



# TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATO A



Kia ora e te whanau

This week is Pride Week. Diversity and inclusion are important aspects of what we do at Taieri College. Individual choice and the right to be who you want to be is incredibly important to us. My thanks to those who have recognised this during the week and have been supportive of the rights of personal choice. I thoroughly enjoyed participating in the LGBTQ+ group's quiz offered during break time, although my knowledge of current movies and TV shows and stars was found wanting. My hope is it shouldn't take a particular week to celebrate diversity, it should be engrained in all of us, and part of our day-to-day psyche. Acceptance and understanding is easier for some than others and as a College we will unashamedly continue to celebrate the uniqueness of all students.

Our Year 10 students have been busy this week sitting examinations that are part of the national pilot for NCEA Literacy and Numeracy. My thanks to those who put in the effort with the exams, and I wish everyone the success they deserve.

Congratulations to our netball teams who performed admirably in the recent Otago Secondary Schools' Tournament held at the Edgar Centre. Both the Senior As and the Year 10s made the top 4 and the Year 9s finished 8<sup>th</sup>. During the Senior A game against Dunstan, Neve Beattie shot 100% in the shooters circle. An amazing performance that may have cost a particular parent a dollar or two! My congratulations to all players involved and a big thank you to coaches, managers, and supporters.

The industrial action from the PPTA is continuing. Rostering home of year groups occurred during the week and at the writing of this newsletter, is set to continue into next week. We share in the frustration that is emerging from our parent community and whānau, and sincerely hope the impasse that still exists between union and government is resolved urgently.

It was with great sadness we heard of the sudden passing of Kristan Mouat last weekend. Kristan was co-principal of Logan Park High School and a well-respected colleague and friend to many. My thoughts and sympathies to Kristan's family and the Logan Park High School community.

Ngā mihi nui

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL

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## Key Dates

### 19 June 2023

Years 9 and 10 students rostered home.  
New Mosgiel Pool Opening - Kapa Haka  
Powhiri  
Defensive driving course

L2 Play – 4.00pm

### 20 June 2023

Years 11 and 12 students rostered home.  
L2 Biology Trip to Portobello - KG/VN  
Kiwi Maths Competition  
L2 Biology Trip to Portobello  
L2 Play – 7.00pm

### 21 June 2023

Years 9 and 13 students rostered home.  
Owhiro stream monitoring  
L2 Biology trip to Portobello

### 22 June 2023

Years 10 and 11 students rostered home.  
Co-Ed Tournament  
Year 12/13 Prepared Speech Finals  
Defensive driving course

### 23 June 2023

Girls in Hi-Viz Day  
Kiwi Science Competition

## Senior Assessments - Due Week 9

L2 AS91230 History Internal  
L2 DRA 91218 Performance Perform a Substantial Acting Role in a Scripted Production  
L1 Dance 1.2 Perform Dance Sequence  
L2PHY AS91168 Practical Physics  
L3 History AS91345 Internal Assessment  
L2 Dance 2.2 Choreograph a Solo Dance to Communicate an Intention  
L3 Dance 3.2 Choreograph a Dance to Develop and Resolve Ideas  
L2SPR Turbo Touch assessment  
L3 DRA 91513 Devise and Perform a Drama to Realise a Concept  
L3 PED AS 91499 Report  
L2PHY AS91168 Practical Write-up [In class]  
L3 GEO AS91428 Event Internal

## PPTA Industrial Action – Term 2

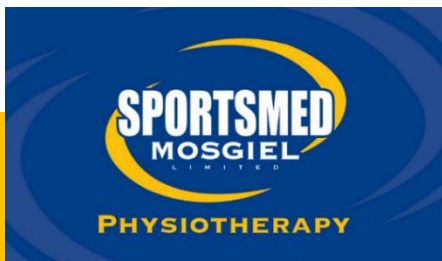
The Taieri College Board of Trustees have been advised by the Post Primary Teachers Association (PPTA) that they have resumed industrial action for the remainder of Term 2. This industrial action will continue to involve the rostering home of different Year levels. This continuing action is in response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

