



# TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ



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Tena koutou katoa

The focus this week has been our NCEA evidence examinations for our senior students. Well done to those who have used this opportunity as a starting point in their preparation for end of year final examinations. Collating notes, revising, and becoming familiar with examination questions are important steps to gaining high level results later in the year. Evidence examinations are also important should a student be absent from their end of year examination, hence the term evidence exams. A derived grade is calculated for absent students in final examinations and evidence exams are used to formulate that grade.

The results of these examinations can lead to several courses of action. If they aren't as successful as hoped they can be an excellent motivational tool for increasing study time for the final examinations, or if they are pleasing results, they can build confidence and provide assurance that things are on track for the rest of the year.

Term 3 ushers in the business end of many winter school sports seasons, culminating in the annual School Sport NZ Winter Tournament Week events where close to 40,000 students, teachers, coaches, and whānau will be part of more than 40 events across the country. Good luck to our Senior A Netballers in Invercargill, our Under 15 Rugby team in Alexandra, and our Mixed Hockey team in Oamaru. I challenge all teams to be competitive, be respectful, and most importantly enjoy the opportunity of playing teams from outside the greater Dunedin area.

Noho ora mai

**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL

## Key Dates

**27-30 August 2023**  
Under 15 Rugby Trip

**27 August – 1 September 2023**  
Tournament Week

**1 September 2023**  
Otago Cross Country Champs -  
Year 7 and 8

**1-8 September 2023**  
Rugby- Girls Year 9 & 10  
Highlanders Tournament

**4 September 2023 & 6 September 2023**  
Co-Curricular Photographs –  
timetable in Sports Office

## Senior Assessments Due Week 7

Level 1 Dance: 1.2 Perform Dance Sequences Dance #1

### School Magazine 2023

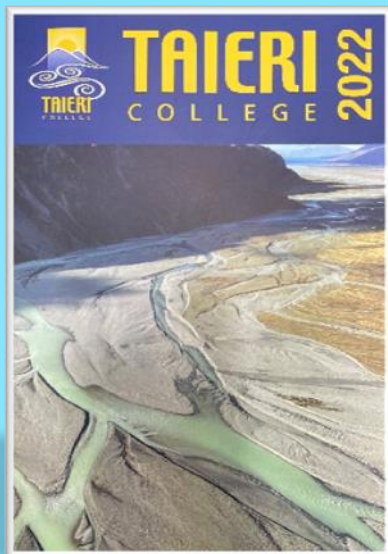
**\$25.00**

We are taking payment now for our annual school magazine which is distributed at the end of Term 4. This is a colour printed A4 magazine which records the activities throughout the school year and includes form class and co-curricular (Sport, Arts, Cultural) activities group photos.

All students have been invoiced \$25.00 for this magazine but if you do not want a copy, or only want one copy per family, please email [accounts@taieri.school.nz](mailto:accounts@taieri.school.nz) to have this charge removed.

The payment must be made by **22 September 2023** to confirm your order. Late payments cannot guarantee a magazine will be available for the student. Magazines are ordered and printed by our printer based on the number of confirmed orders at the due date.

Payment can be made by internet banking to 03-1725-0106800-00 using your **name** and **magazine** as the reference, or by EFTPOS/cash at the office.





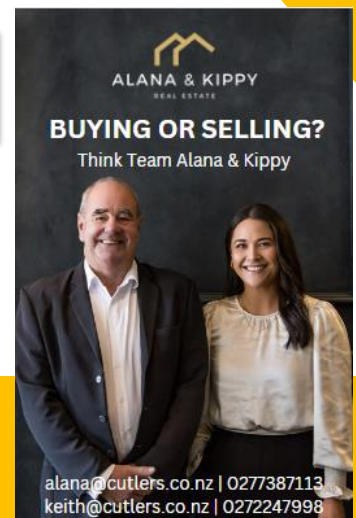
## Special Olympics Football.

The Ako students had a very successful Special Olympics Football tournament his week. The Taieri Titans won their division, and the Terrors were 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to the special coaching given by Mrs McHutchon's L3 SPR class. It certainly paid off. It was so much fun.



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## Accounts

Financial statements were emailed last week showing costs owing. Prompt payment of any outstanding Sports fees would be appreciated.

Payment can be made by internet banking to our Westpac bank account number **03-1725-0106800-00**. Please include the student's name and ID number as the reference and if your payment is for a specific cost eg. hockey, please note this in the reference. Payment can also be made using the student envelope system or by eftpos at the office.

If you are paying regular automatic payments, it would be appreciated if they are of a sufficient amount to cover all the costs by the end of the year. You may need to make additional payments to pay for sports fees due at the beginning of the playing season, and for camps and trips.

You can view your account at any time by logging in to the Kamar Portal on the Taieri College website.

If you have a query about your account, please email [accounts@taieri.school.nz](mailto:accounts@taieri.school.nz) or phone the Finance Office extn 206 or extn 129.

Please note that financial assistance is available in some cases, so if you have any concerns at all about paying your account, please don't hesitate to phone the college on 489 3823 and speak to Mr Waldron (extn 101).

