



# TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ

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Kia ora e te whānau

This week we witnessed incredibly distressing scenes on the East Coast of the North Island as Cyclone Gabrielle continued its destructive path southwards. Our thoughts go out to everyone who has been affected by the devastation and we wish them all the very best in their recovery efforts.

Our run of weather remains in stark contrast to what our friends up north have experienced. I was fortunate enough to join the first Tautuku camp this week and thoroughly enjoyed experiencing the Catlins Forest and its surrounds in such warm and mild weather. My thanks to the students who approached the activities with such positivity, and the staff for giving up their time to oversee the variety of outdoor education opportunities. A special thanks to Mrs Knowles for keeping us so well fed with her amazing cooking!

The first of our Learning Readiness reports are emailed home today and we have made a slight adjustment to last year's format. We have introduced a 4-point scale that allows teachers to award a 4, if in their subjective opinion, a student is going over and above classroom expectations. A grade of 3 is still an acceptable grade as it still means the student is doing everything right in consistently meeting classroom expectations. A poster of the new criteria is included in this newsletter. Should there be any questions regarding Learning Readiness reports, parents and whānau are more than welcome to contact the college.

This week we bid farewell to our Director of Sport, Sophie Russell. In her short tenure at Taieri College Sophie has had a significant influence on the sporting landscape. Sophie has earned the respect of students, staff, and coaches with her organisational expertise and her high-quality interpersonal skills. On behalf of the Taieri College community we wish Sophie all the best in her new position at Sport Otago and thank her for everything she has done during her time with us.



Noho ora mai  
**Dave Hunter**  
PRINCIPAL

## Key Dates

20 February 2023

Waihola Camp – 7BL, 7WO and 7HB  
L2 SPR Surfing

21 February 2023

L1 and L2 PRM South Canterbury Trip  
L2 SPR Surfing

22 February 2023

L1 and L2 PRM Canterbury Trip

23 February 2023

School Athletics Day – Memorial Park

24 February 2023

L3 PED Otago University Trip

## Government Funded Period Products

Aotearoa/New Zealand has a very proud history of being a world leader of equality between the genders. We were the first country to give women the vote, the first to allow women to graduate from university and, once again, our country is paving the way for another barrier to equality to be removed.

Did you know that some female students in New Zealand miss school because they do not have what they need for their periods? This is no longer an issue because, from now on, every female school student in New Zealand schools will be entitled to free period products. This is not just in an emergency. Free period products – full stop!

Taieri College is proud to support this initiative. Period products will be available from the school office. Please make the most of this opportunity.

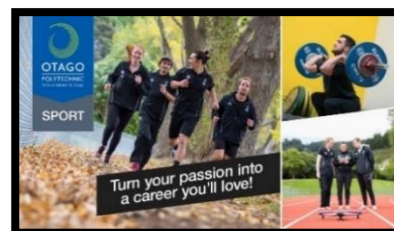


### Senior Assessment Due

24 February 2023 - 90006 Apply Drama Techniques in a Dramatic Context. (Theory)

## Cyclone Pet Food Donations Wanted!

Wanting: Pet food, bedding, small hay bales, hard feed, etc. We are also collecting donations for pets and horses to be shipped north on 19 February, Sunday pm. Please leave any donations at 15 Lanark Street, Mosgiel or 489 Allanton Road, Outram by 12noon Sunday. Thank you!





## Waihola Christian Youth Camp

On Monday 13 February 7HU and 7HJ set off for Waihola CYC for a sun filled, action packed day of fun. We rotated around six activities, spending 45 minutes at each. The activities were the assault course, team initiative, frisbee golf, zip line, bubble soccer and archery tag. Sadly, the water slide was out of action due to low water reserves and restrictions. Nevertheless, we had an awesome time and enjoyed a delicious sausage (or two or three) in bread and sauce over the lunch break. We would like to thank our team of wonderful helpers which included parents, junior class leaders and a teacher aide. Special thanks to Kyle Brandham, Georgina Chalmers, Thomas Hannagan, Louise Kirby, Javier Langley, Meg Maclean, Marama Nicholas, Sarah Omelvena, William Helm, Graeme Egan, Kyla Standing. At the conclusion of the day, we had some cleaning duties and were rewarded with ice blocks to hit the spot after a long hot summer's day. We welcomed the air conditioning on the bus ride home but not perhaps the scenic long route taken by the driver via Taieri Mouth and the Green Island roundabout to avoid the road works. Overall, we had an awesome time and thank Mrs Hughes and Mr Hedges for their organisational efforts.



