



Kia ora e te whanau and Talofa lava in celebration of Samoan Language Week

On Tuesday evening Mr Hackfath presented an information evening outlining how NCEA works in our senior school. It was an opportunity for parents and caregivers to seek clarification around aspects of NCEA and ask questions regarding areas they are unsure of. For those who are new to NCEA, it is important to gain an understanding as to how credits are assessed so you can be part of discussions at home, as students progress through the school year. If, as a parent or caregiver, you have questions around NCEA and couldn't make the evening, please feel free to contact the college.

On Thursday our Year 11 students attended the Dunedin Careers Expo and were given the opportunity to investigate a large array of potential career options. As they progress through our senior school it is advantageous for students to develop clear pathways of what they want to do next in their education. Having some understanding of potential career options allows students to select subjects that connect with what they may want to study at university or polytechnic. As always, our Careers Office are always available to discuss future plans.

Congratulations to our Year 8 rippa-rugby team who played in a tournament at Logan Park on Tuesday. They played exceptionally well during the day and deservedly earned a place in the final, only to be beaten by a strong Tahuna team. Well done to the players involved. Our thanks to Kat Nichol and Sophie Russell for their coaching and management.



My thanks to everyone who was involved in last weekend's school formal. Once again, our students presented themselves in stunning fashion, both in regards to their appearance and behaviour, and a fun night was had by all.

Tōfā soifua

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

- 6 June 2022
Queen's Birthday –
College Closed
- 8 June 2022
L1PRM Trip to Barewood
Station
- 10 June 2022
Learning Readiness
Emailed
- 12-13 June 2022
Otago SS Netball
Tournament
- 13 June 2022
Big Sing Competition
- 15-16 June 2022
L3 CHE University Titrations
- 16 June 2022
L3 PED University trip
- 17 June 2022
TK Writing Club Author
Visit

Senior Assessments Due Next Week

- 6-10 June 2022
L2ENG/C/L Speeches
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Monday 6 June 2022 – Queen's Birthday – College Closed

New Staff Profile – Hard Materials Department

Name: Stefan Reussenzehn

Birthplace: Mellrichstadt, Germany about three hours east of Frankfurt.

Schooling: I went to my local primary school in Hendungen, the place I grew up in the North-Bavarian countryside. It's also about three hours to Munich. After finishing middle school, I did my apprenticeship at Siemens to become an industrial mechanic. I had the chance to participate in an exchange programme for young professionals in Upstate New York in the US, where I worked in a small company as a workshop and design engineer. I also studied mechanical and electrical engineering as a visiting student at a local polytechnic. My bachelor's degree from the University of Applied Science in Bremen, Germany is in Bionics or Biomimetics, combining Sciences and Engineering. My interests in bionics and robotics brought me to Dunedin where I worked on the biomechanics of spider leg joints to get my Master of Science in Zoology.

Over the last ten years I have taught Science, Physics, Design and Visual Communication, Electronics and Hard material Technology and will be part of the Technology Department here at Taieri College.

Hobbies/Interests: I love the outdoors and enjoy tramping with my family. I also like tinkering and building things, like our family strawbale house.

Favourite Quote: My favourite poem is Steps from Hermann Hesse and I make an effort to be the change I want to see in the world, as Gandhi once said.

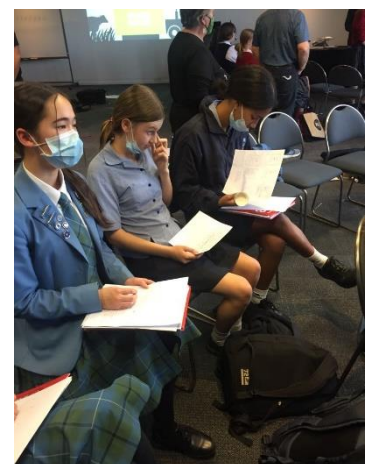
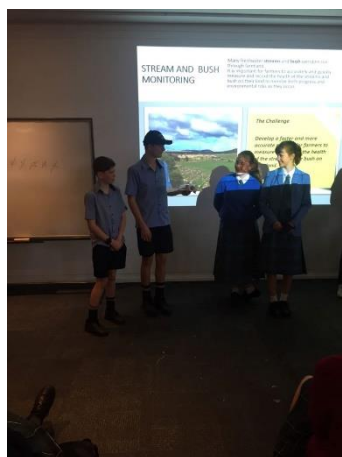
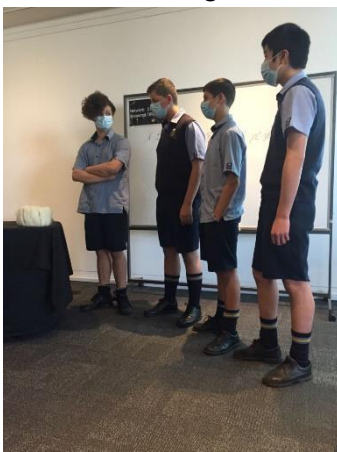


