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# Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Kia ora e te whānau

It has been an important week for our Year 10 students as they have been participating in a pilot for the Numeracy and Literacy standards that will eventually be part of the upcoming NCEA assessment changes. As part of the NCEA impending changes Literacy and Numeracy will now sit outside of the subject credits earned and will need to be achieved in separate assessments. The pilot our students are participating in will give everyone a clearer indication of what level of achievement students will need to meet. A lot of work and preparation has gone into this assessment, and we were somewhat surprised when the government announced this week that they will be extending the pilot programme for another year.

Senior students will soon receive their mid-year reports. These reports will provide a summary of credits achieved, and just as importantly, advice on what students need to do moving forward. We are well past the halfway stage of the senior academic year, and it is crucial that students are conscious of where they are at and what they need to do to ensure academic success in November. Up-to-date assessment information can also be found via our KAMAR portal. If you need advice in accessing the KAMAR portal, please feel free to contact the college.

My congratulations to our musicians who once again excelled during the recent Rockquest heats. Lots of hard work and practice is now ahead as they prepare for the regional finals. Good luck to everyone involved.

Our Boys' Rugby 1st XV have had an excellent last couple of weeks where they picked up two excellent wins over South Otago High School. This is a deserved reward for the effort they have been putting in throughout the season. Let's hope they can continue this momentum and play with further confidence during the rest of their season.

Ngā mihi

**Dave Hunter** PRINCIPAL





MUFTI DAY – Wednesday 6 July 2022 Gold coin donation. Proceeds to Mental Health Foundation NZ







# **Key Dates**

4 July 2022

Year 7 Health Information Evening in the Library

6 July 2022 Mufti Day

8 July 2022 End of Term 2 Senior Reports emailed home

10-13 July 2022 South Island Secondary Schools Netball Tournament

15-17 July 2022 Year 8 Miniball - Network Waitaki Tournament Oamaru

25 July 2022 Start of Term 3

# Senior Assessments Due Next Week

27 June 2022 – 8 July 2022 L1ENC 90857 Speech Presentation

4-6 July 2022 L1 and L2 Personal Reading 90854/91106

4-8 July 2022 L1MAS AS91029 Linear Algebra [3 credits] L2MAF US28097 Banking [3 credits] L2MAT/L2MAS AS91264 Inference [4 credits] L3MAS AS91581 Bivariate Data [4 credits] L3ENG 91475 Writing Portfolio

5 July 2022 L3DRA 91513 [5 Credits]

8 July 2022 L1DRA 91000 [4 Credits] L1GEO Sustainability Internal AS91009 L3BIO Orokonui AS91601 L2HIS AS91230

# Biology trips to Orokonui

On Monday 13 June 2022, three Biology scholarship students visited Orokonui as part of their Term 2 Programme. Throughout the term, the students had been learning about the evolution and the biology of New Zealand Kaka. The trip to the ecosanctuary was part of a shift to looking at different possible management strategies being used to help conserve the species and the science behind them.

We started the visit with a trip to the aviary where captive Kaka, originally from the Dunedin Botannical Gardens, are living until they become familiar with their surroundings. Students had a go at radio tracking Kaka and learning about their banding system as they visited the different feeding stations. On returning to the main building, the students were shown a range of visual information taken from radio tracked Kaka in the area. This was used to discuss the role of the ecosanctuary in the future management of this species as well as a critical discussion on any bias or inaccuracies that the data might not consider.

On Thursday 23 June 2022, our Level 3 Biology classes visited Orokonui to carry out their field work for an internal assessment. This investigation requires students to look at a potential pattern between an environmental gradient e.g. altitude or light, and an aspect of leaf morphology from a chosen species. It was rather an eventful trip with one van getting stuck on icy roads just above Port Chalmers, but, after a quick tow from a farmer, we all made it the ecosanctuary. Students spent the morning gathering leaf and other environmental measurements. In the afternoon, they had the opportunity to process their information using a range of technical approaches under the expert assistance of Taylor Collier-Davies who is the senior Orokonui Educational facilitator.