**Week 9:** Monday 19 June – Year 9 and 10 students rostered home  
Tuesday 20 June – Year 11 and 12 students rostered home  
Wednesday 21 June – Year 13 and 9 students rostered home  
Thursday 22 June – Year 10 and 11 students rostered home

**Also, on Wednesday 21 June PPTA members will not be participating in any extracurricular activity before, during, or after school.**

**Week 10:** Monday 26 June – Year 12 and 13 students rostered home  
Tuesday 27 June – Year 9 and 10 students rostered home  
Wednesday 28 June – Year 11 and 12 students rostered home  
Thursday 29 June – Year 13 and 9 students rostered home

Further industrial action may occur during Term 3. We will make you aware of further industrial action when we are informed by the PPTA.



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## ICAS EXAMINATIONS 2023

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools will be taking place again this year. This is an internationally recognised assessment which students can opt into.

All examinations this year are charged out at \$20.70 Registration and fees for all subjects are to be paid by Monday 31 July.

Parents will be able to purchase these this year via the Parent Payment System prior to this date above. More information will be available on this once we have gained an expression of interest.

Mr Peacock will hold a meeting towards the end of the term for students who are interested in this.

**Each subject will be open for a 5-day sitting window period.**

ICAS Science: 21 Aug – 25 Aug 2023

ICAS English: 14 Aug – 18 Aug 2023

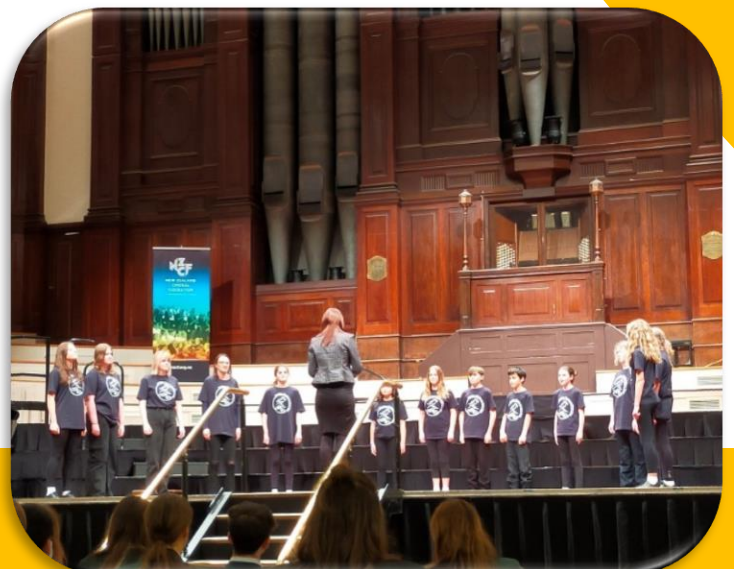
ICAS Mathematics: 28 Aug – 1 Sept 2023

Exact sitting dates will be confirmed with students and Whanau closer to the time.

Please contact [jpeacock@taiari.school.nz](mailto:jpeacock@taiari.school.nz) for further information.

## Choir

On Monday 12 June 2023 our choir 'Ngā Manu Tioriori o te Kāretī Taiari' went to the Town Hall to participate in the Big Sing Choir Festival. They performed two pieces during the day, and then again in the evening. The choir worked very hard to learn some complicated songs and performed them well and with enthusiasm. They had a great time and did us proud. They looked very smart in their new T-shirts - thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising efforts with this.





# Taieri College Cultural Trip 2024

Meeting Thursday 22 June 2023 at 6:30pm – Taieri College Library.



In September next year, the Art Department is planning to take a group of senior students, Year 12 and 13 (in 2024), on a cultural trip to Europe. The trip will last for 21 days – **Saturday 21 September – Saturday 12 October 2024**. This will be the last week of Term 3 and the two weeks of holidays. To make the trip viable we need to have a group of 30 people.

The itinerary will include Berlin – Germany, Prague – Czech Republic, Bratislava – Slovakia, Vienna – and Salzburg – Austria, Venice, Verona, Florence, Pisa, Sienna, Tivoli and Rome – Italy. We will travel between countries in an executive coach and accommodation will be at youth hotels. Visits include famous museums and art galleries as well as a film studio, a class on Street Art, a day at Gardaland Fun Park, climbing the Leaning Tower of Pisa, ice caves at Eisriesenwelt, to name a few of the activities.

