



# TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATO A

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Kia ora e te whānau

We have enjoyed meeting students and staff from Tokyo over the last couple of weeks and this evening we bid farewell to the group. They have spent their time learning English, buddying with our students in classes and exploring the Dunedin surrounds. It has been a rewarding experience for all involved and my thanks to our International Student Director, Mr Tunoka, for his organisation. Thanks also to the families who have provided homestay for the group. On Sunday we welcome our next international group from China.

The right call was made during the week to defer the James Hargest sports exchange. The weather on Wednesday was very cold with intermittent showers of sleet and rain. The new date for the exchange will be next Wednesday 9 August 2023.

Next week is production week. Be in quick to grab your ticket to what will be a fun-filled and entertaining night out. Opening night is Thursday and the season runs for three nights. Best wishes to the cast and crew for a great show.

Due to prolonged damage in some of our toilets, we have put in a couple of measures to address the situation. B Block and C Block toilets are closed during class time and then opened at break time with staff regulating the number of students who go into the toilet at once. All other toilets throughout the college are open as usual. Parents and whānau can be confident we are not denying any student the opportunity to go to the toilet, either during class time or at break time. We are simply monitoring the number of students who enter the toilet at one time. Large groups in the toilets can be intimidating for younger students wanting to go to the toilet and the damage that has occurred has generally been when large numbers of students are in the toilets at the same time. As always, if you have any queries about this please feel free to contact me at the College.

I invite parents and whānau to our teacher interviews on Monday and Tuesday next week. Junior reports are being emailed today and these are excellent conversation starters for the interviews. Face-to-face discussions with teachers over current work habits, and just as importantly future direction, are invaluable. For those who have yet to book, the instructions to book online are in this newsletter.

Our college community was deeply saddened by the sudden death of Greg Tomlinson in a road accident this week. Greg was an ex-Board of Trustees member and a valued supporter of our Sports Council. He will be sadly missed, and we pass our sincere sympathies to Sue and family.

Noho ora mai

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL

## Key Dates

**6-12 August 2023**

Chinese Short Term  
Exchange Group

**7-8 August 2023**

Parent Teacher Interviews

**8 August 2023**

Student Council Mufti Day

Year 13 University course  
planning for 2024

**9 August 2023**

James Hargest Interchange  
(at Taieri)

College Musical dress  
rehearsal - all cast and crew  
in the PAC

**10 August 2023**

Trinity College Interchange  
(Taieri hosting)

Year 10 Impromptu  
Speaking Finals

Year 9 Impromptu Speaking  
Finals

**10, 11 and 12 August 2023**

College Musical - Disco  
Inferno

**11 August 2023**

Level 1 PRM Trip to South  
Otago

Maatangi Whenua -  
Geography Quiz

**21-25 August 2023**

Senior Assessment Week -  
Year 11-13 students to stay  
at home.

## Senior Assessments Due Week 4

L2 HEA AS 2.3 in class all week

Level 1 Dance: 1.3 Demonstrate Ensemble Skills

Level 2 Dance: 2.4 Perform a Theatre Dance

Level 3 Dance: 3.4 Perform a Group Dance

## Term 3 - Week 6

21-25 August 2023 – Senior Assessment Week. Year 11-13 students to be at home.

## Term 3 Parent Teacher Interviews Monday 7 August & Tuesday 8 August 4pm-7:00pm

Bookings for interviews can be made at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) using the booking code **m6ye9**. The booking code will become 'live' online from **Wednesday 2 August, 2023 at 4.00pm**. If you are having trouble with bookings please contact the office and they will make them for you.

A separate email will be sent out next week with further information and maps of the college that indicate the rooms that teachers will be conducting the interviews.