Grow NZ Innovation Challenge

A group of Year 10 Enterprise students recently attended the Grow NZ Innovation Challenge that was held at the Art Gallery in town. They were placed into groups and then given a problem currently faced by society. The problems were, wilding pines, finding burst pipes, monitoring water quality and finding new ways to use crossbred wool.

Our students came up with some great solutions to these problems. Two of the winning groups included Taieri College students. The winning solution to the wilding pine problem was to use a drone/robot machine that would be able to identify individual trees as pines or not and then top, spray or thin according to the size of the tree. The water quality group developed a product that took images of fish, and other life forms swimming in the river. As well as this, the machine was able to test the water's chemical composition, nutrient levels and bacteria levels. All this information was relayed to a smart phone app.

Our students were great ambassadors for the school.



Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week

This year's theme for Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week is **Fa'aāuāu le Folauga i le Va'a o Tautai** - *Continue the Voyage with Competent Wayfinders of the Ocean*.

As part of this year's overarching theme of 'Sustainability', the Samoan community chose a theme that would reflect the journey of language revitalisation and maintenance as well as recognising the importance of having the right tools, good leadership skills, relationships and the correct medium (va'a) that is adaptable to faring the ocean and its elements.

This year marks 12 years since Samoa Language Week has been celebrated in Aotearoa New Zealand. Following on from 2021, Samoa Language Week 2022 is led by three key organisations – FAGASA, Fotu ō Malama and SAASIA.

2022 is also a significant year for the Samoan community, being the 60th anniversary of Samoa Independence. Communities are organising activities to commemorate this milestone, which coincides with Samoa Language Week.

Samoa has a unique historical relationship with New Zealand. It is the only nation that New Zealand has a Treaty of Friendship. The Treaty of Friendship between Samoa and New Zealand is about a commitment to partnership, friendship and a mutual endeavour to obtain for Tagata Samoa fuller opportunities for social progress. Language is critical in achieving this.

This week at Taieri College our students have been participating in different Samoan activities.

Our Year 7&8 Kapa Haka along with our Year 10 students did a Sasā - **a Samoan word for a particular group dance**. The sasā can be performed by both males and females in a seated position or standing. Hand movements are used to depict activities taken from everyday life.

Our Year 9-13 Kapa Haka made ula lole - **a necklace made of sweets**. It is a contemporary Polynesian tradition intended to celebrate successes.

We have also sung samoan pese (songs), said samoan tatalo (prayers) and tasted koko samoa.



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Taieri College Sports Council

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

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

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

There are four LEVELS of Sponsorship: PREMIER (amount is by negotiation), PLATINUM (\$2,000 + GST per year), GOLD (\$1,000 + GST per year) and SILVER (\$500 + GST per year).

Each MONTH the Sports Council would like to SHOWCASE one of our valued sponsors. Where possible we urge our Taieri College families to support these generous businesses just like they support us.

GOLD SPONSOR OF THE MONTH – SPORTSMED

With winter sports now in full swing, injuries can creep in!! We are so lucky to have Adam Letts & his team at Sportsmed, ready to help you get back on track. Sportsmed's services are available to all sporting students, so don't ignore the aches and pains, go get the professional treatment available.



