



TĒNĀ KOUTOU KATO A

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Kia ora e te whānau

The mornings have been noticeably cooler over this past week, which corresponds with the start of Term 2. Several new students have enrolled at our college over the break. As a college community, we would like to warmly welcome them. We would also like to welcome back those who travelled to Vietnam in the holidays. My understanding is that the trip was an amazing experience for students and teachers alike. I am sure it will be a highlight of your time at Taieri College.

Over this past week we have appointed a new Assistant Principal to replace Jared Peacock who is moving on at the end of Term Two. I would like to congratulate Jarrad Waldron who was the successful applicant. Jarrad is an outstanding teacher and Curriculum Director. Undoubtedly, he will quickly settle into the role of Assistant Principal at the start of Term 3 and do a wonderful job. Congratulations Jarrad.



It was a privilege to attend the Mosgiel Anzac Day service at Memorial Park on Tuesday. It was encouraging to see such a large crowd gather to commemorate the day and remember the courageous efforts of our parents, grandparents and great grandparents who fought for our country's freedom. Thanks to our prefects who attended the ceremony and a special thanks to our head students, Meg and Andrew, who represented the college exceptionally well when they delivered their readings.

Despite the cooler weather our Year 11 Sport and Recreation students braved the cooler waters of Dunedin Harbour to go kayaking and paddleboarding. They all acquitted themselves admirably. Next week the Year 12 mountain bikers head to the Maniototo to test themselves on the Naseby MTB tracks. Term 2 also signifies the beginning of several winter sports. I wish our winter sports teams all the best and trust all students play hard, but fair, with a healthy competitive spirit. My thanks also to all those people who give up their time to make sport happen, this includes coaches, managers and officials.

Many of you will be aware that the PPTA and government have not been able to negotiate a satisfactory collective agreement reflecting teachers' workload and conditions. Both parties are now moving into facilitated negotiations with an independent body. While this is occurring PPTA industrial action will continue during Term 2. Next week all Year 11 students will be rostered home on Thursday 4 May 2023, with a strike day on Tuesday 9 May 2023. Future PPTA actions are mentioned later in this newsletter.

Finally, a reminder that next Friday (5 May 2023) is a Teacher Only Day and the college will be closed for instruction. This teacher only day is part of a nation-wide programme that was implemented to prepare for upcoming NCEA changes. Also on Friday 5 May 2023 our Year 7 and 8 students will be conducting their Three-Way Conferences.

Nga mihi nui
Brenton Hackfath
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Key Dates

1-2 May 2023
HN L2SPR Expedition Naseby

2 May 2023
L3 CAR (Lifecare)

3-4 May 2023
HY L2SPR Expedition Naseby

4 May 2023
L3 Drama Toitū #1

5 May 2023
Years 9-13 Taieri College Work
Day
Teacher Only Day – College
Closed

PPTA Industrial Action – Term 2

The Taieri College Board of Trustees have been advised by the Post Primary Teachers Association (PPTA) that further industrial action will take place during Term 2. This industrial action will take the form of rostering home different Year levels and rolling national strikes. This action is in response to the breakdown in negotiations around the government's collective agreement offer. Taieri College has no control over this action as it is organised by the PPTA. The industrial action planned over the next two weeks is as follows;

Week 2: Thursday 4 May – Year 11 students rostered home

Week 3: Tuesday 9 May – Rolling southern region strike day (school closed)

Thursday 11 May – Year 13 students rostered home

Further industrial action has been planned. We will make you aware of this as the term progresses.

Teacher Only Day and Year 7/8 Three-Way Conferences Friday 5 May 2023

On Friday 5 May 2023 Taieri College, along with many other Otago Secondary Schools, will be closed for the instruction of Years 9 to 13 students. This day has been allocated by the Ministry of Education to all secondary teachers of NCEA subjects to allow them to develop new programmes of work, and assessments, to align with the revised NCEA Achievement Standards from the start of 2024.

Also on this day, our Year 7 and 8 students will participate in their Three-Way Conferences throughout the day on Friday 5 May 2023, hence the college will be closed for instruction of Year 7 and 8 students. Parents/whānau of Year 7 and 8 students can book their Three-Way Conferences directly at schoolinterviews.co.nz using the school booking code epm8p

Year 7 and 8 students are expected to be present at their Three-Way Conference.