## Senior Exam Timetable 2023

Time	Monday 21 Aug	Tuesday 22 Aug	Wednesday 23 Aug	Thursday 24 Aug	Friday 25 Aug
9:00 – 12:00	L1 ENC 52 (2 hours) L1 ENG 114 (3 hours)	L1 DRA 21 (2 hours) DRA L1 DVC 18 (2 hours) D6 L1 SCP 12 (3 hours) C4	L1 MET 19 (2 hours) starting at 10am in D7 L1 SCI 137 (2 hours)	L1 ECO 45 (3 hours) L1 TXT 18 (2 hours) D3	L1 ACI 26 (3 hours) D1 L1 HEA 18 (3 hours) L1 MET 20 (2 hours) D7
	L2TAW 21 (2 hours) D7	L2 ENC 76 (2 hours) L2 ENG 67 (3 hours)	L2 DVC 4 (2 hours) D6 L2 GEO 23 (3 hours)	L2 ARD 7 (3 hours) D1 L2 BIO 62 (3 hours)	L2 ECO 22 (3 hours) L2 HEA 19 (3 hours) L2 MUS 19 (3 hours)
	L3 BIO 21 (3 hours)	L3 CLS 5 (3 hours) L3 GEO 24 (3 hours)	L3 DVC 7 (2 hours) D6 L3 HIS 12 (3 hours)	L3 ARD 13 (3 hrs) D1 L3 PHY 15 (3 hours)	L3 DRA 11 (2 hours)
1:00 – 4:00	L1 ACI 26 (3 hours) D1 L1 DRA 21 (2 hours)	L1 MAT 73 (2½ hours)	L1 HIS 29 (3 hours)	L1 DAN 4 (3 hour) G6 L1 GEO 49 (3 hours)	L1 AHS 18 (2 hours) L1 MUS 19 (3 hours)
	L2 ART 15 (3 hrs) D2 L2 TXT 9 (2 hours) D3	L2 APH 13 (3 hours) D1 L2 CHE 30 (3 hours) L2 DRA 9 (2 hour)	L2 MAT 25 (3 hours) L2 MAS 62 (1-3 hour)	L2 AGB 7 (2 hours) L2 DAN 4 (3 hours) G6 L2 HIS 26 (3 hours)	L2 MED 7 (3 hours) L2 PHY 19 (3 hours)
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Exams will take place mostly in the ITC apart from other rooms where indicated.

Year 11, 12 and 13 students have study leave while exams take place.

Students must stay for the entire length of the exam if it is under 2½ hours. Students must stay for 2 hours if in a 2½ - 3hr exam.



# SCHOOL EVIDENCE EXAMINATIONS

21-25 August 2023

## Examination Procedures

- **Full correct school uniform is to be worn by all students.**
- Morning exams start at 9:00am. Students need to be lining up on the netball courts at 8:45am on the second bell.
- Afternoon exams start at 1:00pm. Students need to be lining up on the netball courts at 12:45pm.
- Students will line up in their subject classes.
- For 2 hour exams students must stay for the whole time (except L2MAS and scholarship Biology students who may leave after one hour)
- For 2½ - 3 hour exams students will be permitted to leave after two hours but we recommend you take the time allocated. Once you leave you will not be permitted back in.
- Nobody is permitted to leave in the last 15 mins of an exam.
- If toilets are needed, students should put their hand up and wait for a supervisor.
- *It is compulsory for all students to attend all exams for their timetabled subjects. Students who forget about an exam or fail to arrive for a scheduled exam, or choose not to come to their timetabled exam will be required to sit the exam they missed during make up sessions from 3:15-5:15pm the following week.*

### What can be taken into the Examination Room:

- Cell phones, car keys, wallets and watches (both digital and analogue) must be in a clear plastic bag and placed *under your seat*. Phones must be off.
- Pens, rulers etc. Must be in a clear plastic bag.
- See through water bottles are allowed, food is not (you won't be allowed out for a drink)
- Calculators (if the exam allows them to be used)
- **Refill pad if needed – will be checked by exam supervisors. At the end of the year refill paper cannot be taken into the examination room with you.**

### What cannot be taken in:

- Prohibited electronic devices like MP3 players and iPods, non-approved calculators, PDAs and electronic translators are not permitted in the examination room. At the end of the year these will be removed from candidates by supervisors and may be sent to NZQA.
- Study notes etc. cannot be taken into the examination room.