## New Staff Profiles

**Name:** Danielle Taripo

**Birthplace:** Blenheim

**Schooling:** Marlborough Girls' College, Otago Polytechnic, Massey University

**Tertiary Qualification:** Bachelor of Social Services (Counselling), Post Graduate Diploma of Guidance and Counselling

**Subjects Teaching:** Guidance

**Hobbies/Interests:** Running, working out and watching Netflix.

**Favourite Quote:** "Journey before destination."



**Name:** Jenny Mockford

**Birthplace:** Gore

**Schooling:** Gore High School, University of Otago

**Tertiary Qualification:** Diploma of Teaching, Bachelor of Education

**Subjects Teaching:** Year 7

**Hobbies/Interests:** Tennis, running, cycling.

**Favourite Quote:** "In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." – Abraham Lincoln.





**Name:** Olivia Larkins

**Birthplace:** Dunedin

**Schooling:** Bayfield High School

**Tertiary Qualification:** Bachelor of Performing Arts,  
Master of Teaching and Learning.

**Subjects Teaching:** Music and Dance.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Musical theatre, walking my pug,  
cooking and relaxing in the spa.

**Favourite Quote:** "Just keep swimming."



**Name:** Tiffani Hickey

**Birthplace:** Waikato

**Schooling:** Waerenga Primary/ Te Kauwhata  
College / Waikato Dio

**Tertiary Qualification:** Bachelor of Health Science,  
Master of Teaching and Learning.

**Subjects Teaching:** Physical Education and Health.

**Hobbies/Interests:** Baking, sports, and all things  
outdoors.

**Favourite Quote:** "I'd rather regret the risks that  
didn't work out than the chances I didn't take at  
all." – Simone Biles. Or "In a gentle way, you can  
shake the world." - Gandhi



## Sports Council AGM Meeting

Tuesday 28 February 2023

7.30pm in the Board Room

Any interested persons are most welcome.

## Sports

### ATHLETICS DAY NEXT WEEK!

On Thursday 23 February 2023 Taieri College will be having our annual athletics day at Memorial Park. This is a fun athletics day in which students seek to not only gain points for their form class, but also qualify for athletic championships later in the year. If there is poor weather, then Friday 24 February 2023 is set aside as a reserve day. Students will be entering into the athletics day through their form classes. On the day the school canteen will be operating at Memorial Park so students will be able to purchase food and drink at the ground.

#### On The Day:

- Students Year 7 – 10 are to compete wearing normal PE Uniform, while Year 11-13 are to wear appropriate mufiti.
- Students are to go directly to Memorial Park at the normal times for school. Your form teachers will be doing a roll at the start and end of the day.
- Sun hats are encouraged to be worn. Remind students to bring sunscreen, good food and water.
- Students will not be leaving the grounds during the day unless signed out by a parent. This can be done in the Mosgiel Football Clubrooms.
- If the weather is bad, postponements will be made before 7am and will be posted on the Taieri College Sports Facebook Page and Taieri College Website. Postponement day is 24 February 2023 (following day).
- There is no face paint permitted at the grounds.
- **Students travelling on buses will be dropped off and picked up from Memorial Park. The day will finish by 3.00pm and students can be picked up from Memorial Park.**

#### **Canteen Menu for Athletics Day: Cash or Eftpos is available!**

Food	
Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Pies Mince / Mince & Cheese	\$4.50
Salad Bun	\$5.00
Donuts	\$2.50
Cakes & Slices	\$2.50
Brownie	\$2.50
Cookies	\$1.50
Doritos	\$2.50

Drinks	
Lipton Tea	\$3.00
Pump Large	\$3.00
Pump Small	\$2.00
Cool Change	\$1.70
Cool Sips	\$1.70
Honest Fizz	\$2.20
Frozen	
Juices	\$1.20

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## Sport Hoodie Orders!