If you are interested in having your student be part of this opportunity, we are having an information evening in the College Library - Thursday 22 June 2023 at 6.30pm. At that time, we will make a presentation, outlining the full itinerary, look at the accommodation, and discuss possible fundraising activities. This will also be an opportunity for you to meet some of the teachers who will be responsible for your child while overseas.

The trip will be in the region of \$9000. An exact price cannot be given due to exchange rates and prices for flights are only released eleven months before the dates we want to travel. The price will include flights to Frankfurt and return from Rome, all accommodation, breakfast, dinner and a few lunches, all entrance fees, transport by executive coach, a three-day pass for water-taxis while we are in Venice and public transport tickets while in Berlin Rome and travel insurance.

We are happy to answer any questions at the information evening.



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## Drama

Earlier this year a team of Taieri College students performed a scene from "Macbeth" and were chosen to attend the 2023 National New Zealand Globe Shakespeare Centre University of Otago Sheilah Winn Festival of Shakespeare in Wellington. Over King's Birthday weekend, Ms Buchan accompanied Jackson Rosie, Andrew Matheson, and Kairi Mortensen-Morunga as they went to workshops with professional actors and acting coaches, listened to an incredible talk by NZ treasure Robyn Malcolm, toured some iconic Wellington attractions, and performed their scene onstage at the St James Theatre alongside 47 other secondary schools. What an amazing achievement to be picked to be part of this national event. We are so proud of you!

"Macbeth" act II, scene ii  
Directed by Jackson Rosie  
Macbeth: Andrew Matheson  
Lady Macbeth: Kairi Mortensen-Morunga





## Congratulations Jenny and Matthew Petegem Thach

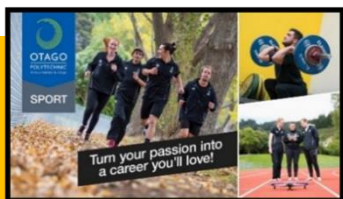
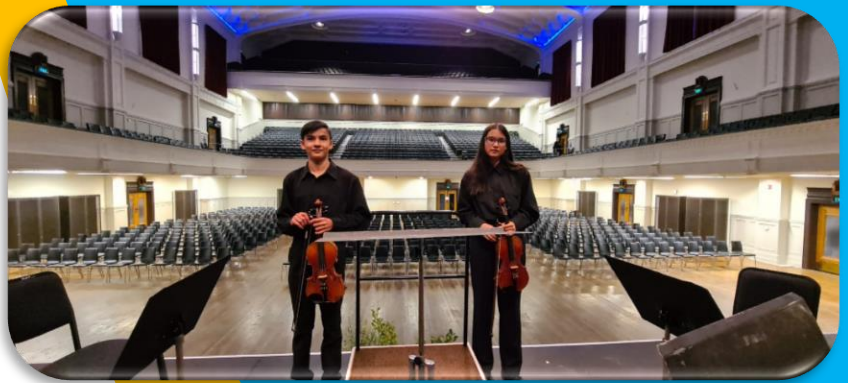
On 27 May 2023 Jenny and Matthew had their first performance with the Dunedin Youth Orchestra at the Dunedin Town Hall. Then, on the evening of Friday 9 June 2023, they had Chamber Music New Zealand's NZCT Chamber Music Contest. The competition was split into five sessions as there were so many entries this year (nineteen, more than double from last year). Jenny (violin), Matthew (violin) and their friend Joshua (Cello – Year 9 from John McGlashan College) entered the competition as the group "A Quaver Too Short" and practised many hours after school and on the weekends in preparation.

On the night there were many great performances from Dunedin's young musicians with a large variety of orchestral instruments on display. For their part Jenny, Matthew, and Joshua performed very well and impressed with their group playing and intonation. Finally, after more than six hours of performances the results had LPHS winning in a repeat from 2022, with Jenny, Matthew, and Joshua receiving highly commended as one of the top five groups at the competition.

They were very pleased and excited with that result and are already looking forward to next year's competition.

