



Kia ora e te whānau

TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ



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Wednesday night's Blues ceremony was a wonderful celebration of the outstanding achievements by many of our students. Our best scholars, performing artists, and sports people were recognised and rewarded for their efforts throughout the past year. My congratulations to Kate Coates and Jackson Rosie for being named Arts Ambassadors, Neve Beattie - Sportswoman of the Year, Josh Munro - Sportsman of the Year and the Mixed Touch Team for being named Team of the Year. We were also honoured to have Pip Hall as our guest speaker. Pip is a nationally recognised playwright and script writer for numerous TV shows, including Shortland Street. Thanks for your wise and inspiring words.

Most of the summer sporting codes began their season at some stage over the last week. I encourage all the students involved to give their best, both individually and as part of your team, while remembering that we, as a college, endorse fair play and excellent sportsmanship along the way. Thanks too, to all those teachers and whānau who are giving up their precious time to coach and manage our many teams. Without your help, our students would not be able to enjoy these experiences.

On Thursday our young writers were recognised at the annual Literary Luncheon. The English Department was impressed with the quality of submitted work and was kept busy assessing hundreds of pieces of writing. Congratulations to all students who entered the competition and well done to those who received the awards. The premier awards (Frances Cosgrove Awards) were won by Leila Hughes (Year 7/8), Jenny Petegem Thach (Year 9/10), and Anaya Mundamattam (Year 11-13). Which will be acknowledged at the upcoming prize giving.

Last Friday the Music Department's "Vocal Showcase" was a great success. Congratulations to all participants for sharing your talents with us and my thanks to the number of students and staff (especially Amanda Goodwin) who contributed to the activity behind the scenes.

Next Friday evening, we honour our high-achieving Māori students at the Mana Pounamu Awards at the Dunedin Teachers' College Auditorium. Maddison McGrath (tuakana) and Emily Clements (teina) are our award recipients. Then, on Tuesday 31 October 2023 our Senior Prizegivings will occur. Our Year 11 Prizegiving begins at 5.00pm and our Year 12 and 13 ceremony gets underway at 7.00pm. Parents and whānau are warmly welcome to join us in celebrating the outstanding accomplishments our senior students attained during 2023.

Ngā mihi nui

Brenton Hackfath
ACTING PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

9-27 October 2023

Life Education Bus – Year 7/8

23 October 2023

Labour Day – School Closed

25 October 2023

Junior Orchestra Workshop

26 October 2023

Year 6 Contributing Schools
Sports Tournament

27 October 2023

Mana Pounamu Awards

27-28 October 2023

Rugby Girls 7s Tournament

31 October 2023

Senior Prizegiving -
Year 11 - 5.00pm

Years 12 and 13 - 7.00pm

Senior Assessments Due Term 4 - Week 3

L1 SPR Mountain Biking - assessment catch up.

L2 SPR Mountain Biking - assessment catch up.

2023 Sports Photos

Sports photos are now available to purchase online.
<https://kelkphoto.co.nz/view-your-event/taieri-college/>

Orders close 26 October 2023.

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 should not text or telephone parents; 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

Blues 2023 – Speech from Guest Speaker Pip Hall

Thanks for tonight - I really loved it.

When I was at high school, I played a lot of sport - athletics, soccer, hockey, volley ball, tennis - but I was obsessed with basketball. I loved it. Lived it. Breathed it. Every spare moment I was in the gym, shooting hoops. I was first to practice, the last to leave. By the time I was 20, I'd played in eight national finals. Won four of them. I'd found my tribe.

Basketball taught me about being game ready, match fit. About winning, the close ones, and the blowouts. How to be gracious in victory. More importantly, it taught me about losing and how to readjust, get back up. How to follow a game plan. How to improvise when things were getting off track. It taught me how to play to my strengths, yet work in a team. That passion pays off. Purpose. Perseverance.

Basketball was life. It taught me who I was. But I couldn't make a career out of it. Not back then.

So I broke up with basketball. I was at university studying Drama, rehearsals clashed with trainings and games. I thought about playing social, but I just couldn't do it – it was too hard. All in or all out.

So I turned my back on the sport I loved. I thought I'd miss it. But I didn't.

The theatre was my new stadium. The stage, my court. Green room subbed for locker room. Director for coach.

I love it. Lived it. Breathed it. I'd found my tribe.

Drama taught me about being performance ready, match fit. It taught me about winning – doing the prep, nailing the audition, landing the role. More importantly, it taught me about losing and how to readjust. The resilience of a dozen 'no you're not right for the part' and still turning up for the next audition. How to follow a creative brief, how to improvise when things got off track. It taught me how to play to my strengths yet work in a team, that passion pays off. Purpose. Perseverance.

Theatre was life. It taught me who I was. And this time, I could make a career out of it.

Some people might tell you, you can't make a career out of the arts. This is simply not true.

