



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATO A

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Kia ora e te whānau

This week it was a pleasure to be part of the second Year 8 Queenstown camp. The highlight of my time there was seeing how enthusiastic and positive the students were. It was encouraging to see so many of them tackle some new and imposing challenges and succeeding in achieving them.

I trust that our Year 9 and 10 students were tackling their end of year exams today with a similar attitude. These exams are significant for our Year 10 students. The results of the exams will be used to help place students into Level 1 NCEA classes for next year. Tuesday 21 November 2023 is the final exam for our Year 9 and 10 students.

Our Teacher Only Day last Monday was a valuable experience for staff. Many valuable conversations were had, resources developed, and programmes of work finalised. Several Ministry of Education NCEA change facilitators were also on hand to give advice and to clarify a number of questions teachers across the Dunedin region had regarding the standards and how they will be assessed.

Today is also our annual Taieri College Sports Council Golf Day. My thanks to the dedicated parents and whānau from our Sports Council who give so much time organising this wonderful fundraiser for our students. The money raised will go towards funding numerous sports trips and the purchasing of sports equipment for our young people. Thanks too to those who have donated prizes and who have participated to the success of the day.

Ngā mihi nui

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Key Dates

6-29 November 2023

NZQA NCEA Senior Examinations

19 November 2023

Gore Pony Club Interscholars Show
Jumping Champs (equestrian)

20-24 November 2023

Year 8 Camp Queenstown - Camp 3:
8BZ & 8JT

21 November 2023

Year 9 English Exam

Year 10 Maths Exam

Athletics Otago Primary & Intermediate
Champs

21-23 November 2023

Volleyball Junior SISS Tournament

22-23 November 2023

Year 9 Cricket

28 November 2023

Year 11, 12 and 13 Clearance Day
9:00am – 12:30pm

8 December 2023

Years 7/8 Prizegiving 9.30am in the PAC

Years 9/10 Prizegiving 11.00am in the
PAC

Last Day of Term

Reminder – Year 9 Scholarships for 2024

Year 9 Scholarships for 2024 close Thursday 30 November 2023

Scholarships are available for Performing Arts, Sporting and Academic. Application forms are available from the school office.

Reminder - Year 7 and 8 Sports Academy Applications

Year 7 & 8 Sports Academy applications close on Wednesday 30 November 2023.

Application forms are available from the school office.

Sports

TK Golf Intermediate Finals

On Friday we had two Te Kainga golf teams take part in the Otago Year 7 and 8 championship final in Lawrence. These two teams qualified for this tournament earlier on in the year when finishing second and third at the Dunedin schools' tournament. Both teams played some great golf throughout the day, which shows Taieri College golf has a bright future.

Congratulations to Jack Crashley, Liam Lomas-Knight, and Tao van Der Berg who placed third overall. Big thank you goes out to Miss Clunie for looking after the golfers on the day.



South Zone Athletics

Last Wednesday we had thirty Te Kainga Taieri College students competing at the South Zone Athletics Champs at the Caledonian. It was an awesome day with everyone doing a fantastic job at their chosen event. We've had several athletes qualify for the Otago champs next week after posting some great results during last Wednesday South Zone competition! A big thanks to Miss Hannah and Mr Jackson for helping to coordinate the day. Below are the top four placings from our athletes.

Hayley Anderson Under 12 Girls High jump - 3rd
Marissa Conway Under 12 Girls Hurdles - 1st
Milla Lambert Under 12 Girls Shot put - 3rd
Under 12 Girls Discus - 3rd
Georgia Gilkison Under 13 Girls Long jump - 4th
Addison Kirk Under 13 Long Jump - 3rd
Taylor Stonelake Over 13 Girls Shot put - 2nd

Over 13 Girls Discus - 1st

Toini Metuakore-Tiaiti Under 12 Boys High Jump - 4th
Under 12 Boys Long jump - 3rd
Tom Taylor Under 12 Boys Discus - 1st
Alec Miller Under 13 Boys Long Jump - 4th
Year 7 and 8 800m - 1st
Sophia Hanningan - Johnson Over 13 Girls High Jump - 1st

South Zone Athletics



Cricket

Congratulations to Caleb Walker who has been selected in the Dunedin Year 11/12 Representative Cricket side to take part in the Otago Year 11/12 District Tournament in Invercargill on 12-14 December 2023.



Year 7 and 8 Water Polo South Island Championship Tournament

This year we have had a Year 8 team and a Year 7 team entered in the Dunedin Schools competition played on a Friday afternoon/evening. This competition is organised and run by Otago Water Polo.

