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## Tēnā Koutou Katoa

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Welcome to the last newsletter of 2022!

Next Thursday 8 December 2022 is our last school day of the year, where we farewell our junior students with their formal prize giving ceremonies. I always enjoy the opportunity to listen to the accolades our junior students have obtained during the year. I also enjoy the part of the ceremony where our outgoing 2022 Head Students pass on a taonga to our 2023 Head Students. Meg McDonald-Page and Andrew Matheson have been given the responsibility to lead our student population next year and I congratulate them on their appointment.



Our Year 7 and 8 prize giving begins at 11.45am and our Year 9 and 10 prize giving follows at 1.30pm. Both ceremonies are in the Performing Arts Centre and should take approximately one hour. I invite parents, caregivers, and whānau to join us in celebrating the wonderful achievements of our junior students.

My thanks to everyone who was involved in the publication of our Taieri College Magazine, in particular, the amount of time and effort our English Department put in. It is an excellent portrayal of the many exploits, endeavours, and events that have taken place during the year. Please enjoy reading it.

Next year's start dates are now confirmed. Our course confirmation day for 2023 Year 13 students is on Thursday 26 January 2023 followed by the Year 12s on Friday 27 January 2023. Year 7, 8 and 9 students begin on Tuesday 31 January 2023 with the Year 10s joining them on Wednesday 1 February 2023. The whole school (Years 7 to 13) come together on Thursday 2 February 2023. As well as plenty of new students, we are also looking forward to welcoming several new teachers who are joining our team.

I wish a fond farewell to the number of staff who are departing at the end of this year, and I would like to acknowledge the work and commitment they have made to our college. I wish everyone all the very best for their relocations, retirements, career changes or new teaching appointments.

Finally, an appreciation to everyone who helped coach, manage, feed, transport, cheer, and inspire our students during the year. Please accept my thanks and gratitude. The cooperation we get from our parent community is treasured and plays a big part in making us a true community college.

To everyone who is part of our wonderful college community, I wish you a safe and relaxing holiday.

Ngā mihi nui

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL

### Key Dates

2-5 December 2022  
DoE Silver Tramp

4-5 December 2022  
Cricket Interchange Wakatipu

6 December 2022  
Year 10 Sports SCI (Best Start Mini Olympics)

7 December 2022  
Mountain Bike Club Matangi Station Trip

8 December 2022  
Year 7 and 8 Prizegiving at 11.45 in the PAC  
Year 9 and 10 Prizegiving at 1.30pm in the PAC  
Junior Reports Emailed Home  
End of Term Four



## Taieri College Sports Council

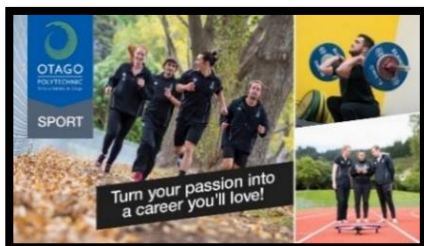
Taieri College Sports Council Mission: 'To promote and encourage sport at Taieri College and on the Taieri'.

Taieri College's Sports Council is a committee made up of both parents and staff. 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.

Another year is quickly coming to a close and it's safe to say it's been a busy year for sport. Sports Council have now had our final meeting for the year, reflecting on all the positive differences we, as a committee and sponsors, have been able to achieve. Thank you to all applicants who applied for funding. There is still a lot of sport continuing during the summer break; we wish all these teams and individuals well.

A special mention to our Sports Council Committee, Chairperson: Jan Fright, Secretary: Judy Baines Committee: Etere Stonelake, Janet Andrews, Tahnee Te Kanawa, Nadia Bird, Beth Forgie, Kerry MacKenzie, Gary Barclay, Becs Michelle, Mali Chettleburgh, Jon Conley, Dallas Shaw, Karen Dunlea (Sports Academy Manager), Graeme Egan (Sport Coordinator), Sophie Russell (Head of Sport), Jared Peacock (Assistant Principal), Eilish Fright (Student Rep), Ollie MacKenzie (Student Rep), Kylie Gale (Student Rep), Logan Kakahi (Student Rep). Thank you for all you have given during 2022. In a world where everyone is busy, you have all come together and made some great things happen for our Taieri College community. A special mention about the networking from this committee that went on for our latest annual fundraiser, our golf day! Your efforts were outstanding and the result was even better as this saw us have our record golf day raising \$25K. All monies raised will go straight back into our college students in means of funding for individual and team travels, scholarships, the purchasing of new improved equipment, ownership and running of the school vans, plus the continuation of our very popular Sports Academy, led by the wonderful Karen Dunlea.

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. The support we receive from your business is invaluable and it's a partnership that we truly appreciate here at Taieri College. We look forward to continuing on with you all in 2023 and beyond. On behalf of The Sports Council, we would like to wish everyone, safe and happy holidays!





## Writing Club Evening

On Thursday 3 November 2022 from 6-7pm the TK Writing Club evening was held in the library. It was a fantastic turn out from students and parents.

