



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ

Kia ora e te whānau



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Our prospective student Board of Trustee representatives addressed senior assembly this week leading up to the election at the end of next week. It is an extremely important position to hold, and I congratulate Cody Good, Louise Lawson, and Joanne Brock-Smith for putting their names forward. I would also like to acknowledge the contribution Andrew Matheson has made to the Board of Trustee's during the last two years as our student representative. Andrew has contributed willingly to discussions around the board table and has been an excellent conduit between the student population and board members.

We were fortunate to have two guests join us at the senior assembly this week. Linda Burt from Blood New Zealand talked about the importance of blood donations in saving the lives of everyday New Zealanders and made a plea to those over 16 years of age to give blood. Waine Harding from Cycling New Zealand also joined us to present Mr Ryan Fitzgerald with an award from Cycling New Zealand recognising the outstanding job Ryan has done in promoting mountain biking at Taieri College. Congratulations to Ryan for receiving this award. It is extremely prestigious and thoroughly well-deserved.

This will be my last newsletter introduction for the year as next week I begin my principal's sabbatical. I wish Mr Brenton Hackfath all the very best as he will be taking the reins for the rest of 2023. My best wishes also go to those who are moving on from Taieri College at the end of the year. To our departing staff and our Year 13s good luck with your next adventures and my thanks for the contributions you have made during your time at Taieri College. While there are too many individuals to thank personally, I would like to make special mention of Mrs Felicity Julian, who is retiring at the end of this year after 30 years of service both at Taieri College and Mosgiel Intermediate.

I look forward to returning for the start of the 2024 school year.

Ngā mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

11 September 2023

Level 3 Biology 3.1 Orokonui trip

11-15 September 2023

Otago Polyfest

12 September 2023

Level 1 PRM trip to South Otago

L2SPR Turbo Touch Competition

Owhiro Stream sampling trip

12-14 September 2023

Year 9 Hearing Screening

13 September 2023

Class Act - Dunedin Art Gallery trip

13-15 September 2023

L2PED Mountain Biking trip

14 September 2023

Course Booklet handout to Year 9

Lincoln University visit

Course Booklet handout to Year 10

Year 10 Market Day

15 September 2023

AKO Daffodils trip - Girls Club

16 September 2023

Owhiro Planting Day

Senior Assessments Due Week 9

L1PED 1.2 AS 90963

L2PHY P2.1 AS91168

Level 2 Dance: 2.2 Choreograph a Solo Dance

L3 PED AS 3.7

L2 DRA 91214 Paperwork Devise and Perform a Drama to Realise an Intention

L1 DRA 90009 Paperwork Perform an Acting Role in a Scripted Production

L3 91512 Paperwork Interpret Scripted Text to Integrate Drama Techniques in Performance

School Magazine 2023

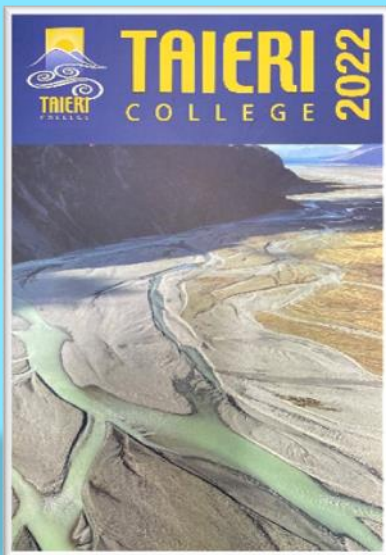
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We are taking payment now for our annual school magazine which is distributed at the end of Term 4. This is a colour printed A4 magazine which records the activities throughout the school year and includes form class and co-curricular (Sport, Arts,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



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Silver Stream Planting Maintenance

A group of twenty-six students completed work on the Silver Stream on Tuesday. This project has been ongoing for many years. Students enjoyed great spring weather, and worked to release weeds, and replace plant guards. Thanks to our Eco Prefects for their leadership and Olivia Docherty (student teacher) for her enthusiasm and support.



Dance

Tahlia Mortimer (Year 11) performed over the weekend in the New Zealand Competitive Aerobics Federation (NZCAF) Hip Hop National Competition. She qualified for the national competition from her performances during the regional competition held in August, in both Group Crew and Duo. During nationals, her duo NEXUS, placed in the top 5, making it through to finals, and her group crew DFYNT made it to finals, and were placed first overall in their category. This is an outstanding achievement for Tahlia and RASA School of Dance.



