



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATO A



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Kia ora e te whānau

Our Shakespearean actors are currently in Wellington competing in the National Shakespeare Festival. They are an incredibly talented group who have been practising very hard and I wish them all the best for their performance.

Winter sports are now well underway and Taieri College teams are performing admirably across several sports and in different grades. We foster a competitive spirit at Taieri College and expect our teams to do their utmost to win their encounters. Whilst winning games is always the preferred option, it is equally important to accept defeat when it occurs. Acknowledging opposition, respecting officials, and thanking supporters should be mandatory at the conclusion of all games, regardless of the result. The best time to react to a defeat is not straight away, it is the next time you go to training. Identify areas of your game you can improve on and work hard to get better. In some cases, you get the opportunity to play against the same opposition who previously beat you, and with hard work and dedicated practice, you can turn that result around.

Our first winter sports exchange takes place next week against South Otago High School. Senior students will play in Balclutha and junior students will play in Mosgiel. Good luck to everyone involved on the day.

As of today, there is still no resolution between the Ministry of Education and the teachers' union (PPTA). This means that industrial action is still on the table. The main ramification of this is the continuing rostering home of specific year levels on certain days. The college will ensure our community is informed when or if anything changes in this space.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing King's Birthday weekend.

Noho ora mai

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

5 June 2023

Collage Closed – King's Birthday

1-5 June 2023

Shakespeare Festival Nationals

6 June 2023

Students' Council Octacan -Mufti Day

Year 10 students rostered home -
(PPTA Industrial Action)

L3PHY Otago University Visit

7 June 2023

South Otago Interschool
Pasifika Voices Speech Competition

7-8 June 2023

L3CHE University trip

8 June 2023

Year 9 Students rostered home -
(PPTA Industrial Action)

9 June 2023

L2PHY Otago University Visit

Senior Assessments Due - Week 7

L2ENG/C/L Speech Presentation AS91102
L1DRA 90999 Performance Use Features of a Drama/Theatre Form in a Performance
L1 PED AS90966

PTA Industrial Action – Term 2

The Taieri College Board of Trustees have been advised by the Post Primary Teachers Association (PPTA) that they are resuming industrial action during the latter half of Term 2. This industrial action will continue to involve the rostering home of different year levels. This continuing action is in response to the government's disappointing collective agreement offer. Taieri College has no control over this action as it is organised by the PPTA. The industrial action planned for weeks is as follows.

Week 7: Tuesday 6 June – Year 10 students rostered home.

Thursday 8 June – Year 9 students rostered home.

Further industrial action is being planned. We will make you aware of this as the term progresses.



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SONGWRITING COMPETITION AOTEAROA 2023

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Youthtown Songwriting Competition

Jenny Petegem-Thach

Congratulations to Jenny Petegem-Thach (Year 10) for being a finalist in the Youthtown Songwriting Competition Aotearoa with her song, 'Flame in the Dark'.

The Youthtown Competition, run by the Play It Strange Charitable Trust, is focused on secondary school-aged songwriters, Years 9, 10, and 11, themed around being a teenager in Aotearoa. All finalists will have their song recorded in a

professional recording studio to the value of \$750 to go on the 2023 Youthtown Songwriting Competition Aotearoa digital album.

Jenny is going to visit the University of Otago's state-of-the-art recording studio Te Korokoro o te Tūi to realise the final version of her song.



'Flame in the Dark' by Jenny Petegem-Thach

Verse 1:

Drowning in a sea of tears
I'm lost, I'm dead
Alone with all my fears
I call for help
But no one's there
No one cares

Chorus:

How do we get out?
How do we escape?
Locked inside, far away
I see myself inside
A small flame
In the dark

Verse 2:

Reaching blindly through the night
Hoping for someone to guide me just this far
Death's hand reaches to grab me
Why should I resist?

Chorus:

How do we get out?
How do we escape?
Locked inside, far away
I see myself inside
A small flame
In the dark

Bridge:

What is there to live for?
Misery, death and war?
How do we get out
Help
How do we get out
Help!

