



Kia ora e te whanau

Welcome back to the final term of the school year. I trust everyone enjoyed their holiday, including the typical mix of changeable Spring weather.

We are hoping for warm days ahead as we have now decommissioned our boiler for replacement. Our boilers were refurbished coal boilers that burned wood pellets. As well as being very old and susceptible to breakdown, they also couldn't burn in a manner that satisfied current emission standards. Our new boilers will burn wood chips and are designed to be more efficient while at the same time staying below current emission standards. It is a massive undertaking to replace our boiler system and the only time to do this is over the summer months. It is planned that our new system will be up and running by the end of Term 1 next year. Let's hope for a warm Summer!

This weekend over 600 ex-students from Mosgiel District High School, Mosgiel Intermediate, The Taieri High School and Taieri College are assembling on the Taieri to celebrate 151 years of education in Mosgiel. After being unable to proceed last year, it is with relief that we can welcome everyone back to school to share old stories and renew old acquaintances. A huge thank you to the reunion committee for their commitment and organisation. I think our first meeting was over 2 ½ years ago! I wish everyone attending a fun and festive weekend.

The start of Term 4 is when we hold our ceremonies to recognise the achievements of our senior students before they undertake their study leave. Blues Evening, Young Writers Awards, Mana Pounamu, Pasifika Awards and our Senior Prizegivings are all scheduled to occur over the next couple of weeks and it is always rewarding to share in the successes that have occurred during the year. It is also nice to be able to confidently invite parents and whānau to the college to share these celebrations.

Thank you to the large number of students and whānau who have attended the course confirmation interviews on Wednesday and Thursday evening this week. Subject selection in the senior school is particularly important and it has been pleasing to see such an interest from home into what courses are most suitable. If there are further questions around the process of subject selection, please contact the college.

Ngā mihi nui

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL

### Mufti Day – Wednesday 26 October 2022

Gold Coin Donation – proceeds to Mosgiel Food Bank and Heart Kids Otago

### Key Dates

24 October  
Labour Day – college closed

25 October  
ATV and Side by Side Safety Sign off  
Blues Awards

26 October  
Mufti Day – Gold coin  
Otago Polytechnic Secondary School Pasifika  
Recognition Awards

27 October  
Literary Lunch  
Vocal Showcase Concert

28 October  
Manu Pounamu Awards  
TK Leaders – Moana Pool  
Market Day – Year 10 ECO

28-29 October  
Otago SS Athletics Champs

## Senior Assessments Due Next Week

24-28 October

L1MAS AS91034 Transformation Geometry  
L1 PED AS 1.1 Participate in a Variety of Activities

26 October

Level 3 Solo Performance Second Portfolio  
L3 GEO AS91431 Contemporary Geographic Issue  
Internal



Nau mai, haere mai and welcome,

The [Tūturu](#) team ([Mirror HQ](#)) warmly invites you to our upcoming presentation:

### Information session about Drugs and Alcohol

**Date:** Thursday 10 November 2022, 6.30-8.00pm

**Venue:** Kavanagh College Auditorium (entrance on corner of York Place & Tennyson Streets)

This presentation examines the evidence around young people, alcohol and other drug use, and how whānau and caregivers can support their rangatahi, including having conversations about these sometimes difficult topics.

There will also be an opportunity to ask Mirror HQ staff any questions you have.

We'd love to see you there! [Please RSVP here](#)

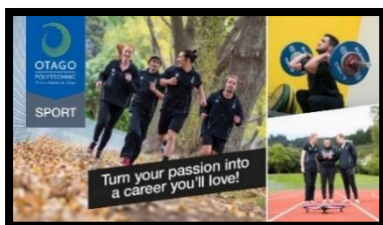
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## School Magazine 2022 \$20.00

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](mailto: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

The following students will be recognised for their achievements at the Literary Lunch on Thursday 27 October during Break 1 and Period 3 in the Library. A light morning tea will be provided.

### Year 7 and 8

Aahana Mundamattam 8GY  
Abby Flanagan 7AM  
Charlotte Saunders 8SJ  
Chelsea Willcock 7MB  
Cruise Douglas 7MB  
Dorothy Tate 8FY  
Greer Clark 7AM  
Harliquin Fraser 7MB  
Harry Tibble 7AM  
Isabelle Taia 7AM  
Isla Musk 8FY  
Jetson Bell 7SW  
Kahlan Tamati 7MB  
Kaiah Hiko 7HU  
Leila Hughes 7HB  
Lily Ballantyne 7MB  
Livy Urquhart 8FY  
Lucas Tikey 7HU  
Luke Payne 7BL  
Nika Miller 7HU  
Riley Stichman 7MB  
Yulia Neilson 7MB