Rockshop Bandquest 2023

The annual Year 7 and 8 band competition Rockshop BandQuest was held in our Performing Arts Centre on Saturday 2 September 2023. It featured bands from schools across Otago competing for great prizes generously donated by Rockshop. Bands have the option of performing two songs, either covers or originals. Taieri College had four bands enter the live show, and one band enter an online submission.

This year's bands were.

"Bleeding Roses" – Leila Hughes, Adia Sahu, Kora Meddings, Alex Harkess

"Chocolate Bolognese" – Tiffany Baldwin, Sienna Davison, Lily Ballantyne, Evelyn Cosgrove

"The Nutmegs" – Emma Collins, Lucia Akiyama, Corbin Barringer, Charlie Allen, Marissa Conway

"Chain Reaction" - Maddie Ransfield, Brooke Parsons, Addison Kirk, Joseph Murphy

One band entered an online submission.

"Tulips on Fire" - Ashlyn Matapo, Finn Meddings, Scarlett Mackle.

The band were mentored by our dedicated senior music students Charlie Brough, Isaac Wirangi, Kailey Marshall, Emily Russell, Cody Masters, Cameron Lord, Keira Wallace and Chiara Crompton-Bray who did a wonderful job.

They walked away with the following awards.

"Best Original Song" Bleeding Roses

"Best Vocalist" Maddie Ransfield

"Best Rock Styles" Lucia Akiyama

We are so proud of all of our bands for getting up there and making the most of this great experience.



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Rockshop Bandquest 2023 Photos



Prefect Reading – Selflessness and Volunteering

Kia Ora

As we all well know by now, Mr Hunter's three golden rules are to use your manners, to try your best, and to get along with others... Today I want to speak on a characteristic included in getting along with others. This is selflessness. Selflessness is the act of putting the needs and wellbeing of others before your own. It is a virtue which embodies empathy, compassion, and a genuine desire to make a positive impact on those around us. When we put this into practice, we can create a domino effect of kindness that can improve our community.

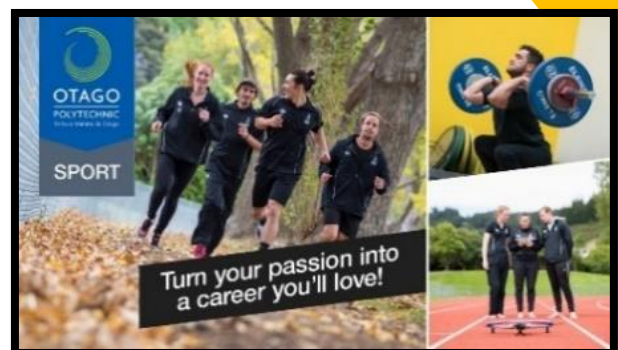
As our school year gets closer to ending, it is so easy to get caught up in ourselves and the busyness of our lives. I urge you, take a step back and observe. Observe those around you, check in with your friends and consciously take time out of your day to lend a helping hand to those who need it.

Volunteering is one of the most tangible expressions of selflessness. It is the act of giving our skills, time, and resources to better the cause of others. Volunteering is the backbone of our communities, and as the leaders of our school we can set a good example to encourage others to also give back. By putting yourself out there it is not only about what you give but also what you gain. A sense of accomplishment seeing others benefit from your actions, being able to expand your perspective, learn new skills and to meet new people. Our purpose extends beyond our own lives; as humans it is ingrained in us to help others. So, while we have the time and resources, instead of asking yourself 'why', ask yourself 'why not'.

It is easy to let these words fall on our deaf ears, so instead of leaving you with a quote, I want to leave you with a challenge. I challenge you to take every opportunity which comes your way to better the cause of others. Actions such as holding the door, expressing gratitude, or even giving your time to help others. Set yourself a goal each day and hold yourself accountable.

Thank you.

Caroline Quirey



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Sports

Year 7 & 8 Otago Cross Country

On Friday the 1 September 2023 we took 21 Year 7 and 8 students into Kaikorai Valley College for the annual Otago Cross Country. Taieri College students took on the best runners from around the Otago region, where we had some amazing results. The standout performances for the day were Caleb Dobier who finished second in the Year 7 Boys race and Alec Miller who finished in the top 10, with Samuel McHutchon just in behind in 12th in the Year 8 Boys race. It was a top effort by all the Taieri College runners who took part.



