



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATOĀ

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Kia ora e te whānau

At this week's Thursday senior assembly, we presented our 2024 Academic Blues awards. These prestigious awards are given to senior students who excelled in their NCEA assessments in the previous year. For most recipients, this involved getting 40 or more Excellence credits. To do so requires a lot of hard work and diligence. Congratulations to the 31 students who received their Academic Blue.

The following students were specifically recognised for their stunning results in 2023:

Naimh Clark - 172 Level 1 credits of which 102 were at Excellence level.
Rachel Waters – 164 Level 1 credits of which 114 were at Excellence level.
Aiden Smith – 163 Level 1 credits of which 122 were at Excellence level.
Robert Hannaford - 130 Level 2 credits of which 84 were at Excellence level.
Keira Wallace - 147 Level 2 credits of which 96 were at Excellence level.
Joanne Brock-Smith- 161 Level 2 credits of which 101 were at Excellence level.

On Tuesday this week, we held an NCEA information evening aimed at parents/whānau who have children experiencing NCEA for the first time. It is worth noting that NCEA has undergone significant change at Level 1 this year and students will be assessed differently than they have been in the past. If you were unable to make the evening and have some questions about NCEA please feel free to contact the college.

We had mixed success in our cricket interchange with St Kevin's this week. Our junior boys' team had a resounding victory, but our 1st XI boys' team fell just short of holding on for a draw, which would have meant retaining the coveted Hunter Cup. Congratulations to St Kevin's 1st XI on their win. Both games were very competitive and played in excellent spirit. Well done to all players. I understand to add to the prestige of the interschool next year Mr Waldron is seeking to deploy professional umpires. An excellent idea.

The final Year 10 Tautuku Camp departs next Monday, and I wish all the best to the participating staff and students. Enjoy the outstanding environment and give everything a go!

Noho ora mai

Dave Hunter
PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

9-10 March 2024

Otago Regional Schools'
Debating Competition
Volleyball - Senior Otago
Champs

11-15 March 2024

Tautuku Camp 3 - 10MH, 10KP
1/3 10MI, 1/3 10ST

12 March 2024

NZ Blood visit

13 March 2024

L3 Careers H & S workshop
(Lifecare)

15-17 March 2024

South Island Secondary School
Touch

18 March 2024

Teacher Only Day

Senior Assessments Due Term 1 - Week 7/8

L3CLS Internal AS 91398 Lasting Influences
L2ENC AS 91107 Close Viewing
L3MED AS 91497 Script Writing
L2ACC AS91179
L2DAN AS91209 Repertoire Dance #2

Uniform Notice

Cooler weather approaching?

When the weather is inclement and jackets are needing to be worn, the Taieri College jacket is the jacket to be worn to and from school as well as around school.

For senior students during Term One and Term Four, the senior blazer is compulsory to be worn to assemblies and on formal occasions, but it is optional at other times during these summer months.

The senior blazer is required to be worn at all times during Term Two and Term Three.

The Taieri College jacket can also be worn by senior students when the weather is inclement. The jacket is NOT a substitute for the blazer. The jacket can be worn OVER the blazer when it is raining.

If students are wearing short sleeved Taieri College senior shirts or blouses and wish to wear polyprops, the polyprops should be plain white and have short sleeves.

If students are wearing long sleeved Taieri College senior shirts or blouses and wish to wear polyprops, the polyprops should be plain white.



Sports Council

Sports Council's AGM TUESDAY 12th March 2024, 7.30pm to be held in the Board Room (Front Main Office Building) A normal meeting will follow. Are you interested in joining our sports council or in a position to be a yearly SPONSOR? We are always looking for new businesses to join, our generous pool of local sponsors. We rely heavily on sponsorship to keep sporting opportunities healthy in the college. Please if you think this is an area you would like to be involved in, contact bprince@taieri.school.nz. (All sponsorship levels are outlined on the main college website, under sport).



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Taieri College Europe Trip Quiz Night Fundraiser – Please support!

Get a team of 6 - 8 together,
think of your team name and
[register at this link](#)

Please note pre-registration and
payment required (no door sales)



Prizes to be won!



