



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ

Kia ora e te whānau



Students have experienced their first full five-day week of the year. Timetables are now confirmed, and students are now fully engaged in their learning programmes. Curriculum opportunities outside the classroom are also underway, with the first Year 10 Tautuku camp being completed, and a trip to the Waimumu Field days by our senior Agriculture students.

Today the first of our fortnightly Learning Readiness reports will be emailed home. These simplistic reports indicate how a student is self-managing and getting on with others. We find that good self-management and positive social skills correlate to students achieving their academic potential. The marks that are awarded allow us to track any changes in students' behaviour over time, potentially prompting some intervention from Deans. I know several parents use Learning Readiness results as a positive reinforcement mechanism and we support those who do so.

A keen team of triathletes competed successfully in the Wanaka Challenge this week. Highlights included Charlie Clements, Caleb Dobier, and Tom Taylor winning the Year 8 team race. Emma Bain, Ryan Merrilees, and Zac Whitley won the Under 19 mixed race, closely followed by Keira Hughes, Blake Dalton, and Josh Siloy who were two minutes behind in 2nd place. Ben Garraway, Leila Hughes, and Alec Miller were also placed 2nd in the Under 14 mixed race. Georgia McHutchon also deserves recognition for placing 4th in the Under 19 Girls individual event. We had 28 competitors in the event and my congratulations to all who competed, and a big thank you for the parental support on the day.

Next Wednesday is our Taieri College Athletics Day at Memorial Park. It is an enjoyable day when all students get to have a go at their chosen events. Our elite athletes also have a go at beating school records. Several of these records have been held for a long time and given the high quality of our current athletes, I am sure several will be under threat. Ngā mihi nui

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

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Key Dates

17-18 February 2024

Senior Mainlands Seeding
Volleyball Tournament

19 February 2024

Art Trip

20 February 2024

L3 History Hocken Library
HN L2SPR Surfing

21 February 2024

School Athletics Sports Day

22 February 2024

Level 1 PRM Trip to South
Canterbury

22-25 February 2024

Senior A Mainlands Tournament

23 February 2024

23-25 February 2024

MG L2SPR Surfing
South Island Makos Secondary
School Open Water Swimming
Champs - Akaroa

26 February – 1 March 2024

Tautuku Camp 2 – 10HE, 10RK and
2/3 10ST

Accounts

ACCOUNTS

Financial statements have been emailed this week showing the annual school costs.

Payment can be made by internet banking to the school Westpac account number **03-1725-0106800-00**. Please include the student's name and ID number as the reference. If the payment is for a specific cost eg. camp, please note this also in the reference.

Another option is to pay for these costs by automatic payments. However, you may need to make additional payments during the year for any extra-curricular activities that could be charged e.g. sports fees and trips, as these fees are due at the beginning of the playing season/trip.

Payment can also be made by eftpos/cash, or students can pay by cash using the student envelope system at the office.

You can view your school account at any time by logging in to the Kamar Portal on the Taieri College website.

If you any queries about paying your account, please phone the Finance Office on 489 3823 extn 206 or email accounts@taieri.school.nz

Please note that financial assistance is available in some cases, so if you have any concerns at all about paying your account, please don't hesitate to phone the College on 489 3823 and speak to Mr Waldron (extn 101).

Thanks
FINANCE OFFICE

NCEA Parent 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 5 March 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 5:00pm – Tuesday 5 March

Please RSVP to office@taieri.school.nz



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

Art


Level 2 and 3 art students enjoyed the sunshine while drawing our magnificent Maori carving.



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New Staff Profiles

Name: Rebecca Sawyer

Birthplace: Christchurch

Schooling: Papanui High School, Christchurch

Tertiary Qualification: Master of Teaching, and Learning with Distinction Endorsed in Primary Bachelor of Science; Major; Human Nutrition, Minor; Indigenous Development Studies

Subjects Teaching: Year 8 Core

Hobbies/Interests:

Camping, jet skiing, wakeboarding, reading, swimming.

Favourite Quote: "So what are we going to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?" Romans 8:31



Name: Carmel Marshall

Birthplace: Dunedin

Schooling: Queen's High School, Dunedin

Tertiary Qualification: Bachelor of Education (Teaching), Diploma in Teaching (Primary), Certificate in Health Promotion

Subjects Teaching: n/a - Learning Support Coordinator for the Year 7-9 area of the school

Hobbies/Interests: Family time, binge-watching Netflix series, health and wellbeing, crime and thriller novels, music and theatre, crosswords, maintaining work-life balance.

Favourite Quote: Japanese Proverb - "Fall down seven times. Get up eight."



Name: Josh Bennison

Birthplace: Timaru

Schooling: Timaru Boys' High School

Tertiary Qualification: Diploma in Outdoor Leadership and Management and Bachelor of Social Services (Counselling)

Subjects Teaching: Counsellor

Hobbies/Interest: Spending time with whanau, music, rock climbing, mountaineering, and getting our young people out into nature.