### Year 9 and 10

Amelia Baxter 10HM  
Arian Najafi 9RG  
Bella Coatsworth 9GC  
Bella Hughes 10NI  
Bella MacKenzie 10KT  
Bella Neale 9RG  
Ben McKenna 9GC  
Bethany Bransgrove 10NI  
Brianna Westgate 10JH  
Casey Lubbe 9RG  
Connor Jopson 9RG  
Hannah Sinclair 10TM  
Hayley McHale 10JH  
Hunter Freeman 9GC  
Jenny Petegem Thach 9GC  
Kaitlyn Joyce 10KT  
Keira Hughes 10TM  
Kiera O'Neill 10HM  
Laura Thomas 10FR  
Liam Tasker 9RG  
Niamh Clark 10KT  
Pyper Greer 9GC  
Rania Najafi 9GC  
Rosie Mitchell 9GC  
Victoria Amende 10KT  
Will Christensen 10NI

### Year 11-13

Anaya Mundamattam 12GO  
Charlotte Hodge 11SP  
Emily Evans 12CG  
Erica Wilden 13HS  
Jackson Rosie 12BT  
Jayda Smither 13ML  
Joanne Brock-Smith 11MS  
Keisha Hollands 12GO  
Liam Gonen 13HS  
Louise Lawson 11HX  
Nia Jopson 11SP  
Tessa Bishell 11HX  
Zara Deans 13ML

## **"Epiphanies of a Young Mind"**

Over the holidays Aahana [8GY] and Anaya Mundamattam [12GO] celebrated the official launch of their publication "epiphanies of a young mind". This is a book of poems, written by Aahana, and illustrated by Anaya. The event was a lovely celebration of the talent of these two students, who began this 'project' during the worldwide Covid outbreak in 2020. Our library has a copy of the book, proudly displayed for students to view.





## Level Up Performing Arts Troupe

The Level Up Performing Arts Troupe is a group of Year 7, 8, and 9 students who are enthusiastic about all things performing arts – acting, dance and music. This week they put on a short play called the “Wizard of Moz”. This was run in conjunction with the Level 1 Music Technology class who, as part of a Unit Standard, ran the behind the scenes – the music, lighting, stage crew, Front of House, and more. It is a great way for students to learn new skills and to gain confidence performing, as well as having a great time. We look forward to seeing what entertaining show they come up with next year.



## Reunion 2022

Taieri College head students, Leah Dixon and Ollie Mackenzie, will be addressing our reunion guests this Saturday. This is the speech they will be giving to the attendees, which has a great reflection on how education has changed over the years as well as illustrating the strengths of the strong community existing on the Taieri Plain:

*Kia Ora everyone and welcome back to Taieri College. I am Leah and this is Ollie; we are the current head students this year and are honoured to be speaking to you today. We are in our last year at Taieri College so we know a fair bit about how it runs today. We are in Year 1,3 although most of you would know it as 7th Form. Modern day Taieri College is a community that supports diversity, uniqueness, and encourages us to be ourselves. We learn everything from Maths and English to Drama, Photography and Automotive. Ollie and I are proud to represent the student body and this great school with so much history.*

*We assume the school looks a bit different from when you were here, for example we ditched the typewriters and all bring our own laptops now, giving us round the clock access to our teachers and lessons. This is helpful for a midnight hand in of an assessment, but the teachers may not agree when we email with questions at 10pm on a Friday night. Data projectors replaced chalkboards where the teachers can write notes which appear straight onto our laptop screens. Then, when Covid happened we had 30 people zoom calls from our bedrooms instead of sitting at desks. These things are very normal to us but to our understanding this is the complete opposite to how your education was at Taieri. Technology has changed the way schooling works, for the better.*

*There is a huge variety of arts and cultural opportunities for us to take at Taieri. From our amazing Kapa Haka group to the jazz band, choir, and theatre sports to name a few. As well as being Head Girl I am also an Arts Prefect and have thoroughly enjoyed the experiences and opportunities available to me. For example, I learnt how to fire dance just last Tuesday. The Taieri College of today encourages to think outside of the box and to follow our passions.*

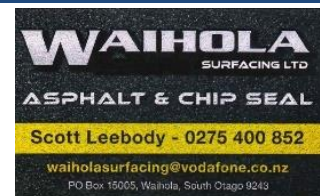
*Additionally, to the Head Boy role I am also a sports prefect. We offer a wide variety of sports to participate in from the more commonly known rugby, netball, and cricket, to equestrian, shooting, and triathlon. Through sports at Taieri I have been given the opportunity to travel across the world and meet new people. Sport is very important to us, and this is shown in our alumni as we have produced gold medallists, and national sports coaches.*