Jenny began playing with the Dunedin City Wind Orchestra last year, playing first clarinet. Sunday 11 June 2023 was their second performance of the year at Hanover Hall. They played a variety of mostly jazz and contemporary music. The performances are always fun, and she is looking forward to their third concert later in the year.

We are proud of you Jenny and Matthew, and we look forward to hearing about your future musical adventures.



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## SongHubs and Recording in Auckland - Keira Wallace

Last December I attended APRA AMCOS SongHubs Ōtepoti as the youngest ever SongHubs participant and had the chance to work with well-known and emerging New Zealand artists and producers. In this intensive week of collaboration and song writing, we were divided into groups to write and record a demo in eight hours for a designated lead songwriter. I worked with producer Abigail Knudson (MISSY) and artists Calla Knudson (Calla) and TJ Zimba (ZĒXĪ) during my day as lead songwriter to write and record a song from scratch in eight hours. Last weekend, I flew to Auckland to work at Parachute Studios with Abigail Knudson to bring the demo to a release-ready level. In the studio space generously provided by APRA, we spent the day re-recording vocals and guitar and adding elements to enhance the powerful, sweeping journey this song takes. It was incredibly energising working with such a driven and efficient producer who captured the meaning of the track with such expertise. After final touches and mastering, I hope to release *Leap/Landing* later this year.



## All about Rimurimu 2023



All about Rimurimu was a Marine Science extension for Year 10 students. The programme ran for a total of five days split between May and June. The extension was run at the Otago University Marine Laboratory in Portobello with overnight stays being on Quarantine Island. The group of chosen students from across the South Island were split into four groups of six with each group having a mentor from the University of Otago.

During the days we conducted experiments to learn all about seaweed (Rimurimu). The group I was a part of was nicknamed the Neptune's Necklaces after the seaweed with the same name. Our group was tasked with research on the beginning of the kelp life cycle. We researched into the number of tiny spores (seaweed seeds) released in different water temperatures for an hour. We had access to the lab and a high-tech classroom for our experiments and presentations. During the nights we let out our extra energy by walking around Quarantine Island, playing cards games, and bad karaoke. We were allowed lots of free time at nights and all of us got involved in and enjoyed the activities and games. Finally, during the second block of our stay in June, we polished and presented our research and findings to a friendly audience of family, friends, and marine researchers.



The trip was interesting, well-structured, and lots of fun. I would recommend this to any Year 10 student who enjoys being outdoors and doing hands on science. The whole time everybody was really nice and supportive, and a bonus, I have made lots of friends along the way!

Bella Neale

## Level 2 Physics

Recently the L2PHY class visited the Physics Department at Otago University to undertake some science experiments not available at school.

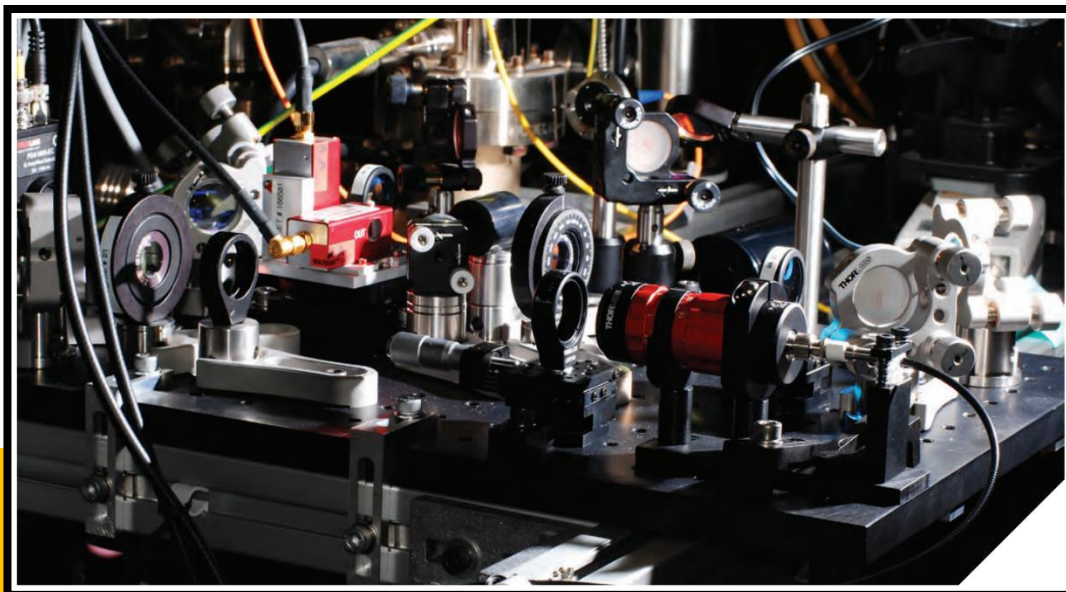
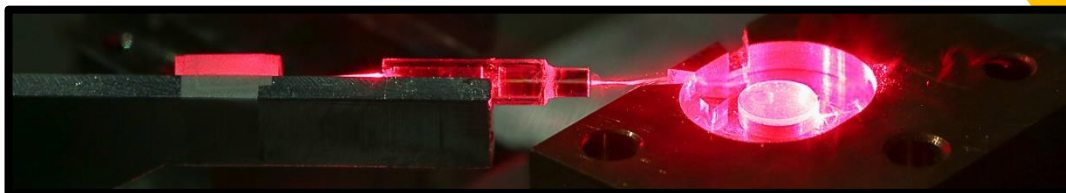
Students studied the effects of radioactive sources, used a cloud chamber to detect ionising particles, studied atmospheric pressure and the effects of impact forces.