Senior Assessments Due

1-4 May 2023 L1MAT AS91032 Right-Angled Triangles
1-5 May 2023 L1 SPR US 32842 (in class throughout week)
5 May 2023 L1 History Miss Blick's class AS91001

Taieri College Student Council Workday Years 9 -13, 5 May 2023

In the past, Taieri College Student Council have undertaken a student workday each year involving Year 9-13 students. This unfortunately has not been able to take place more than once in the past few years due to COVID. The funds raised from this are given back directly to the students for their benefit. The metal picnic tables, the outdoor basketball hoops, extra drinking fountains, funding eft-pos and paywave services at the canteen, subsidising cultural and sporting individuals and groups representing the college are all examples of ways these funds have been used in the past.

This year the Student Council are planning to hold the Year 9-13 Workday on the same day as the scheduled Teacher Only Day in Week 2 of Term 2: Friday 5 May 2023. Our target/goal is to raise \$12,000.

Students are asked to find a job at home or in the community. We would hope that each student would be able to contribute a minimum of \$20.00. On many occasions in the past students have been able to help neighbours and whānau with small jobs on this day while also giving back to the school community.

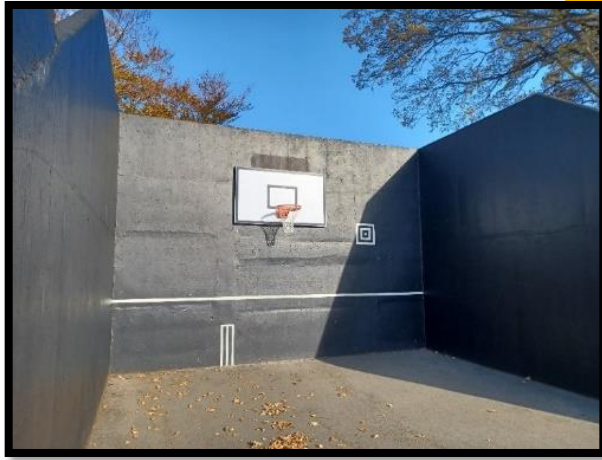
This is a great way for our school community to help each other and our wider community, while also developing our young adults' understanding of what it is like to be employed. A good work ethic on this day can result in part-time employment for our students on a more regular basis.

Thanks in advance for your support.



Basketball News

We are very pleased with the new basketball backboards and nets that were able to be installed in TK Block during the recent term break. Projects like this are made possible with the funding provided to our Student Council via Work Day, which is coming up this year on Friday 5 May 2023. Thank you in advance for helping us to support our fellow students in various ways with this vital funding drive.



Anzac Cup Football Match

The annual Anzac Cup football match took place on Anzac Day at Memorial Park in Mosgiel between ex Taieri College students and current Taieri College students and teachers. The game was played in great spirits with the weather conditions making it a game of two halves. Taieri College played into a very strong wind in the first half and battled well, holding the Ex students to the halftime score of 0-3. The second half saw Taieri College play some exciting football with the wind at their backs and score some well put together goals.

The college came home with a wet sail and ended up drawing the match 5 all.

A massive thanks to all the players who took part in the match to keep this annual fixture going. Thanks to Mr Bainbridge and Mrs Sides who took part on behalf of the teachers, showing they still have the skills and speed to keep up with the younger generation.



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Central Otago Mountain Bike Orienteering Events

As part of their build up to the Hillary Challenge, five Year 11 boys – Will Christensen, Riley Fitzgerald, Josh Siloy, Flynn Whitley and Zac Whitley, took part in two mountain bike orienteering events earlier this week. The first event was in Alexandra on Sunday and this involved four different courses in which the students had to navigate the controls on each course in order on their bikes. This certainly tested their map reading skills as well as their fitness. The results in the junior boys section were as follows:

- 1st Zac Whitley
- 3rd Will Christensen
- 4th Flynn Whitley
- 5th Josh Siloy
- 6th Riley Fitzgerald

On Anzac Day, the students then teamed up take part in the Naseby Mountain Bike Rogaine event held in the Naseby Forest. Josh's brother Hugo Siloy also took part as an individual. This involved the boys spending some time planning their route prior to the race to collect as many controls as they could in two hours. Every minute you arrive back to the finish after two hours means a loss of 10 points. In the race they had to work together to find their route and the controls as well as ride the many challenging tracks found in the Naseby Forest. Once again, the boys did brilliantly gaining 1st in the junior boys section with 1110 points. Hugo also did very well gaining fourth place with 870 points.



Level 2 Biology and Geography Aoraki Mt Cook Trip

In the last week of Term One, around 60 students and 6 staff embarked on our annual trip to Aoraki Mt Cook. The focus for the trip was to learn about the biophysical environment of the Aoraki Mt Cook National Park and how various tourist related activities impact on it. The students also learnt about the different ways the Department of Conservation are making those impacts more sustainable.

