

Kia ora e te whanau

The last few newsletters have focused on the spread of Omicron across the greater Dunedin area and our response to it. Whilst we are still in the midst of the Omicron outbreak, I would like to change tack in the newsletter this week and reflect on our NCEA results from 2021.

We are incredibly proud of last year's NCEA attainment and despite obvious challenges, our staff and students have produced some outstanding results.

In 2021, just short of 80% of our Year 11 students achieved Level 1 NCEA and this compares very favourably with the national average of 68%. Our Year 12 results were just as impressive with over 85% gaining Level 2 NCEA. The national average was 77%. Our Year 13 students also performed admirably with 54% of them gaining University Entrance. The national average was 50%. Over 15% of our Year 13s also obtained an Excellence endorsement with their Level 3 results. To top off these outstanding set of achievements five scholarships were also awarded to Taieri College students.

On Tuesday next week we intend to celebrate these efforts at our annual academic excellence assembly. Thirty-eight Year 12 and 13 students will be receiving an academic blue next week as reward for their academic endeavours during 2021. Regrettably we are still unable to invite parents and whānau to join us live, but we will be offering a live streaming option.

The last of our Year 10 camps took place this week in Tautuku and I thoroughly enjoyed being part of the staff overseeing the various outdoor adventures. My thanks to everyone who was involved in making the camp so successful. The expertise of the teachers, the enthusiasm of the Year 12 student leaders and the attitude of the students all contributed to an entertaining week.

Nga mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL



Congratulations to Pearl Harris-Blain (pictured far left) who was awarded a Silver medal in the U19 Keirin event at the NZ track champs held in Cambridge today.



Key Dates

21 March 2022
Otago Anniversary Day
– College Closed

22 March 2022
Academic Blues
Ceremony

23 March 2022
Mufti Day – Gold coin
donation
L2 SPR Practice Hike
(Maungatua)

24 March 2022
L1PED Athletic
Assessment
L2 & L3 Tikanga Maori
Art Gallery Trip

25 March 2022
L2 Agribusiness Trip to
Wingatui Racecourse
and Janefield Peonies

28-30 March 2022
L2 SPR Kepler Tramp

31 March 2022
L3 Biology Otago
Penninsula Trip
L1 PRM trip to Wingatui
Racecourse

1 April 2022
L1 SPR Day Tramp

Senior Assessments Due Next Week

28 March 2022
L1ENC 90856 Film Close
Viewing

1 April 2022
L2HIS AS91229 Due



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Mufti Day – Gold Coin Donation Blue and Yellow Theme

Our first mufti day of this year will be on Wednesday 23 March 2022. Taieri College Students' Council has decided to have these funds go towards Save the Children - Ukraine fund.

Save the Children are working on the ground in Ukraine and neighbouring countries providing essential humanitarian aid like food, water, hygiene kits, and warm clothes to children and their families fleeing from the violence.

You can find out more information about their response here: <https://www.savethechildren.org.nz/our-work/emergencies/ukraine-crisis/>

On March 23 2022, please reach into your pockets to help support children and families that are in dire need of our help now.

STAND WITH UKRAINE

Mufti Day

Gold Coin Donation

Raising Money to support Children and Families in Ukraine

23rd of March



From the Taieri College Careers Café

We are going to provide an update of careers activities each fortnight in this @ a glance newsletter and look forward to strengthening our communications and work with you, the parents/caregivers of our school community.

Our most exciting development is that we have purchased a new online platform for student career pathway management, **Career Central** (CC). This features staff, student and caregiver portals, and encourages school-wide participation in career education and enables the delivery of personalised career planning. We are currently getting familiar with this resource and have introduced it to our Year 12 and 13 Career classes and all Year 13 students. We'll let you know more about CC in our next article! We have hosted liaison visits from the University of Otago (50 attended), Otago Polytechnic (30 attended) and Victoria University (4 attended). We also had a visit from the Queenstown Resort College who presented to our Tourism classes.

It is important that Senior students check their emails and the daily notices and attend these visits if they are considering tertiary study. Year 12 & 13 students should also join our Taieri College Careers Facebook group; this is where we advertise part-time and full-time jobs, which are currently flowing in at a good rate! Email us directly if you would like us to advertise a job. Career Central also offers direct communication with us if students have any questions, and/or would like to have an interview.

We have 30 students on our Gateway 2022 programme and Mrs Smeaton is very busy finding work placements for all participants. This has been a little more challenging in these trying times, but we really appreciate the strong support we have from local businesses. The aim is to get all students out to work one day a week (usually a Thursday) for Terms 2 & 3. Some students are heading out to work this week which is great.