Opening remarks and welcome came from Mrs Hughes and Miss Hannah. They shared the highlights and events of our two term writing journey. This included the Street Art Writing Trip; having a visiting local author, Ella West, share her publishing experience; and our regular weekly Writing Club time which was used to work towards our own pieces of writing. Some writing was kept for private, whilst other pieces were produced for the Young Writers' Awards. We met fortnightly to share our writing in the hub during a break time whilst we shared our lunches.

During the evening pupils shared their work with their own parents, caregivers, or grandparents. It was lovely seeing the interactions of engaged families. After this adults were invited to move around and explore other students' writing. Mr Hunter and Mrs Rosevear were also in attendance soaking in the atmosphere and delight of students sharing their writing.

Three students read some of their work:

Livy Urquhart read her poem, 'Life';

Luke Payne read an excerpt from his story 'Complex';

Charlotte Saunders read her story, 'True Grave Diggers'

and Aahana Mundamattam read a poem from her published book 'Epiphanies of a Young Mind' – "The Abyss".

Aahana Mundamattam was one of our young aspiring writers who even published a book of poetry called "Epiphanies of a Young Mind". Her older sister Anaya did all the art work for the poems. They had an exciting book launch release at the Dunedin Public Library on Thursday 13 October 2022. This was an accumulation of a lot of work created by these girls during lockdown times.

To conclude the evening Mrs Hughes, Miss Hannah, and Mr Wood presented the Writing Club certificates.

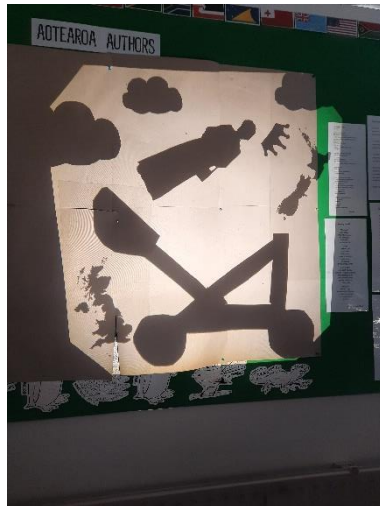
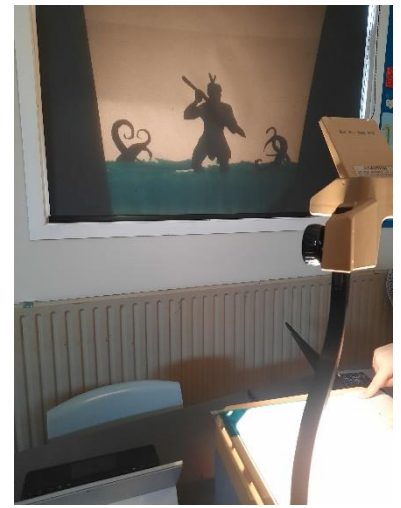
Congratulations to all the Writing Club members on their efforts and contributions.





## Year 10 English

Year 10 English classes have been working in electives over the last two weeks, which involved them choosing a creative project from a variety offered by teachers in the English department. Ms Pattison's group have been looking at "Whakaari Atarau", or "Shadow Theatre". Students read a variety of short texts about arrivals to New Zealand; for example, articles and stories about the waka Āraiteuru, the early Otago settlers, and even migratory birds. In groups, they then wrote and designed their own short narratives about arrival, which they presented as a piece of shadow theatre using overhead projectors (which those of us educated in the 20<sup>th</sup> century might recognise!)



## Owhiro Stream Monitoring

The Year 10 Environmental Science Class headed to the Owhiro Stream this week to conduct some stream monitoring.

Lead by Craig Simpson from Watershed Solutions, the students measured water clarity, temperature dissolved oxygen, phosphate, and nitrate levels, as well as the aquatic animals.

This process is will be repeated regularly to gain a picture of the stream health. Be sure to sign up if you see it advertised in the school notices next year. Thanks so much to Craig for sharing his knowledge, time, and resources.





# Careers Chat

## Inspiring the Future

We delivered this programme for the first time this week to all our Year 9 students. The programme has been created to 'broaden young people's career horizons, challenge stereotypes, and address unconscious biases that can limit their potential.

We ran four sessions to keep the group sizes around 50 and in the first hour the students met six or seven 'role-models' and we enjoyed a game of 20 questions to try and narrow down their occupations. Student questions could only be answered "yes", "no", "sometimes", or "maybe". The role models then left the PAC and we summarised what we found out for each person and nominated what jobs we thought they did. The role-models then re-entered dressed in their work uniforms and with a work prop to reveal their occupations and give brief background of their career pathways and current jobs.

In the second hour our students met with all of the role-models in smaller groups and had a really good discussion with each person to ask questions and learn more about the role-models job and story.

The programme was positively received by our students who all participated enthusiastically, and the programme has got them all realising there is a very wide range of work possibilities out there for all and they are at the start of the life-long journey of understanding themselves and learning more about what career options align with their vision and goals.