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# YOUNG WRITERS' AWARDS 2023

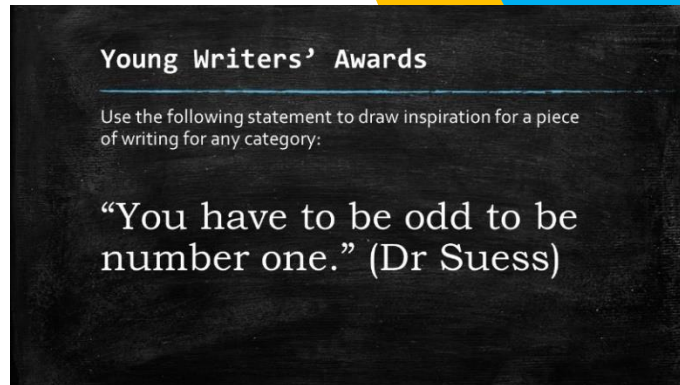
Are you the next literary genius who will make millions selling your work for books, film scripts or even award-winning song lyrics?

There are five categories: Poetry, Short Story, Drama Script, Essay/Article, and Illustrated Books.

Entries close on Wednesday 20 September at 3:00pm to [ywa@taieri.school.nz](mailto:ywa@taieri.school.nz) (hard copies of Children's Illustrated Books and Graphic Novels can be dropped into the English Department Office).

Winners are invited to a Literary Luncheon in Term 4 to celebrate their achievements.

Here is the challenge topic from this week to inspire a piece of writing.



## AI Writing tools and NCEA

I would like to draw your attention to an important topic; the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and language tools like ChatGPT and classroom and NCEA assessment.

As technology continues to advance, AI tools have become increasingly accessible and offer an astonishing range of capabilities. They can be helpful for brainstorming ideas and conducting research. However, we strongly discourage students from using AI when working on essays, reports, and personal responses, particularly when it comes to the actual creation of content for any NCEA assessment.

AI generated work lacks the student authentic voice, critical thinking, and personal reflection. It is very important for students to develop their own writing skills, which include expressing original ideas, structuring arguments, and articulating their thoughts. The process of writing a well-structured essay or report is a crucial part of learning, allowing students to develop their ability to analyse and communicate.

Saying that, we can also see that AI tools can have a place in initial brainstorming, generating topics, and essay questions. But just like a student may ask their teacher for some help deciding on a topic a student wouldn't then ask their teacher to write the report on the topic, same for AI. Students shouldn't rely on them as a substitute for their own critical thinking and creativity.

As we navigate this changing landscape, the use of technology in education, we feel strongly that we need to reinforce a culture of integrity and responsibility. By having an open dialogue and maintaining the value of authentic academic work, we can encourage our students to become independent, critical thinkers who rise to challenges and are fully invested in their education.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Together, we can continue guide our students towards a future that value in the essentials skills and using technology to assist learning, not replace it.



## This week was Cook Island Language Week.

This year's theme for 'Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani – Cook Islands Language Week is 'Ātuitui'ia au ki te au peu o tōku kāinga Ipukarea, which means, "connect me to the traditions & culture of my homeland".

The 2023 theme is an extension of last year's theme of 'Ātuitui'ia au ki te Oneone o tōku 'Ui Tupuna, or "connect me to the soil of my ancestors".

Where last year's theme was an effort to bridge the 'disconnect' that many of our Cook Islands people are feeling, this year's theme focuses on deepening our people's connection to their culture, and ultimately, their language. It focuses on connecting Cook Islanders to the traditions, cultures and dialects of their many islands.

Setting the theme for Epetoma o te reo Māori Kūki 'Āirani has never been about stringing together beautiful words. It has always been about intentionally deepening the bonds of our people to their language through their familial ties, through the cultural traditions of their enua/vaka, and the songs, dance, and pe'e's of their family.