We chose a tournament team from both teams to enter one tournament team to play in the South Island Championships. The players selected for this were; Angus Russell 8HR, Jax Robertson 8FY, Leila Hughes 8FY, Angus Wilson 8SW, Lily Ballantyne 8SW, Adam Riepma 8JT, Taylor Stonelake 8MR, Nash Gilmour 7HJ, Emma Collins 7BL, Tom Taylor 7BL, Charlie Clements 7BL and Isabel McHoull 7HU.

The tournament was played last weekend from Friday 10 November until Sunday 12 November 2023. There were 16 teams from throughout the South Island entered into the tournament. Four pools were created with four teams in each. Quarter finals, semi-finals, and finals followed on from the pool play. This tournament is brutal as many teams travel down from Christchurch who play water polo all year long. In Dunedin we only play over the two summer terms. Our games and results were as follows.

Friday 10 November 2023

4.40pm versus James Hargest and we went down 10-5. It was a shame we had this game first up as James Hargest went on to be a finalist and we had a great game against them.

Saturday 11 November 2023

10.25am versus Canterbury Combined and we went down 3-1. This team is a club team as opposed to a school team so were unable to proceed to top eight.

1.45pm versus Cobham Development and we had a win 15-0. After this result we went through to compete in a very competitive top eight for quarter finals.

5.40pm versus Cobham Mixed in Quarter Final #3 going down 7-2.

Sunday 12 November 2023

10.40am versus Fairfield School as we both lost our quarter finals. We went down 5-2.

2.10pm versus Casebrook School resulting in a draw 6-6.

The overall standings were as follows:

- 1st Cobham A
- 2nd James Hargest
- 3rd Balmacewen Gold
- 4th Cobham Mixed
- 5th = Fairfield School
- 5th = Southland Boys'
- 7th = Taieri College
- 7th = Casebrook
- 9th Dunedin North Intermediate
- 10th Canterbury Combined
- 11th Breens Submarine
- 12th St Hilda's
- 13th West Melton
- 14th Breens Battleships
- 15th Cobham Development
- 16th Trinity College



Back row: (from the left) Jax Robertson, Taylor Stonelake, Angus Russell, Angus Wilson, Adam Riepma, Lily Ballantyne.

Front Row: (from left) Isabel McHoull, Leila Hughes, Charlie Clements, Tom Taylor, Nash Gilmour, Emma Collins.

Year 7 and 8 Water Polo South Island Championship Tournament Continued.

Special thanks to our coaches Brad Gilmour and Justin Stonelake for giving up their weekend to coach and support this tournament team. There was a lot of learning and development as a result of this experience. Thank you for all your support and guidance and hopefully they have now remembered what 'goal side' looks like and feels like. Thank you to all the wonderful parents who continued to transport and support us throughout the weekend. The players really enjoyed themselves and were absolutely beyond fatigue after the tournament, especially the three players who returned from camp at 3.00pm that Friday. Thank goodness for the Teachers' Only Day on the Monday for them to rest and recover. All and all Taieri College were always competitive and never gave up. We are very proud of your efforts and our best result/ranking ever.

A special congratulations must go to Taylor Stonelake who was announced/selected in the Tournament Team at the conclusion of the weekend. This was well deserved as Taylor was a standout player for sure. Taylor is a part of the Otago Water Polo Club in addition to playing and training with the Taieri College team. We are so very proud of you Taylor; your hard work and effort is paying off.



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Careers

On Tuesday 14 November 2023 we were lucky to have the team from Leonardo Helicopters from a firm in the UK visit a group of our Year 10 students to talk about a career in the engineering fields. Leonardo designs, manufactures, and sells helicopters all around the world, and has amazing graduate programmes. The students learnt about the company, what they do, and listened to the career journeys of the team. They then had some search and rescue problems to solve, and then built a device that had to float in some water and carry twenty marbles all the while thinking about cost, sustainability, and not sinking! They all displayed great teamwork, communication, and problem-solving skills, which was the object of the exercise. We hope some may see engineering as a future career choice.



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Inspiring the Future Event for all Yr9's

Next week the Careers Department are running this programme to inspire our students about the breadth and depth of career opportunities that are available for all. This will be a good opportunity for parents to discuss career pathway planning and sharing a few stories from your own experience!

We will run the event on Wednesday 22 November 2023, the first session will be in the PAC, and second period students will have brief conversations with each role model in B Block.

9MI, 9CJ, 9FR, 9MG will participate P1 and P2. 9MJ, 9RG, 9RK, 9WM will follow P3 and P4.

Overview :

Inspiring the future is a fun, engaging programme, connecting school students to role models so they can learn a little bit about a wide range of careers.

