



# TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ



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Kia ora e te whānau

It was a relief to hear that industrial action has been suspended by the PPTA (teachers union), following the announcement that both parties will enter arbitration in the coming weeks. I sincerely hope that the arbitration is successful and that we can finally return to weeks of consistent class time. Despite the disruption NCEA has still marched on and senior students will be completing several internal assessments as we head towards the end of term. Senior reports (Year 11-13) will be emailed home next Friday and will give a clear indication to parents and whānau of student progress.

Te Puna o Whakaehu (Silverstream Pool) was officially opened on Monday morning this week and our Kapa Haka played a significant role in the ceremony, which also featured speeches from local dignitaries. My thanks to the students and staff who participated in the morning's activities. It is a wonderful recreational resource for our community, and I am sure it will be well utilised by our students.

Our Year 7 and 8 students were treated to some live music at assembly this week, with our senior band Valetta performing their award-winning song from the recent Rockquest competition. They also accompanied our school waiata with music backing. As well as entertaining, it is hoped their performance will inspire all budding musicians in our TK block to keep practising hard.

Noho ora mai

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL

## Key Dates

**26 June 2023**

Kiwi English Competition.

**27 June 2023**

Paid Union Meeting – half day,  
College Closed 12:30pm-  
3.00pm.

Year 7 Health Information  
afternoon 3.30pm-4:30pm.

**29 June 2023**

Year 7 and 8 Rippa Rugby  
Tournament.

Year 7-11 Prepared Speech  
Finals.

Live Theatre senior exam trip.

**30 June 2023**

Senior reports emailed home.  
Engage in Science Otago  
University visit.

Taieri Matariki Hui Ako 2023.  
End of Term 2 - 30 June 2023.  
Start of Term 3 - 17 July 2023.

## Senior Assessments Due Week 10

L2MAF US28097 Banking products  
L1 and L2 English Personal Reading Responses  
L1ENC Speech Presentations 90857  
L3ENG Writing Portfolio AS91475  
L2MAS AS91258 Sequences and Series  
L1MAS AS91029 Linear Algebra  
L1TXT Street ware design project AS91096 and AS91047  
L3TXT Public showcase AS91626 and AS91611  
L1 Music 1.3 Composition  
L2 Dance 2.5 Repertoire Dance #2  
L3 Dance 3.5 Repertoire Dance #3  
L3 Music Solo Performance  
L1 Dance 1.1 Compose Dance Sequences #3  
L2PHY AS91172 Nuclear Physics Assessment 2  
L2 AS91230 History Internal  
L2 DRA 91218 Paperwork Perform a Substantial Acting Role in a Scripted Production  
L1 DRA 91000 Paperwork & Presentation Demonstrate Understanding of a Significant Play  
L3CHE Practical Investigation report (AS91387)  
L3 DRA 91513 Paperwork Devise and Perform a Drama to Realise a Concept

## Paid Union Meeting

The Post Primary Teachers Association (PPTA) has advised Taieri College Board of Trustees that a paid union meeting has been scheduled for the afternoon of **Tuesday 27 June 2023**. The paid union meeting is part of the secondary teachers' collective agreement. This means that union members will not be available to teach that afternoon and we are advising parents that we will be closed for instruction from 12.30pm. There will be minimal supervision available from 12:30pm - 3:00pm for Year 7 and 8 students who require it.

**GoBus has informed us that the school buses will run at 12:30pm, except for the Middlemarch bus. This is due to a connection issue, and the Middlemarch bus will leave school at 3.00pm.**

## 2023 Form Class Photos

Form Class photos are now available to purchase online.

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



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## Te Puna O Whakaehu Officially Opened

On Monday morning 19 June 2023, the Taieri College Kapa Haka group were invited by the Taieri Community Facilities Trust chairperson, Irene Mosley to perform the official powhiri (welcome), at the opening of Te Puna o Whakaehu (the pool of Silverstream). Kapa Haka students excitedly met down at 215 Gordon Road Mosgiel, the address of the new pool facility, and eagerly awaited to contribute to this auspicious occasion.

The Taieri Community Facilities Trust and the local Taieri community have worked tirelessly and generously with both their time and money to work alongside this development with the Dunedin City Council. Many years later, since the start of the campaign we now have 'togs on June 2023'.