Taieri College Europe Trip Quiz Night Fundraiser

When: Friday March 15th

Drinks and food
available for purchase

Where: Taieri Bowling Club

Time: 6pm *Quiz starts at 7pm

Teams of 6-8 \$40 team registration

Raffles &
Silent Auction

Fundraiser for the Taieri College Europe Art History Trip

Contact: Melissa 027 221 7526

Please use this link to register a team: [Europe Trip Fundraiser Quiz Night - Taieri College \(google.com\)](#)

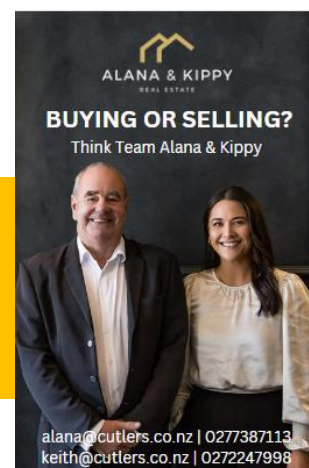
Tautuku Camps for Year 10

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



Prefect Reading

For the vast majority of you here, this isn't your first prefect speech you've listened to, and it won't be your last. So, I'm not going to get up on my soap box and speak to you about the importance of integrity but would prefer to give you some advice from over my six years here.

Year 13s, welcome back, most of you know what's going on already; the freedom to leave school, the study periods, and friends who've already headed off into the workforce, so I'll keep your section brief. Put your head down, put in the hard yards and give this year all you've got. This is your chance to spring into the workforce or tertiary education with as much power as possible, so don't squander it.

Year 12s, you've done this once before, how hard could it possibly be? Trust me, I've been in your boat and the jump between Level 1 and 2 isn't a small one. However, hope is not lost. You'll come to find so many opportunities that present themselves. You may think "Oh, it's too late, I'm Year 12 already, I can't do that anymore." But that cannot be further from the truth. I'm a music student and had only ever played saxophone for my NCEA exams, until last year Ms Goodwin came up to me and offered me the second instrument standard and I would sing for it. Now, I'd never had any training as a singer before this point, so this was a rather daunting ask and that exact same phrase, "It's too late for you to start" popped into my head. But I did it anyway and haven't regretted it since.

Year 11s, welcome to NCEA, please do enjoy your stay for the next three years. You've likely heard the words 'internal' and 'external' thrown around and you'll wrap your head around them eventually. But the biggest piece of advice I can offer you is to form strong bonds with your teachers as teachers that actually like you are far more willing to put in the extra effort to get you the extra mile. You can mess around in class, but just remember when you go to the teacher and say, "I need help.". they're going to remember all the times you weren't on task. All the time you weren't focused. All the times you just wanted to get a cheap laugh from your friends rather than putting in the effort. So put in the effort, as what I've found is that if you put in the effort, so will they.

Robert Hannaford



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Kaitiaki Corner

Term One is well underway and a lot has been happening.

We saw the departure of Ms Gemma Tuhega (Head of Languages/Kaitiaki) and the arrival of Mrs Kris Baker. Ms Tuhega is embarking on her Masters in Indigenous Studies at Otago University this year; she will be back at school for the last four weeks of the year. While she is away Mrs Baker will be looking after Māori and Pasifika students in the role of Kaitiaki.

On the 20 February 2024 we held our first Whānau Hui for the year. There was a really great turnout of families, students and also of staff. During the evening we shared kai, introduced ourselves and learnt the school waiata. We were also fortunate to have Tama Walker attend in his role as the Māori Community Liaison Officer at Otago University. The next Whānau Hui will be towards the end of Term Two.

This year we have two amazing Year 13 students as our Cultural Prefects. They are Gardenia Paia-Letman and Sean Whaley. They are working closely with the Kaitiaki to promote and support Māori and Pasifika students.

This term there have also been to year level meetings for students in the junior school who identify as Māori and/or Pasifika. There will be meetings coming up for the senior school. It has been great to meet with the students, and to find a bit more about them.

Kapa Haka has started for both the Junior and the Senior school. For Years 7 and 8 they are currently learning the school Waiata and Haka. This is happening in Period 5 every Monday.

For Senior Kapa Haka (Years 9-13), we are practising on a Wednesday after school (finishing at 4pm). We are looking for more members, so if your son/daughter has an interest, please encourage them to come along. No previous experience is needed.