Taieri College sports hoodies can now be ordered! Please find the online order form on the Taieri College website, under sport. Orders must be in by next Friday. If you are unsure of the size, please come to the sports office to try on a sample.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSpZEBbxERBq4FSoyBD756qCpGon\\_Wrelgy\\_vUXvxGAx8Tfw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfSpZEBbxERBq4FSoyBD756qCpGon_Wrelgy_vUXvxGAx8Tfw/viewform)

These are only to be worn for sports or physical education.



## Touch Youth Nationals

Over the weekend Georgina Te Kanawa and Blake Clarkson were in Christchurch representing Otago at Touch Youth Nationals. Georgina, playing for the U16 girls had some very tough games. Coming out top of their pool, they went into a tough semi game against Waikato, which ended up going to drop offs in a nail biter game. They came out on top, securing their sport in the gold final, which they beat Taranaki, to be national champs!

Blake's U16 boys team also had a great tournament. They had some tough matches and managed to secure 5<sup>th</sup> place overall. Congratulations Georgina and Blake!





## Volleyball

Marama Nicholas recently represented the Māori Men's National Volleyball team. The team went to Rarotonga in November 2022 to play three games against the Cook Islands Volleyball Men's team in a test series. The team won all three games, and Marama had an incredible experience. Well done! Marama's trip was partly funded by the Taieri College Sports Council, which he is very grateful for.



As the 2023 school volleyball season is underway, sports prefects and senior volleyball players, Marama Nicholas and Jemma West ran a volleyball practice for all TK students during Break 2 on Wednesday. The players learnt basic skills and rules before their first game on Friday.



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## Softball

Kamryn Hale represented Otago in the U17 girls' team at Nationals in Wellington. The team placed 11<sup>th</sup> overall! Well done, Kamryn.

Any students interested in trying softball this term, please sign up on the online form found on the Taieri College website under sport enrolments. Sessions are on Thursdays at Hancock Park, 23 February 2023 – 23 March 2023. Each week costs \$5 and Otago Softball create teams with a mixture of students based on who is there each week. This is an awesome way to learn a new sport! Any questions come and ask the sports office.



## Weet- Bix TRYathlon volunteers

Want \$40 off your school sports fees?! Sign up in the sports office to be a volunteer at the Weet-Bix TRYathlon on Sunday March 5th!

All Taieri College students who are volunteers on the day will get \$40 taken directly off their sports fees, as well as a T-shirt (to be worn on the day), cap, bag, drink bottle, Weet-Bix breakfast, light lunch, and some snacks to get you through the day.

Important to sign up at the sports office by Wednesday, 22 February 2023!

Please note: You need to be over 16 to volunteer.



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# Learning Readiness Criteria



## Managing Self

*Your work ethic / mahi*

- Bring the correct gear

- Be on time



- Settle on task

- Meet your deadlines



- Complete tasks to the best of your ability

## Relating to Others

*Kotahitanga*

- Use good manners



- Use respectful words

- Be inclusive of others:  
whanaungatanga

- Show kindness to others:  
manaakitanga



- Follow expectations

- 4 Excels in meeting expectations
- 3 Consistently meets all expectations
- 2 Sometimes meets all expectations
- 1 Does not meet expectations





# Seeking local stars

## YOUTH AMBASSADOR AWARD

### SADDLE HILL COMMUNITY BOARD

For high achievers in either sport, academic or cultural areas aged 13 to 25 who live in the Saddle Hill Community Board area of Waldronville, Westwood, Ocean View, Brighton and Fairfield. \$1000 prize pool

**Applications close at 5pm on Wednesday  
8 March 2023**

Please note that you will be required to attend a Community Board Meeting to speak to your application and answer any questions the Board may have.

For more information and an application form please contact:

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