

lssue 29 23 September 2022

## Tēnā Koutou Katoa

Kia ora e te whanau

This week our Year 10 students were given the opportunity to re-sit their Literacy and Numeracy standards as part of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) pilot programme that is being trialled across several New Zealand schools. Several students took advantage of the tutorials run by our English and Mathematics Departments and I sincerely hope their hard work and preparation pays off.

With only four school days left this term our seniors should be underway with their examination revision. Senior prizegiving is on Wednesday 2 November 2022 which is only two and a half weeks into Term 4. The time will fly by at the start of next term, and it is our expectation that structured at home revision programmes should be under way now.

Next week students will be receiving their "Subject Information Booklets" that provide details of 2023 subject choices. It is important that careful consideration is taken before the selection of future subjects. Senior students who have aspirations of tertiary study need to pay particular attention to their choices to ensure their school courses will link to their future plans. Our advice to students is, make subject choices on you own strengths and interests. Don't just follow what your friends might be doing.

Preparations are well underway for the 150th reunion of secondary education on the Taieri. This week we had several ex-staff and students visit and reminisce about their days at Mosgiel District High School, The Taieri High School, or Taieri College. Lots of great yarns were spun during their visit and I'm sure many more will follow over the Labour Weekend celebrations. As part of the celebration students assembled on Kaye Field and formed the number "150" (or something close to itl).



A reminder that clocks go forward this weekend to mark the beginning of daylight saving. This will potentially mean one less hour of sleep over the weekend. Thankfully we have Monday as a state holiday to recover and ready ourselves for the last week of Term 3.

Ngā mihi nui

# **Dave Hunter** PRINCIPAL

25-28 September 2022

L3TOU/GEO Te Anau Trip

26 September 2022 College Closed – Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Day

27 September 2022 L1SPR Day Tramp L2 & L3 Tikanga Māori Trip to Tokomairaro Year 8 Navigating the Journey Parent Information Evening

28 September 2022 Otago Polytechnic - Women in Trades on campus experience Ako Special Olympics Basketball Dunedin Primary Triathlon Champs Level 1 Class Play

## **Key Dates**

29 September 2022 Year 7&8 Impromptu Speech Finals Year 9&10 Prepared Speech Finals - Thursday Week 10 Korfball Assessment in ITC (L1 SPR/PED) Level 1 Class Play

30 September 2022 Senior reports emailed home L1SPR Day Tramp End of Term Three

17 October 2022 Start of Term Four







### Senior Assessments Due Next Week

20 September 2022 – 21 October 2022 L2BIO AS91155

22 – 30 September 2022 L1SCI AS90949

26-30 September 2022 L1 PED AS 1.6 Strategies to Improve Performance (3 credits)

26 September 2022 – 21 October 2022 L3BIO AS91602 28-30 September 2022 L2ENG/C Writing Portfolio 91101

29 September 2022

L1 PED and SPR AS 1.3 Korfball

30 September 2022 AS 2.5 Due (AS91239)

L3 PED AS 3.7 Analyse issues in safety management for outdoor activity to devise safety management

strategies

L1 HIS AS91004

L3DRA 91512 [4 Credits] L2DRA 91216 [4 Credits]

## 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 cooperative 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, 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.













## Subject choice for 2023

To assist students in making option choices we will hold special assemblies next week and for Year 9-12 students we encourage you to make an appointment with senior staff on either Tuesday 18 or Wednesday 19 October from 3.30pm to 7.00pm (first week back next term) to discuss the course selection. This is done through the website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the code: **e4d6u** 

The intention sheet must be filled in and returned to the Form Teacher no later than Friday 21 October and the subjects entered into our system by logging into Kamar (from the homepage with the notices) and clicking on course selection or from https://kamar.taieri.school.nz

## Year 10 Otago Science Quiz

On Wednesday 14 September 2022, four students from Year 10 took part in the first Year 10 OSTA (Otago Science Teachers Association) quiz since Covid first impacted our school. Sophie Binnie, Chloe Robinson, Kiera O'Neill, and Ellie Irving represented our school and pitted themselves against other schools from Dunedin and further afield. The quiz involved Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Space and Earth Science questions along with a practical section. Whilst Taieri College didn't win, they performed well and had a good time. Thanks to Mr Knowles for taking the students to the quiz.

## **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.





#### Young Writers' Awards 2022

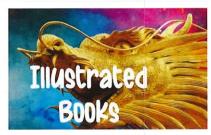
#### Entries are due Wednesday 28 September at 3:00pm.

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 Article

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.

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).

## 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

## **Sport**

#### **Rugby League**

Otago Rugby League organised an Under 13 tournament on 16 September 2022 involving schools from across Dunedin. Te Kainga put together two teams of Year 7 and 8 students to participate; Taieri Blue and Taieri Gold. On the day, both teams played six games each, with 20-minute resting intervals. It was fair to say the group was exhausted by the end of the event.

Taieri Blue drew one game and won the other five, including the final. In the final, the team scored 8 tries to 1 against a solid Balmacewen Red team. Captain and Taieri College's player of the tournament, Hudson Shaw, was influential, scoring 10 tries across the day. Vice-captain William Evans was equally inspiring scoring two in the final and earning man of the match. Kupa Richmond, Xavia Hannigan, Billie Edwards and Baxter Sinclair also displayed some extraordinary skills, running, and tackling hard all day.



Taieri Gold also had a great tournament led by captain Seb de Meyer and vice-captain Joel McGrath. Outstanding

players were Samuel McHutchon nipping in and out of defenders, and Bob Tisdall for his strong tackles. The players from other schools struggled to catch the speed of Yulia Neilson. Samuel and Flynn Atkinson were the team's top try scorers with 6 tries each, with Flynn scoring a hattrick against Kaikorai Valley College.