The world needs more storytellers, film makers, painters, dancers, writers, actors, musicians, designers to help make sense of what's going on. We are the social documentary makers, recording what it is to be having a human experience in this time of great change. We are the mirror that reflects back to society who we really are, who we want to be, trying to make sense of what is going on in this crazy world.

In an AI future, genuine, authentic human interaction will take on more and more value. In our need to get away from the screen, live performance will be King. Standing in front of a painting in a gallery, attending a live music or poetry gig, sitting in the audience of a new play. Each performance, unique.

Some people might tell you, you can't make a career out of the arts. This is simply not true.

The skills you learn studying the arts are incredibly valuable, versatile, and interchangeable across multiple sectors.

The arts teach you to communicate in many different ways. Across many different mediums. Through spoken word and written, pictures and sounds and actions. Through subtext. It teaches you the power of body language and how to interpret human behaviour.



Artists know collaboration is key. How to work together on a common goal. They know how to listen. How to compromise. How to take on feedback. How to rework and grow an idea. The arts teach you to be generous; with your ideas; with your time; how not to be precious – best idea wins.

Artists are incredible problem solvers. To actively consider ideas, concepts, and tasks from multiple different angles and perspectives. They know how to be creative. Not just generating material. But the true meaning of creative - how to do things differently. How to think outside the box. How to use their imagination. They know how to be flexible. They know how to pivot.

The arts teaches confidence. How to speak in public. Articulate a well made point. In front of a small group, or large. To a variety of different audiences – clients, colleagues. The Boss.

People in the arts know how to work to a time table, a deadline. Opening night is a non negotiable. You learn to work to a budget. People from the arts know how to make money stretch a very long way.

And most importantly, the arts teaches you compassion. Empathy. To view the world through someone else's eyes. To walk in someone else's shoes. And what a very different world we would live in if everyone knew how to do that.

Artists have all these skills and more. And who in their right mind wouldn't want to employ a person with attributes like this?

Some people might tell you, you can't make a career out of sport either. That is simply not true. But somehow, society doesn't make it quite so hard to see the value of this despite the vast array of complementary skills.

Sometimes they feel like worlds apart. But really, arts and sport are the same. They're just different vehicles to get to the same place. To experience and express the human condition. It feels just as good hitting a six as it does delivering a knock-out punch line in a stand up comedy routine. It's all the same. We are all the same.

Sport taught me what it feels like to be alive. The pump of blood, the adrenaline surge, the joy of moving my body through time and space. The arts taught me how to express it. Don't take your body for granted. Don't take your mind for granted. But the greatest gift has been the relationships I've formed, the friendships.

When I was thirty, I took up basketball again, for the love of the game, but mostly for the connections. At age of 46, we won gold at the International Masters Games. That medal felt so good around my neck, but what felt better was the team mates sitting across the table, and the thirty five years of laughter and tears we'd shared, knowing that whatever life throws at us, we'd always have each other's back.

Talent is not enough. Regardless of what form that takes. Inspiration is not enough. Perseverance is key. You are here tonight because you have put in the work, forged your path with sweat and passion and pain and dedication. Enjoy this moment. Celebrate your successes. Express gratitude and thanks for the teachers, the coaches, the volunteers, the whānau that helped get you here. Take great pride in your achievements for they will hold you in good stead as you head out into the world, wherever that may lead.

Life is short. Do what you love.

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Blues 2023 Photos



Sports

Cricket- Boys India Trip

During the last school holidays, the First XI Cricket Team were given the opportunity to travel to the other side of the world to play cricket. India is a country known for their cricket and talking to people over there they play four to five hours every day and aren't too worried about school. After an early wake up we arrived at the airport only to hear the news that our first flight was delayed, but after a few changes behind the scenes we arrived 12 hours later than was planned. During our trip we visited many cricket companies including a small village where they made cricket balls by hand. We played cricket in temperatures over 30 degrees which tested us all. We played a total of six games throughout the trip coming away with a win, a draw, and a couple of close losses. On Day Five we had a long three-hour drive down to Agra where the famous Taj Mahal lives. Being there at 6.00am you'd think it would have been empty but even at that time there were people everywhere, which was a familiar theme over the whole trip. On that same day we then visited an elephant orphanage and learnt a bit about why they started up the village, and even got to get up close with the elephants themselves. After eating the same curries for breakfast, lunch, and tea we were ready to get home. When we got home, we were greeted by the usual cold Dunedin weather. A big thank you goes to Mr Waldron and both Mr Mockfords, and all the people behind the scenes for the fundraising to get us there. It was a trip that we will never forget.