Together, these are the pillars that empower Cook Islanders to be proud in their culture, language and identity, ultimately reinforcing this year's theme of 'Ātuitui'ia au ki te au peu o tōku kāinga Ipukarea.

### Te Reo Māori Class Trip

On Wednesday 26 July 2023 the L1 Te Reo Māori Class travelled to Takapō (AKA Tekapo). After school they travelled up to Te Tihi-o-maru (Timaru) and on the way they stopped at Kaihīnaki (Moeraki Boulders). The class had been looking at the pūrākau (Māori traditions) of the Araiteuru Waka capsizing at Matakāea (Shag Point) and the gourds that were on board are the Kaihīnaki (Moeraki Boulders). They stayed at the Timaru Top Ten Holiday Park and the next morning went to Te Ana - Māori Rock Art Museum. Students were able to immerse themselves in the history and culture of Ngā Tahu and the Māori Rock Art. They then travelled through to Takapō where it was picturesque with snow still on the ground and on the mountains. They went to the Dark Sky Project where we looked at the sky and the stars through a Te Ao Māori world view. Then went to the Takapō Springs and went ice skating. The class stayed at the Lakeside Lodge on the waterfront right beside the hot pools. The next day they did snow tubing and drove past Āoraki and his brothers that were majestic with snow over them. Then they travelled back through Te Manahuna (Mackenzie Basin) and through the Waitaki Valley where they had been learning about the Māori history and the mahika kai sites that they used to gather food. This was an amazing trip that will stay on the yearly calendar.

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## Sports

### Rugby

A big thank you to Brandon Hale from the ORFU for coming out last week and delivering an Associate Referees Course to our 1XV boys.



### Darts

Students, do you think you can play darts? Step into a world of precision and excitement. Taieri College is excited to bring you the first ever Taieri College 301 darts competition. Entries close on Tuesday 8 August 2023, then the dart guru himself Mr Walker will announce the format, and timing of when this great event will take place! Come and sign up in the sports office and go down in history as the first ever winner of the 301 darts competition.



### Basketball

Good luck to all the basketball/mini-ball teams that are heading into playoff games this weekend. It is great to see so many Taieri College students playing in playoff games.

## Sports Council Sponsor of the Week

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## FIFA Fan Festival School's Day

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July Mrs Sides had the pleasure to take seven of our young footballers along to the Fifa Fan Festival Schools' Day. In the morning students listened to three inspiring speakers whose gender equity discussion celebrated, challenged, and inspired students around the pathways forward for girls and women in New Zealand. Following the speeches students could participate in a range of football related activities. Face painting was very popular. Finally, we walked down to Dunedin Stadium and attended the Argentina vs South Africa football game. Our students thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and being part of the FIFA Women's World Cup celebration was a wonderful opportunity that left a lasting impression on their passion for football.