Favourite Quote: What's from the earth is of the greatest worth.



Prefect Reading 2024

Kia ora koutou

I hope you're all settling back into school life well and have enjoyed the last few weeks here.

I'm going to tell you about some tales from my time in TK and hopefully you'll listen and take my advice on board. Six years ago, when I started at Taieri College some of you would have only been five years old, and I think it's fair to say a lot has changed around TK since then. I remember every class had old-fashioned whiteboards; we didn't have the fancy TVs you have today.

So, a lot has changed in that sense, but some things haven't, like everyone complaining about the line on the climbing rock in the playground, and the games of rugby on the TK field that ends up as competitive as a test match. But on a real note, the opportunities on offer in TK are still the same. The opportunities to make new friends and the opportunities to try new things.

When I was put into Mrs. Cunningham's class in Year 7, I'm pretty sure I only knew one or two other people who came from my primary school. I remember Beckham Sheridan being one of my only mates in that class. But by the end of the year, I had made so many new friends and knew everyone in the class. I'm still friends with people I met in Year 7 and 8 and those friendships will stick with me long after I leave school. So, I challenge you to go and sit with people you've never sat with before, go and talk to new people at breaks, don't just stay within the comfort of your friend groups.

I also want to talk to you about trying new things. Now if you were listening to Kate and my little speech on the first day, you would've heard us talk about all the amazing opportunities on offer here at Taieri College. And this is not just for the Year 7s, it is just as important in Year 8. I simply can't stress it enough, try something new. Before I came to Taieri College I had never picked up a guitar, but after signing up for guitar lessons with Brad in Year 7, I've played in Bandquest, and then Rockquest every year since. If you're into your sports, sign up for something new, winter sports sign-ups will come out soon so don't hesitate if you're thinking about putting your name down. And students who are into the arts, wander over to the music or arts rooms at breaks and have a chat to the teachers. Many of you will have secret talents that you just haven't discovered yet, so I challenge you to take a risk and try something new this year.

I'm going to leave you with a quote, which has to be one of the most famous quotes in the world and is so simple yet so effective. The Nike slogan relates to both things I've talked about, making new friends, and trying new things. So, if you're thinking about introducing yourself to someone new, or contemplating signing up for a new activity, "Just do it".

Cameron Lord



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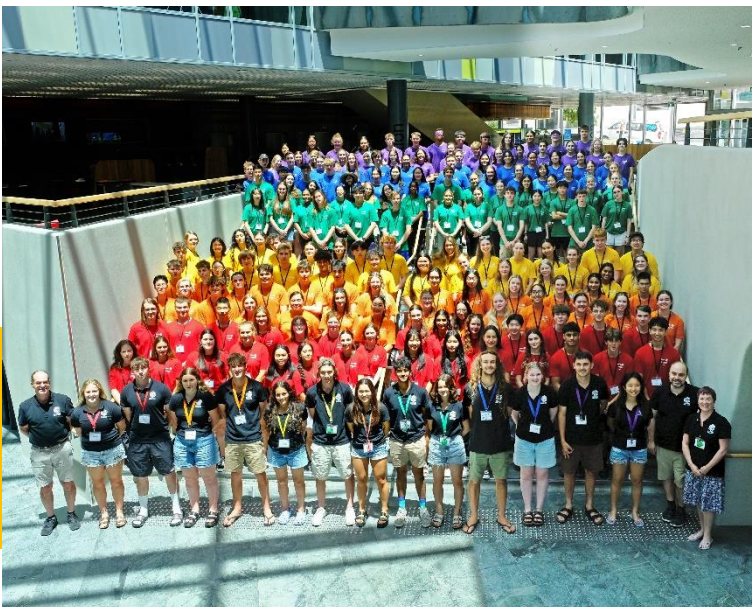
National Rotary Science and Technology Forum

In January this year, we attended the National Rotary Science and Technology Forum in Auckland for two weeks. The forum is designed for Year 12 students going to Year 13, who are entering a science or technology field in university. During the forum, we stayed in the Auckland University Hall Towers and went to academic modules hosted by The University of Auckland, Auckland University of Technology, and the University of Massey. The modules introduced us to content studied in the first year of university and the career pathways that came with specific degrees. We were also lucky enough to be invited to different companies for a sneak peek into different industries.

Monday to Friday we had packed schedules starting with early morning activities, then going to modules and ending the day by visiting companies or playing in the volleyball tournament. On the weekend we got to explore Auckland and took a trip to the beach before resuming the full schedules the following week. To conclude the two-week trip a formal final dinner was held where we were reunited with the professors, doctors, and Rotarians that we had met.

It was such an amazing and unforgettable experience. We got to meet and be inspired by so many people, making lifelong friends along the way. The forum has reassured and guided us on to our own paths, and showed us the first steps we have to take towards our future. We are so grateful for the generous support of the Taiari Rotary Club and the Rotarians which allowed us to attend this amazing experience. We would also like to thank our school for their support. We would have never known about this amazing opportunity if it weren't for them.