Chorus:

How do we get out?
How do we escape?
Locked inside, far away
I see myself inside
A small flame
In the dark

COVID-19 REMINDER

A reminder to families/whānau, if your student tests positive for COVID-19 they must self-isolate for 7 days while they recover. This includes if they have had COVID-19 before.

Day 0 is the day the symptoms started, and they were off school for medical or when they tested positive, whichever came first.

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New Zealand Music Month

We love NZ Music Month at Taieri College. We celebrated this with live lunchtime performances every Wednesday, NZ music quizzes, and performances at Mosgiel Library. Here are some pictures from all the action in May.



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TUESDAY 6TH JUNE, 2023

Mr Fitzgerald Recognised

Last week Mr Fitzgerald was recognised for his hard efforts with being announced the winner of Cycling New Zealand's 'Schools Outstanding Contribution', award. Mr Fitz goes above and beyond for the students not just in the classroom but giving them the opportunity to ride the hills around the lower South Island. The numbers have grown to eighty students from Year 7 to 13 participating. From cycling NZ, "Ryan is a very worthy winner of our 2022 Outstanding Contribution Award, and we look forward to seeing him in person at the National MTB Championships in Blenheim, to give us the opportunity to present this Outstanding Contribution Award for 2022."

Congratulations Mr Fitzgerald well deserved.



Sports Council

Sponsors for the month for May



Beauty Lane: The month of May meant it was formal time here at Taieri College, and what a better sponsor to be one of our sponsors of the month than Ann-Marie at Beauty Lane here in Mosgiel. Ann-Marie and her team are the people to see for all your beauty needs, if you're after getting your nails done, maybe need that make-up done for an upcoming event, or just looking to get that winter tan, go and see the team at Beauty Lane 109B Gordon Road Mosgiel. They are the people to see for all your beauty needs. Call them on (03) 489 0330 to make a booking.

Sports Med Mosgiel: With winter sport in full swing, injuries can derail any sports person's dreams, so who better to go see than Adam Letts and his team at Sports Med. Don't let those wee niggles get on top of you, go get the professional treatment from Adam and his team. Their services are available to all sporting students! Book an appointment on (03) 489 7557 and watch those niggles disappear.



2023 Form Class Photos

Form Class photos are now available to purchase online.

<https://kelkphoto.co.nz/view-your-event/taieri-college/>

Orders close 21 June 2023.



South Otago High School Interschool

Wednesday 7 June 2023

| Sport | Team | Venue | Start time |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Junior School at Taieri College | | | |
| Hockey | Mixed 1 st XI | Kings High School Turf | 9.30am (warmup) 1020am (Game starts) |
| Rugby | Under 15 | Fields – Taieri College | 12pm |
| Netball | 10A | Courts- Taieri College | 10.30am |
| Netball | 9A | Courts-Taieri College | 12pm |
| Basketball | Junior A Boys | Gym -Taieri College | 10.30am |
| Theatre-sports | A Team | Drama room -Taieri College | 12.30am |
| Senior School at SOHS | | | |
| Rugby | 1 st XV | South Otago | 12pm |
| Netball | Senior A | South Otago | 10.45am |
| Netball | Senior B | South Otago | 12pm |
| Basketball | Senior A Boys | South Otago | 10.30am |
| Basketball | Senior A Girls | South Otago | 12.10pm |
| Football | 1 st XI Boys | South Otago | 10.45am |

The annual South Otago High School interschool is taking place next Wednesday 7th of June. The senior school will be heading down to Balclutha while the Year 9 and 10 parts of the interschool will be taking place here at the Taieri College. Above is the timetable for when and where the games will be played.

OPEN WEEK



Come for a tour during our Open Week

24 July 2023 to 28 July 2023 to see the college in action.

Book on-line at www.taieri.school.nz or email office@taieri.school.nz or telephone 489-3823 for a time.



