



Kia ora e te whanau

Nau mai haere mai Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. It was appropriate that Māori Language Week included the annual Dunedin Polyfest, which was held in front of a live audience for the first time in a couple of years due to Covid. I was incredibly proud of both our junior and senior Kapa Haka groups who delivered stunning performances on Rāapa (Wednesday) and Rāpare (Thursday) evening. It was clear that a lot of practice and preparation had taken place and I am sure it was rewarding for not only the performers, but our team of teachers to see such high-quality final performances. Ngā mihi to Gemma Tuhega (Kaitiaki), Brad Martin (guitar), Toni Sutton and Helena Pattison for their presence on stage in the evening. Tihei mauri ora!

It was also a week where our flag flew at half-mast in acknowledgement of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. The queen will have significant meaning and connection to many, and as a college we offer our condolences to those close to her.

Our Year 11 Mathematics students got their first real taste of national assessment on Thursday as they sat their Maths Common Assessment Task (MCAT). We were pleased at the number of students who took advantage of the tutorials our Mathematics Department offered in the lead up to the exam and I hope that those who revised thoroughly get the results they deserve.

Thankfully the weather held out on Tuesday as our Level 2 (Year 12) Sport and Recreation students organised and delivered a multi-sport tournament for our Year 8 students. Lots of fun, laced with some healthy inter class competition, was had by all, despite the odd graze from committed students diving on the turf! My thanks to Mr Hull and his students for putting together the event.

Other extra-curricular activities that took place this week included a Level 3 (Year 13) Biology trip to Otago Peninsula, a Get to Go multi-sport challenge for our Year 10s, a trip to Silver Fern Farms for our senior Agribusiness students, a "speed meet" hosted by Motor Industry Trades Organisation (MITO) for our senior trades students and a Year 8 Rugby League tournament. It has been a busy week.

As Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week) concludes I congratulate those who have made an effort to improve in their knowledge of te reo. Every small step matters.

*"Ēhara tāku i te toa, he takitahi, engari he toa takitini"
(Success is not the work of one, but the work of many)*

Ngā mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

20 September 2022
Otago Science
Teachers Matauranga
Maori Meeting

19-23 September 2022
Year 10 NZQA
Numeracy Standards
Testing

21-23 September 2022
L2PED Naseby Mountain
Biking Trip

22 September 2022
Senior Impromptu
Speech finals (Year 11-13)

23 September 2022
Pasifika Navigators of
Tomorrow
L3 Agribusiness to
Techion Group

26 September 2022
COLLEGE CLOSED -
Queen Elizabeth II
Memorial Day

Senior Assessments Due Next Week

20-23 September 2022
L2BIO AS91155

21 September 2022
L1 Korean Assessment

22-23 September 2022
L1SCI AS90949

Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day - Monday 26 September 2022 – College Closed



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 – ITM Dunedin

ITM Dunedin is another locally owned business, located in the city on Wharf Street. Owned and operated by Jon Conley, one of our Sport Council members. ITM say they are more than a company supplying timber and tools, they are a nationwide co-operative made up of passionate, knowledgeable, and straight-up people. If you have a project on the go, then give Jon and his team a call. Thank you Jon for your time and sponsorship you give to Taieri College and the Sports Council.



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.

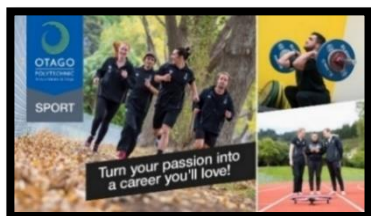
School Magazine 2022 - \$20.00

We are taking payment now for our annual school magazine which is distributed at the end of Term 4. This is a 270-page colour printed A4 magazine which records the activities throughout the school year and includes form class and co-curricular (Sport, Arts, Cultural) activities group photos.

All students have been invoiced \$20.00 for this magazine but if you do not want a copy, or only want one copy per family, please email accounts@taieri.school.nz to have this charge removed.

The due date for payment is **28 October 2022** to confirm your order. Late payments cannot guarantee a magazine will be available for the student. Magazines are ordered and printed by our printer based on the number of confirmed orders at the due date.

Payment can be made by internet banking to 03-1725-0106800-00 using your **name** and **magazine** as the reference, or by eftpos/cash at the office.





Careers Chat

This week we have hosted visits from **ETCO (Electrical Training Company)** who talked to our students about the training pathways they offer. These included a foundation programme or applying directly to become an electrical apprentice with them. ETCO will provide all work placements, professional training and course work required to complete an apprenticeship.