*While we know a fair bit about how this school looks and works today, we have also grown-up hearing stories about our relatives who went here. Both our mums were students at The Taieri High School, with Ollie's graduating in 1990 and my mum graduated in 1989; I followed in her footsteps as Head Girl as she also had that role all the way back then. I learnt recently that there has been a member of my family continuously at this school, either as a student or a teacher, for the last 51 years. My grandad taught Geography and History at The Taieri High School for over 30 years. I know him as Grandad but some of you may know him as Mr Letts. He has told me about many great stories from his memories as 7th Form Dean, coaching cricket, and school ski trips. Funnily enough he started working at Taieri in 1971, which was celebrating the centennial anniversary of the school and now I stand in front of you at the 150th anniversary as his granddaughter.*

*With a student count, now, of over 1200 students, there are many of us with stories like mine and family connections going back years and years. I've been taught by teachers who taught my mum, Ollie's mum, or have taught with my grandad back in the day; for example Mrs Hill and Mrs Mortimer have taught me Mathematics, Mr Campbell taught me Japanese, and Mr Macdonald taught me Economics. Education is always changing but it's great that we can connect to our families' past and the past of this school. We encourage you to share some of your stories with us also so that we can learn from you all here today. Thank you for listening to us and we hope that you all have a great weekend reminiscing on old memories.*

*Leah Dixon and Ollie MacKenzie  
Head Students 2022*





## Careers Chat

**Gateway Programme 2023** - it was really pleasing to get 60 students and parents along to our information evening held at the PAC on Wednesday of this week. A reminder, that Gateway is an excellent programme for students who are considering a trade or going directly into a work vocation. The work experience runs one day a week (usually a Thursday) during Terms 2 and 3. Written applications are available from the careers office and need to be returned by Friday 28 October. We interview applicants during the first two weeks of November. Current Year 11 and 12 students can apply, they must choose Careers as one of their subjects for 2023. Email us if you would like further information. We are currently funded for 30 places but would like to increase this!

**Speed Careers Meets with Year 11s** – we are currently completing quick interviews with all Year 11 students and recording details of school and career pathway plans on our Career Central system. It has been a real pleasure to have a quick chat with our Year 11s and we look forward to assisting this group as they move through the school!

**Year 13 & Year 12 school leavers** should contact us directly if they require any careers assistance. The careers room, L1, is open at all breaks for call in help, or an appointment at another time can be made.

**Scholarships**-it has been a real pleasure to provide support for our applicants and we especially want to congratulate all the recipients of The University of Otago Entrance Scholarships which 15 of our students have received. It is so awesome to see talented young people rewarded for all their positive endeavours.

**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](mailto:swalker@taieri.school.nz),

Fiona Smeaton- Careers Admin & Gateway Coordinator, email [fsmeaton@taieri.school.nz](mailto:fsmeaton@taieri.school.nz)

## Guitars Donated to the Music Department

The Taieri College Music Department received an incredibly generous gift this week. Mark Lambert, a Mosgiel local, donated four guitars to be used by music students. The donated guitars are all excellent quality and in near-new condition. These will be a real asset to the college. Ngā mihi nui Mark! Pictured are Elodie Ilian, Jack Johnston, Connor McDonald and Brodie Hoffman holding the donated instruments.



## Te Ahi Ora

Te Ahi Ora is a fire performance group that has been touring the nation. They have spent the week at Taieri College teaching our Drama, PE and TK students how to spin fire. Josh and Chris, our fire instructors, spent an hour with each group teaching them how to use a fire staff. In the evening students and whanau gathered on Kaye Field. Josh and Chris gave us a performance using fire swords, staffs, a dragonstaff, and fire balls. Then it was the students' and parents' turn. People of all ages spun fire and had epic fire sword battles. Our students gave spectacular performances and looked amazing.





# Sports Newsletter

Over the October school holidays Taieri College had many amazing students competing in their sports and achieving some fantastic results!

## Mountain Biking

Over the last weekend of the holidays a group of our mountain bikers took part in the National Schools Champs at Sandy Point, Bluff.

### RESULTS

#### ENDURO

U15 Boys Bradley Tapp 24th

U16 Boys Isaac Lawrence 22nd

U17 Boys Ryan Merrilees 10th

#### DOWNHILL

U15 Boys Oakley Bird 26th,

Bradley Tapp 29th

U17 Boys Ryan Merrilees 7th

#### CROSS COUNTRY

U16 Boys Ollie Esplin 14th

U17 Boys Ryan Merrilees 18th

U20 Girls Pearl Harris-Blain 16th

Ryan Merrilees came in 6th overall in the U17 Boys section.



## Rugby League

Josh Munro represented the South Island Scorpions U16 Boys in the National Youth Tournament in Rotorua. The team made it through to the semis against Auckland Akaranas but came off second best. They pulled themselves together for a big win against Auckland Vulcans to end in third place.