# now welcome for 2023

Come for a tour during our **Open Week** 1 to 5 August 2022 to see the college in action. Book on-line at <a href="www.taieri.school.nz">www.taieri.school.nz</a> or email <a href="mailto:office@taieri.school.nz">office@taieri.school.nz</a> or telephone 489-3823 for a time.

# 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 – The Institute of Sport, Exercise and Health (Otago Polytechnic)

How lucky are we, as a college to have the sponsorship support from the Institute of Sport, Exercise and Health at Otago Polytechnic. This could be where a few of our students may head next year to further their education, likewise, so many of our previous students have attended and studied within the Institute! We even have teachers



present now who have gained their degree at the Institute and are putting it to great use here at Taieri College. The students, as part of their sport hours, also attend and support The Sports Council on Golf Day.

Taieri College Sports Council are proud to work alongside the following sponsors; McDonalds Dunedin, LJ Hooker – Lachie McLachlan, Mastercraft Mosgiel Kitchens, Sportsmed Mosgiel, Waihola 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 7 Health Focus Term 3

In Term Three we will teach the Year 7 sexuality education programme 'Navigating the Journey'. We will be holding a Parent Information Evening to assist you with any questions you may have about this programme on Monday 4 July 2022 in the Library at 6pm.

This programme will empower students with the knowledge, understanding and skills to develop positive attitudes towards their development and enable them to make informed, health affirming decisions and choices. Important topics such as Relationships, Growing and Changing and Staying Safe will be explored. If you wish to hear about this programme in more detail, please come along to the parent information evening where Mr Woods will discuss the programme and answer any questions from parents.

Regards, Lance Woods Director Year 7 & 8

# **Youth Song Writing Competition**

Taieri College music students entered the Youth Town Song writing competition at the end of Term 1. There were three NZ Regional awards. Jenny Petegem-Thach and Jazz Mackie gained 1st place in the South Island region. The following Year 11 student band songs were also placed in the top 20. Ella Aitken, Robert Hannaford, Ethan Early, Ethan Porteous and Tyler Little along with Keira Wallace, Emma Bain, Kate Burkett and Chiara Crompton-Bray.





# **ICAS Examinations 2022**

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools will be taking place again this year. This is an internationally recognised assessment which students can opt in to.

All examinations this year cost \$20.20 each. Registrations for all subjects are to be paid by Monday 25 July 2022.

Parents will be able to purchase these this year via the Parent Payment System prior to this date above. More information will be available on this once we have gained an expression of interest.

Mr Peacock will hold a meeting towards the end of the Term for students who are interested in taking part.

# Each subject will be open for a 5-day sitting window period

<u>ICAS Science:</u> 22 Aug – 26 Aug 2022 <u>ICAS English:</u> 15 Aug – 19 Aug 2022 <u>ICAS Mathematics:</u> 29 Aug – 2 Sept 2022

Exact sitting dates will be confirmed with students and whānau closer to the time. Please contact <u>jpeacock@taieri.school.nz</u> for further information.











# **Careers Chat**

As we are heading toward the end of an always busy, but unfortunately also very disrupted term, our senior students are firming up their career pathway plans, and it is always a real feature of our work to meet with our students to assist with this process. Please remind your children they can make an appointment with us any time and can just call casually into the office or careers room L1, we are centrally located on the south side of the library. We have a collection of hard copy resources that students can pick up and especially popular are the University of Otago Prospectus and Otago Polytechnic Programme Guide. These are both excellent publications and we highly recommend having a copy at home for further reference.

**Thursday 7 July University of Otago Scholarships information (applications open 1 July 2022 and most close 15 August 2022)-** Greg Heller will be in the library at 11.30am and he runs an excellent help session on applying for an Entrance Scholarship. We strongly encourage all our students considering studying with Otago, to attend this seminar!

This link contains all the information that is shared with the students, including relevant screenshots. <a href="https://www.otago.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/index.html">https://www.otago.ac.nz/future-students/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/index.html</a>
The 'prepare' tile has detailed info about the various scholarships and required preparation. The 'apply' tile walks them through the application process from start to finish. Additional tips are around making sure they applied, met the application deadline, and save your comments to a word/google doc for future reference.