We want to thank Haley McManus from Business South for assisting the organisation and delivery of the programme and all of our wonderful role-models who devoted significant time and energy to deliver very interesting information and great advice to our young people;

Heather Scott-Smith-self-employed Builder Queenstown  
Alana Tamakehu (with some help from Kippy)- Real Estate Agent  
Harriet Markham – Food Technician Ansco  
Jemma Dixon – Police Officer  
Matt Hogan – For Trades Manager  
Pauline Latta – Business Manager  
Kate Beattie – Veterinary Technician  
Tama Walker – University Liaison Officer  
Keith King – University Lecturer  
Callum Bissett – Funeral Director  
Melanie Stevenson – Engineer

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# Sport Wrap Up 2022

As the 2022 school year comes to a close, I am reflecting on what a great year it has been. Being new to Taieri College, arriving in May 2022, it has been refreshing to see how lucky the school is with all the sporting opportunities on offer, the quality of sporting facilities, and most importantly how fantastic the wider Taieri College community is.

Sport is such an important part of the health and wellbeing of students and can teach many things such as resilience and perseverance. It is full of ups and downs, rewards, and sacrifices. For some, sport can be some of the biggest and greatest memories young people have from their school years. Because of this, I encourage each student to make the most of what is available to them through sport. Enjoy the friends you make, enjoy the laughs you have, and enjoy the chance to express yourself the way that sport enables you to.

Thinking of trying something new next year? Come and have a chat to the staff in the sports office and we can help you get involved. If you haven't played that sport before, it is never too late to start.

I would like to thank the Taieri College community for their support in 2022.

To our coaches, managers, volunteers, parents, and supporters, thank you for everything you have given to our students this year. It is greatly appreciated by the college and most importantly the students, as they are the reason, we do what we do.

Sophie Russell  
Director of Sport





## Junior Sport Have a Go Week

Last week was the Otago Junior Sport Have a Go week organised by Otago Secondary Schools' Sports Association. The week included a whole range of sports not normally offered through the schools' sport pathways. Our junior students had the choice of participating in two sports during the week. Overall, we had over 100 students participate in 3x3 basketball, girls dodgeball, Ki O Rahi, E-Sports, Renegade Hockey, Ultimate Frisbee and Pool. All sports were fantastic and was great chance for our students to have a fun day out participating in the sports and learning new things. A highlight was two Taieri College students making the final in the pool tournament, Fergus Clark taking our 1<sup>st</sup> place when Tom O'Neill missed the 8 ball to take 2<sup>nd</sup>. Huge thanks to the teachers involved in making the week a possibility for our students.





## Water polo

Our Junior girls water polo team travelled to Christchurch to play in the South Island Secondary Schools Junior Water Polo Tournament. The tournament was from the 24-27 November 2022. This is first time that Taieri College has been represented at this tournament, and although the competition was hard and the days long, the girls learnt a lot from the experience. We are thankful for the financial support from the Sports Council and the Students' Council. It is always difficult playing so far away from home. The team would like to thank Laura Gale for coaching the team, Ronnie Gale for his organisation and management, and Justin Stonelake for his support and enthusiasm during the tournament.



**2022 Food Bank Drive**  
**Monday 5 December**  
**2022**  
**6.00pm – 9.00pm**



**Listen for the sirens in your street – please place your items in the 'Lions Trailer'**

**Please help to make someone's Christmas that much better.**

**Proceeds to Local Foodbank Only.**



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## Music

Earlier this year, Jenny Petegem Thach and Jazz Mackie's song 'Endless Time' was awarded first place in Region 3 (the South Island) of the Play it Strange Youthtown Songwriting Competition. This week Jenny and her whanau were flown to Auckland by the Play it Strange Foundation so Jenny could perform the song at the 2022 Play it Strange Awards. The awards were held at Auckland's Tuning Fork venue. Jenny was ably assisted by her brother Matthew on guitar and was presented with trophies for her and Jazz. It is awesome to see Taieri College music being represented on a national level. Congratulations to Jenny, Jazz and Matthew for their wonderful efforts this year.





# Murray Street Community Christmas Party

Thank you so much for your support of the Murray Street Community Christmas Party. We were blown away by the turnout and it was great to be able to offer so many activities and awareness raising opportunities through partnering with others like Taieri College. We were so impressed by the calibre of the music and the kapa haka performance, and there were a lot of comments from other stall holders and visitors alike about how good the bands are.

We're also keen to get your feedback on what worked well; what didn't work so well; and get your suggestions for improvements. So while it's still fresh in your mind we'd appreciate if you would let us know any thoughts you may have about this event, which we can use in our planning for other community events.

We felt that having a table of giveaways impacted on the experience for some and distracted some people from checking out other stands such as yours. We are looking at ways to avoid this in future events, such as having raffles each hour leaving families free to focus and engage and connect for the remainder of the time. We're also looking at having a better PA system and an MC at future events – so that we can promote what is on offer and hear the music better.

Thanks again for all your support. We hope it was worthwhile for you and look forward to receiving your thoughts and working with you on future community events.

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