Principal’s Comment
Kia ora, greetings to all parents, caregivers and friends of the school

Tomorrow we will have a large number of students competing in the Otago Secondary School Athletic Championships in Dunedin. While not all of the 34 Year 9 – 13 students who have qualified will opt to compete we will still have an impressive number of students at this event. For a school with less than 120 Year 9 – 13 students we do remarkably well. This was further shown last Sunday at the South Island Secondary School’s Duathlon Competition which was held in Oamaru. At this event Olivia Ollerenshaw easily won the Senior Girls’ Individual competition while James Bungard and Cameron Bartrum combined to win the Intermediate team’s event in a time that would have been highly competitive in a higher section. This confirms to me just what an incredibly talented group of young people we have at East Otago High School.

We are now half way through what is a long and very busy term and now that we have finished a number of important events it is our intention to place additional focus and effort into academic achievement. Already this year we have instituted a number of changes all designed to help and assist students to achieve. Help is available on Tuesday lunchtime for those, at all levels, working on English and Social Studies homework or assessments and on a Thursday this continues with Mathematics and Science assistance available. This is a really good opportunity both for those who struggle to complete homework and also for those who struggle with homework. We have also introduced a senior school mentoring programme. This involves all Year 12/13 students who will meet with their mentor teacher each fortnight to review progress. Our aim is to ensure students achieve to the maximum of their ability and we are confident this mentoring programme will do much to assist. In addition, a gifted and talented mentoring programme is being trialled at Year 11. All these programmes are aimed to give our students the very best opportunity to achieve.

Over the next few weeks parents/caregivers of Year 7/8 students will receive National Standards reports and this will be followed by three-way interviews where progress will be discussed and goals for the year set. For those in Year 9 – 13 it is our intention to start this term Fortnightly Indicators which will provide parents/caregivers with an indication both of academic progress and student engagement. As the title suggests, once started, parents will receive these indicators every fortnight. We believe the strength of the system is the ability to compare indicators over time for individual subjects and to show student progress or otherwise. In addition, a “Meet the Teachers Evening” is planned for the end of the term for parents/caregivers of Year 9 – 13 students.
School Calendar

Please check on our website (EOHS) for detailed calendar of events.

**Sports events** can be found on Christine’s Sports Co-ordinator’s page

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Homestay Family
East Otago High School has been approached to possibly host two Japanese students from the beginning of Term Two. They are aged 13 and 15 and are brothers. Hosting an international student is a wonderful opportunity for families to experience new cultures and welcome an extended member into their family. A remuneration is paid to cover the expenses involved in hosting a student. We have had the opportunity to host students from many different countries and the families who have hosted them have found the experience to be very rewarding. If you are interested in being a host family or would like to discuss the possibility of doing this please feel free to contact me.

*Dyanne Ford Homestay Coordinator* Phone: School 4651513 Home: 465136 Email: fdd@eohs.school.nz

Maths Homework Books
Homework books for the following classes are available from the school office:
- Year 7/8 ($11) Richards & McLachlan
- Year 9 ($11) Richards and Campbell
- Year 10 ($11) Richards
- Year 11 ($22) Richards and Jenkins
- Year 12 ($27) Jenkins. These homework books need to be purchased as soon as possible.

Community Oral Health Service
Children (0-Year 8)
The School Dental Service is now called the **Community Oral Health Service**. The Service is run by *appointment only* – children are no longer automatically removed from class to attend dental appointments. The Service continues to offer **FREE** basic dental care to New Zealand residents and is available at Community Oral Health clinics, mobile dental units and at the Otago University School of Dentistry. If they are New Zealand residents, children from birth until the end of Year 8 from your area generally receive their free dental care at:

**The Mobile Dental Unit**
East Otago High School
Next to gymnasium
Access from Horse Range Road
Palmerston

*The mobile dental unit will be on site from 17th March for approximately 5 weeks.*

We will send an appointment out but if the time does not suit, please call:

0800 ORAL HEALTH (0800 672 543 - free from cell phones)

We would like parents/guardians to attend all appointments with their child. Dental Therapists provide parents with valuable advice to support their children’s good oral health at the time of their child’s appointment.
Fundraising Meeting
Tuesday March 11th at 3.20pm a meeting will be held in the school library which will consider and approve all fundraising requests. Any group who wants to fundraise on behalf of the school must ensure their application is in prior to the meeting. A copy of the procedures and application forms are available at the school office.