**University of Otago Dunedin Information Evening on Thursday 7 July 2022.** Prospective senior students and their parents and caregivers are invited to come along to hear about study options, scholarships, support services, accommodation options and much more.

We are holding the evening at the **St David's Lecture Theatre (LT01)**, **University of Otago campus**, **Dunedin from 6:30-8:30pm**.

Monday 1 August 2022 Tertiary Open Day in Dunedin- this regular feature on the calendar has been delayed from its usual May timing. The University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic offer full information programmes during the day and there are no school classes that day so that all our Year 13 students can attend. Any Year 12's seriously considering a Polytech course can also request permission to attend. Transport needs to be organised independently.

Please also encourage your children to explore Career Central, our new interactive online careers tool;

- 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, C.V. builder. Step2-Jobs (heaps of related information, save jobs you are interested in). Step 3 Next Steps-various pathway plans, employability skills, ready to leave school.
- There are also three 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)

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 <a href="mailto:swalker@taieri.school.nz">swalker@taieri.school.nz</a>, Fiona Smeaton- Careers Admin & Gateway Coordinator, email fsmeaton@taieri.school.nz







# Smokefree Rockquest Otago Regional Heats 2022

The Rockquest Regional Otago heats were held at the Taieri College PAC on 23 June. We were very proud of all our students who performed so well and wrote so many great songs during these difficult times. 12 bands were chosen to go through to the finals round. Each band makes their own video of a second song and sends it in to the judges. Judges will look at the Regional Heat's performance and the second song video and the Otago place getters will be announced. Any band that received 1st or 2nd has the chance for selection for the semi finals to be held in Christchurch mid-August. The solo/duo winner was selected on the night and our very own Keira Wallace took out this award winning a \$300 prize. Keira now can also make a video and look for selection to the semi finals. The Tangata Beats award was also announced on the night and our band Valletta took out 1st Place also winning a \$300 prize. They also now have the opportunity to make a video to look for selection to the National finals of Tangata Beats to be held in September. Members of this band are Charlie Brough, Isaac Wirangi, Cameron Lord, Reef Tamihana and Chiara Crompton Bray.

























# 1st XV Rugby

On Wednesday night Taieri College played SOHS 1XV at West Taieri Rugby club under lights. There has been a close rugby rivalry across the two schools and it always proves to be a close match. The final score was 21-7 to Taieri College. A dominant defensive effort from Captain Lachie Nichol, Jalen Forgie and Harry Leebody ensured the victory. Caleb Lilley controlled the line out and Rhys Farr, the scrum. The night's success was down to the hard work of all the players in the squad from 1-26. Thank you to all the supporters who also attended the match.

Nga mihi arohanui Nathan Hull Head of Rugby













# Sport Otago Youth Week Event at Berwick Camp

This Tuesday, a small group of Year 11 and 12 students had a day at Berwick camp with other students from Queen's High School, Kaikorai Valley College and Kavanagh College. Braving the temperature, the activities included a confidence course, yoga, Ki o Rahi, golf, and kayaking on a half-frozen pond! A workshop was also included which focused on learning about active recreation, and about the voice of rangatahi. It was great to chat to students from other schools and share what current active recreation happens at all the schools, then taking the time to brainstorm new ideas. A big thank you to the Taieri College Sport Council who subsidised the cost for our students to attend.





















# **Sport**

# **Sports Council Raffle**

The Taieri College Sports Council is running a grocery hamper raffle to contribute to the ongoing support for sport and students at Taieri College. To help it be as successful as possible, we are asking that each sporting group has their players donate items as below.



- Basketball and Mini ball: Beauty/personal care and healthcare items
- Cricket and Cross country: Chocolate and Iollies
- Football and Futsal: Snack items (e.g. chips, popcorn, muesli bars etc.)
- Golf and Hockey: Cleaning products
- Netball: Baking ingredients
- Mountain biking and Sports Academy: Sauces, oils and vinegars
- Rugby: Cereals and spreads
- Touch and Swimming: Jars and tins
- Volleyball and Waterpolo: Biscuits and crackers

Items need to be non-perishable and **delivered to the Sports Office by Wednesday 6 July 2022**. If students play more than one sport, they may choose which item they want to donate. We do ask at least one item be donated as a minimum. Thank you!