We also offer defensive driving courses and our first group of 20 Year 13 students have now finished their four theory classes and over the next few days complete their in-car session with our awesome tutor Gareth Taylor. We will aim to offer at least two more courses this year and will let you know when the times are confirmed. In Careers we want to actively promote all of our senior students to get their drivers licences and to take defensive driving courses.

At this stage our Careers Café is a byo and only for Year 12 and 13 students, who are welcome to casually call into L1 during any of our half-hour school breaks with any snacks or drinks they have. Students can also call, email, or contact us on CC to request a more formal appointment for any careers related help. We have a vision to brighten up our L1 classroom with hard copy careers displays, electronic displays and maybe even some refreshments, snacks, and organised tutorials and activities in the future.

We are currently quick meeting, or surveying on CC, all of our Year 13 students to gauge their intentions for next year. There are still many who are, understandably unsure of what they will do! We will be doing the same with our Year 12 students over the next few weeks with a special focus on those who feel that this will be their final school year.

Coming Careers Events

- 22-25 March 2022 **Ara Institute of Canterbury**, online for information all week
- Tuesday 5 April 2022, **Lincoln University** visit, 11.45am-2pm
- Thursday 7 April 2022, **Canterbury University**, 11.45am zoom meeting
- Friday 27 May 2022, **Dunedin Hospital Rebuild** seminar
- Monday 30 May 2022, **Tertiary Open Day**, all Year 13s, some Year 12s (Otago Poly & Uni)
- Thursday 2 June 2022, **Careers Expo**, all Year 11s

All best and have a good long weekend. **Please contact us directly if we can help in any way.**

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



Mile of An Achievement

Congratulations to Laura Thomas 10FR, Emily Cements 9BD and Joel McGrath 8HR who all completed their mile badge for swimming, with the Taieri Swimming Club last Saturday. All three students had to swim 64 lengths of the Taieri College pool without stopping and complete this under one hour. All three students comfortably completed this and should be very proud of this accomplishment. Well done!

Laura Thomas, Emily Clements & Joel McGrath (from left to right)



Term One 2022 Sports Hoodie

The first order of sports hoodies for 2022 is now open. Orders can be made through the online order form which is available on the Taieri College Sports Facebook page.

All orders **MUST** be completed by **Friday 8 April 2022** to receive the sports hoodie at the start of Term 2. We encourage all students to come to the Sports Office to try on sample hoodies to confirm the size they would like.

Once hoodies have arrived at Taieri College, we will notify students via the student notices and the Facebook Sport page for them to collect their hoodie from the Sports Office.

These hoodies are not part of our regulation school uniform. They can only be worn for PE and at Taieri College Sports Events.





Vaccine Update for Sport

School students are no longer required to have a my-vaccine pass in order to play secondary school sport. Changes to the Public Health Order were made on Tuesday 15 March 2022. Please register for sport via our school website if you are interested in representing Taieri College.

Please note this change does not apply to secondary school students playing club sport, only those representing school teams. Any questions please contact me on 4893823 extn 135.

Ryan Rosevear
Head of Sport
Taieri College

Outward Bound NZ - Youth Activate

The fully funded Youth Activate is an 8 day course for physically disabled youth aged 16-17 years. Our next course date is **10-17 May 2022**.

[Find more information about Youth Activate here.](#)

Outward Bound NZ - Leaps & Bounds Activate

The fully funded Leaps & Bounds Activate 8 day course is for physically disabled youth (13 to 16yrs) and their parent or caregiver. Our next course date is **10-17 October 2022**.

[Find more information about Leaps & Bounds Activate here.](#)

Stephanie Kuttner

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Kia whanake ngā whānau,
Kia whanake te ao*





Primary Science Extension & Enrichment – Year 6-8 Students

If your student is interested in the Year 6-8 Marine Science Primary extension programme, please contact Ryan Fitzgerald first on rfitzgerald@taieri.school.nz



Primary Science Extension & Enrichment for Yr 6-8 Students



This is a four-day programme for Year 6-8 students who have a keen interest and curiosity in the world around them. These do not need to be "science" gifted students as we incorporate a wide range of curriculum areas into the programme. Students are placed in research teams and each team is mentored by a postgraduate marine science student through a range of projects. Students then present their findings at the end of the programme to peers, family and friends.

