



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATO A



Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome back to the final term of the school year and thank you to the large number of students and whānau who attended the course confirmation interviews and Gateway presentation on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings this week. Many helpful and productive conversations were had as teachers, students, and whānau talked in depth about the best subject options for each young person to pursue next year. Subject selection in the senior school is particularly important and it's been pleasing to see such a large interest from our school community. If you have further questions about subject selection, please don't hesitate to contact the college.

Caving and high ropes courses might not be your thing but this week our L2SPR students were willing to get outside their comfort zones to experience some new sports. A great time and sense of achievement was had by all. I believe a highlight for Mrs King (one of our Year 12 deans) was her turn on the very high and very long high ropes swing. Thanks to Miss Hickey for supervising the trip. This evening the college is presenting a Vocal Showcase, where several of our talented performing arts students will share their amazing talents with us. If you are free tonight, you are most welcome to come along at 6.30pm to the Performing Arts Centre.

The start of Term 4 is always very busy, however, it's also a great time of celebration. Next week we will be holding our annual Blues Ceremony to recognise the impressive achievements of many of our students. The Young Writers' Awards will also occur next week, and in the weeks ahead the Mana Pounamu, Pasifika Awards, and our Senior Prizegiving will also celebrate the successes and abilities of our ākonga. I look forward to seeing parents and whānau at these wonderful events.

Finally, this week we had our first and final senior assembly of Term 4. It is a very short term for the seniors who will be on study leave in three weeks' time. My encouragement to them was to finish well, to work diligently on their final internal assessment/s, and to make study and revision their priority for the next four to six weeks. Preparing and persevering now will help provide the exam results necessary in January to follow next year's dream, whether it be university, an apprenticeship, or a particular course of subjects at school next year. We appreciate all the encouragement that you as whānau are providing for your student(s) as they prepare for important end of year exams.

Ngā mihi nui

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Key Dates

13 October 2023

Vocal Showcase – Taieri
College Performing Arts
Centre

9-27 October 2023

Life Education Bus (Year 7/8)

17 October 2023

Students' Council Mufti Day –
gold coin donation.
(Christmas Boxes, and
Mosgiel Food Bank)

18 October 2023

Aquavan

Ukulele Jam – Performing Arts
Centre (10.00am – 12.00pm)

Blues Ceremony – Performing
Arts Centre (7.00pm –
9.00pm)

19 October 2023

Literary Lunch – Library

20 October 2023

Year 8 HPV vaccinations

Senior Assessments Due Term 4 - Week 2

L1 DCAT
AS90949 L1SCI Life Processes Internal
L3 GEO AS91431 Issue Internal
L3 Music Solo Performance

2023 Sports Photos

Sports photos are now available to purchase online.
<https://kelkphoto.co.nz/view-your-event/taieri-college/>

Orders close 26 October 2023.

Absence Procedure

A reminder to all parents/caregivers regarding students signing in and out at the College Office during the college day. A note or telephone call is required explaining your student's absence. There is also a dedicated telephone message line on our telephone system for absences. Please telephone 489 3823 and press 1.

If you are leaving a message on our automated service, please provide a reason for the absence. The MOE has a coding system for absences and any absences that are unexplained must be coded as truant. If any parent/caregiver leaves a message that simply says that their child won't be in without any reason this will need to be coded as truant. Please give a specific reason for your child's absence.

Unwell Students Procedure

If, during the course of the day your young person becomes unwell, they are to come to the College Office first where they will be assessed by the office staff. Parents/caregivers will then be contacted.

Students should not text or telephone parents; the Office will organise this as students need to be signed out on the Enrol System, which is part of MOE guidelines.

Thank you.

Office Hours 8.00am – 4.00pm

Careers Chat

Gateway Programme 2024 - It was really pleasing to get seventy students and parents along to our information evening held in the Performing Arts Centre Wednesday of this week. A reminder that Gateway is an excellent programme for students who are considering a trade or going directly into a work vocation. The work experience runs one day a week (usually a Thursday), and usually during Terms 2 and 3. Written applications are available from the Careers Office, and need to be returned by Friday 27 October 2023. We will interview most applicants November 1 and November 2 2023. Current Year 11 and 12 students can apply, and they must choose Careers as one of their subjects for 2024. We will meet with all students who have indicated they will study Careers at Year 13 next week to discuss their suitability to apply for Gateway. We are currently funded for thirty places but would like to increase this! Therefore, it is competitive to get into this programme. For students who do not gain a place we have the potential to place them on work experience so they can still sample areas of work they are interested in to help them firm up on a positive career pathway plan.