How it works:

First session all the group are in the PAC

- 20 questions: Students ask questions to try to guess what the role models do – you can only answer "yes", "no", "maybe", "sometimes".
- Time to guess: role models leave the room to get changed or grab their prop. Students discuss and guess each of the role model's job – it's really fun hearing what they come up with!
- The reveal: role models come back wearing work clothes or carrying props that represent what they do. They reveal their job and briefly share their story about how they got there with the students.

Second sessions will be in classrooms (B Block)

- Discussion groups: We break into small groups; students sit with role models to ask questions and learn more about their job and story.

Next year we will introduce the Year 9s to our online career planning tool Career Central.



E te iwi, maranga mai!

Are you going into Years 10 to 13 next year? The Yamada O'Regan Secondary School Scholarship is now open to support the 2024 academic year. Applications will close on 1 February 2024.

These scholarships aim to support registered Ngāi Tahu secondary school students studying in Years 10 to 13 who may be experiencing hardship in completing the school year and/or successfully attaining a secondary school qualification.

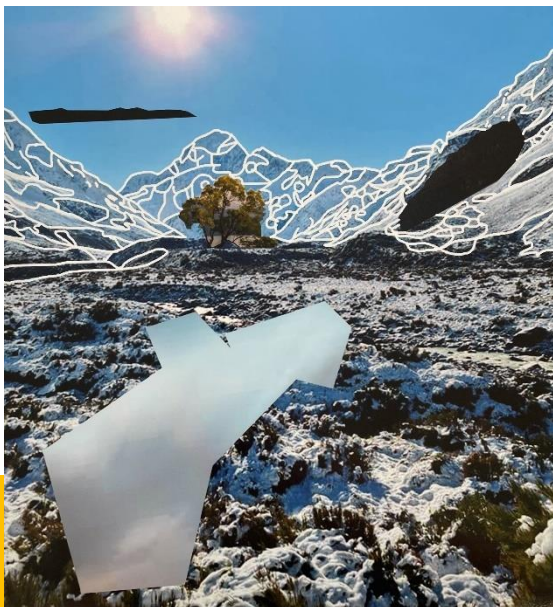
Below are some examples of costs that have been covered as part of the scholarships in the past:

- * School fees
- * School uniform items
- * School resources such as stationery and textbooks
- * School trips like leadership camps
- * If applicants are participating in sports at school, some associated costs can be covered.

Visit the website to get all the details and apply! - <https://ngaitahu.iwi.nz/.../yamada-oregan-secondary.../>

Level 1 and 2 Art

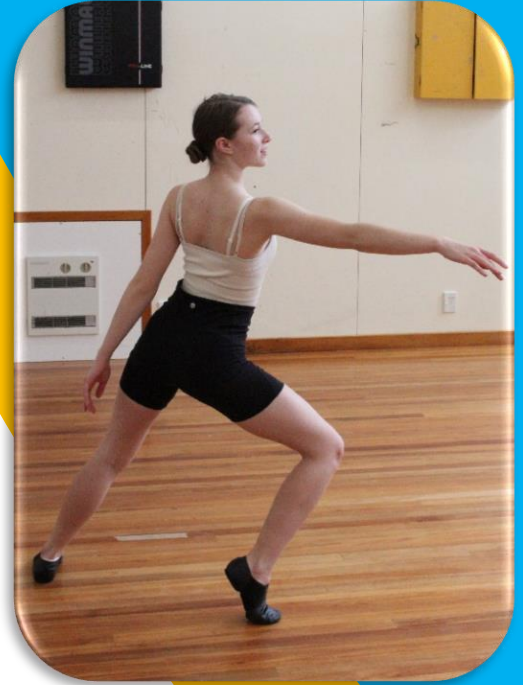




Dance

Year 12 student Charlotte Hodge recently received an NZAMD scholarship nomination for receiving a grade of over 97% in her jazz exam. She travelled to Wellington to compete against approximately one hundred and eighty other dancers from across New Zealand. "The choreography was unique and challenging as well as fun and it brought me great joy to perform and learn. The experience was wonderful, and I feel very grateful for having this opportunity." Charlotte.

Charlotte was one of our featured dancers in this year's production of 'Disco Inferno'. Well done, Charlotte!