National Young Leaders' Day



The National Young Leaders' Day, Dunedin, was a great opportunity! It was a fun, exciting day, with like-minded people, great speakers, and fun-filled activities! On Tuesday, May 30, we all met up at Mr Woods' class, then, we hopped onto a van and set off for the Town Hall. Once we arrived, we entered the hall, and were met with cool lights, and lovely music. We all took our seats, and anxiously waited for the event to start. The theme for this NYLD was "Leading the Self" which meant, as leaders, we should also keep our sights on making sure we as a person, are still growing. Suddenly, the lights dimmed, and a cool introduction was on the screen, for our two hosts. They introduced the topic, and told everyone that the number one rule was, "Have Fun!" and we sure did! The speakers started coming, followed by morning tea. After we ate, a speaker called Graci Kim, author and mother, came on stage, and her speech really resonated with me. She talked about her

childhood, moving from Korea to New Zealand and being bullied, and then she talked about all her fails, trying out new things, seeing what she likes, such as being a diplomat, making a business, hosting a cooking show, and then she landed on writing! I really liked how honest she was about all her past failures and how she was successful. She ended up writing a book called "The Last Fallen Star" and it got on the New York Times bestsellers list, and it's becoming a Disney TV show! She has now written two books and her next book is coming out in two weeks!

Another inspiring speaker was Georgia Latu, a Dunedin native! She started her business, Potiki Poi, at 12, and her business has massively grown since! She is now in Year 13, and her poi has been sold in Countdown, and, she had to make 22,000 pois for the Women's Rugby World Cup! All her profits go to helping her brother with downs syndrome, and one day, her brother will inherit the business. I am very grateful for this opportunity that Taieri College has presented me with. It's been an honour representing our school at this wonderful event. I really recommend showing leadership so you can come to this event. It's been really life changing, and I will be taking all I learnt at NYLD 2023 to heart and keep it with me forever.

Shiva Kasibhatla



In 2023, I got the chance to go to the NYLD with six other boys. The National Young Leaders' Day was held on the Tuesday 30th of May 2023, and was a fun opportunity and a cool way of learning about being a good leader. We also got the chance to hear some great speakers and about their life growing up. We learnt how you should never give up, even when things get tough. I really enjoyed the NYLD, and my favourite speaker was Brad Smeele. He was a professional wakeboarder and competed in America. He won the young wakeboard title two years in a row. Sadly, Brad had a hard fall on a ramp, and shattered his C4 vertebrae. Now, Brad is in a motorised wheelchair, and he is paralysed. He taught us to always give your all and get the treats. I really liked a quote he said, 'A winner was just a loser that never gave up,' I think this is a good message to pass on.

Another cool speaker was Georgia Latu, who made 32,000 Pois in two months! Few people thought she could do it but she got help, (40 people), and persevered, and they got the job done. Georgia only had to make 22,000 but ended up making 32,000! It was a big rugby world cup order! Georgia Latu gave all the money they fundraised to her little brother, who has downs syndrome. Georgia started fundraising when she was only 12. Now she is 16 and has raised lots of money for her family and friends. I learnt a lot of great stuff from these speakers and enjoyed listening to all of them. They all have great stories to tell, and they are good role models for other young leaders. They say always follow your dreams and never give up. Overall, I loved the day and really recommend it to future students. You learn a lot of good life lessons in a fun way, and I loved it.

Harry Tibble



On Tuesday I went to NYLD (National Young Leaders' Day) with six other Year 8 boys. The subject of this NYLD was leaders of the south. The speakers that spoke to us were Brad Smeele, Julia Grace, Gracie Kim, Georgia Latu, and Georgia Lines. Brad Smeele told us about how he was wakeboarding then he failed to do a trick and is now in a wheelchair for the rest of his life. He taught us that no matter how big of an injury never let it stop you from doing what you want.

Julia Grace was the next speaker, and she was a mental health speaker and educator and when she was young, she had really bad anxiety. She taught us to always have a jelly buddy, which is a friend so when you get sad you can go to someone for help and lean on them.

Graci Kim spoke to us about how she was bullied as a kid. She is now a book writer, and she was even offered a TV show by Disney. Gracie taught us about trying different flavours of ice cream by that she means trying many different jobs before you choose which one you want to do.