St John Ambulance Support
For the month of March, Palmerston St John Ambulance are one of 4 groups chosen by ―Z‖ to be part of Good in the Hood so please head down to ―Z‖ Palmerston during March and vote for us.
We value and appreciate the support from our local community

The Shag and Waikouaiti Rivers Community Day
Please RSVP by Monday 17 March to Sarah Paterson 0800 474 082 or sarah.paterson@orc.govt.nz
Sunday 23 March
Starting at 10am at Karitane Domain (near the boat ramp)
Coast Road, Karitane
With a BBQ lunch around noon at the Grange Hill Road picnic area (5km south of Dunback, just off State Highway 85).
Please organise your own transport as a tour is planned of both rivers.
Help celebrate the success of these rivers at the recent NZ River Awards at this public field day.
The Shag River won the 2013 NZ River Awards Grand Award for the most improved New Zealand river. While the Waikouaiti River came in third place.
The awards aim to improve the health of New Zealand’s rivers and streams by recognizing and encouraging community participation in restoring river health.

Scholastic Book Club Orders
Scholastic Book Club orders for the first 2014 issue close this Friday 7 March. Fans of the Dork Diaries or the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series will find great bargains in the Star brochure plus a really good deal on books by Michael Morpurgo (author of War Horse)!
Orders and payment (cash, eftpos, credit card or cheque) can be made at our School Office. Every Book Club order earns free books for our school Library!
The Student Council and the wider school will once again be running a GALA day. This year it will be on Friday 4th April, 3.30—6.30pm. We are looking at putting together a committee to organise it this year. If any parents/caregivers out there are interested in helping the students, please contact Megan Webb by email: wbm@eohs.school.nz or by ringing the school office.

Parent help is needed with:
- tea and baking stall
- silent action auction stall

We would also welcome donations of books, DVDs new and second hand clothes. These can be dropped off at the school office.

If you are part of a business or have contacts who are part of a business, we are looking for donations for the silent auction. Please contact Megan, the office or Student Council members.

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**East Otago High School Swimming Sports:**

**Notice to Caregivers:**

On Monday the 10th of March we will hold our annual school swimming sports. The programme for the day differs from previous years.

The school will operate as normal, with students only missing two periods of teaching and learning. Please ensure students come to school prepared for normal classes.

**The programme is as follows:**

**Period 1:** All levels have normal classes
**Period 2:** All Y7 and Y8 students will be at the pool competing.
**Period 3:** All Y9 and Y10 students will be at the pool competing
**Period 4:** All Y11, Y12 and Y13 students will be at the pool competing.

During activity time and P5, the whole school will be at the pool for event finals, relays and fun house competitions. Students are allowed to wear house colours at this time.

Normal school uniform will be required during the rest of the day. *We would appreciate any help parents/caregivers can offer on the day.* If you can help, you can please email Mr Campbell at ela@eohs.school.nz or phone the school office on 465 1513.

Those wishing to watch are of course very welcome as well.

Keith Fleury
Deputy Principal
DRIVE in

The Friday Night Drive-In

Friday 28/03/2014
7:30pm - late
East Otago High School
Sports Ground
$5.00 per person on the night
Hot/cold food & drinks available on sale

Family Event
raising funds for
the EOHS Spirit
Trophy Team
Members
competing in
June this year.