The electrical industry is a good one to illustrate alternative pathways that exist to train in most areas. You can also complete an apprenticeship directly with a company or look into other pre-trade courses to build your skills, to confirm this is the area you want to work in, and to make yourself more attractive to pick up an apprenticeship.

On Thursday a group of seven Year 13s attended **SpeedMeet Dunedin** hosted at Bayfield High School and organised by a group of industry training organisations. Our students had a short meeting with 13 different employers and if both indicated positive interest, job offers could be made!

We also had a visit on Thursday from our **Lincoln University Liaison Officer**, Tiana Manuatu, who talked to our students about the course options and assisted Year 13s with course planning for their first year.

We have also started to visit each Yr11 form class to promote our **Gateway programme** for 2023. This is a formal work experience opportunity that interested Year 11 and 12 students have to apply, and be interviewed for, to gain a place. We currently have 30 places funded. Student must choose Careers as one subject line and for Terms 2 and 3 they are out at work for one day a week. If anyone is not considering university study and is interested in a trade or moving directly into work they should consider this opportunity. We will host an Information Evening Wednesday 19 October 2022 7pm-7.30pm in the PAC to give further details on this programme (first week back next term).

Our careers room L1 is open at all breaks for senior students (Year 11-13s) to call for any careers help, information.

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, need help with a CV etc).

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

Young Writers' Awards

No inspiration statement this week.

Instead, put the finishing touches on your written pieces because entries are due by Wednesday 28 September at 3:00pm.

ywa@taieri.school.nz

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Entries are due Wednesday 28 September at 3:00pm.

Entries need to be e-mailed as a Word document attachment to ywa@taieri.school.nz. The subject line must indicate the category and year level.

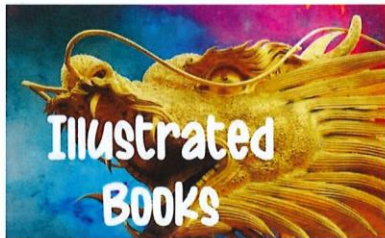
Entries for the Illustrated Books section (if not in electronic format) can be delivered to the English Department Office in the last week of Term 3.

SHORT STORIES

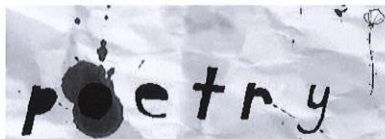
Completed individually, this can be a story consisting of a minimum of 250 words. There should be a suitable title and formatted with paragraphs. The content may be a real experience, an adapted real experience, fiction, or inspired by other stories read or viewed. It does not have to come solely from a classroom activity.

Article

This section is completed individually. Entries need a suitable title and written in paragraphs. Present your opinions about a subject such as Road Safety, Conservation, Social Media, Politics, etc. You could be aiming to persuade the reader to act/behave/think in a different way. Or you could present information about a subject such as Taieri history, animals, ancestry, your job, an historic event, etc. Entries may relate to some study you have completed. Entries do not have to come from classroom activities.



This may be a combined effort of up to two people (e.g. a text writer and an illustrator). Options include:
(a) Children's Illustrated Book - The book must be at least six pages long, but the page size is not restricted. It should be suitable for pre-school children to read or to have read to them. (i.e. the text and pictures may be quite simple).
(b) Graphic Novel - This text needs to be at least 15 frames, using the visual and written conventions of graphic novels (comic books, anime). Entries be a full story or the beginning of a longer narrative not yet written.



Completed individually, entries can be any length, rhymed or unrhymed. Very short poems, however, may not be judged as favorably as longer ones reflecting greater effort. Use a suitable title. The subject may be serious or humorous. It may be shaped on the page.



Collaborative efforts of up to three people may submit entries in this category. Drama scripts may be any length - a simple sketch or a piece of dialogue or monologue, and could contain one or several scenes. Stage directions must be included. It should be set out as a play script with dialogue and stage directions, as well as a captivating title.

Questions can be directed to your English teacher or to Miss Hurst in C10 or by email (ehurst@taieri.school.nz).