On the way up we stopped briefly at Loch Laird for lunch which is just below the Benmore Dam. With an ominous forecast for the following day, we altered plans and quickly got to the Mt Cook airport where the students who had chosen to do the plane trip, got the opportunity to fly up the Tasman Valley and land high up on the Tasman Glacier. It was an awesome experience for those students. While the students were on the plane trip, the rest of the group went to the Mt Cook village where our presenter from DoC talked the impact of humans on Aoraki National Park. After this, it was back to the Glentanner Lodge where we were staying for the trip some 20km back down the road. Students cooked for themselves and it was great to see the quality of home cooked food by each group.



The next day predictably dawned wet. We sampled our first site in the Hooker Valley to see the range of species present and attempted to make our way further up the valley to our second site. However, gale force winds and rain meant a quick trip back to the vans and then Glentanner to dry off. In the afternoon, students took part in a DoC talk about the challenges faced in the National Park in the next ten years and some creative strategies DoC are considering implementing too make these impacts sustainable on the people, plants and animals that live in the park. They also made their way around to the rubbish collection area to learn about how the village operates in terms of accommodation, sewage, water supply and rubbish management.

After our last night at Glentanner, we finished our trip on the Thursday by completing a precis sketch of the glaciated landscape features at the Tasman Valley viewpoint and making measurements of the track widening effects on this walkway by tourists. We then went back to the village and sampled the Governor's Bush site for vegetation patterns and then an area near the start of the Hooker Valley track to measure the effect of tourists using desire lines and not the constructed tracks. Unfortunately due to the high winds, the Glacier Explorer trip was unable to run as the icebergs had trapped the boats around the jetty.

A big thank you to the staff who organised and went on this trip, and to the students.



Otago/Southland Debating Tournament

The first weekend of April saw three of our top senior debaters compete at the Otago/Southland Debating Tournament. Competing at this tournament opens the door to representing the region at the New Zealand Schools Debating Championships held later in the year. Representing Taieri College was Joanne Brock-Smith 12JN, Stellar Macleod 12JN, and Sarah Darling 13MP.

Over two days, the team faced 6 tough moots (another word for motions or topics). With only 30 minutes to prep their arguments, the girls won 4 of the 6 rounds which earned them a very commendable 5th place finish overall (from 28 teams). To top the weekend off, Joanne and Stellar were named to the regional development squad which earns them extra coaching and competition opportunities through the University of Otago.

Here are the moots from the preliminary rounds:

Round 1: This house would prohibit the prioritisation of any particular religion in all schools.

Taieri College was affirmative and lost this round to Logan Park High School.

Round 2: This house would ban countries with poor human rights records from hosting international sporting events (eg Olympics, World Cups, etc).

Taieri College was negating and won this round over Otago Girls High School.

Round 3: A referendum is a public vote on a single question. This house prefers major political issues to be decided by a referendum rather than Parliament.

Taieri College was affirmative and won this round over Columba College.

Round 4: This house, as a cat, would prefer an overly affectionate owner to an absent one.

Taieri College was affirmative and won this round over John McGlashan College.

Round 5: This house regrets the rise of short form content (eg TikToks, Instagram reels).

Taieri College was negating and lost this round to Otago Girls High School.

Round 6: This house, as a dictator during a period of economic decline, would focus on purging the disloyal rather than improving the economic situation.

Taieri College was affirmative and won this round over Kings High School.

We narrowly missed out on a place in the semi-finals (it was a difference of 5 points across a total of 1680!); the final round moots were:

Semi Finals: This house believes that progressive (eg feminist, racial, environmental, queer) movements should never use violence.

Finals: On 5 September 1717, King George offered to grant a pardon to all pirates in the West Indies who surrendered themselves to any colonial governor under the domain of the British Empire. These pirates were granted a clean record and offered a large sum of money for the capturing of other pirates. This house, as a moderately successful pirate, would accept the King's pardon and become a pirate hunter rather than remain a pirate.



Careers Chat

This term we have the goal of getting all Year 12 students to have a high standard cv. We will use some of the students' study class time, Thursdays Period 3, to build their cv on Career Central and look forward to assisting this to happen. We will also offer workshops for any Year13s who want to build or update their CV.

Our **Gateway students** are currently having their workplace finalised and a number had their first work visit yesterday. We can potentially organise work experience for any senior students so get in contact with us directly if you would like to pursue this potential opportunity.