## Help Your Community Vote

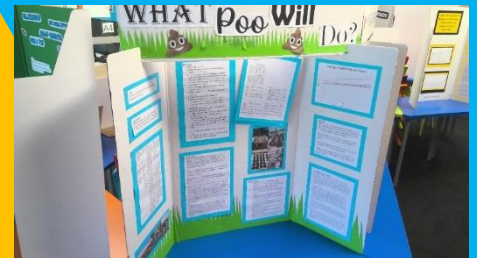
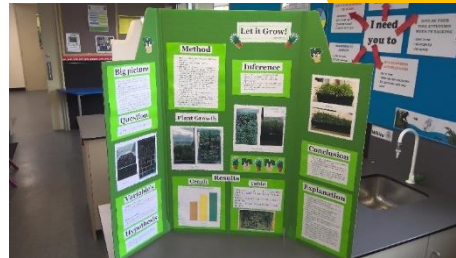
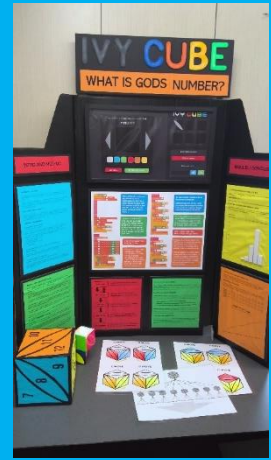
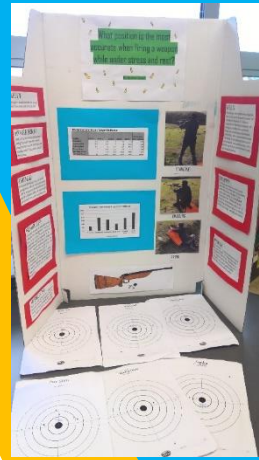
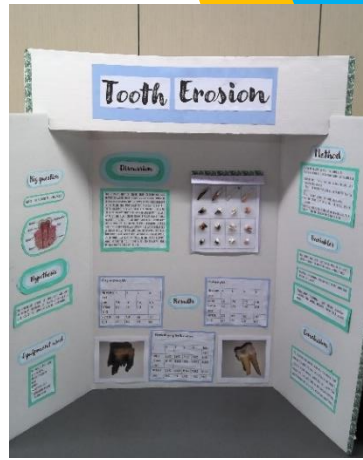
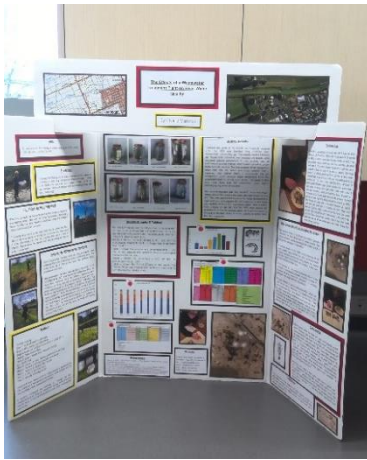
We are currently recruiting people to work at voting places in your area for the 2023 Election. There are a variety of roles available on Election Day (October 14) and the preceding two weeks. These are paid roles. If you are interested in applying, please go to [work.elections.nz](https://work.elections.nz) and apply online for the Taieri Electorate.

**Help your community vote.**  
**Register to work at the 2023 General Election.**



For more information,  
visit **[work.elections.nz](https://work.elections.nz)**

# Taieri College Science Fair Winners 2023



Project Name	Student	Form Class
Hold Your Horses	Ramsey Ashworth	9RK
What Poo Will Do?	Becky Vaughan	9RK
Let It Grow	Ashlee Murray	9FR
Erosion	Dorothy Tate	9RK
The Effects of a Wastewater Treatment Plant on River Water Quality	Charlie Morrison	9FR
What Position is the most accurate when firing a weapon under stress and rest?	Barrett Smart	9FR
Ivy Cube	Matthew Petegem-Thach	9FR

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## Taieri College Production – Tickets now on sale!



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Taieri College Performing Arts Centre 7.00pm

Disco Inferno by Jai Sepple, by arrangement with David Spicer  
Productions with additional material by David Spicer.

Thursday 10 August 2023  
Friday 11 August 2023  
Saturday 12 August 2023

Adults \$15.00  
Students/ Seniors \$10.00  
Family Pass \$40.00

2 adults + 2 children / 1 adult + 3 children

online sales: <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/OMA>







This is a four-day programme for Year 6-8 students who have a keen interest and curiosity in the world around them. Over the course of the programme, students will be researching alongside academics, leading their own team project while mentored by a postgraduate marine science student.

### Participants

- 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.

### Programme

- October 24, 30, 31 and November 7. 9am to 3pm, with presentation for schools and whānau at 4pm on the last day.

### Location

- NZ Marine Studies Centre in Portobello, Dunedin. Transport to and from the Centre is the responsibility of the participating students/schools.

### Costs

- \$40 excl. GST. Schools/organisations will be invoiced when students are selected for the programme. Due to limited spaces, if students cannot attend this course after being confirmed for the programme, no refund is available, as we still need to cover all programme delivery costs organised for the confirmed number of attendees.