Georgia Latu started a business when she was 12, Potiki Poi with the support of her parents it is now the largest poi business in the world. She taught us about how you always need help, and she gave her family and friends jobs. Georgia Lines who are one of the best pop artists in New Zealand and she told us about when she realised she was a really good singer. She taught us about you don't have to start young to be great at what you want. Overall, my favourite speaker was Gracie Kim and how she spoke about trying all the flavours of ice cream. She also sung us some of her songs including her new song, Flowers. Overall, my favourite speaker was Gracie Kim and how she spoke about trying all the flavours of ice cream. We also did a lot of fun games and activities. I really enjoyed NYLD, and I would love to go again.

Alec Miller



On Tuesday when six other boys and I went to the NYLD (National Young Leaders' Day) at the Dunedin Town Hall in Dunedin. We learnt about people's life stories, for example Graci Kim, who got bullied as a kid and had to run home every day. She grew up to be a book writer, she told us this great example she said, 'Don't be afraid to try deferent ice cream flavours you don't have to only have one favourite'.

Meaning you don't have to only have one thing you like; try other things. She also said to us she tried many things e.g., she tried to start a business about turning pictures of characters that kids drew into real stuffed animals. She said they all failed but when she started writing books it was a big hit and she continued this path. Now she is a great example of don't give up- keep on trying. There was also another person who talked called Julia Grace. She said you will struggle to get anywhere if

you don't have good people around you. She said 'You need good jelly buddies' e.g., good friends. I enjoyed this day because I learned from the people who had gone through the dark tunnel and came out to the light with great experience.

Corin Taylor



I really enjoyed the day and am very grateful to be chosen for this opportunity. My favourite part of the day WASs when Brad Smeele came up and talked about his life and wakeboarding. NYLD is an opportunity for young people to listen to how to be a better leader and how to help other people. Brad went through a career-ending injury that paralysed him from the neck down and put him in a motorized wheelchair. He moves by blowing or sucking on a straw. Brad was a multi world champion at wakeboarding and had his own training centre just outside of Florida.

The other speaker that I really enjoyed at the day was Georgia Latu who made a fundraiser when she was 12 of making poi and then built it up and made it into a full-time business with her whanau and friends. The reason she did this is for her brother who has Down Syndrome and when he is old enough, he can own her business and

carry it on. She has now got her own book and even made 32,000 in one month for the rugby world cup. I liked her because of how she did it for her brother and friends and family.

Graci Kim was my third favourite speaker. She was my third favourite speaker because she's like some people I know as she kept trying new ice cream flavours until she got the one she loved. She started making stuffed animals and that failed and then she started drawing and that failed so she tried one more time and she got it. Overall, I really enjoyed the day and would suggest it to year other Year 8s in the future.

Jake Johnston



We got to listen to a variety of speakers on NYLD, my favourite being Graci Kim, a professional book writer and mother of Skye Kim. She told us all about her journey to fame through being a diplomat, representing New Zealand, to making many of her own businesses all the way to being a professional writer and speaker.

After always being bullied as a kid, Graci decided she would leave all the hate behind by starting the life of her dreams doing what she loved.

Another speaker I loved was Brad Smeele and his life story as a paraplegic. Back when Brad was a professional wakeboarder, he was loving life being a multi time world champion wakeboarder and owner of an amazing lake property in Orlando Florida. He was living life to the fullest when it all went downhill. One day when Brad was practicing at his wakeboarding training grounds, he attempted a big trick when we landed awkwardly on his neck causing him to be knocked out. He woke up in the ICU one week later, he couldn't move a thing and then the doctors told him that he was now a C4 paraplegic and that he would be like this for the rest of his life. Brad had a lot of trouble adjusting to his new life and wasn't sure if he wanted to continue but with support from his friends and family, he decided to get his life together and keep going. He is now happy, living happily in Auckland surrounded by lots of friends and family. Overall, I loved the day and opportunity to go and listen to such great speakers and I would definitely go again.

Hugo Kirk



On Tuesday we learnt a lot of valuable life lessons. One of the speakers, Brad Smeele, was one of the best weight borders in the world until he broke his neck back in 2014 and was paralysed from the neck down. He taught me that you should never let a big injury take you down and that no matter what happens you should keep trying.

Then the next speaker was Julia Grace who is a mental health speaker and educator. She talked about how she had very bad anxiety and she taught us that we need to find a jelly buddy so when we're down we can lean on them.