## Rugby

We had many students representing the Otago Māori Rugby!

Un15 Kōhine - Jessy Lawrence, Telesia Vatuvei

Un15 Tāne Uta - Jaxin Martin, Travis Miller

Un17 Kōhine - Charlotte Williams

Un17 Tāne - Jacoby Hooper, Jalen Forgie

Jalen Forgie and Rhys Farr also represented Otago Metro U17 in Ashburton. They had an amazing tournament making it to the final against Mid Canterbury.



## Clay Shooting

Sam Bonney competed at the South Island & New Zealand Secondary School Clay Target Championship 2022 held in Christchurch. There were 285 shooters from all over NZ competing.

Sam competed in 9 different events and won the South Island Single Barrel High Over All Award. Sam also got into a shoot off for the NZ Single Rise Event.

As well as all of this, Sam also made the Otago Regional Team competing in the Fish & Game Regional Teams Challenge. Otago came 5th out of 12 Regions. Well done Sam!



## Hockey

Charlie Nicol, Ollie Michelle and Ollie Esplin represented Otago U15 hockey at the South Island tournament in Christchurch.

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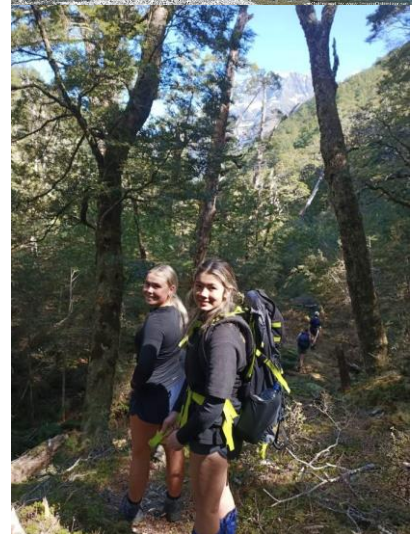


## Life Education Visit



## Duke of Edinburgh

Over the school holidays the Duke of Edinburgh students went on an expedition to the Caples Valley.





# 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](mailto: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.



**Taieri's Got Talent**

**Thursday**  
**27 October 2022**  
**Break 2 and Period 5 in**  
**the Performing Arts**  
**Centre**



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**Saddle Hill Foundation Trust**

**COMMUNITY CARNIVAL**

**Friday 4 November, 2022**  
 Cnr Gladstone & Cemetery Rd, East Taieri

Face painting, Car bashing,  
 Bouncy Castle, Dunk the Leader,  
 Balloon animals and more

Join us from 6-9pm

**FREE EVENT**

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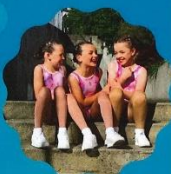
## Queen's Aerobics

At Queen's Aerobics we have a huge emphasis on fitness and strength training! We work hard to make sure that our athletes are fit and ready to have fun performing their routine on stage.

Lesson information  
available on request!

Year 3-13

Join our QA whānau! Our team love across all ages is what creates our happy aerobics atmosphere, and we would love for you to join it.



Contact: [queensaerobics@gmail.com](mailto:queensaerobics@gmail.com)

WE ARE SUPER EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE  
THAT WE WILL BE BRINGING BACK  
THE



## LEAGUE

23 OCT - 17 DEC 2022

### HOW IT WILL WORK...

- Once registrations close, players will be randomly organised into Junior and Senior teams
- Team lists will be released and so will a fixtures draw
- Teams will play on Sundays against other teams
- Teams will collect points over the 8 weeks and finals will be played in the last week



OWP club members no extra charge for Term 4. For non-club members we are offering them the opportunity to join in too. However, you will be invoiced **\$50** for participating in the league.

To register go to [facebook.com/otagowaterpolo/](https://facebook.com/otagowaterpolo/) and fill out the google form alternatively email [development@otagowaterpolo.com](mailto:development@otagowaterpolo.com)



## Altrusa's Health Seminar for Women

Motivational and health topics from great speakers

### When:

Thursday 3 November 2022

6:45 pm Opening with Information Stations

7:30 pm Amazing Motivational Speakers

### Where:

Taieri College Performing Arts  
Centre

3 Green Street, Mosgiel

### How:

Tickets \$20

Available from Altrusa members

Email: [president.taieri@altrusa.org.nz](mailto:president.taieri@altrusa.org.nz)

Facebook: @AltrusaInternationalofTaieri



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# QUIZ NIGHT

## MOSGIEL/TAIERI COMMUNITY PATROL

**DATE:** Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022  
**TIME:** 7 PM  
**WHERE:** Taieri Bowling Club, Wickliffe Street, Mosgiel  
**COST:** \$5.00 per person – Teams of 4 to 6  
Or put your name down to join others.

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