Year 10 Māori Class

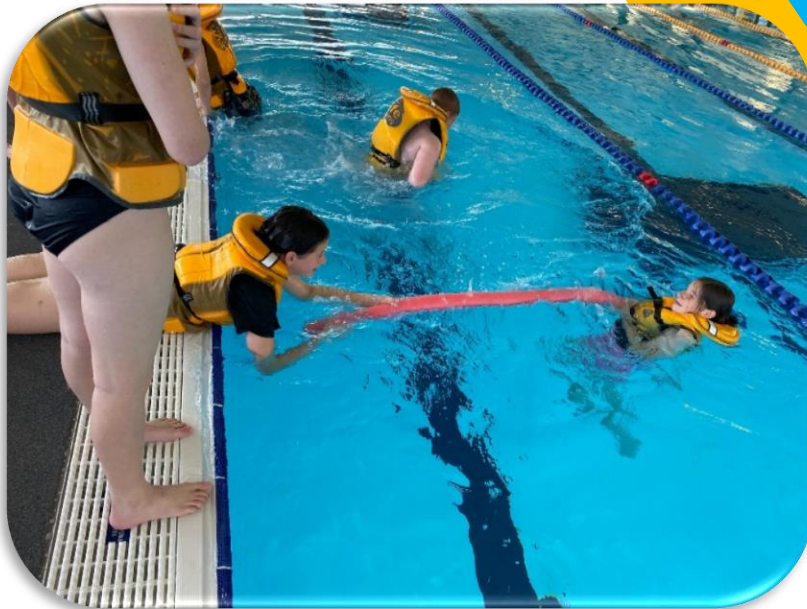
Our Year 10 Te Reo Māori Class went to the Reading Cinemas on Wednesday 8 November 2023 to watch the movie Uproar.

Uproar is a moving and heartwarming story about connection and finding your place in the world. It is the story of a 17-year-old Josh Waaka (played by Julian Dennison). Set in Dunedin in 1981, a rugby-obsessed country is divided over the arrival of the South African Springboks team, sparking nationwide protests. Under pressure from home and school to conform, Josh, who has never felt like he fits in anywhere, is inspired by the protests and by a newfound passion for performing to find his own voice. A sequence of events sees Josh embrace his community and his whakapapa Māori, taking him and his whānau on a journey towards healing.



Year 7 Just Swim Lessons

Over the past few weeks the Year 7s have been participating in a swimming programme at Te Puna o Whakaehu. They have been developing their skills, including a session on lifesaving.



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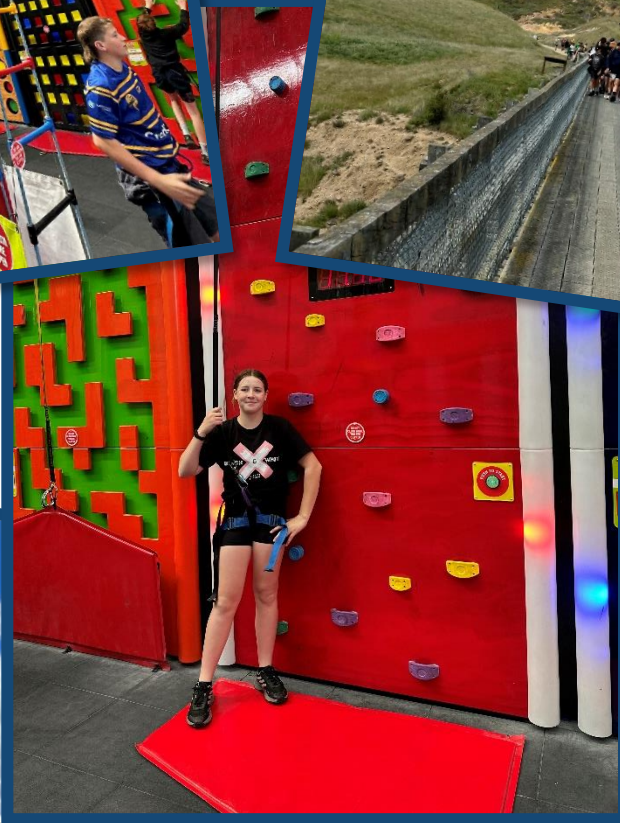
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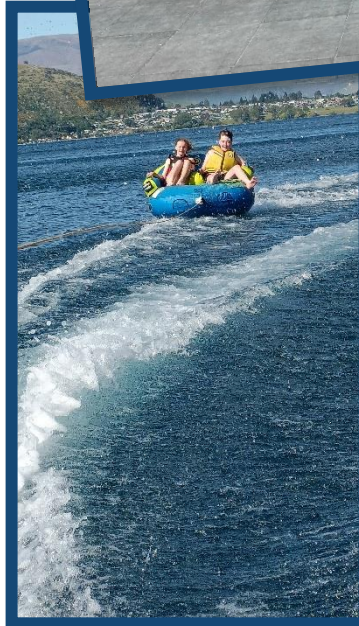
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