Then one of the most inspirational people spoke, Graci Kim, who is a book writer and was offered a show by Disney. She talked about how it's ok to try different flavours of ice cream (which means to try different jobs/careers) and you shouldn't just stick to one job you should try different jobs and choose the one you like.

Next up was Georgia Latu who has a poi business that made all the pois for the rugby women's world cup back in 2022. She taught us that you always need help from people (preferably your family and friends) so you can give back to the people you love. The last speaker was Georgia Lines who is a one of the top New Zealand pop artists with the likes of Lorde. She taught us that you don't have to get into song writing/singing at a young age: you can start at any age.

Lucas Tikey

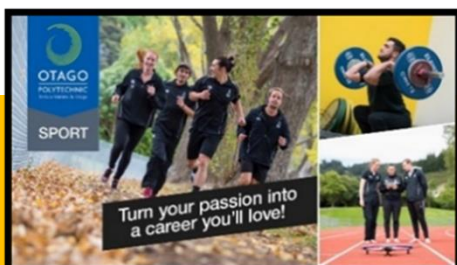
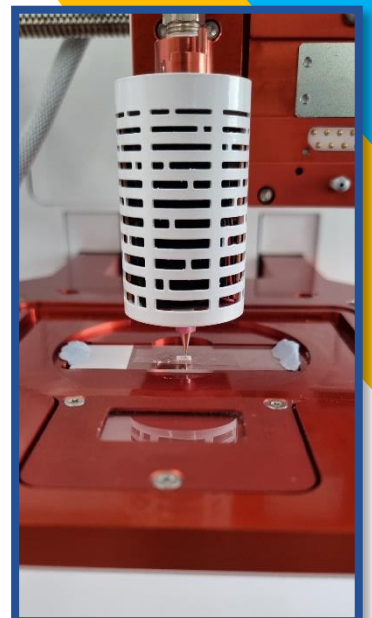
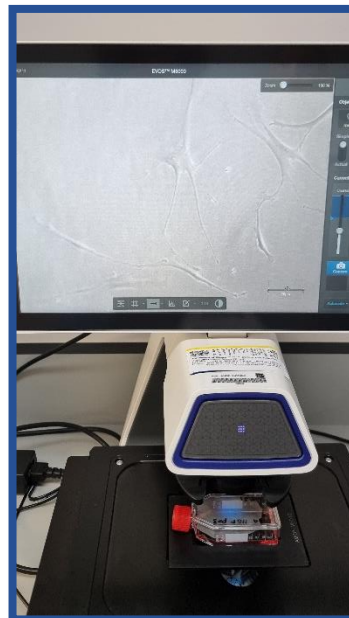
National Young Leaders Recipients



Dunedin Dental School Visit

On Monday, Sam and I had the privilege of visiting the Dunedin Dental school and its Microbiology research labs with associate professor Dawn Coates. We spent half an hour with some first-year oral health students in the dental clinic, while they practised teeth polishing on fellow classmates. Afterwards, we were able to visit the PhD student microbiology labs within the dental school, seeing some cutting-edge research being undertaken. A highlight was using the lab's 'Bio-Printer', as well as viewing human cells under their electronic microscope. A huge thanks to Dawn for taking us around the facility, as well as a massive thanks to Mr Fitzgerald for getting the trip coordinated.

Joshua McLeod



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The theme for Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa - Samoa Language Week 2023 is 'Mitamita i lau gagana, maua'a lou fa'asinomaga' which means 'Be proud of your language and grounded in your identity'.

This year's theme focuses on the importance of the Samoan language and identity. It impresses on us the need not only to understand the Samoan language, but to also use it as much as possible. When you are proud of your language and can speak it, you will also be more grounded in your identity as a Samoan.

Mitamita i lau gagana, maua'a lou fa'asinomaga encourages Samoan language pride in four key areas:

Be proud of your ancestral language.

Our ancestral language included symbols, signs, environmental landmarks, events, gestures and other intangible language, serving as a reminder of life from past generations and carrying with it our histories and creation from the minds and mouths of Samoans. Be proud of your language that was created and grown by our ancestors.