SISS Motocross Country race

On Sunday we had nine boys represent Taieri College in the SISS Motorcycle X -Country race down at Gore, where Taieri College finished 5th overall for the schools' event. The individual races were hotly contested with the Taieri College team performing very well. Caiden Guthrie received the Hard Luck Trophy, as he blew his clutch on the final lap. Individual Placings:

Josh Binnie - 3rd in 14-19 Year 0-300cc Class

Nikolas Guthrie - 12th in 14-19 Year 0-300cc Class

Rueben Slocombe - 3rd in 12-13 Year 125cc Class

Charlie Throp - 8th in 12-13 Year 125cc Class

Nate Anderson - 9th in 14-19 Year 125cc Class

Caiden Guthrie - 6th in 12-16 Year 85/150cc Class & awarded the Hard Luck Trophy

Max Martin - 4th in Novice 12-19 Year 0-300cc Class



Squash

The Annual Otago Schools' Squash Tournament was held on Friday 1 September. Eight schools competed which saw Taieri College enter three teams in two divisions. All levels were made up by teams with different abilities from new players to the sport, to 'C' grade players that play in local competitions and tournaments. All three Taieri College teams performed very well and enjoyed their time on court.

Sports Council sponsor of the week

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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. 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/behaviour/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).

Young Writers' Awards

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

The greatest thing since sliced bread...

Taieri Edible Garden

Are you new to gardening or want to learn a bit more about growing your own vegetables? We are planning a get together on Sunday 10 September, 2.00pm – 4.00pm at the Taieri Rugby Club for anyone interested in growing their own food. Free to attend.

There will be a "share and swap" table so bring any spare seeds, plants, recycled items useful for gardening, surplus tools etc.

There will be a seed sowing demonstration and "spuds to grow in bags" to give away to kids. We encourage new and experienced growers to share knowledge, tips, and tricks.

This is a great opportunity to ask those simple questions from experienced gardeners who are happy to share their knowledge, and to learn from each other.

Mosgiel Taieri Community Patrol will be selling sausage sizzle.

Check out the Taieri Edible Garden Network Facebook page for more information.

TAIERI EDIBLE GARDEN NETWORK

- ✓ Swap seeds & plants
- ✓ Share growing hints
- ✓ Community gardens
- ✓ Spud in a Bag give aways



Meet the Candidates

'Meet the Candidate' evening Thursday 14 September 2023 7.00pm – 9.00pm at the Taieri Rugby Club, 35 Reid Ave, Mosgiel.

New Zealand is governed by representative democracy. That means that we decide who we want to represent us and our interests when decisions are made at local and central government level. We select representatives (aka politicians) through the election process, so ensure you are enrolled to vote and are well informed.

The **Mosgiel Taieri Community Board By-election** voting opens on Thursday 14 September 2023 and closes at midday on Friday 6 October 2023.

Candidates for the Mosgiel Taieri Community Board by-election in attendance are:

- Austen Banks
- Amy Taylor
- Rebecca Shepherd
- Trish McCarthy
- Kimberlee Wallace (video presentation)

Some **General Election** candidates for the Taieri Electorate will also be in attendance. This is your chance to hear what they have to say on policies, what they stand for and get to ask them questions. Be 'vote ready' for the General Election held on Saturday 14 October!

Co-hosted by Taieri Network and the Mosgiel Taieri Community Board.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

FOR THE MOSGIEL TAIERI COMMUNITY BOARD BY-ELECTION



& GENERAL ELECTION

Promoted by Teresa Christie, Taieri Network, 35 Reid Ave, Mosgiel.

GirlGuiding New Zealand

GirlGuiding New Zealand Mosgiel Guide and Ranger units currently need volunteers;

Do you have a desire to give back to the community and help build happy, confident, and resilient young women? Then becoming a leader in GirlGuiding could be for you. Our leaders come from various places, ages, and backgrounds. No previous Guiding experience is needed; many of our leaders have never been involved before.

Our Guide and Ranger Units (girls aged 9-12½ and 12-17 Years) need volunteer adult leaders to join them today!

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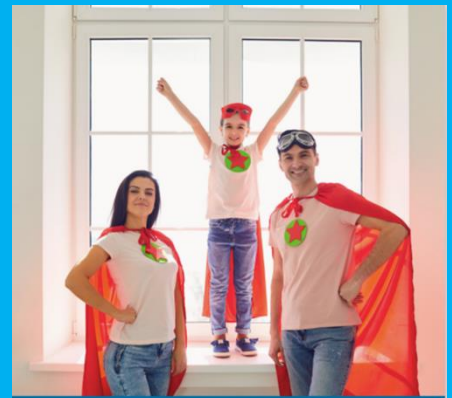


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