They also had an opportunity to visit a world-leading research laboratory studying extremely cold temperature atoms. The head of the Physics department also talked about future studies and career opportunities in the field of Physics.



## Level 3 Physics

On Tuesday, 6 June, 13 L3PHY students had an exciting trip to Otago University's Physics department. They spent the morning doing experiments with lasers, studying how Hydrogen emits light, and exploring the Photo Electric Effect. In the afternoon, they visited a research lab where scientists were working on creating devices to change the colour of light. The day ended with a talk from Michael Jack about the Energy Management program at Otago and the many career options in Physics.





## Year 11 Geography Class Trip

On Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> of June our two Level One Geography classes visited Te Nohoaka o Tukiauau (Sinclair Wetlands). The classes have been learning about their local environment, the Taieri Plain, and have been looking at the major land uses and investigating all the sustainable ways to use this environment.

Te Nohoaka o Tukiauau was visited to help ākonga learn and understand the importance of wetlands, how they work and how they help mitigate human impact on the environment. We spent the morning hiking around the wetlands, learning about the history of the area, the different plant species, pest control, weed control and all the sustainable methods by which they are looking after the environment and preserving it for the future. We learnt how native plants are so important for not only improving air quality but also providing a habitat for our native manu (birds) and improving the water quality which helps ensure our awa is swimmable.

The ākonga helped contribute to restoring the wetlands by planting trees. They carefully planted 150 native trees within designated areas and created shelters to go around them. Everyone enjoyed being out in nature and getting their hands dirty.





# Samoan Cultural Celebration

On Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of June, 8MR had a Samoan feast provided by the Stonelake family. We all enjoyed the wonderful food that included: chop suey; chicken curry; egg fui Yong; taro; raw fish; rukau; corned beef and a mayonnaise [traditional Cook Island dish] We are all deeply thankful for the Stonelake family as they gave up their time and money to provide this special opportunity for us that we will never forget.

We learnt many things including what an ala is. Mrs Stonelake told us that they would wrap up the ala in chocolates and during church, they would sneak the chocolate off the ala and give them to the kids to make them stay quiet.

By Lachlan, Katie and Addison



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## Sports

### Otago Secondary Schools' Netball Tournament

Last weekend three of our teams took part in the Otago Secondary Schools' Netball Tournament held in Dunedin.

All three teams can be pleased with their achievements and many thanks to the coaches, managers, and whanau supporters. Thanks also to Regan Hayward and Ashlee McLeod for giving up their time to umpire both days.

The Year 9s played Trinity College and Mount Aspiring College in pool play, with a win and a loss, going through in the top eight. They then played Wakatipu High School and Columba College, followed by Dunstan High School in the play off for seventh and eighth. This was a tough tournament for them, but they learnt a lot each game.