Be proud of your spiritual language.

The Samoan language is a pillar in our churches and is nurtured in church programmes and activities such as Sunday School, Youth groups, choirs, and church services. The church plays an important role in ensuring the Samoan language thrives, and that Samoan people are proud of their language.

Be proud of your language in your families.

Pride in the Samoan language begins in the home. The family is the first classroom for Samoans. We are first taught in our homes how to speak and show respect to elders and others. You learn how to invite people to eat, as well as know how to acknowledge gifts of food that people bring with them.

When someone is grounded in their languages, it becomes easier to learn other languages, and it contributes positively to wellbeing. If you are strong in your Samoan language, you never have to question who you are as a Samoan, because you understand what it means to be Samoan.

Be proud of your written language.

We are now seeing that our Samoan language is needing to adapt and change. Our written language is now becoming more valued in schools, workplaces, places of worship, and many other areas of our lives. Therefore, we must be able to read, understand, speak, and write Samoan. Be proud of your written language especially with the positive changes we are seeing with the Samoan language.

Mitamita i lau gagana, maua'a lou fa'asinomaga - Be proud of your language and grounded in your identity.

The Samoan language has many components. There is simple Samoan, and there is more complex Samoan. There is everyday language and then there is respectful language. There is language specific to young people, and then language that pertains to chiefs and orators. The Samoan language has depth.

This year's theme for Samoa Language Week is encouraging all use of the Samoan language, from the language most fitting for young people, to the Samoan language used with adults and older Samoans. Whatever stage you are at on your language journey, and how well you can speak and understand Samoan, it is important to continue to use it daily so that the Samoan language thrives. Only then will you be proud of your language, and only then will your identity as a Samoan be grounded in your mind, body and soul.

This week at Taieri College we have been celebrating Samoan Language week by saying Tatalo (Prayer), singing Pese (Hymns/Songs) doing the Sāsā (Samoan seated hand dance movements which are used to depict activities taken from everyday life).

We were also lucky enough to have Ana Teofilo (a local Samoan Artist) come in and do a workshop with us and share her experience as a Samoan Artist. After we were able to try some Samoan food of Sapasui (Chopsuey) and Pisupo (Corned Beef).

You also may have seen the Samoan Flag fly from our Flagpole. This will have been the first time the Samoan Flag has flown at Taieri College. While acknowledging Samoan Language Week we also wanted to acknowledge Samoa celebrating 61 years of independence.

Samoan Language Week Photos



Prefect Reading



Today I'm going to talk about time management. This is most likely something you have heard from your teachers and might hear about three times a week from your parents later on.

Time management is an important skill to have under your belt before you head into senior school or gain some more responsibility in life. Some teachers are probably out there or sitting behind me wondering why I am giving advice on time management, and I'm going to be honest it has never been a strong skill for me, and it's still not my strongest, but I can tell you that this is an important thing to learn. Some of the prefects behind me will agree on this as well but as you will find out during your time at Taieri College, it seems like all due dates end up on the same week, and if you are anything like me you will leave it to the last minute and say "it will be done, I'll do it

tonight or I'll start tomorrow", and you will find yourself awake at the late hours of the night speed typing or writing trying to get everything done by 11:59pm on the Tuesday night, to hand in the assessment on time.

By having correct time management that works for you and putting the most important stuff first for example a class project or revising for a test coming up, doing the work that is set during the period or even doing a subject's homework after school just to make sure you don't fall behind, you will find yourself with time to do the things you enjoy like hanging out with friends or play sport, music, dance, or extra jobs around the house.

Good time management could look like planning out your week and what's coming up and making sure you have time to finish everything.

If you struggle with time management you will find yourself burnt-out, tired, and having a hard time focusing, or missing out on what your friends are doing because you are stuck at home finishing a bit of work that could be done in class, this is why it is a good idea to start figuring out what works best.

Time Management won't only help you in school but even out of school, you will definitely come across a situation or a time in your life when this would be a very beneficial skill to have, and school is the ideal time to understand good time management.

I'm going to leave you with quote from Pandora Poikilos "Procrastination is the foundation of all disasters."

Kyla Standing



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