



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ

Kia ora e te whānau



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On Thursday we held a special assembly to present our 2023 Year 9 Scholarships. My congratulations to all recipients and my thanks to the parents and whānau for joining us in our celebration. I challenge all recipients to use their recognition to motivate them to even greater levels of achievement. I would also like to acknowledge the students who applied for a scholarship and were unsuccessful. It is an incredibly difficult task to sort through the applications and my thanks to all students who put their name forward.

Congratulations to Jenny and Matthew Petegem Thach who have earned places in the Dunedin Youth Orchestra. I am sure Jenny and Matthew will make the most of this wonderful opportunity and I wish them all the best in their upcoming performances.

Well done to our Boys' 1st XI cricket team who triumphed over St Kevin's College in a 2-day match on Sunday and Monday. It was a classic team performance with several players contributing to a resounding win. To be the first holders of the newly introduced Hunter Cup is an outstanding achievement.

Next week 10MH, 10FM and part of 10HM head to Tautuku for the last of our Tautuku Camps. I wish everyone involved a fun and safe experience. Likewise, to our Senior Girls Volleyball team who are competing in the Otago Secondary Schools' Champs over the weekend, good luck with your games.

We have decided to go ahead with our postponed school athletics sports this month. After having to defer a few weeks ago due to weather, we are intending to hold the event on Friday 24 March 2023 at Memorial Park in Mosgiel.

Please be aware that Taieri College will be closed on Thursday 16 March 2023 as teachers are participating in strike action organised by the PPTA (teachers union). This strike action will not affect the Tautuku Camp and we will be open for instruction again on Friday 17 March 2023. If you have any queries over this industrial action, please feel free to make contact with the college.

Noho ora mai

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

13 March 2023

Tautuku Camp - 10MH, 10FM, and 1/3 of 10HM

Defensive Driving Course

15 March 2023

Learning Readiness

Defensive Driving Course

Dunedin Primary Triathlon Champs

16 March 2023

PPTA Strike Day – COLLEGE CLOSED

Pasifika Navigators of Tomorrow

Mito Automotive Careers Tour

17 March 2023

Otago University Visit

Otago Secondary Schools' Touch
Tournament

PPTA Strike Day – Taieri College Closed 16 March 2023

The Post Primary Teachers' Association (PPTA) have advised the Taieri College Board of Trustees that they will be withdrawing their services for the day **Thursday 16 March**. This action is in response to the government's latest collective agreement offer. Taieri College has no control over the strike as it is organised by the PPTA. This means that union members will not be available to teach on Thursday 16 March 2023 and Taieri College will be closed.

Senior Assessment Due

13 March 2023 - L3CHE AS91393 Oxidation-Reduction Processes

17 March 2023 - L1ENG/E AS 90053 Formal Writing, and L2 GEO AS 91245 Geographic Issue Due

24 March 2023 - L1ENC AS 90856 L2ENC, and AS 91107 Close Viewing

Taieri College Sports Council

Mission: 'To promote and encourage sport at Taieri College and on the Taieri'.

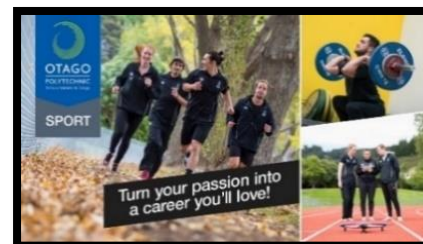
Taieri College's Sports Council is a committee made up of both parents and teachers. We rely heavily on the generosity of sponsorship to keep our programmes in place; to fund teams and individuals; to supply equipment; to upgrade playing areas, and to purchase school vans to transport our students. We aim to give our young athletes every opportunity possible.

Our Sports Council is always welcoming and very appreciative of any new sponsors wishing to come on board. If you think this is an area you can help, please contact the Sports Office (sport@taieri.school.nz).

There are four LEVELS of Sponsorship: PREMIER (amount is by negotiation), PLATINUM (\$2,000 + GST per year), GOLD (\$1,000 + GST per year) and SILVER (\$500 + GST per year). Each MONTH the Sports Council would like to SHOWCASE one of our valued sponsors. Where possible we urge our Taieri College families to support these generous businesses just like they support us.

Taieri College Sports Council are proud to work alongside the following sponsors; McDonalds Dunedin, ITM Dunedin, Mastercraft Mosgiel Kitchens, Sportsmed Mosgiel, Waiholo Surfacing, Otago Polytech Institute of Sport, Exercise & Health, Reece Building Consultants, DS Building Limited, Promo-X, Dixon Roofing, TAK Flooring, Loan Market, CREDIFLEX Otago, Willow & Silk, Beauty Lane, LJ Hooker – Lachie McLachlan, The support we receive from your business is invaluable and it's a partnership that we truly appreciate here at Taieri College. We look forward to continuing with you all in 2023 and beyond.