The day was an awesome experience for these students, and they were a pleasure to take to tournament. Thanks to Troy from Southern Zone rugby league for the fantastic day and the pre tournament coaching sessions.





Aerobics - success for Courtney Smith and Philippa King.

After winning her regional performance, Courtney has now gone on to win at the National Championships in Invercargill last weekend.

Phillipa King also placed second in the secondary novice individual. Amazing results girls!!

#### Results:

NZCAF Aerobics Nationals 2022

Courtney Smith - Taieri College/Queens Aerobics Intermediate Individual - 1st place and National Champion Intermediate Fitness Team - 3rd place

**Philippa King** - Taieri College/JSA Aerobics Secondary Novice Individual - 2nd place Senior Fitness Team - 4th place



#### Motocross

Our Taieri College Motocross riders competed at the South Island Secondary Schools' Cross Country near Tapanui on Sunday. It was a challenging track for all the boys with a couple of tricky bogs, but some great results regardless. The team finished 7th overall out of 35 schools.

Regan Gale - 8th in the 16-19yrs Open class Nikolas Guthrie - 4th in the 12-15yrs 2 stroke class Josh Binnie - 9th in the 12-15yrs 4 stroke class Nate Anderson - 10th in the 12-15yrs 2 stroke class Charlie Throp - 11th in the 12-16 yrs 85cc class









#### **Equestrian**

Last weekend we had William Lawrence competing for Taieri College at the Palmerston Interschools equestrian event. Riders and their mounts had to do a dressage test, show jumping round, and dress up. Riders chose "Hoodwinked" as the theme for dress up and had a lot of fun with it. The team placed 2nd overall. Well done everyone and a massive thanks to everyone involved including student Anna Smithson and her mum Janet.







L2PED Mountain Biking Trip - Naseby

#### Taieri Touch

Congratulations to the our Taieri College students who will be representing the Taieri Plains with pride this weekend when they come up against Metro, South Otago, and North Otago this weekend at the Otago Trial Tournament this Sunday. Courtney Smith, Liv Jenkins, Payton Downs, Ruby Smith, Charlie Nichol, Isaac Norris, James Barclay and Samuel McHutchon! Good luck and go hard!



## Loans made simple.

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# KIA KAHA TŌ REO

# Light up your literacy

September 2022

#### **Drop Everything and Read**

Over the last term we have established a dedicated reading time within our school week. Every Thursday students are provided with a safe, comfortable, and encouraging place to read.

The New Zealand National Library has supported this initiative by lending a huge 500 books to the school. This gives students a range of texts from novels, to graphics, comics, and non-fiction, to help support their reading. Alongside this, Form Teachers have provided great material and inspiration to help engage all types of readers.

#### We know reading is good, but do you know how good?

- Reading for 6mins a day reduces stress by 68% (compared to music 61%, walking 42%).
- People who read 30mins a day live 23months longer than those who don't.
- Reading delays the onset of age-related mental health illness.

#### How can you help support reading in your home?

- Provide time, and a device free & comfortable space just for reading
- Role-model and read along. Read the same books as your child, showcase what you're reading, or spend some time outside reading together.
- Ask active questions about what your child is reading:
  - What is the book about? Who are the main characters?
  - What is an interesting event so far?
  - What do you think will happen next? Why do you think this?
  - Would I like it? What is it similar to?







## Taieri College Outward Bound Scholarship 2022

The Otago Community Trust has offered an annual scholarship towards **two** places on a three-week Outward-Bound course.

You can expect that...

"Over 21 days you'll experience **bush expeditions, water challenges, sea voyages and height activities** in stunning scenery. You'll spend your time between the school in Anakiwa, and the bush, mountains and waterways of the Marlborough Sounds. Reflection sessions will allow you to consider the importance of your actions in these situations and relate the lessons back to your everyday life."

All **Year 12** students are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

The scholarships are valued at \$3,450 each and the 21day course fee is \$5,495 which leaves a remaining fee of \$2,045 as well as the additional costs of transport to Picton and a doctor's appointment to get medical clearance.

You would have to be available on the following dates:

• 28 June 2023 – 18th July 2023

**Check out** <u>www.outwardbound.co.nz</u> for more information.

If you are still interested, please submit your application either by email or paper copy to **Mr Knowles** [kknowles@taieri.school.nz] by **1500 on Monday 10 October 2022.** This is the first day back next term.

Full information has been emailed to all eligible students. Please discuss this with your parents/guardian first. We will interview the applicants early in Term 4.









## **Athletics Taieri**

Come along on Tuesday 18 October 2022 to see what Athletics Taieri are all about. It is about a fun inclusive environment where children can learn fundamental movement skills and have a great time.

We teach the running, jumping and throwing skills at Memorial Park each Tuesday from 5.00-6.00 (Children) and then 6.30-7.30 for ages 13+ from October – April. Children can also compete each Saturday morning in at the Caledonian and meet and compete against children from all over Otago. There is a Ribbon Opening Day on Saturday 15 October from 9-12am for children under 14 years old. Children aged 13+ can compete on Saturdays from 12.30 – 4pm depending on their events. Come along to Memorial Park on Tuesdays from 11 October onwards to get in some training for the Otago Secondary Schools' Athletics Champs.

Have a look at our facebook page "athletics taieri" and <a href="www.athleticstaieri.com">www.athleticstaieri.com</a>. Register online. We would love to see you there.

Enquiries to Hayley 021 742 758





