



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ

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Kia ora e te whānau

We have been pleased with the way students have settled into school routines. Most timetables are now confirmed, and students are getting to know their teachers and new classmates. It is now time to roll the sleeves up and embrace the workload of college life. The "phone's away for the day" government policy has been accepted and well-received by most students. Some have even surprised themselves with how relatively easy it has been to not have access to their phones for significant periods. The cooperation and understanding we have received from parents, whānau, and students has been appreciated.

Our 2023 NCEA results were once again very pleasing. Over 80% of our Year 11 students obtained Level 1 NCEA last year. This is over 20% higher than the national average. Our Year 12 students, also, were above national averages with over 75% of them obtaining Level 2 NCEA. Over 61% of our Year 13s obtained Level 3 which was just below the national average. To succeed in NCEA senior students need to adopt consistent work patterns. Those who do well accumulate a large number of credits during the year which takes a lot of pressure off at the end of the year. Those consistent work patterns need to start now.

Our 2024 prefect team were presented to the senior school at assembly this week. They are a wonderfully diverse team with an astonishing array of talent. I look forward to the positive effect they will have on Taieri College this year. Kate Coates gave the first prefect reading of the year and has set a very high standard. A script of Kate's insightful reading is part of this newsletter.

The first of our Tautuku camps depart on Monday and I wish all attending a safe and enjoyable week. It is a beautiful part of New Zealand to visit and students are given the opportunity to participate in several challenging outdoor activities. I encourage them to give everything a go, get on well with their teachers and to contribute positively to the overall atmosphere of the camp.

Ngā mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

12-16 February 2024

Tautuku Camp 1 - 10HY, 10NI,
2/3 10MI

14 February 2024

Waimumu Southern Field
Days

17-18 February 2024

Senior Mainlands Seeding
Volleyball Tournament

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 are not to contact parent/caregiver; 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

Tautuku Camps for Year 10

Over the coming weeks all Year 10 form classes will be issued information about the upcoming camps to the Tautuku Outdoor Education Centre. We understand that this is another cost at the start of the year. If you need financial assistance please email Jarrad Waldron - Assistant Principal on jwaldron@taieri.school.nz to start this process, or if you would like to start a payment plan please contact the finance office prior to the start of your child's camp.

CAMP 1: Week 3 (12 – 16 February 2024) 10HY, 10NI, 2/3 10MI
EOTC Form due 7 February 2024: Payment Due 9 February 2024

CAMP 2: Week 5 (26 February 2024 - 1 March 2024) 10HE, 10RK 2/3 10ST
EOTC Form due 14 February 2024: Payment Due 21 February 2024

CAMP 3: Week 7 (11 - 15 March 2024) 10MH, 10KP, 1/3 10MI, 1/3 10ST
EOTC Form due 28 February 2024: Payment due 6 March



New Staff Profiles

Name: Tash McLellan

Birthplace: Invercargill (the mighty South)

Schooling: Dunstan High School (I grew up in sunny Central Otago).

Tertiary Qualification: Master of Arts in Education, Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Leadership, Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching, Bachelor of Education.

Subjects Teaching: Year 7, and Year 7/8 Assistant Curriculum Director.

Hobbies/Interests: exploring in the great outdoors with family, running, biking, travelling, baking and reading.

Favourite Quote: It changes yearly. I'm definitely a glass half full type of person so for this year it's: "I can't do that - ends a story, I can't do that yet means anything is possible." Esther Cordova.



Name: Amelia King

Birthplace: Dunedin

Schooling: Otago Girls' High School

Tertiary Qualification: Bachelor of Applied Science, and Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning (Primary).

Subjects Teaching: Year 8 Core

Hobbies/Interests: tennis, cooking, gym, and golf.

Favourite Quote: Work hard, play hard, be kind.





Name: Laura Vaughan

Birthplace: Ashburton

Schooling: Roncalli College

Tertiary Qualification: Bachelor of Teaching, endorsed in primary education.

Subjects Teaching: Year 8 Core

Hobbies/Interests: netball, swimming, cooking, gym.

Favourite Quote: "You either win or you learn."



Name: Kris Baker

Birthplace: Napier

Schooling: Taradale High, Massey University

Tertiary Qualification: Bachelor of Arts, Diploma of teaching.

Subjects Teaching: Te re Māori, Japanese, English.

Hobbies/Interests: reading, music, meeting new people, and learning new crafts.

Favourite Quote: Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei.

Pursue excellence – should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain.