Nadia Bird



Taieri College Formal

The Taieri College Formal this year will be held in the Otago Business School on Saturday 6 May at 7pm. When the final budget has been worked out, we will let you know the exact price. We understand this can be a big expense for families and our social prefects work very hard to keep the ticket price down. The ticket price is strictly set to cover costs of the event and we do not make a profit. Any questions regarding the formal, please phone Monique Evans, Student Support Administrator 489 3823 ext. 111.



NCEA Parents Information Evening

Are you a parent who is new to NCEA and would like some help to understand what NCEA is and how it works? On Tuesday the 21st of March (the day after Otago Anniversary weekend) we are holding an information evening to help answer these questions. There will be a short informal presentation with time at the end for questions.

The presentation will be held in the Library at 7pm – Tuesday 21st March

Please RSVP to office@taieri.school.nz

Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 22 March & Thursday 23 March

4pm-7:00pm

Bookings for interviews can be made at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz using the booking code **xtc7j**. The booking code will become 'live' online **from Monday 13 March 2023 at 4.00pm**. If you are having trouble with bookings, please contact the office and they will make them for you.

A separate email will be sent out next week with further information and maps of the college that indicate the rooms that teachers will be conducting the interviews.

Muffi Day



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Thank you so much for your generous support! With your help we were able to raise \$1603.40, with 100% of these proceeds going towards the New Zealand Red Cross Relief Fund, supporting those affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. Well done!



Congratulations!

A big congratulations to Jenny and Matthew Petegem-Thach who were recently accepted into the Dunedin Youth Orchestra playing second violin. To be accepted, Jenny and Matthew had to practice very hard and go through an online video audition process. They had their first rehearsal last Friday at Hanover Hall, and both really enjoyed the experience finding the pieces challenging but enjoyable. The first concert of 2023 is to be held in partnership with the Dunedin Concerto Competition and Dunedin Symphony Orchestra at the Dunedin Town Hall. The Dunedin Youth Orchestra will perform an exciting first-half programme and then, after the interval, the three finalists of the Dunedin Concerto Competition will perform their chosen works accompanied by the Dunedin Symphony Orchestra (DSO) and members of the DYO.

Congratulations Jenny and Matthew, we look forward to hearing more about your performances this year!



This Week Year 7 Certificate Recipients



Prefect's Speech

Good morning, everyone,

While I was away on our overnight Prefect Leadership camp on Quarantine Island, we were faced with the question "what is respect" when talking about values that are good to demonstrate. During this time, we were unable to provide a definition for what respect is, outside of the dictionary definition. I came to the realisation that one of our core values has now become something that few of us can describe.

We live in a world that is becoming increasingly divided, where people are often more concerned about their own interests than those of others. Often, we forget the simple but powerful principle of respect in our daily lives, which is the foundation of every single relationship we have with someone, or something. When we show respect to others, we create a sense of trust and understanding. We open ourselves to new perspectives and ways of thinking, and we learn to appreciate the diversity of our society. Respect allows us to build meaningful relationships, which enable us to work together efficiently and to achieve common goals we all wish to succeed in.

Respect can also be applied to this assembly today, as we congratulate our peers on achieving scholarships in sporting, academic, or fields of the arts. Respect itself is also about acknowledging the contributions of others, and giving credit where credit is due. This means recognising the hard work and dedication that your friends have put into achieving their goals. Because when we respect others, we inspire them to do their best and we create an environment in which everyone can thrive and reach their highest potential.

Furthermore, respect is not just about how we treat others, it also applies to how we treat ourselves as people. This means valuing our own strengths and weaknesses, or as we have dubbed them "not yet strengths" and treating ourselves with kindness and compassion. It involves taking care of our physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing, which is becoming an increasingly important aspect of our lives. Without self-respect, we are unable to achieve the goals we set for ourselves, whether that is a long-term goal like passing that difficult assessment, or just arriving to form class on time.

Respect is an essential value that we must all strive to embody in our daily lives, as it is the foundation of all human relationships inside and out of school. This solid foundation allows us to create a far more peaceful world and to create a positive environment for everyone to achieve their targets. The challenging thing about respect is that it is different for everyone. My definition of respect will be different to yours, so find your own form of respect, discover what respect is to you, but never lose what respect is.

Thank you.

Josh McLeod



Swimming

Three Taieri College Students Compete in the South Island Swimming Championships

From Friday 3 March to Sunday 5 March Emma Bain (12JN), Keira Hughes (11LO), and Abby Samuels (11FS) competed in the South Island Long Course Swimming Championships in Invercargill at Splash Palace. They were accompanied by Mrs Hughes and Carrie Gilmour who managed these students during the meet, representing Taieri Swim Club.