Thanks  
Finance Office

## Student Clothing Market for Wellbeing

Tēnā koē

As an initiative from the Wellbeing Ambassador Team, we will be holding a Clothing Market for students during Week 9 this term. We are requesting donations of clean pre-loved clothes. These can be dropped off at the Student Office anytime up until Friday 8 September 2023. This action promotes sustainability of resources. It also enhances manaakitanga – care and support of others.

The Clothing Market will provide students with an opportunity to browse and take items to re-purpose.

Your generosity and support for this event is appreciated.

Ngā mihi nui



Wellbeing Ambassadors and  
Diana Leonard, Director of Wellbeing

## Young Writers' Awards 2023

**Entries are due Wednesday 20 September at 3:00pm.**

Entries need to be e-mailed as a Word document attachment to [ywa@taieri.school.nz](mailto:ywa@taieri.school.nz). The subject line must indicate the category and year level.

Entries for the Illustrated Books section (if not in electronic format) can be delivered to the English Department Office in the last week of Term 3.

# SHORT STORIES

Completed individually, this can be a story consisting of a minimum of 250 words. There should be a suitable title and formatted with paragraphs. The content may be a real experience, an adapted real experience, fiction, or inspired by other stories read or viewed. It does not have to come solely from a classroom activity.

# Article

This section is completed individually. Entries need a suitable title and written in paragraphs. Present your opinions about a subject such as Road Safety, Conservation, Social Media, Politics, etc. You could be aiming to persuade the reader to act/behave/think in a different way. Or you could present information about a subject such as Taieri history, animals, ancestry, your job, an historic event, etc. Entries may relate to some study you have completed. Entries do not have to come from classroom activities.



This may be a combined effort of up to two people (e.g. a text writer and an illustrator). Options include:  
(a) Children's Illustrated Book - The book must be at least six pages long, but the page size is not restricted. It should be suitable for pre-school children to read or to have read to them. (i.e. the text and pictures may be quite simple).  
(b) Graphic Novel - This text needs to be at least 15 frames, using the visual and written conventions of graphic novels (comic books, anime). Entries be a full story or the beginning of a longer narrative not yet written.



Completed individually, entries can be any length, rhymed or unrhymed. Very short poems, however, may not be judged as favorably as longer ones reflecting greater effort. Use a suitable title. The subject may be serious or humorous. It may be shaped on the page.



Collaborative efforts of up to three people may submit entries in this category. Drama scripts may be any length - a simple sketch or a piece of dialogue or monologue, and could contain one or several scenes. Stage directions must be included. It should be set out as a play script with dialogue and stage directions, as well as a captivating title.

Questions can be directed to your English teacher or to Miss Hurst in C10 or by email ([ehurst@taieri.school.nz](mailto:ehurst@taieri.school.nz)).

## Young Writers' Awards

Use the following statement to draw inspiration for a piece of writing for any category:

"It must be exhausting always cheering for the anti-hero\*" (Taylor Swift, 'Anti-hero' [2022])

\*An anti-hero is a person who does not have the usual heroic characteristics but instead has many flaws. For example, they may be selfish or overly cautious or manipulative or may go about problem solving in an unconventional way. Some examples are Professor Snape (Harry Potter), Captain Jack Sparrow (Pirates of the Caribbean), Blair Waldorf (Gossip Girl), Iru (Despicable Me).



## Dunedin Performing Arts Competition Society

Jamie Hannagan 7HU competed in the Dunedin Performing Arts Competitions Society (DPACS) for 2023 over the weekend of 18 - 20 August 2023. Jamie is trained by Bridget Telfer and competed in the following categories for the 10 and under 12 years, and his results were as follows.

-National song	1st
-Popular song	1st
-Song in Character	1st
-Sacred song	2nd
-Vocal Solo	1st
-Test song	1st

In the Special Awards he won.  
10 and under 12 best unbroken voice  
10 and under 12 scholarship  
Judges choice award of the competitions