### Registration

Fill out the following pages in this order:

- Student and a guardian are to fill out pages labelled *Student Application*, *Guardian Waiver form*, and *Photos permission form*.
- A teacher or affiliated adult who knows the student through club organisation, marae, or other education is to fill out pages labelled *Student Profile*, then return the document to the email below.

**Application deadline: 17 September 2023**

**Submit the application via email to [portobello.marinescience@otago.ac.nz](mailto:portobello.marinescience@otago.ac.nz)  
For further enquires please contact: [hannah.drury@otago.ac.nz](mailto:hannah.drury@otago.ac.nz)**

An application form for the Science and the Sea Extension and Enrichment programme has been emailed to the parents/caregivers of all Year 7 & 8 students. If you are interested in taking part in the programme, complete the application form and email it to [portobello.marinescience@otago.ac.nz](mailto:portobello.marinescience@otago.ac.nz). Please also contact Miss Stephanie Miller via email ([smiller@taieri.school.nz](mailto:smiller@taieri.school.nz)) if you have applied so she can arrange for the student profile to be completed. Successful applicants will need to arrange their own transportation to and from the centre.

# Youth Vaping and Wellbeing Parents Evening 2023

**A Joint Dunedin Student Council Initiative.**

**Otago Boys High School - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 6pm**

**Taieri College - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 6pm.**

**Doors open at 5:30pm both nights.**

**Speaker: Professor Janet Hoek**

**Followed by a Q&A.**

**An informative evening on vaping in our youth and an enlightening evening on the reality of vaping's effects on wellbeing.**

**Free entry.**







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# Special Rigs for Special Kids 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Edgar Centre, Portsmouth Drive  
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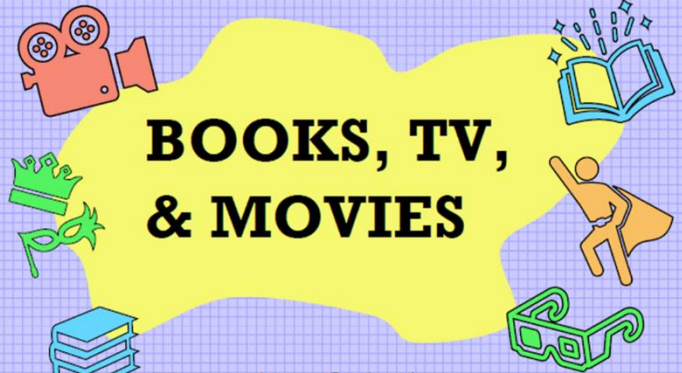


No pre-registration required, just arrive  
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A great day for everyone.

Enquiries Contact Greg Inch Phone 0274 358 508

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# DRESS UP DAY!



Tuesday 8th August

- Gold Coin Donation
- Dress up as your favourite character
- Prizes to be won!
- Proceeds to go to Life Matters Suicide Prevention and Youthline Otago

## FULLY FUNDED OUTWARD BOUND COURSES

Outward Bound runs Adapted courses for secondary school students with disabilities.

**These courses are fully funded.** The only costs for the students are getting a pre-course medical done by a GP/Nurse Practitioner and getting themselves to and from Picton.

These courses are based in the Marlborough Sounds. Students build confidence, resilience, and make new friends through activities such as sailing, waka ama, ropes course, and camping.

We are now taking enrolments for the following 2024 courses:

### YOUTH HORIZONS

A 6 day course for youth with an intellectual disability aged 16-21 years.  
**Sat 6 - Thurs 11 January 2024**

### LEAPS & BOUNDS ACTIVATE

A 8 day course for physically disabled youth (13-16yrs) to attend with a parent or caregiver. **Sun 7 - Sun 14 April 2024**

### YOUTHACTIVATE

An 8 day course for physically disabled youth aged 16-18 years.  
**Sat 20 - Sat 27 April 2024**

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