These three swimmers train under Lars Humor, at the Dunedin Swim Coaching Board. Emma and Abby are specialist sprinters whilst Keira is a longer enduro event swimmer. All three girls had to meet strict qualifying times to be eligible to enter. There were well over 200 swimmers from throughout every corner of the South Island in attendance.

Emma Bain competed in the female 15–16-year-old section, competing in the 100m Backstroke, 100m Freestyle, 50m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle and 50m Backstroke, she qualified for three finals and her best result came in the 50m Freestyle with a time of 29.33 in fourth place.

Keira Hughes competed in the female 15–16-year-old section. Keira competed in the 200IM, 50m Breaststroke, 100m Freestyle, 400IM, 50m Freestyle and 100m Butterfly. Keira achieved five new personal best times, qualified for four finals, and received a silver medal in the 400IM.

Abby Samuels competed in the female 13–14-year-old section. Abby competed in the 50m Freestyle, 100m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke, 100m Backstroke, 50m Butterfly, 100m Freestyle and 100m Butterfly. She qualified for four finals from the preliminaries, gained four new personal best times and received a bronze medal for the 50m Butterfly.



Throughout the meet we were able to observe many of the current great swimmers of New Zealand such as Zac Reid, Caitlin Deans and Erika Fairweather to name but a few. The highlight of the meet was watching Erika swim the 400m Freestyle Final in a time of 4.00.97 long course. Converted to short course time this makes it a 3.54.56. This time makes her the eighth fastest woman of all time in the 400m freestyle event.

Golf

Our golf team competed in the Eagles Intercollegiate annual tournament recently. Jackson Smith and Thomas Jackson played some good golf through the tournament and picked up some great experience. A special welcome to the team for Liam Lomas-Knight, playing in his first tournament for the Taieri College. Top effort gentleman!

Blake Prince



Junior Cricket

The Taieri College Year 9/10 cricket team travelled to Oamaru to play St Kevin's on Monday 6/03/23. Taieri won the toss and bowled first on a soft grass wicket. Three early wickets had the Taieri boys excited, but then a partnership of 105 by St Kevin's next pair caused us to chase some leather. No matter how hard we tried the boundaries came often and we ended up facing a target of 247 for the win, from our 50 overs. Harper Conley bowled well for his three wickets and Will Evans, Jimmy Higgins and Jacob Lomas-Knight all got two wickets.

Taieri College was soon in trouble at 21 for 4. Then Jimmy Higgins, and Jack Cuddie settled into their work, and they built a partnership of 80 runs before Jack was caught for 18. Harper Conley then came to the wicket and scored a brisk 36 off 43 balls, including a big six over mid-wicket. At this stage the win was still on, and Jimmy kept ticking over the runs. Jimmy scored 55 and showed real application and determination. When Jimmy and Harper got out the tail wagged (well done Mace and Jett), but we couldn't get to the target.

Overall, I was impressed by the fight from the Taieri College team. We could have rolled over, but we kept working throughout the match. If we can work on our field placings and some urgency in the field, we can reduce our targets by a lot in the future.

Thanks to Nic Robertson for coming up with some of the boys. The next big outing for our Colts will be the Oamaru Tournament in December.

Ian Mockford



Senior Cricket

The Taieri College 1st XI embarked on its inaugural two-day cricket Interchange vs St Kevin's in Oamaru on Sunday 5th March. The 'Hunter Cup' was on the line for the very first time, so the boys were fired up to ensure it spent the first year on the plain. The 'Hunter Cup' was named after our Principal, David Hunter, who was a former First-Class cricketer, plying his trade for Otago. Mr Hunter attended Taieri College and was Head of Physical Education at St Kevin's for 7 years.

On arriving in Oamaru, we lost the toss and were put into bat on a pitch with a few demons. The ground staff had been trying to dry the pitch with blow dryers so we could get underway at 12.30. Our openers, Caleb Walker and Cam Lord, showed commendable application and worked hard on a difficult deck. They laid a foundation which enabled Lachie Tait to caress a well compiled 68. Charlie Johnstone then came in at the end and blasted 40 with a strike rate of over 200 to enable us to set a very competitive first innings total of 250 for 9 declared. We had just over an hour to bowl at a strong St Kevin's line up. Our pace bowlers were outstanding. Led by captain, Sam Duff and ably supported by Will Samuels, Jalen Forgie and Josh Walker, we had St Kevin's reeling at 50 for 5, overnight.

The boys worked hard to dismiss St Kevin's for 99, the next day Will Samuels finished with 3 for 17, Jalen Forgie 3 for 7 and Sam Duff 2 for 13. We decided to have another bat and not enforce the follow on. We quickly compiled 116 for 8 declared with Jalen Forgie scoring 33 to go with his 26 in the first innings and Sam Duff stroking 27. This set up a very interesting last three hours, with St Kevin's being set 267 for an outright victory.