Name: Maryann Darmody

Birthplace: Dunedin

Schooling: St Joseph's, Balclutha, and South Otago High School, Balclutha.

Tertiary Qualification: BA, BFA, Graduate Diploma Teaching (Secondary), Med.

Subjects Teaching: Year 7/8 Textiles Technology

Hobbies/Interests: anything creative: art, sewing, cooking, gardening, walking, reading.

Favourite Quote: "Do the best you can until you know better. Then when you know better, do better." Maya Angelou

Name: Nathan King
Birthplace: Mackay, Australia.
Schooling: King's High School, Dunedin.
Tertiary Qualification: Bachelor of Physical Education, Graduate Diploma in Applied Management, and Post Graduate Diploma in Education.
Subjects Teaching: Health and Physical Education.
Hobbies/Interests: beach, golf, hunting.
Favourite Quote: Failure to plan is planning to FAIL.



Library

The library is open from 8am-3.30pm each day.

This space is inclusive, safe, and quiet for students to read, research, or complete homework.

Take a look at the catalogue at <https://nz.accessit.online/TRC00/#!/dashboard> or find it through the school website.

Students are able to borrow two items for three weeks from our wide range of resources. Reminders and overdue notices are sent to students via their school email and slips are also given out in Form Time every fortnight.

Parents will be notified via email only after the student has had three reminders. Any lost or damaged books will be charged to the student's school account.



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Prefect Reading 2024

Ki Ora my name is Kate Coates, and I am one of your head students for 2024. Today I am going to talk about self-respect. We spend so much time talking about respecting fellow students, teachers, and others around us but often we don't stop to think about respecting ourselves and what we think, feel, and believe. I have taken inspiration today from Richard Williams, an online motivational speaker whose message needs to be spread around.



Not caring what people think will be the best choice you ever make. All this "I want to be popular stuff" is basic. We all see the cool kids; they dress to trends, they get the attention, they go to parties, and we all want to be like them, right? Sometimes you feel like you're not enough. Well, I'm telling you, you are enough. Each and every one of you is born original. Don't you dare die a copy. We were born to stand out, so stop trying to fit in.

Popularity does not mean quality. Some people are loved for being fake, and others are judged for being real. But you have to be real. Never stop. Because it's better to be disliked for who you are, than liked for who you're not. So, what if you don't fit in? So what if you're not perfect? Do you know how diamond experts can tell if a diamond is real or fake? The fake diamonds are perfect, whereas the real ones have flaws. And just like that, fake people appear perfect and real people make mistakes and have flaws. I have been surrounded by these people my whole life just like the rest of you, but learning who the real ones are compared to the fake ones is really important.

See, the cool people aren't worried about being cool. The people who care about being cool are the saddest. Popularity is when other people like you. True happiness is when you like you. There may be many shy kids here and there is nothing more you want than for people to like you but sometimes the universe has to protect you from what you think you want. Not being popular gives you time to work on you. To respect you. When you work on you everything can change. When you have the courage to be you, people will start to come to you. You are enough already.

It's time to focus on you. Start respecting you. You may not realise it now but by the time your last school magazine comes out this popularity stuff isn't going to matter. What you build and who you become will last for the rest of your life. Keep thinking about what other people think and you will forever be their slave, but each and every one of you is stronger than that. So never forget who you are, because it is who you are that makes you great.

If you take anything at all away from this, be it that, "You are better to be disliked for who you are, than liked for who you're not".

Thank you.
Kate Coates

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Sports

Touch

Over the summer school holidays our Senior Mixed Touch team competed at the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Touch Tournament. This tournament was over three days, where, Day One saw our touch team play four games. They started off with a hiss and a roar on day one in Rotorua in some hot conditions with two wins, 7-5 against Whakatane and 15-0 against Te Wharekura o Maniapoto, a draw against Queen Elizabeth College but ended the day with a loss against Manukura High school.

Day Two started off with a loss against a strong Rangiora team which left three teams on the same pool points. Unfortunately for Taieri College they missed out on the main finals but they had three games left and to their credit they held their heads high and won their last three games to bring home the Pakika Shield. It wasn't the position they wanted to finish with, but they did the school proud with their efforts on and off the field. A massive thankyou goes out to Ollie Mackenzie, Leighton Te Kanawa, Nadia Bird, and Darryl Mackenzie for coaching and looking after the team.



Touch

Congratulations to our very own Blake Clarkson on representing the Otago Touch team last weekend at the National Youth Tournament up in Auckland last weekend.