Kapa Haka performed proudly for their community and were honoured to be able to perform the Powhiri at such a special event.

The Kapa Haka group performance was noted by attendees as special and moving, never seen before by many people attending the opening.

This Saturday 24 June 2023, pool entry is free during the pool party operating from 10.30am – 3.00pm at the pool. There will be food trucks and inflatables etc. Please refer to the advertisement at the end of this newsletter.





# Smokefree Rockquest Regional Finals

Last Friday, the Mayfair Theatre hosted another wonderful Smokefree Rockquest regional final. Three of the twelve bands were from Taieri College: Laconic (Kailey Marshall, Emily Russell, Cody Masters, Tyler Lubbe, Joel Bain), Black Tomato Sauce (Chicane Woodward, Carter Hoffman, Matthew Harding, Flynn O'Connor), and Valetta (Chiara Crompton Bray, Reef Tamihana, Cameron Lord, Charlie Brough, Tyler Little, Isaac Wirangi). All three bands performed wonderfully in a tough competition packed with talent. Valetta were successful and were awarded second place and the ZM Best song award. They also took out the Tangata Beats Award. Rook Peak (Keira Wallace, Kate Aitken) won the Solo/Duo section. The top bands and solo duos now go into the selection process for the national final at Auckland's Q Theatre on 16 Sept 2023. Congratulations to all of these talented musicians who represented Taieri College so admirably. We are proud of you all!

The full list of all Otago winners is:

Band 1: The Burberry Scarves from Otago Girls' High School

Band 2: Valetta from Taieri College

Band 3: Soul Side from John McGlashan College

Solo/Duo 1: Rook Peak from Taieri College

Solo/Duo 2: Paige Milburn from Otago Girls' High School

Smokefree Tangata Beats Award: Valetta from Taieri College

Rockshop Electronic Performance: Alex Maffey from Otago Girls' High School

Best Vocals: Sylvie Harper from St Hildas Collegiate

Musicianship: Amelia Phipps-Green (Kidole) from Otago Girls' High School

Musicianship: Luca Macnee (Roadkill) from Kings High School

ZM Best Song: Valetta from Taieri College

APRA Lyric Writers' Award: King Electric Blue from Trinity Catholic College





## AWOL Collab Song Writing Camp

Chicane Woodward was recently selected for the AWOL Collab Song Writing Camp, which runs from 3 – 7 July 2023. Run by AWOL creative, the camp is an immersive week of song writing held at the Te Karokoro o te Tūi Studios at Otago University. Chicane gets the opportunity to collaborate with established Ōtepoti guest writers and producers to create new, original songs. The programme offers a unique opportunity to develop song writing and studio skills with a supportive community. There were an overwhelming number of applications from the Ōtepoti area, with only 13 successful applicants. Congratulations Chicane. We look forward to hearing how everything went next term!



## Congratulations Philippa King



Our very own Philippa King represented Jump Start Aerobics in our FISAF Junior Grande Team 'Adrenaline' and placed third at the FISAF Pacific Open this past weekend in Melbourne.

This is an incredible achievement! One that we are very proud of.

Philippa King - Taieri College  
Amelia Thorburn - Otago Girls'  
Seren Watts - Otago Girls'  
Ellery Taylor - Columba College  
Lucy Quill - Columba College  
Molly Wagner - St Hilda's  
Lindsay Black St Hilda's

The girls have been training as a team since January and have shown great dedication, determination, and commitment to this team. Which reaped it rewards! A fantastic result for a very talented team competing on an international stage.

## Taieri College Rugby

Huge congratulations to our Taieri College Girls' rugby team as they registered their first 17 -15 win against South Otago 1XV. The girls showed real determination and fought hard to the final whistle coming out with the well-deserved win; this is also their first ever win in the Premier Schoolgirls 1XV competition. Big congratulations go out to all the girls, coaches, and support staff, as they've put in a huge amount of effort in so far this season, and it's good to see the girls reaping the rewards with an awesome win!