In the 40 minutes before tea, we witnessed one of the most devastating displays of fast bowling in a Taieri College jersey as Sam Duff sent the stumps cartwheeling backwards to take a quick four wickets and leave St Kevin's fighting for a draw. Again, he was supported by some top-class pace bowling, and we piled the pressure on the St Kevin's' batsman. Just like the Wakatipu Interchange, we were left needing two wickets with 30 minutes of play to win outright. With fielders surrounding the bat, Lachie Tait and Caleb Walker spun a web around the St Kevin's batsman and picked up the last two wickets to jubilant scenes.

This was the second two-day Interchange trophy the boys have hoisted this season after defeating a very strong Wakatipu High School team in December. The boys have played some outstanding cricket and have really developed as cricketers and young men.

I would like to thank all of the team members as well as co-coach Pete Walker for all the work they have put in this season. With three more club games to go, we are looking to finish the season on a high.



Tautuku Camp

Nearly 60 of Taieri College's finest travelled to the Catlins last week for the second Year 10 Tautuku camp. Five days of sun and beach made for the best time away for the Year 10s. From the abseiling to kayaking there wasn't much our students didn't get to experience while we were south. A highlight of the camp for students would have to be the campout, where they spent the night under the stars in the heart of the Catlins. A huge thank you to Mr Bainbridge, Ms Visger, Ms Miller, Mr Gale, Mrs Knowles, Mrs Gowing, Mr Mockford, and Miss Dunlea; without them the camp couldn't happen. On a side note, our Chef de partie for the week Mr Peacock, was overheard saying that he baked the best chocolate self-saucing cake he has ever tasted. Impressive.

Nathan Hull



Message from Otago Regional Council

Delays to buses

The Orbus Team wants to update you about delays to buses which are having an impact on journey times and will be frustrating for students, parents, and school staff.

The number of roadworks in the city mean there are multiple diversions from the normal bus routes. The extra time needed for this, and the increased volume of post-holiday traffic, is causing delays of around 20 minutes during peak times.

The roadworks are ongoing which means the delays will continue for some time. Our apologies for this but there is no quick fix.

The delays also have an impact on the reliability of the Transit App (which many parents use) as the buses drop off the system when they deviate from the route. They do appear on the system again when they return to the route but the fact they vanish can cause confusion. Passengers can check the ORC website (details below) to see if their bus is cancelled. If it's not on the website then it is delayed in traffic.

In summary:

Diversions causing bus delays.

- George Street is closed to most buses until further notice.
- This means many buses have diverted from their usual routes and are going onto new streets because of the roadworks. This is causing delays of up to 20 minutes in peak hour traffic.
- The information on your Transit App is not as reliable at the minute as it can't track buses when they are off their normal route.
- To find out if your bus is cancelled go to [Dunedin buses \(orc.govt.nz\)](http://Dunedin buses (orc.govt.nz)) and click the red banner. If your bus shows up there it is cancelled. If it is not showing up there, then it is delayed because of traffic.
- Thank you for bearing with us as our city changes. Let's look out for each other on the roads so everyone gets home safe.

Charlotte

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If you require more information, or have any questions, please contact me on 03 477 0801 or email communication@familycare.org.nz

Thank you, together, with your support, we will continue to make a difference in our community.

Ngā mihi
Rose Scott

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TAIERI PLAINS JUNIOR NETBALL

AGM: Tuesday March 28TH
7.00pm

Taieri College Library

We need you to help us...

Please come along!



The Taieri Plain's Junior Netball Committee is a small group of volunteers without whom the Saturday netball games would not occur and this year more so than ever!

Unfortunately, there are several 'vacancies' needing to be filled to help with the day to day running of Saturday netball.

If you would like to join our committee either on an official basis or as a helping hand on Saturdays please come along on Tuesday March 28th 7.00pm and meet us all.

The successful running of Saturday netball depends on volunteers to spread the load.



Can you HELP!?

Netball Coaches and Managers

In order to continue to develop aspiring netball players at all levels, we are seeking expressions of interest for coaches and / or managers.

If you are interested in assisting us to continue our strong netball tradition please email Karen Rosevear on krosevear@taieri.school.nz

Teams are available from Year 7 to senior level.

Strong support networks are in place to assist all levels of coaches and aspiring coaches.



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Friday 24th to Sunday 26th March

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WANT TO WRESTLE?

Season begins Monday 3 April 2023



TAIERI AMATEUR WRESTLING CLUB

Come along and try wrestling!

Wear t-shirt and shorts (no zips)
Bring a water bottle

When: 5.45pm, Monday 3 April

Thereafter Mondays & Wednesdays

Juniors 5.45pm - 6.30pm

Seniors 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Facebook: Taieri Taniwhas Amateur
Wrestling Club

Where: Taieri College - Hollamby Hall
(inside the Indoor Training Centre),
3 Green St, Mosgiel.