Jalen Forgie





Emily Evans – Cricket

Congratulations to Emily Evans who represented the Te Waipounamu Wahine Cricket Team in Hastings last weekend. This team was from the Māori girls' cricket teams selected from all over the South Island, with this competition being held to honour the first Māori White Ferns Cricket captain Rona McKenzie. Emily had a fantastic tournament with the pick of her performances coming against Northern Māori team. Emily produced a wonderful bowling display taking three wickets for only eighteen runs off her four overs. A fantastic effort Emily.

Netball



Congratulations to Hannah Bray who has received the Best Junior Umpire, and Jessica Greiner who was named the 14A Dunedin Representative Most Valuable player! Wonderful results from a season of hard work.

Sports Council Sponsor of the Week

Otago Polytechnic – The Institute of Sport, Exercise and Health is 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 understands 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



Literary Lunch

On Thursday 19 October 2023, the English Department hosted 55 of our top young writers from across Year 7 to Year 13. To earn recognitions, students will have produced and submitted entertaining, engaging, and enthralling pieces of writing into the Young Writers' Awards in Term 3. Congratulations to all award winners – keep on writing and sharing your unique voice and perspective with wider audiences!



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Spring Vocal Showcase

On Friday we held our annual Spring Vocal Showcase. Showcasing the hard work of singers across the school from Year 7-13. We were also treated to performances from the Dance Club and performances from the Senior Dance Class.

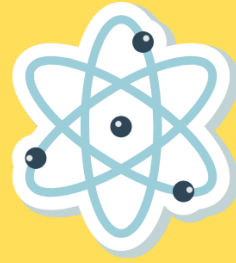
Thank you to our MC Jackson Rosie, our technical team Beau French and Joe Smithies, and our hard-working teachers - Mrs Goodwin, Miss Larkins, Mr Martin, and Cath Short for making this a lovely event.



Recognition Lunch with Mr Hackfath



SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL TAMARIKI



FRIDAY
27TH
OCTOBER
1.45-2.45

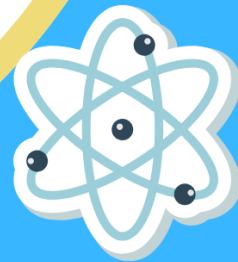
Connect with other parents and learn how to support tamariki. As parents/caregivers, we all want the best for our children.

WHERE: DOWNES ROOM (MOSGIEL LIBRARY)

Discussion Topics:

- ✓ Children transitioning within and between schools
- ✓ Reducing anxiety and worries
- ✓ Whānau connecting with coffee and a chat

Hosted by Educators on the Taieri



If you are interested in coming along, or have any questions please email bphelan@taieri.school.nz

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!



Arohanui and a big shout-out to the following community agencies!

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the donations of food we have received for this year and previous years from **Mosgiel New World**. Their team prepares a weekly box of fruit, bread, spaghetti, and ham for us to collect and make toasties for students.

Another source of food donations comes from the **Mosgiel Food Bank**, and we are very fortunate to receive non-perishable food items to give out to students.

This term, the **Mosgiel Presbyterian Church** has also implemented a regular food donation package to provide for our students. These are further contributions to our toasties and home-baked muffins, which are so gratefully received.

We are humbled and so very appreciative of these community agencies who have organised these precious deliveries to support the wellbeing of our youth. We see increasing need amongst students for sustenance and they are very thankful for these provisions.

The Guidance team manages, preps, and dispenses these food products on a daily basis to provide manaakitanga for students.



Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi
With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

Ngā mihi nui

Diana Leonard / Jean Andrews
Director of Wellbeing / Counselling Team



ADVENTURE PLUS

Mosgiel Scout Group

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REID ROAD, MOSGIEL

Keas | 5 to 8 years | Thursdays 6pm-7pm

Cubs | 8 to 10 years | Tuesdays 6:30pm-8pm

Scouts | 11 to 14 years | Wednesdays 7pm-9pm

Venturers | 14 to 18 years | Thursdays 7:30pm-9.30pm

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Contact mosgiel@group.scouts.nz



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Do you want to learn new skills, get outdoors, and have fun? The skills you learn in athletics are the perfect foundation for almost any sport.

Every student can give athletics a go. Our local athletics club is welcoming new members now and we encourage students to get involved and get active.

Contact details for all athletics clubs nationwide are available here - athletics.org.nz/FindaClub and become a member.



GIVE ATHLETICS A GO!

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Taieri Edible Garden

Taieri Edible Garden Network are holding a 'Share and Swap' event on Sunday 12 November 2023, 2.00pm – 4.00pm at the Taieri Rugby Club.

This is aimed at new or beginner gardeners, so bring along all your questions.

We will also focus on planting, and growing herbs, and how they can impact the flavour of your cooking.

If you have nothing to swap or share, that's okay, come along and learn more gardening skills.

Check out their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1333885840563370>

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- ✓ Swap seeds & plants
- ✓ Share growing hints
- ✓ Community gardens
- ✓ Swap indoor & outdoor plants