Taieri College Sports Council are proud to work alongside the following sponsors; McDonalds Dunedin, LJ Hooker – Lachie McLachlan, Mastercraft Mosgiel Kitchens, Sportsmed Mosgiel, Waiholo Surfacing, Reece Building Consultants, DS Building Limited, Promo-X, Dixon Roofing, TAK Flooring, Loan Market, Otago Polytech Institute of Sport, Exercise & Health, CREDIFLEX Otago, Willow & Silk, Beauty Lane, ITM Dunedin.

Year 10 Music

On Wednesday, the Year 10 music students were mentored by Henry Francis from the band 'Soaked Oats'. He shared his expertise on song writing as well as his performance skills. The students thoroughly enjoyed this valuable experience.



Photography News

Angus McDonald has recently taken up nature photography as a hobby. His photographs were chosen to be part of the Otago Museum Photography Awards display. They can be viewed from 28 May 2022 – 21 July 2022 in the Beautiful Science Gallery



Sports Office Newsletter Week 5 Term 2

Otago Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships

Last Sunday 29 May 2022 Taieri College attended the Otago Secondary School Swimming Champs at Moana Pool in Dunedin. Our swimmers had some fantastic results including some podium finishes and a lot of personal best times! Our medal winners are as follows:

- Emma Bain - 1 gold and 4 bronze.
- Keira Hughes - 2 silver and 2 bronze.
- Abbey Samuels - 1 bronze.

Our relay team of Abby Samuels, Regan McGrath, Keira Hughes and Emma Bain then joined forces to win gold in the mixed 200m freestyle relay and a silver in the mixed 200m medley relay.

Team Manager Bridget Hughes was thrilled with the results and sportsmanship of our swimmers. They represented Taieri College proudly and gave it their all. Special thanks to our timekeepers Sally Ealson, Craig Ealson, Aimee Samuels, and Glenda Bateup. Without their assistance our swimmers would not be able to compete. We appreciate your time and effort. Thanks to all our supporters and congratulations to the swimmers on their efforts and results.



Rippa Rugby

This week we had a very talented Year 7/8 rippa rugby team competing in the Otago Metro Rippa Rugby Tournament. Making it into the semi finals as the underdogs, their teamwork, drive and passion led them to beat Balmacewen in extra time, securing a spot in the final! The team placed second overall but put up a fight right until the end making a very proud coach, Mrs Nichol. Well done team!



Milton Relay Race

Our junior mixed Cross Country team of Josh Siloy, Oliver Biernat, Sarah Evans and Bella Hughes placed 1st in their category in the Otago Southland Cross Country relay this week. Well done team. Next up in the Otago champs next week.

South Otago Interchange

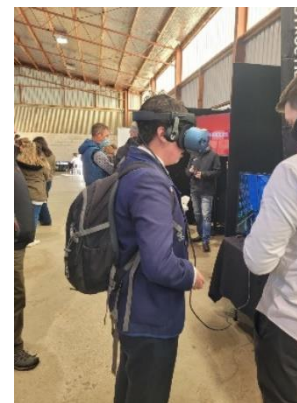
Taieri College are hosting the annual sports interchange with South Otago High School on Tuesday June 21st. We are working on a schedule for the day and will have this available shortly.





Careers Department Chat

Over the past couple of weeks, we have had several opportunities for our students to see what careers and employment opportunities are available now and in the future. Last week we took the Year 12 students to the Dunedin Hospital Rebuild Career Expo held at the Taieri Showgrounds to see what will be involved in building and staffing our new digital hospital. We then had the defence force drop in literally by helicopter, to talk about careers in the Defence Force. Yesterday we took our Year 11 students to the NZ Careers Expo at the Dunedin Town Hall and finally today Queenstown Resort College has visited numerous classes talking about the demands in the Tourism industry. Students are very lucky to be launching their careers into a tight labour market which means there are lots of opportunities for employment. Below are some photos of our visits.



Defence Force Visit



Taieri College Formal 2022







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The advertisement features a black and white photograph of a person in a starting crouch for a track event. Overlaid on this image is the text for the "OLYMPIC GYM" student deal. The Taieri College logo, which includes a sun and mountains, is positioned in the center. At the bottom, the college's address, phone number, and a note about terms and conditions are provided.

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A portrait of Lachie McLachlan, a man with white hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a red patterned tie.