All ages - Alcohol free event
SPORTS CORNER with Christine and Kellie

Acting Sports Co-ordinator details: Kellie Simpson, phone 4651 513 cell 021 214 2816
e-mail sport@eohs.school.nz

COMING EVENTS:
7-8th March – Otago Secondary School Athletic Champs
Monday 10th March – School Swimming Champs
14-15th March Otago Southland Secondary School Athletic Champs (Invercargill)
Wednesday 19th March – North Otago Swim Champs (Yr7/8 Oamaru)
28-29th March – Otago Swim Champs (Dunedin)
5-6th April – South Island Secondary School Athletic Champs (Timaru)
31st August - NZSS Duathlon, Taupo

TRIATHLON/DUATHLON
We have three new South Island champions! The South Island Secondary School Triathlon/Duathlon champs were held in Oamaru on Sunday. James Bungard and Cameron Bartrum competed in the Intermediate (U16) Boys Team Duathlon which involved James running 2km, Cameron biking 15km then James running 2.5km. They completed this in 39.48 minutes, winning the section impressively. Olivia Ollerenshaw competed in the Senior Girls’ individual section which involved a 2km run, 20km bike, then a 5km run. Olivia did this in 1hr 11 minutes, winning this section and in the process, also beating the senior boys’ individual duathletes. Great work from these students!

ATHLETICS DAY
Results for triple jump and under 15 boys high jump are as follows:
Triple Jump – Year 7 girls 1st Zoe Whyte; Under 14 girls 1st Hayley Jenkinson; Under 14 boys 1st Josh Ollerenshaw, 2nd = Bob Martin, Nick O’Reilly; Under 15 girls 1st Atawhai Parata, 2nd Molly Greaves; Under 16 girls 1st Jessie Scurr; Under 16 boys 1st James Bungard, 2nd Anthony Fraser, 3rd Ryan Scurr; Senior girls 1st Paige Church, 2nd Olivia Ollerenshaw, 3rd Jasmine Neilson; Senior boys 1st Andrew Grubb
Under 15 Boys High Jump – 1st Zac Harris, 2nd Michael Hunter, 3rd Neihana Wereta
New School Records: Zoe Whyte Year 7/8 girls triple jump, Zac Harris Under 15 boys high jump
Good luck to the 27 students who are competing at the Otago Secondary School Athletics champs this weekend at the Caledonian Ground.

OTAGO WOMEN’S MAORI RUGBY TEAM
Last weekend Paige Church played for the Otago Maori Women’s Rugby team in the Te Waipounamu Maori Wahine Tournament in Timaru. Otago won the final against Nelson by 65-0. Paige scored four tries throughout the tournament, one an 80 metre run-away. Paige has been selected for the South Island Women’s Rugby team to play against the North Island this coming weekend but also has qualified for the Otago Secondary School Athletic Champs this weekend and would like to attend the National Rodeo Champs in Wanaka this coming weekend. Great work Paige and good luck making the decision on what amazing event you are compete in this weekend.

SCHOOL RUGBY
Once the junior rugby registrations have been made, we will be able to make better decisions on what teams we can offer to secondary students wanting to play. We should have information regarding this by the 17th March. We try to make the best decisions to suit ALL students wanting to play rugby.
OTAGO SECONDARY ATHLETIC CHAMPS
We have a large team of 27 athletes travelling to the Caledonian in Dunedin this weekend, and they would love to have some support to cheer them on. This is the 1st leg of their major competitions, with the Otago Southland Athletics, then the South Island Athletics to be held next month, ending with the National Athletics Champs held in Wanganui at the end of the year. At each stage, usually only the top qualifiers continue to the next meeting, so this is a very important event to do well at. If you are in Dunedin this weekend, call in and see how well our students compete.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS
This coming Monday, we will be holding our school swimming sports. Remember to wear your house colours to the house competition during last period. Family and friends are welcome to come along and support this event. Year 7/8 heats 10am, Year 9/10 heats 11am, seniors 12pm, finals, synchronized swimming, novelty events and house relays will begin at 1.30pm. There will be a BBQ available at lunchtime. You will be in normal timetabled classes if you are not competing, except for period 5 when the whole school will be at the pool.

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JUNIOR RUGBY
Eastern Junior Rugby Club Registration night is Wednesday 12 March 5-7pm at the clubrooms at Waikouaiti. This is for children wanting to play in under 13 grade or lower. Individual registration $35, family $60, Shorts $25, socks $15. Fees must be paid on registration.
Enquiries please phone Helen - 4658210