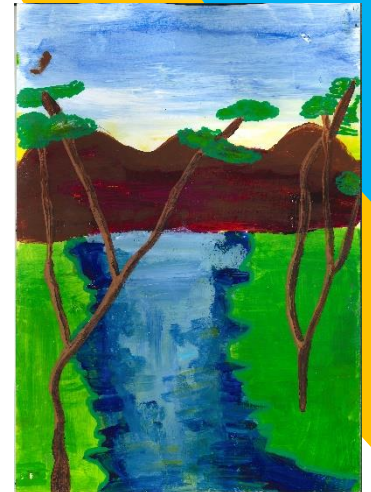
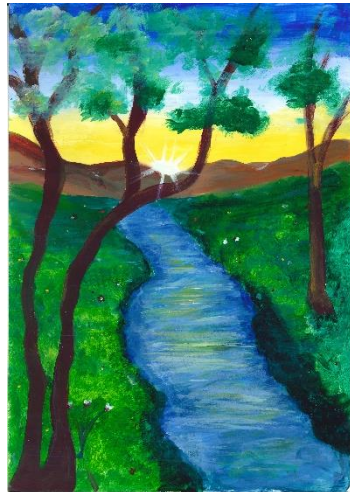
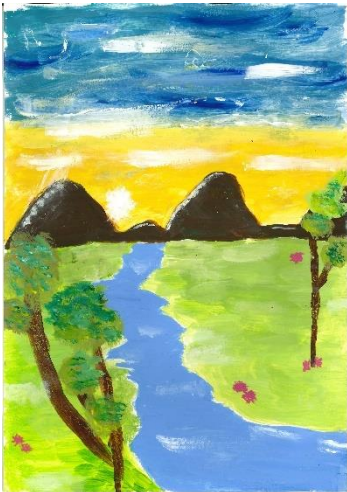
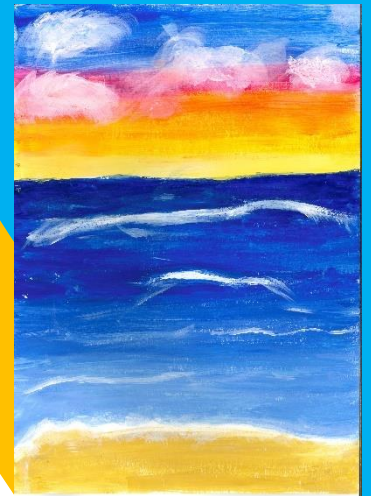
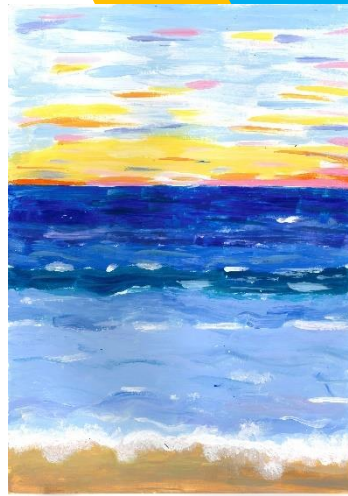
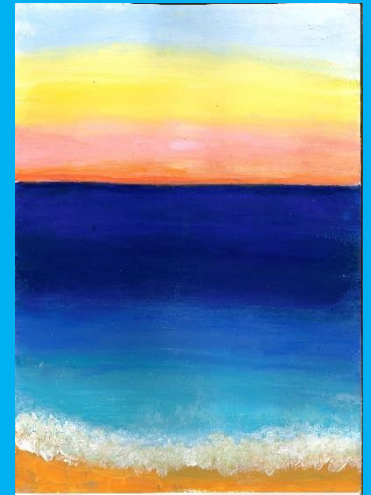
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Think Team Alana & Kippy



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Sports

Football

I am currently a goalkeeper for the Mosgiel Football club (and have won Junior Goalkeeper of the Year three times).

After participating in the George Cowie football camp in April 2023 in Mosgiel, I was selected to go to the West Ham United Football Club and George Cowie Football Camp on the Gold Coast Australia in September 2023. There were over 500 young football players from Australia, and New Zealand at the camp and of that there were at least 30 goalkeepers.