The Year 10s had three wins the first day against St Kevin's, Otago Girls' and Trinity College. This placed them in the top four. After losing the semi-final against Columba they rallied extremely well and played a very good game to finish third overall beating St Hilda's 41-23 in the last game.

The Senior A team had two games on Day One, winning both of those against Dunstan and Queen's. On the second day they went straight to semi-finals and played ST Hilda's and then Otago Girls' to finish fourth overall.

Year 9 Final Placing 2023	
1 <sup>st</sup>	WHS Year 9A
2 <sup>nd</sup>	SHCS 9A
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Queen's 9A
4 <sup>th</sup>	MAC 9A
5 <sup>th</sup>	SOHA 9
6 <sup>th</sup>	COLU 9A Team
7 <sup>th</sup>	DHS 9A
8 <sup>th</sup>	Taieri College 9A
9 <sup>th</sup>	OGHS 9A
10 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Catholic College Year 9 Gold
11 <sup>th</sup>	WGHS Junior A
12 <sup>th</sup>	SKC Junior A

Senior 10 Final Placing 2023	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Columba 10A
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mt Aspiring C
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Taieri College 10A
4 <sup>th</sup>	St Hilda's
5 <sup>th</sup>	SKC Int A
6 <sup>th</sup>	SOHS 10
7 <sup>th</sup>	WHS Year 10A
8 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's 10A
9 <sup>th</sup>	Cromwell Int A
10 <sup>th</sup>	DHS 10A
11 <sup>th</sup>	OGHS Year 10A
12 <sup>th</sup>	BMC Development
13 <sup>th</sup>	WGHS Intermediate A
14 <sup>th</sup>	EOHS 9/10
15 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Catholic College Junior A
16 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity Catholic College Yr 10 gold



Senior A Section 1 Final Placing 2023	
1 <sup>st</sup>	COLU SNR a
2 <sup>nd</sup>	SHCS Senior A
3 <sup>rd</sup>	OGHS Senior A
4 <sup>th</sup>	Taieri College Senior A
5 <sup>th</sup>	WGHS Senior A
6 <sup>th</sup>	DHS Senior A
7 <sup>th</sup>	MAC A
8 <sup>th</sup>	WHS Senior A
9 <sup>th</sup>	SKC Senior A
10 <sup>th</sup>	Cromwell Senior A
11 <sup>th</sup>	Queen's Senior A
12 <sup>th</sup>	SOHS A

## Otago U17 Volleyball

Congratulations to Sophie Clough who represented the Otago U17 Volleyball team at the Interprovincial Championships over King's Birthday weekend in Napier. A big thank you from Sophie goes out to the Taieri College Sports Council for helping with funding to help Sophie attend the tournament.



## Otago Secondary Schools Cross Country Champs



Taieri College was represented by five runners at the Otago Secondary School Cross Country Champs which was held recently at Kaikorai Valley College. Our five students competed very well with the best cross-country runners in Otago/Southland. Big congratulations to all the athletes who took part.

Results: Georgia McHutchon - 3rd U19 Girls  
Josh Siloy - 3rd U16 Boys  
Zachary Whitley - 7th U16 Boys  
Sienna Forgie - 5th U15 Girls  
Carrera Mulder - 6th U15 Girls

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## Cross Over Basketball Holiday Programme Memorial Park Stadium, Mosgiel and John McGlashan College Years 3-8 – July 2023 School Holidays

Tim Gillan and the team from Cross Over Basketball are launching holiday programmes for Years 3 – 8 students. These will be held at Memorial Park Stadium, Mosgiel and John McGlashan School over the July school holidays. Our programmes are designed to ignite players' skills and passion for the game. Experience engaging sessions that sharpen decision-making abilities and offer invaluable experience in game scenarios. With our top-level coaches, your child will thrive in a supportive and competitive environment, showcasing skills and receiving expert guidance to elevate their game to new heights. Enjoy flexible age groupings to ensure siblings can stay together without being split up. Don't miss out on this thrilling and rewarding opportunity to enhance your child's basketball journey!

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**Due Wednesday 28 June 2023**