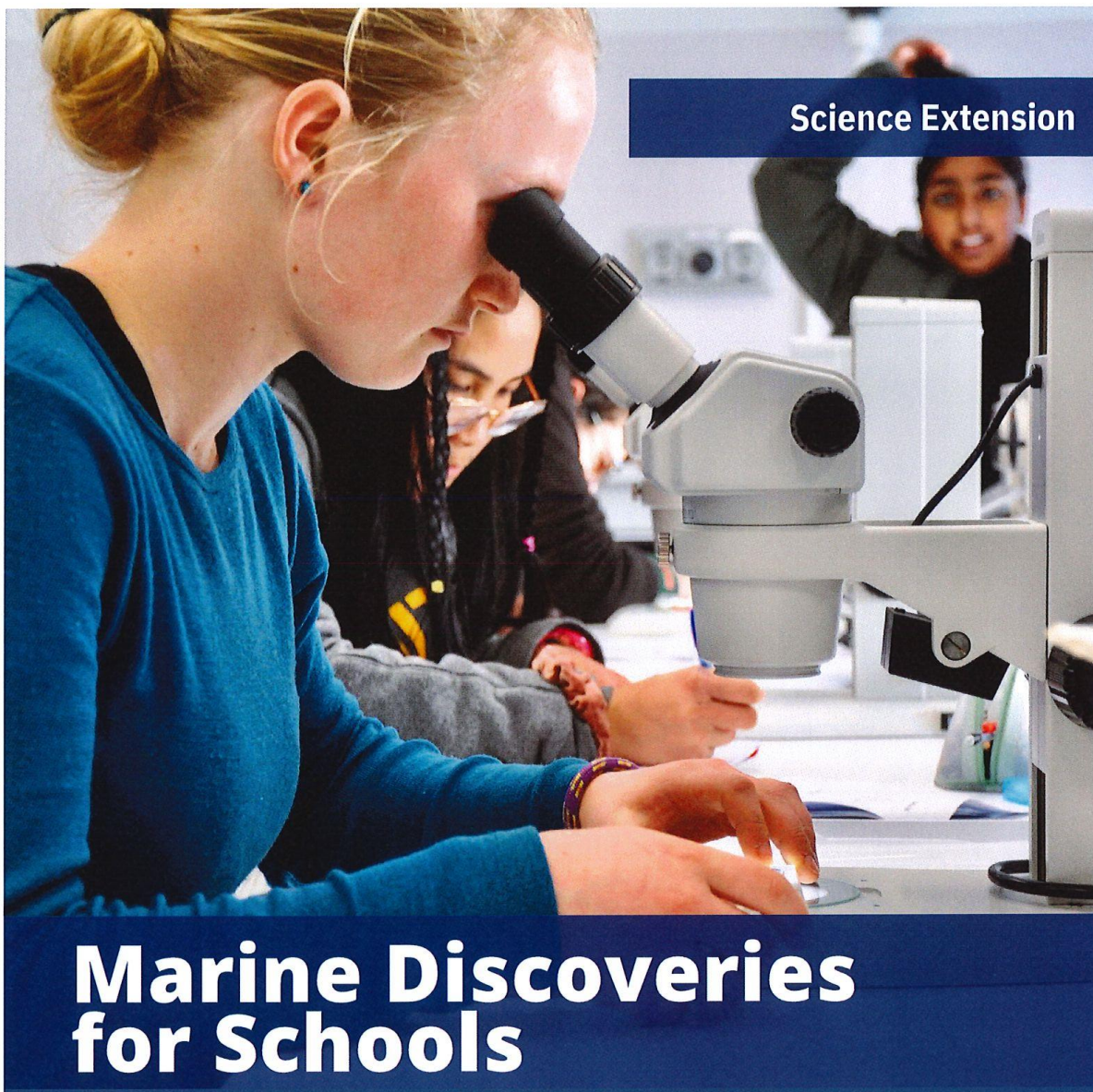
<p>Participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open to gifted and/or enthusiastic and curious students who are interested in engaging with the marine world and sharing their learning. • Students must be in Year 6, 7 or 8 and available for each day of the programme <p>Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursdays: 12, 19, 26 May, and 2 June 2022 • 9am to 4pm each day <p>Costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$46 inclusive of GST per student. 	<p>Location</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NZ Marine Studies Centre in Portobello, Dunedin. Transport to and from the Centre is the responsibility of the participating students/schools. <p>Registration</p> <p>Fill out the following pages in this order:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student and a guardian are to fill out pages labelled <i>Student Application</i>. • A teacher or affiliated adult who knows the student through club organisation, marae, or other education is to fill out pages labelled <i>Student Profile</i>, then return the document to the email below.
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Registration deadline: April 3 2022

Submit the application via email to marine.studies@otago.ac.nz

For further enquires please contact: elle.ueland@otago.ac.nz



Science Extension

Marine Discoveries for Schools

Join scientists and wildlife at the NZ Marine Studies Centre

Get hands-on with live species, work in university laboratories and access local marine coastlines.
In 2022, the NZ Marine Studies Centre offers science extension programmes to primary and secondary students.

For further details phone 03 479 5826
or see our website: www.marine.ac.nz



See Mr Fitzgerald or email rfitzgerald@taieri.school.nz for more information if interested.