As a result of my goalkeeping skills, my dedication to training, and passion for the game I was selected to participate in the West Ham United Football Foundation development tour in the United Kingdom in April 2024. This tour will see me train with some of the best football academies across the world including West Ham, Manchester United, Liverpool, and many more. It is an amazing opportunity to refine my skills and be seen by international coaches in the United Kingdom.



Sports Council Sponsor of the week

Otago Polytechnic – The Institute of Sport, Exercise, and Health are proud to be a leader in high quality, career focused, tertiary education. With their campuses based both locally here in Dunedin, and Central Otago. Students learn the skills they need for a career they're passionate about. Otago Polytechnic understand that not all learners can come to a campus, so they provide flexible ways to study including by distance, online, and on the job. So, if you're looking to upskill, or just want to see what the polytechnic has to offer, jump online at www.op.ac.nz.



Otago Athletics Champs

On Saturday we were represented by thirty-four students at the Caledonian for the Otago Athletic Champs. What a great day the students had, with some awesome results. Out of the thirty-four Taieri College students who competed we had twenty individuals who have qualified for the South Island Champs in Timaru next month. Sarah Evans took the limelight in the Girls Under Sixteen Javelin by setting a new Otago record. Her brother Will also won the Boys Under Fifteen Javelin. Taieri College brought home thirteen first places, twelve second places, and eight third places for a very successful day. Huge thanks go out to Lynette Campbell for all her photos, and a massive thank you goes out to Mrs McHutchon and Mr Egan for organising the students on the day.



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Congratulations

Taieri College is excited to announce that Josh Munro, 2023 Taieri College Sportsman of Year, and Emma Bain, Year 13 student, have been selected into Otago Academy Sport, Year One programme for 2024. This is a great achievement for both Josh and Emma to be included in this programme and we look forward in following their sporting journey.



Senior Otago Secondary School Tournament: Wrap Up

It was the last senior volleyball tournament for the year especially for our Year 13 players, Anika Chettleburgh and Sophie Clough.

The team played Otago Girls' High School Senior A (lost 1-3), Queen's High School - Tahi (won 3-1), and St Hilda's A (won 3-0). The girls followed up with another win against Columba College Senior A winning 3-1, This was their best game all tournament.

This put the team in a top four spot and had a tight game against Logan Park High School losing 1-3. The team placed fourth overall and had two players named in the tournament team. Congratulations to Sophie Clough and Simone Letts for this achievement.



Sport Hoodie Orders!

Taieri College sports hoodies can now be ordered! Please find the online order form on the Taieri College website, under sport. Orders close 27 March 2024. If you are unsure of the sizing, please come to the sports office to try on a sample.

Otago Water Polo Prize Giving

Otago Water Polo hosted their inaugural prize giving last weekend, announcing their 2023 season award recipients.

Congratulations to Nash Gilmour (8WO) who was announced as the Under 12 Most Valuable Player in 2023. This is a super achievement, well done Nash!

Congratulations to Jett Bennett (10KP) who was announced as the Under 14 Most Valuable Player in 2023. This is a fantastic achievement, well done Jett!



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Taieri College 2024 Photobook



IS HERE!



\$5.00 – Black and white photos

\$10.00 – Colour photos

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The school account number is: 03 1725 0106800 00

TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL

AGM: Monday March 18
7.00pm

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

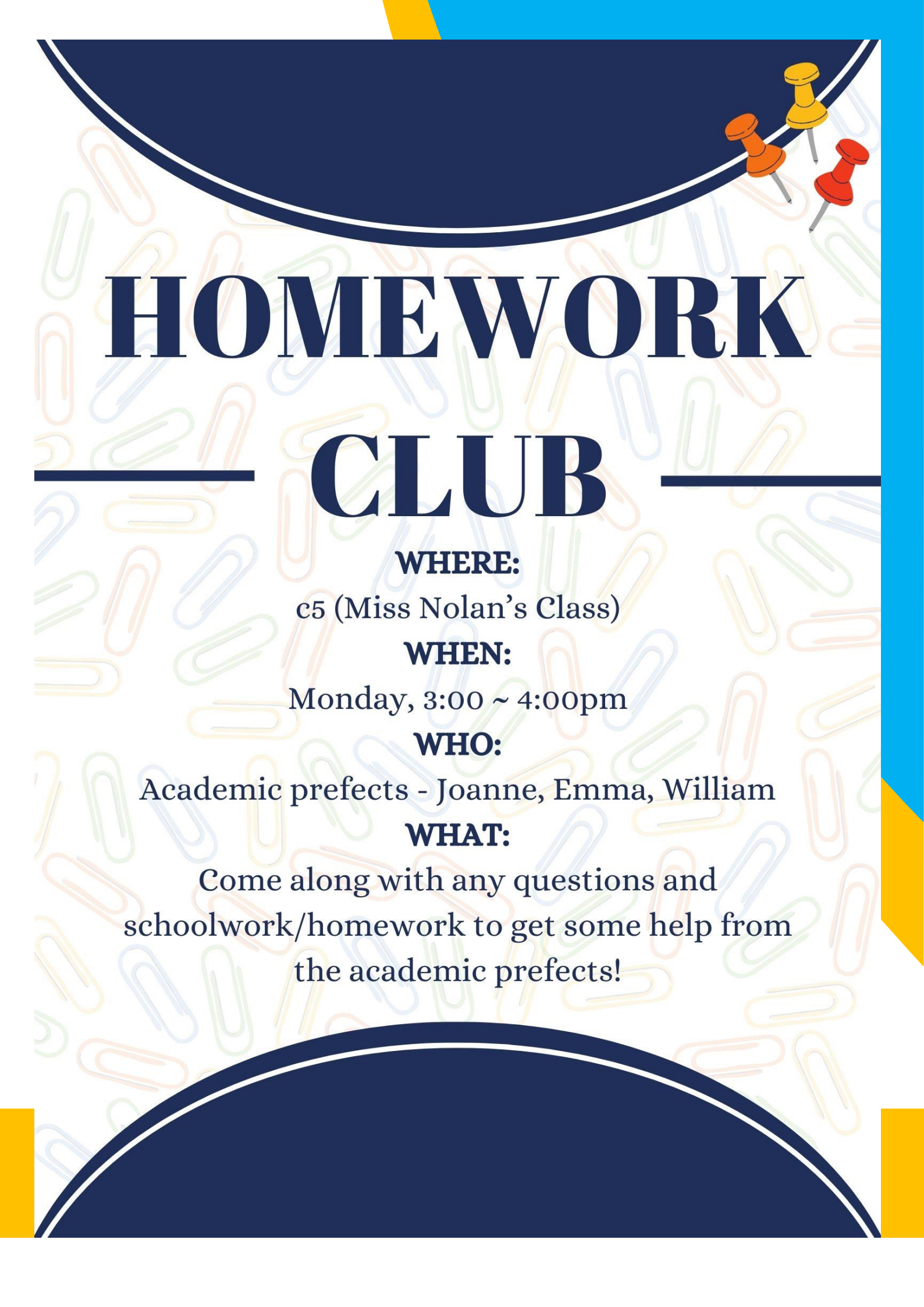


The Taieri Plain's Junior Netball Committee is a small group of volunteers without whom the Saturday netball games would not occur and this year more so than ever!

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!

Tickets Now On Sale!



EUROPE 2024 FUNDRAISER

An afternoon with **Suzanne Prentice** (OBE)

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

Doors open at 1:30pm. Afternoon tea included.

TICKETS \$35 EACH

"I'll Do It All Over Again"

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to hear Suzanne Prentice talk about her impressive 50+ year career as an international entertainer, listen to a few of her favourite songs and finish with a meet and greet afternoon tea.

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VIETNAM TOUR APRIL 2025 INFORMATION EVENING



**Tuesday 26th March
7pm
Performing Arts Centre
(PAC)**



Defining Moments

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