Joanne Brock-Smith
Savanah Bennett



Taieri College Prefects 2024



Taieri College Wellbeing Ambassadors 2024



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.

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



Sports

Taieri College Athletics Day

On Wednesday 21 February 2024 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 mufti.
- 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 Thursday 22 February 2024 (following day).
- There is no face paint permitted at the grounds.
- **Students travelling on buses will be dropped off and picked up from the Peter Johnson Car Park. The day will finish by 3.00pm and students can be picked up from Memorial Park.**

Canteen Menu: Eftpos and Cash is available.

Food		Drinks	
Sausage, sauce in a bread roll	\$2.00	Cool Change	\$2.00
Pies	\$4.50	Cool sips	\$2.00
Sausage rolls	\$3.50	Water - Small	\$2.50
Ham and Salad bun	\$5.00	Water- Large	\$3.50
Slices	\$3.00	Lipton	\$3.50
Cookies	\$1.50	Fizz (Can)	\$2.50
Donuts	\$3.00	Apple Juice	\$3.50
Chips	\$2.00	Ice Creams	
Doritos	\$2.50	Juices	\$1.20
		Icy Twists	\$1.50
		Calippos	\$3.00

Sports Council Sponsor of the Week

Watt Tinting is the newest sponsor to jump on board with the Sports Council. Watt Tinting is a Mosgiel based service across all of Otago and Southland using the highest quality films sourced from New Zealand's leading film provider. Watt Tinting has over ten years' experience tinting so that you know the job is in the best hands and the job will be finished to the highest quality.

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Blake Dalton a star on the rise

Blake Dalton is a name to follow for the future. Blake's recent performances and results at the NZSSAA Championships which were held over summer school holidays in Christchurch, has seen Blake selected to be part of an exciting new initiative between New Zealand Secondary Schools' Athletics Association and Athletics New Zealand. Blake has been selected in the national relays development programme for emerging sprinters. This programme gives sprinters the chance to chase qualifications for future international events including, having the opportunity to be selected to represent New Zealand in a 4x100m relay team at the 2024 Oceania Games held in Fiji in June 2024.



Taieri College Swimming Sports

Last Thursday we had our yearly swimming sports where we had swimmers from Year 7-13 competing. Our swimmers showed great effort and determination, which showed in their times, with multiple records been broken.

George Van der Water broke the Year 7 Boys 25 metre butterfly record.

Barrett Smart took home two new records in the Year 10 Boys category. He broke the 25 metre butterfly record which has stood since 2002, and he also broke the 100 metre freestyle record which has been held by Kurt Webster since 1998.

Jeff Bennett also set a Year 10 Boys record in the 50 metre backstroke and Regan McGrath set a new Year 11 Boys 25 metre butterfly record.

The Senior Girls was a very hotly tested category with some very tight finishes.

Abby Samuels set a new record in the 25 metre butterfly.

Keira Hughes set a new record in the 25 metre backstroke and the individual medley.


Emma Bain set three new records. She set a slick new record in the 25 metre freestyle, while also setting new records in 50 metre freestyle and 50 metre backstroke.

Congratulations to all the new record holders and well done to everyone who competed.




Learning Readiness

The first of our Learning Readiness reports are emailed home today. We have 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 below. Should there be any questions regarding Learning Readiness reports, parents and whānau are more than welcome to contact the college.





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

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Calling all Players, Parents and Coaches, new and existing, its nearly time to dust the boots off.....

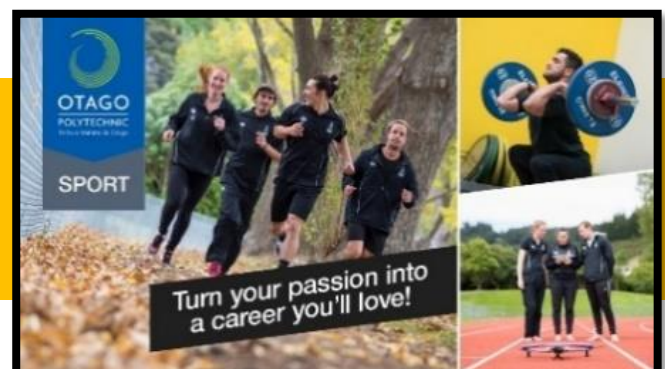
This is a Pre-Registration message for all boys and girls heading to West Taieri this year!

We are looking at having a fun skills session late Feb early March.



If you could send an email to wtjuniors@gmail.com to indicate if you are interested in playing this season and coming along to the skills session would be amazing. Please send your child/children's name and age, then we can finalise numbers and details asap and any questions feel free to add in the email or find us on FB Messenger – West Taieri Junior Rugby Club.

Thanks everyone, we are looking forward to another great season!



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