Career Central has a new skills matcher quiz that all senior students should complete and a reminder that it also has 3 Bulls-Eye quiz options to do. These helps identify potential career matches with students' strengths and interests. You can also link from CC to the Career Quest Quiz that can also be accessed directly on careers.govt.nz. The **Otago Tertiary Open Days** are rapidly approaching, 7 and 8 May. On the Monday all our Year 13s are off timetable, and most are expected to attend, transport must be organised privately. The 77 bus is a top option. Year 12s should go on the Sunday; they need parental permission if they wish to attend on the Monday. We are fortunate to have the University of Otago and Otago Polytechnic on our doorstep and the very wide range of quality tertiary courses they offer. For full information on this event check out the web site; otago.ac.nz/opendays

Coming Events

- Tuesday 2 May 2023 **Health & Safety Workshop run by Lifecare for all L3 Careers students and held at school (full day, covers two L3 unit standards)**
- Sunday, Monday 7 and 8 May 2023 **Otago Tertiary Open Days** (all Year 13s go on 8th)
- Wednesday 28 June 2023 **Dunedin Careers Expo-** (all Year11's to attend, 9am-11am)

Career Central, our new interactive online careers tool;

- **Login-go to cc.school.nz (or website link below)->log in as a student-> Taieri College->school email-> usual school password**
- **This opens student's dashboard-explore step 1 About Me (personal skills, qualities, interests, career values, outside classroom, work experience, cv builder. Step2-Jobs (heaps of related information, save jobs you are interested in). Step 3 Next Steps-various pathway plans, focused goal setting, employability skills, ready to leave school.**
- **There are also three Bulls Eye online quizzes that assist students to get ideas of suitable careers-Future Pathway (may need University qual), Vocational Pathway (no University study intended), Work Cluster Quiz-simple language, visual (younger students, English as second language)**

Parents/caregivers can login using the Caregiver login button on our website <https://careercentral.school.nz>

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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Vietnam Trip 2023

On Monday 3 April 2023, 31 Year 12 and 13 students and three staff (down 1 due to Covid) gathered at Dunedin Airport for the Social Sciences Vietnam trip. The trip started in the North of Vietnam and moved its way south, taking in key Historical, Geographical, Economic and Tourist sites.

First up was Hanoi and the instant shock of the heat, crossing the road, different food, and a different culture. Then onto world heritage site Ha Long Bay and our overnight cruise. Students took the opportunity to take in the sights as well as swimming, kayaking and cave visiting. Some also took the chance to own the dance floor with some very happy cruise boat employees, as well as Tai Chi on the top deck at 6:30 in the morning.

Then it was up into the highlands and Sapa (and that bus ride!) to take a trek with the locals and look at village life. Another bus ride and flight and we were in the middle of Vietnam in the old imperial city of Hue. The temperature ramped up. We had tours of the old imperial site, as well as Thien Mu Pagoda. From there it was onto Duc Song orphanage which touched at the heart strings of many. That night it was time to get dressed up for the imperial dinner.

Another bus ride over the Hai Van pass and we were in Hoi An. It was time for us to explore and enjoy the beauty of this beautiful city (as well as the popular hotel swimming pool). A visit to My Lai, where 504 villages were killed by American troops, was a stark reminder of the horrors of war.

Next stop after another plane ride was Ho Chi Minh city and the Cu Chi tunnels, where we all learnt how the Viet Cong avoided the American troops. Then onto the Mekong Delta and our homestay. We got to go for a bike ride around this beautiful area before stopping off for some local lollies and the chance to hold a massive snake.

Last night and a river cruise and meal on the Saigon River was a nice way to finish but also sad as we realised we all had to say goodbye to our guide for the trip, Thomas. After a final walk around Changi airport in Singapore it was an overnight flight home to see much missed family (and our own beds!).

There were so many highlights on this not to be forgotten trip. Infamous moments such as the flowerpot vs bike incident, the toe stuck in the croc, singing a song whenever we stopped, various items being left on planes (you all know who you are), the party bus, Banh Mi, someone's tummy constantly being rubbed by the locals for good luck and the daily Bainbridge.

A big thank you to the staff who helped put this trip together, Defining Moments – our travel agent, and Thomas for being such an awesome guide.

Mr Baines – over and out.



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**We are offering two courses to be
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Monday May 8; 3.30-4.30pm for Year 7 and 8 pupils

Friday May 19; 5.30-6.30pm for parents, coaches, supporters etc

- All teams need to provide their own umpires for games so TPJN are providing an initial opportunity for players and adults to brush up on their netball umpire skills.
- These are fantastic sessions for you to develop your own game and / or to help with the umpiring of games.
- There are no costs for the sessions, just bring enthusiasm to learn more about netball.



Please bring:

Water bottle, Whistle (if you have one, we will have some if need be), a good attitude and commitment.

Enrolment: [follow the link](#)

Year 7 -8 Players: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/234357>

Adults: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/234359>

University of Otago

Senior Science Quiz 14 JUNE 2023
Entries close 12 May 2023

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