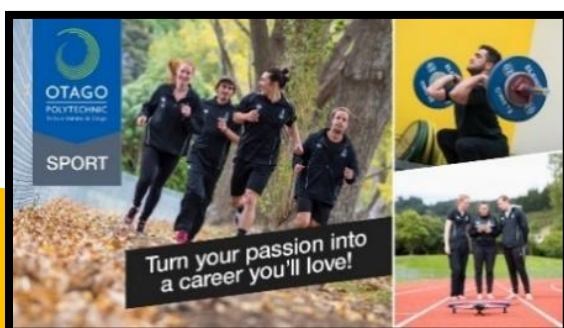
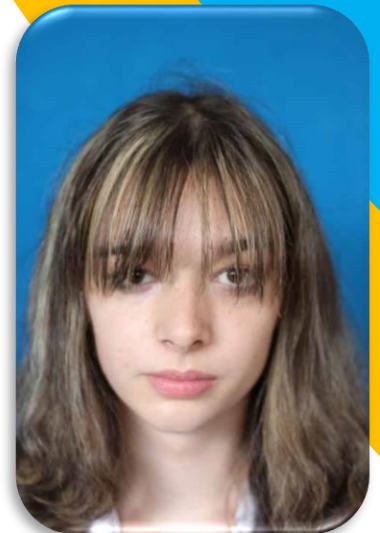
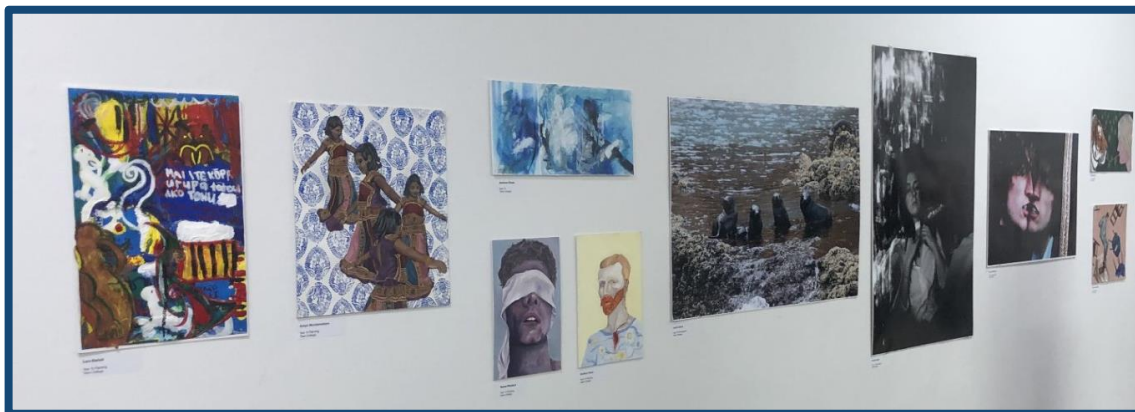
Congratulations Jamie, this is a phenomenal achievement.  
We look forward to your starring role in the upcoming Junior Frozen and Junior Lion King productions by the Taieri Musical Society in September. (Please refer to the advertisement in the back of the newsletter for more details on the Taieri Musical Society's upcoming shows).



## Celebrate Art Award

Celebrate Art 2023. Taieri students put on a great show. Thank you to all whose works were selected for the event. You have done well this year.

Lara Bishell (work on the left,) won an award.



## Geography Maatangi Whenua Quiz

Six talented Year 11 Geography students from our school participated enthusiastically in the Maatangi Whenua Geography Quiz, hosted at the University of Otago on Friday 11 August 2023. They eagerly competed against other high school teams from across the Otago region, showcasing their strong geography skills through various rounds.

The quiz offered a wide range of challenges that tested our students' geography knowledge. Alongside answering questions, they also got hands-on with Play-Doh, crafting intricate geographical features. Their expertise extended beyond just knowing facts; they also excelled in New Zealand mapping and understanding different features of countries around the world.

It was an enjoyable and rewarding afternoon with the two teams coming 2<sup>nd</sup> (by one point!!) and 6<sup>th</sup> overall.



## Year 10 Otago Science Quiz

On Wednesday, three students from Year 10 took part in the Year 10 OSTA (Otago Science Teachers Association). Jenny Petegem Thach, Pyper Greer, and Bella Neale represented our school and pitted themselves against other schools from Dunedin and further afield. The quiz involved Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Space and Earth Science questions along with a practical section and quizzes on famous scientists. Whilst Taieri College didn't win, they performed well finishing 5<sup>th</sup> equal and had a good time in the process. A big thanks to Mr Fitzgerald for taking the students to the quiz.





## Congratulations Jenny Petegem Thach

Jenny Petegem Thach received the Premier Award for her Solar Studies – Angle of Incidence last week at the Otago Science Fair which was announced after last week's newsletter. Congratulations Jenny.



Project Name	Student	Prize(s)
Solar Studies – Angle of Incidence	Jenny Petegem Thach 10MH	Otago Institute for the Arts and Science, General Excellence Award ( <b>Premier Award</b> ) Aurora Excellence in Energy Award New Zealand Oil & Gas, Energy Efficiency Award Otago Museum Innovation, Hands-On Award University of Otago, Maths and Statistics Award

## Sports Newsletter

### Winter Tournament week

Next week is the annual Winter Tournament week where we here at Taieri College are sending away a mixed hockey team, netball, equestrian, rugby U15, U85kg rugby team and ice hockey. To all the students representing Taieri College over various sports we wish you all the best.

### Trophy Return

Could all students who received trophies or cups at last year's Junior or Senior Prize Giving Ceremony please return them to the main office by Friday 15 September 2023.

### Sports Council sponsor of the week

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## Otago OMathalon

This week some of the Year 7 and 8 students had the pleasure of taking part in the Otago OMathalon, held at the Edgar Centre on Thursday night. There were some tricky questions, but all teams showed great determination and had heaps of fun. A huge thank you to everyone who helped and made it happen. Well done to all involved, you should be proud of your efforts.



## Science

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.



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)**

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