If you have any questions/queries, please feel free to contact Kris Baker on kbaker@taieri.school.nz



Sports

South Island Long Course Swimming Championships

Last Friday, Saturday, and Sunday (1-3 March 2024) three Taieri College and Taieri Swim Club swimmers attended this top level meet; Emma Bain (13SA), Keira Hughes (12GC), and Abby Samuels (12JH). There were seventeen events on offer which swimmers had to individually qualify for. This was a top tier swimming meet with both New Zealand Division Two swimmers and National Age Group (NAG) swimmers involved. There were a phenomenal 255 swimmers from swimming clubs throughout the entire South Island, from near and far.

Emma Bain qualified for eight events in the girls 17 and over section and chose to enter five events. Emma made four finals and her best result came in the 50 metre Backstroke in fifth place. Making a final means finishing in the top eight from all the heats in the morning to qualify for finals in the evening.

Keira Hughes qualified for all seventeen events in the girls 15-16-year-old section and chose to enter five events. Sadly, Keira was unwell over the weekend and was forced to scratch events but was determined to swim the 1500 metre and placed third for a bronze medal. Keira is heading to New Zealand Divisional II in Hamilton in May and we wish her all the best of luck!

Abby Samuels qualified for nine events and chose to enter four events. Abby performed creditably making three finals. Abby received a gold medal for the 50 metre Butterfly with an impressive new personal best of 29.97, fourth in the 50 metre Freestyle, and sixth in the 100 metre Freestyle. Abby is heading to National Age Groups in the Hawke's Bay in April, and we wish her the best of luck!



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Multi-Sport

Over the past couple of weekends, we've had students competing at multiple multi-sport events around the lower South Island. We had two teams competing at the Southland Triathlon and multi-sport event where the Under 14 Boys team of Barrett Smart, Alec Miller, and Ben Garraway came away with 1st place, while the Year 8 Boys team of Tom Taylor, Charlie Clements and Caleb Dobier finished 2nd.

The next multi-sport event was held at Oamaru, we had three boys do the individual event where Alec Miller won the Junior Boys event with Caleb Dobier finishing 3rd.

Sam Clarke competed in the Intermediate Boys grade; Sam was in a very strong field but competed very well finishing in 15th position.

Congratulations to all the students who represented Taieri College well at these events.



Golf

On Monday we had two teams of three students competing in the Eagles Intercollegiate Tournament at Taieri Lakes Golf course. The day started off wet and cold but turned out to be an eventful day. This tournament brought all the best secondary school golfers from around Otago with our boys showcasing their skills. Both teams performed very well and should be proud of their efforts.



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Cricket

Our 1st XI Cricket team took on St Kevin's in the annual cricket interchange which was held over two days. Taieri College won the toss and elected to bowl first which looked the right decision when they bowled St Kevin's out for 152, with nearly all the bowlers picking up wickets. Taieri College's first innings didn't really get much momentum with wickets falling regularly and they were bowled out for 141, with Jalen Forgie being the pick of the batters with eighty runs. Caleb Walker and Jalen Forgie did the damage with the ball in St Kevin's second innings at bat, with Caleb picking up four wickets, and Jalen taking five wickets, helping Taieri bowl out St Kevin's for 205. Taieri College needed to tie the match to hold onto the Hunter Cup. Taieri College batters dug in to try to play out for the draw, and with time nearly up and Taieri College having one wicket left, St Kevin's got the final wicket they needed to take the Hunter Cup back to Oamaru. It was a great battle between two good teams with our boys showing some great fight on Day Two. Well done to all involved.

Enviroschools Hui

Dressing up in fancy clothes is just one of the perks of volunteering at an opportunity shop.

Senior pupils from Trinity Catholic College and Taieri College spent the morning helping unpack donations at Shop on Carroll as part of an Enviroschools Hui last Friday.

The secondary schools' hui "YOUR VOICE!" focused on turning environmental ideas into action in schools and wider communities. Pupils spent part of their day volunteering for local community groups including Trade Aid, Yours Café, and Stitch Kitchen before networking with each other and hearing from inspirational environmental action experts.

Shop on Carroll co-retail manager Cristin Waite said it was a great opportunity for the pupils to understand the magnitude of an organisation like the shop. The pupils helped the shop set up for its vintage and retro month.



Library Happenings

The library remains a very popular and busy place. This week 7HJ enjoyed 'Book Speed Dating', we celebrated Sea Week with a great display organised by one of our Environmental prefects, Keira Wallace, and students have had fun guessing book covers for World Book Day.