# 2022 Dunedin U16 Netball Squad

Congratulations to the following girls who have been named in the Under 16 Netball squad from which an A and B team will be named later in the season.

# Neve Beattie, Annabelle Andrews, Georgina Te Kanawa, Janaya Guthrie













# Year 10 Art

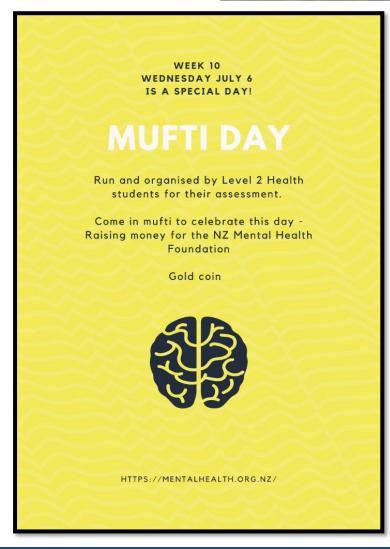
The Year 10 Art Painting students have had their kowhaiwhai based panels put on display in the courtyard opposite the Art block. The display was to be a star shape in time for Matariki but ended up in a concertina like form instead. It looks wonderful, and reminds me of the Kowhai Ngutukākā, which represents the flowers of the Kākā Beak plant, coming out from the zig zag form.



This is a temporary display; the students may take their boards home next term if they wish. Thank you, students and thank you to the friendly staff over at Mosgiel Mitre 10!! Great work - tu meke!!

Sally Spittle HOD Visual Arts





Liaison at Otago



# University of Otago Information Evening

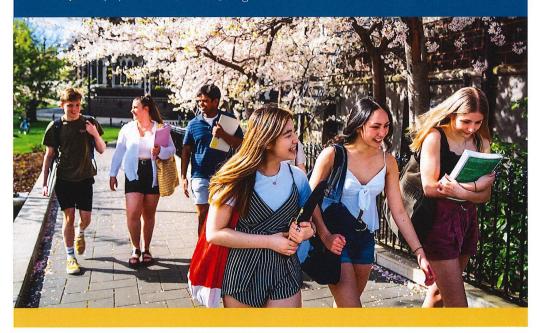
What's it like to study at the University of Otago?

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### Dear Parent/Caregiver;

This is a notice to inform you of a program called *Ground Zero* that will be running during Term 3, 2022. Students attending will be given opportunities to take part in games and activities that have been chosen to identify and develop skills and abilities. The program is <u>FREE</u> as we are provided with funding to cover our costs.

Ground Zero is for Year 7 students and will involve them meeting each Wednesday evening 6.30 pm - 8.00 pm at the Hub, 12a Cemetery Rd, East Taieri (opposite East Taieri School).

Larissa Pearce, who is employed by the Saddle Hill Foundation Trust as a Youth Worker will coordinate the program.

Spaces are limited, therefore receiving this does not guarantee your child a place. Please fill in the below form and scan and email it back to me at <a href="mailto:yetworker@gmail.com">yetworker@gmail.com</a> or return to the school office as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can return it to Youth East Taieri, 12a Cemetery Road, East Taieri, Mosgiel. If printing is an issue, hard copies will be

If you think that this program would be specifically beneficial to your child, please let me know. For further information phone Larissa Pearce on 489 6308 ext. 1706 or 021 0867 1157

- Applications close Wednesday 27 July 2022
   Family/whanau information evening Wednesday 3 August 2022
   Program runs from the 10 August 2022 21 September 2022
- Ground Zero camp from 17-18 September 2022

Kind regards,

Larissa

Larissa Pearce Youth Worker Mobile: 021 0867 1157 Office: 489 6308 ext:1706 Email: yetworker@gmail.com







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