2022 Kiwi Science Competition Results

Year 7 and 8

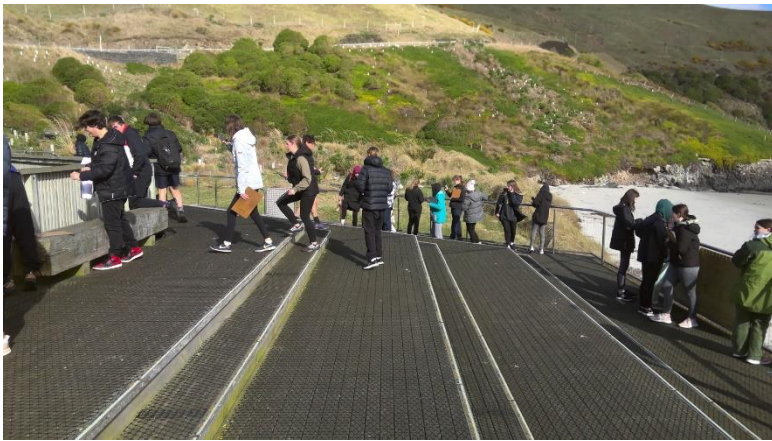
Name	Form Class	Result
Lily Ballantyne	7MB	Achieved
Alexandra Harkess	7AM	Participated
Luke Payne	7BL	Achieved
Taylor Stonelake	7AM	Participated
Maddison Ennis	8GY	Participated
Finn Nickerson	8JT	Excellence
Barrett Smart	8FY	Participated
Suzanne White	8WO	Achieved

Year 9 and 10

Name	Form Class	Result
Pyper Greer	9GC	Participated
Sophie Perry	9GC	Participated
Jenny Petegem Thach	9GC	Merit
Laura Thomas	10FR	Participated

Level 3 Biology Trip to the Otago Peninsula

On Wednesday 14 September 2022, 30 students and 3 staff went on our annual trip down the Otago Peninsula to learn about the impacts of tourism on the peninsula's ecosystem. The day started at school with a session learning about all the actions taken by staff at the Albatross Centre to help conserve the Northern Royal Albatross. We then headed out in vans over the high peninsula road to Weller's Rock where we boarded the Monarch for a one hour trip around Taiaroa Head and out to the open ocean waters. In this trip we saw seals, various species of albatross and Hooker Sea Lions. Once we were back it was off to the Albatross Centre where we learnt more about the actions taken to conserve the albatross and other species that inhabit Taiaroa Head. It was then off to both the viewing hides and then through the elaborate fortification tunnels to see albatross juveniles and adults on the headland. After a short lunch at the café, we then headed down to Pilot's Beach to learn about how tourists had degraded the beach over the last 30 years and all the actions taken by DoC, the local hapu, and other rangers to restore the habitat and support the Little Blue Penguins. The last trip of the day was to Penguin Place where we learnt about the biology and threats to Yellow-eyed Penguins as well as a trip out to see the penguin reserve at Pipikaretu Beach.



Get2Go

On Wednesday we had a group of Year 9 and 10s compete in the Otago/Southland Get2Go event. Together they had to work in a team in three different challenges across Dunedin; mountain biking at Signal Hill, orienteering at Forrester Park, and kayaking at Macandrew Bay. Everyone did fantastic and showed great teamwork in chilly conditions! Last year one of our Taieri College teams won the event overall, so we eagerly await the results!



Clay Target Shooting

Over the past month, Sam Bonney has competed at many intercollegiate competitions for clay target shooting. His most successful tournament was the Balfour Intercollegiate shoot where in the senior grade he won 1st in the skeet, 1st in the single barrel, high gun, and highest overall points scorer. Well done Sam!



Touch Representative Trials

Taieri representative trials for U12 and U14 are on Monday September 19th at Peter Johnstone Park. All players wishing to trial must register before the trial. Please click on the link below to register.

<https://linktr.ee/otagotouch?fbclid=IwAR3xOtfbxeAAAUeEfm8Bu877i9LKt2-U8dh5W71QkkMo3853Zfu0ThBY2w>



Year 8 Multisport Tournament

On Tuesday 13 September 2022, the Level 2 Sport and Recreation class held a Year 8 Multisport Extravaganza Event as part of our internal. It was a really fun and exciting day even though there were a few obstacles along the way but it all worked out in the end and the Year 8s enjoyed themselves playing multiple games against other classes. It was good to see that the Year 8s dressed up in their class colour and everyone participating. Luckily the weather played in our favour and held off the rain. The free sausages and patties were a winner so, a huge thanks to Mr Waldron and Mr Woods who helped supply food for the day. Also, another huge thanks to our sponsor New World Mosgiel for helping towards the food.





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