Otago Secondary Tertiary College - Otago Polytechnic runs Vocational Pathways courses for senior secondary students that runs similar to our Gateway Programme. Year 12 and 13 Taieri College students in 2024 are eligible to apply, they need to register interest at the Careers Office, be interviewed and assessed as suitable, and approved to apply. Written applications go to the Polytech, and they confirm successful inclusion in courses. Students attend their course at Otago Polytechnic each Friday and are responsible for organising their transport in and out. The Vocation Pathway Programmes on offer include Beauty Therapy (L2-29credits), Salon Skills (L2-26credits), Police Pathway (L3-28credits), Manaaki Tauiro-Maori culture (L2-24credits), and Apiculture-Beekeeping (L2-40credits). Further courses may be opened-up next week.

School Leavers - should contact us directly if they require any careers assistance. The careers room (L1) is open at all breaks for call in help, or an appointment at another time can be made.

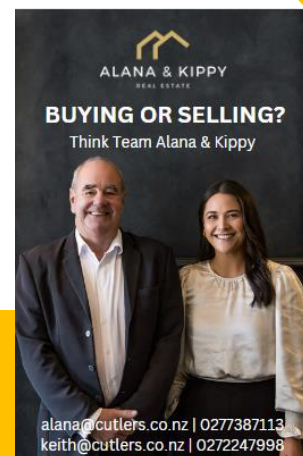
Scholarships - it has been a real pleasure to provide support for our applicants and we especially want to congratulate all the recipients of The University of Otago Entrance Scholarships of which twelve of our students have received. It is so awesome to see talented young people rewarded for all their positive endeavours.

Please contact us directly if we can help in any way, (you may like to refer your son or daughter for an interview if they have any pressing career concerns, need help with a CV etc).

Your Taieri College Careers Team

Steve Walker- Head of Careers & Pathways, email swalker@taieri.school.nz,

Fiona Smeaton- Careers Admin & Gateway Coordinator, email fsmeaton@taieri.school.nz



Young Writers' Awards

The following students will be recognised for their achievements at the Literary Lunch on Thursday 19 October during Break 1 and Period 3 in the Library. A light morning tea will be provided.

Year 7 and 8

Abbie Irving 7HU
Amber Egan 7HU
Ashley White 8BZ
Ben Baskett 8HR
Emma Collins 7BL
Georgie Lunjevich 7HB
Harry Tibble 8MB
Isabel McHoull 7HU
Izzy Thomson 8MB
Jetson Bell 8MR
Leila Hughes 8FY
Lexie Stevenson 7HB
Liam Lomas-Knight 7HU
Lily Ballantyne 8SW
Luke Payne 8HR
Marissa Conway 7BL
Natalie Bush 7BL
Nika Miller 8BZ
Ruby Wilde-Apaipo 7HU
Tessa Struthers 7ME
Xavier Cumberland 8MR

Year 9 and 10

Aahana Mundamattam 9FR
Bella Neale 10FM
Bianca Melrose 9RK
Gabby McGowan 9FR
Hunter Freeman 10WJ
Indi Matchett 9FR
Isla Musk 9FR
Jenny Petegem Thach 10MH
Julia Peet 10VN
Livy Urquhart 9RK
Lydia Bransgrove 9MJ
Madison Valerie 9FR
Ollie McFelin 10MH
Rania Najafi 10NI
Rosie Mitchell 10WJ
Sophie Perry 10JH
Tayla Henderson 9FR
William Peet 10FM

Year 11-13

Abbey Dawson-Brown 13PA
Anaya Mundamattam 13CN
Charlotte Hodge 12CG
Chiara Compton-Bray 12CG
Ella Coudret 13HS
Emma Bain 12JN
Gemma Lloyd 11WG
Georgina Te Kanawa 11LO
Jackson Rosie 13CN
Joanne Brock-Smith 12JN
Keira Wallace 12CG
Mitchell Tobin 13HS
Simone Letts 11LO
Sneha Kasibhatla 11FS
Tessa Bishell 12GB

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Prefect Reading

Good morning,

Today I will be talking to you about the power of perseverance and determination. These two qualities are the reason for many great achievements, and they are often the difference between success and failure. Perseverance is the quality that keeps you going when you are faced with obstacles or setbacks. It's the ability to maintain your focus when things get difficult. Determination is the mindset to complete something, no matter how difficult it may seem. These qualities, together, are a strong combination that can help overcome many challenges.



In our lives, we will come across obstacles that make our goals seem unachievable. In these moments perseverance and determination become very useful. They keep us moving forward when we want to give up and they can remind us that success is in reach.