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## Level 2 Biology



This week our Level 2 Biology students visited the rocky shore at the Marine Sciences Centre. The purpose of the trip was to gather data on what species were present and where on the rocky shore within the intertidal zone as part of their internal assessment. The three classes were split in half with one group going on Tuesday and one on Wednesday. It was fair to say the weather was not conducive to field work on Tuesday with rain and wind making sampling the intertidal zone rather unpleasant. On Wednesday the weather was much better and the students on this day spent a considerable time on the beach recording detailed information. Prior to the shore visit, students learnt about how conditions vary in the intertidal zone as well as having the opportunity to identify key species in touch tanks. They also go to handle some of the less 'fierce' species. After the shore sampling, students learnt about the adaptations some of the species have to allow them to live in the intertidal zone and review some of the interactions between different species that might determine their distribution. A big thank you to Mrs Knowles who came on both trips as well as Mrs King, Ms Visger, and Mr Fitzgerald for their help.

## Level 3 Chemistry Field Trip

Last week our Year 13 Chemistry organised a two-day field trip to the University of Otago Chemistry laboratories. The purpose of our trip was to perform a chemical investigation involving quantitative analysis on water samples within environmental context. Most of us chose to analyse either the chloride ion or dissolved oxygen content in water samples taken from local Mosgiel/Dunedin waterways. The university labs are very new, and very white, with a lot of very intimidating equipment! After initially wondering what we were doing, we overcame nerves and began to appreciate their very accurate and expensive glassware. We discovered that volumetric flasks, bulb pipettes and burettes pH meters aren't as hard to use as we first thought. As the second day ticked along most of us were starting to record results that should allow us to generate the expected trends in the chloride ion concentrations along the Taieri River. Others in our group started to make sense of their dissolved oxygen data along the Silverstream. Important brain breaks at McDonald's each day helped us get a better taste of the Uni student 'vibe' that many of us will be part of next year. However, before next year, we need to fully process our results, and write up our findings in our report and hand it in by the end of term. Thanks to the Otago University Chemistry Department for allowing us to spend time in their labs it was a great experience.





## World Vision 40 Hour Challenge

Our Taieri College Prefects managed to collect 43 bags of rubbish together from the local Mosgiel and Dunedin area over the past weekend as their World Vision 40-hour challenge. Their link to donate is still open on the Taieri College Facebook page and they would like to thank everyone who has supported them already!!

Caitlin Stewart



# 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](http://www.taieri.school.nz) or email [office@taieri.school.nz](mailto:office@taieri.school.nz) or telephone 489-3823 for a time.





## Year 7-10 Term 2 Photos











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# Guiding Pathways and Strategies (GPS) Symposium: Navigating the Teen Years

St Hilda's is excited to be hosting the Guiding Pathways and Strategies (GPS) Symposium: Navigating the Teen Years on 18-19 August 2023. This event is for all parents, caregivers, and educators who support young people.

The GPS Symposium brings together leaders, experts and specialists who will share their knowledge, research, and practical advice. On 18 August 2023 at 7pm we will open the Symposium with a keynote by broadcaster Stacey Morrison who will address the topic: Cultural Shift and Healing from Our Generation to Our Kids.

On Saturday, 19 August 2023, a full day of seminars and workshops will be on offer featuring visiting speakers such as Dr Marc Wilson (NZ Listener columnist, Professor of Psychology at Victoria University) and Caroline Black (NZ Institute of Resilience, Christ's College Director of Wellbeing) alongside a plethora of local talent who will be presenting on topics such as relationships, communication, self-harm, body image, pornography, resilience, nutrition, sport, neurodiversity, alcohol and drug use, spirituality, cybersafety, anxiety, future employment, and more. Many of our speakers are top academics and practitioners in their fields and will present their latest research findings, in addition to offering useful, practical tips and advice for supporting our rangatahi through the teenage years.

The GPS Symposium aims to answer all those questions parents/caregivers/educators have about raising and/or working with teenagers. The speakers will provide insights and information relevant to the teenagers of today and address specific challenges this cohort is facing. Tickets are available on our [website](#) and, due to the generous contributions from our sponsors, we have been able to keep costs to a minimum (\$120 to attend all sessions, which includes food and drink).



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## RANGATAHI/YOUTH

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Expo of youth services & organisations  
Battle Combat Tactical Laser Games  
Food & Fun

**Tues 4th July 2023**  
**10:30am - 2:00pm**  
**Taieri Rugby Club**  
**34 Reid Ave, Mosgiel**

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