Cricket

We had some students who represented Otago age group cricket teams over the summer holidays. Caleb Walker represented Otago in the under seventeen team in Christchurch. Annabelle Andrews, Tilly Ruthven and Sarah Evans represented the Otago Girls under seventeen team at the national tournament in Palmerston North. Nash Gilmour represented Dunedin in the Year 7 Central South Island Cricket festival. Great to see Taieri College students reaching higher honours



Netball

We are interested to know which Senior [Year 11-13] students are interested in playing netball on a Saturday for Taieri College 2024.

Students need to sign up before 3.00pm Friday 16 by completing the online sign-up form.

Links to this are available on the Taieri College website, Taieri College Sport Facebook page, Taieri College Netball Facebook page:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/284737>



Taieri College Sports Council

Our Mission - "To promote and encourage sport at Taieri College and on the Taieri". Taieri College Sports Council acknowledges that the season is fully underway this weekend and wish all students, managers, and coaches all the best for their upcoming seasons. At Taieri College we are lucky enough to have a Sports Council. Sports Council is a committee of interested parents, teachers, and sports co-ordinators, actively working to support sport in the College. We offer funding towards individuals, and team sport costs. Please see the Taieri College website under Sport, for all our details and forms regarding funding application requirements or come into the Sports Office where they'll be able to help. We have a fantastic group of local businesses supporting us with sponsorship, this allows us to put funds towards the Sports Academy; teams and individuals; facility and equipment upgrades; plus, the purchasing and ongoing running costs of our college vans. We welcome anyone wishing to become a SPONSOR, please contact the Sport Office, bprince@taieri.school.nz. Taieri College Sports Council is proud to work alongside the following sponsors: McDonald's Dunedin, Mastercraft Mosgiel Kitchens, Sportsmed Mosgiel, Waiholo Surfacing, Reece Building Consultants, DS Builders LTD, Keith Kippenberger and Alana Tamakehu -Culters Real Estate, ITM Dunedin, Otago Polytech Institute of Sport, Exercise and Health, Promo X, TAK Flooring, Crediflex, and Loan Market.

Canteen

We have several food, drink, and ice-cream products which are available to purchase Break 1 and Break 2 every day. Some of these items are on a first in first served basis until sold out. We usually have a daily special which you will find on the whiteboards outside the canteen. We also have menu items which are available to order any day. These orders must be placed and paid for at Break 1, for Break 2 pickup. We also have a range of gluten free options available for ordering.

We are always very happy to help in any way we can and welcome any feedback.

Thank you Lisa and Nicky.

Taieri College Canteen Menu

Every Day Options

Rolls/Wraps	\$6.00
Scones – savoury or cheese	\$3.50
Sausage roll	\$3.50
Pies – mince or mince & cheese	\$4.50
Pies (specialty)	\$4.50
Cheese toasties	\$2.50
Lasagne Toppa	\$3.00
Mac & cheese Toppa	\$3.00
Chicken cordon bleu	\$3.50
Southern fried chicken Toppa	\$3.50
Hash browns	\$1.00
Chicken nuggets (x 4)	\$2.00
Noodles	\$3.00
Donuts	\$3.00
Cookie Time Cookies	\$1.50
Doritos	\$2.50
Potato Chips	\$2.00
Cakes or slices	\$3.00
Churros	\$2.00

Gluten Free - Every Day Options

Chocolate brownie (no nuts)	\$3.00
Cheese toastie – 3 fillings	\$6.00
Sandwich (made to order)	\$6.00
Hash Brown	\$1.00
Ham salad OR Chicken salad	\$6.00

Drinks List

Pump - large	\$3.50
Pump - small	\$2.50
Pump - flavoured	\$3.50
Lipton tea	\$3.50
Charlies Fizz	\$2.50
Cool Change	\$2.00
Cool Sips	\$2.00
Calci Yum	\$2.00
Primo - large	\$4.00
Mammoth	\$4.50

Daily Specials – Check Notices for daily specials

Hot dog with sauce	\$3.00
Wedges with sour cream & sauce	\$5.00
Hot chips	\$4.00
Rice balls	\$5.50
Sushi stick	\$5.00
Chicken nuggets & chips	\$5.50

Ice Creams

Juicies	\$1.20
Paddle Pops	\$1.50
Cornettos	\$3.00
Cookie Crumbles	\$3.00
Cyclones	\$3.00
Calippo	\$3.00

We welcome any feedback and suggestions



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Community Carnival!

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