Think about your own journey through school. How many times have you been faced with difficult assignments, challenging exams, or moments when you have felt overwhelmed. It's in these moments that your determination to succeed, your perseverance in studying late at night, and refusal to give up on your dreams become the key to success. Perseverance and determination are not just about blindly pushing forward. They also require flexibility and learning from failure. It's essential to look at our setbacks and understand what went wrong and use that knowledge to make the next attempt better. As you face challenges and uncertainties of the future, remember the power of perseverance and determination. Embrace your setbacks as an opportunity for growth, never forget that with enough determination, even things that seem impossible can become a reality.

Thank you,

Georgia Baines

Students' Council Mufti Day

17 October 2023

Gold coin donation please to support the Christmas Boxes for those in need, and the Mosgiel Food Bank.

Sports

Naseby 12 Hour Mountain Bike Event

On Saturday 7 October 2023, the annual 12 hour Naseby Mountain Bike event took place in the Naseby Forest. This event can be completed over 6 hours or 12 hours, and as either an individual, or as a team. It involves completing a 12.5 km cross country loop as fast and as many times as possible within your chosen event time. Oakley Bird competed in the electric bike Junior Solo Section and won his category by 24 minutes from his nearest competitor. He completed 8 laps in 5 hours and 28mins, which meant he cycled 114km in total. Well done Oakley for a great effort.



New Zealand Secondary Schools' Mountain Bike Championships

In the second week of the October holidays, the New Zealand Secondary Schools Mountain Bike Championships were held in the hills behind Blenheim. This event attracts the top riders from around the country in cross country, enduro, and downhill. This year Ryan Merrilees was Taieri College's sole representative. In the downhill event he finished 5th in the U20 boys' final and was 14th overall. In the Enduro event, Ryan finished 14th in the U20 boys and 29th overall. An awesome effort!



Hockey

We had five students in the first week of the school holidays who represented Otago in Hockey at the U15 Tournament, held in Christchurch. Congratulations to the following students on their selections.



Felicity Nichol 9FR

Ollie Michelle 10FM

Abby Samuels 11FS

Cheydon McLeod 10HM

Violet Bennie 9RK

Rugby

Well done to our Kōhine Captain Heidi Aitken, and ex-pupil Charlotte Williams on winning their tournament. Otago Under 18 Girls won the final defeating Canterbury Under 18 Girls Black 24-17.



We also had Jaxin Martin and Travis Miller represent the Otago Māori (Taiohi Ki Uta) Country Rugby U17 and Tarquin Tautau Otago Māori (Tamatāne Ki Uta) Country U15 team during the holidays.



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Arohanui and a big shout-out to the following community agencies!

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude for the donations of food we have received for this year and previous years from **Mosgiel New World**. Their team prepares a weekly box of fruit, bread, spaghetti, and ham for us to collect and make toasties for students.

Another source of food donations comes from the **Mosgiel Food Bank**, and we are very fortunate to receive non-perishable food items to give out to students.

This term, the **Mosgiel Presbyterian Church** has also implemented a regular food donation package to provide for our students. These are further contributions to our toasties and home-baked muffins, which are so gratefully received.

We are humbled and so very appreciative of these community agencies who have organised these precious deliveries to support the wellbeing of our youth. We see increasing need amongst students for sustenance and they are very thankful for these provisions.

The Guidance team manages, preps, and dispenses these food products on a daily basis to provide manaakitanga for students.



Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

Ngā mihi nui

Diana Leonard / Jean Andrews

Director of Wellbeing / Counselling Team

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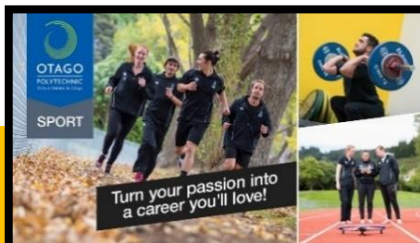
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Learning with Harold

Pip & Harold are really excited to be visiting your school next week with our specially designed & built mobile classroom. Over the next few days the Students and Teachers will participate in specifically designed health based programmes (selected by the Teachers & created by Pip) to meet the needs of the school & local community.

If you would like to learn more about our programme please visit our website

<https://www.lifeeducation.org.nz/what-we-teach>

We even have a special page just for kids (how cool is that!)

<https://healthyharold.org.nz/kids>

Please ask your kids what they have been learning about during their visits, I'm sure they will have lots to share with you. They will also have received a 'Take Home Pack' filled with activities you can do together at home.



If you would like to check out the classroom for yourself (or even reminisce your own Harold memories) please contact either the school or email Pip at heartland@lifeed.org.nz and we can organise a time to pop in either before or after school.