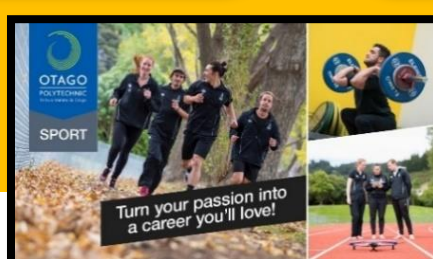
We have also had some great book reviews written by Amber Egan and Emma Collins which can be found on our library catalogue <https://nz.accessit.online/TRC00/#!dashboard>

Thank you for your support in purchasing from the Scholastic book club. We have been rewarded \$254 from the latest orders which will be used to add more books for our library.



Automotive Tour

On Wednesday we took our Automotive students out on a tour of some industry related businesses in Dunedin. We visited City Auto Glass, Sims Brakes, and Dunedin City Motors. The students were able to see some specialised trades within the automotive industry and talk to staff about employment opportunities and career pathways. A big thanks to the businesses for showing us around.



Careers Chat

This week 35 students attended an informative overview of all the courses the University of Otago offer. A very important day for our Yr13s to calendar is **Monday 27 May 2024, Tertiary Information Day**. They will be off school timetable and will have the opportunity to check out any courses with the University or Polytech that they are interested in. Students must organise their own transport.

This year we will be offering more short courses for our senior students, and these will mostly be half subsidised by the STAR budget. These are advertised on the notices, and students register at the careers office with confirmation of enrolment requiring a permission form and payment to the school office. **Anyone with financial hardship can contact us directly to discuss options.**

Current courses on offer

- Work Ready Barista - 24 and 26 April The Learning Place, cost \$170 (full) L2, 10 credits.
- Dunedin Bartending -11 and 12 April, Year 12 and 13 only, cost \$170 (open) L3, 9 credits.
- Rugby Refereeing, Rugby Coaching, both 3-day, cost \$100 (open) L3, 14 credits.
- Forklift Operators Certificate, Drivesmart, 15 March, cost \$90 (open) L3, 7 credits.

We are also running **Learner Drivers Licence workshops** that are delivered by Aukaha Drive throughout the year. There are two-day courses on site at the AA Building Moray Place, workshop on the first day, and on the second day they sit a test, reader writer is available (cost \$100). Or there is a one-day workshops at school, which covers the same content to nail down passing the test, but you must book your own test with the AA (cost \$20). You must have either a current passport, or an original birth certificate with a student photo id to sit the test. You can email us anytime to register for either course and we will book a course when we have sufficient numbers.

Coming Events

- **Tuesday 12 March 2024 Health & Safety Workshop** run by Lifecare for all L3 Careers students and held at school (half day, covers one L3 unit standards).
- **Friday 15 March 2024 Forklift Driving Course** 8.00am -12 noon Drivesmart Dunedin
- **Wednesday 10 April 2024 Victoria University visit** -11.00am careers room.
- **Wednesday 15 May 2024 Dunedin Careers Expo at Edgar Centre** - all Year 11s will attend 9.00am-11.00am, open to all levels after school.
- **Monday 27 May 2024 (also open Sunday 26 May 2024) Tertiary Information Day-Otago Polytechnic, University of Otago** - all Year 13s are able to attend, Year 12s should go on Sunday.

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).

Your Taieri College Careers Team

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AGM: Monday March 18
7.00pm

Taieri College Library
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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 Monday March 18, 7.00pm and meet us all.

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



HOMEWORK CLUB

WHERE:

c5 (Miss Nolan's Class)

WHEN:

Monday, 3:00 ~ 4:00pm

WHO:

Academic prefects - Joanne, Emma, William

WHAT:

Come along with any questions and schoolwork/homework to get some help from the academic prefects!

Tickets Now On Sale!



EUROPE 2024 FUNDRAISER

An afternoon with **Suzanne Prentice** (OBE)

**2pm, Saturday 13 April 2024
at the Taieri College
Performing Arts Centre**

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TICKETS \$35 EACH

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VIETNAM TOUR APRIL 2025 INFORMATION EVENING



**Tuesday 26th March
7pm
Performing Arts Centre
(PAC)**



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- Grants Braes Guides for 9.5-12.5-year-olds meeting Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm or Ōpoho Guides for 9.5-12.5-year-olds meeting Mondays from 6:15-7:45pm
- Rangers for 12.5-17-year-olds meeting on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30pm

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- Rangers for 12.5-17-year-olds meeting Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm

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