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EOHS

Newsweek

STRENGTH THROUGH LEARNING-*Kia kaha ma roto matauranga*



Principal:
Mr Lennox Sharp

Principal's Comment

27th February 2015

Kia ora, greetings to all parents, caregivers and friends of the school

Principals of high schools occasionally receive "brickbats" from members of the public when they believe we have erred or student behaviour does not live up to community expectations. Fortunately, at East Otago High School these times are few and far between. Indeed, over recent weeks, the school has received a number of "bouquets" for things our students and staff have done and done well. I do welcome these as it shows our community does recognise just how much our students do for the area in which we are all privileged to live. I intend to highlight just a few of the accolades that have been passed onto us. Firstly, I

received a letter last week from the Waihemo A and P Association. It reads as follows:

"On behalf of the Committee I wish to congratulate the senior students who came and helped us set up the show grounds on Wednesday 4 February, and then returned to help on Show day itself.

Everyone has commented so favourably on their demeanour and their willingness to take on any task. While we hope they enjoyed their day, we certainly appreciated their help.

So often such community spirit is taken for granted. We want to acknowledge it."

On January 1st a number of our students impressed the Waikouaiti Racing Club as, just before their big day, they had been let down by a group and our students stepped in to help and assist. The club really appreciated the great effort put in by some of our more senior students under the guidance of Alex Lister in particular as it was the middle of the holidays and we had only 24 hours' notice. Also, in Waikouaiti, our students helped and greatly assisted the Rodeo Club during its annual event.

Just last week a parent of an ex-student approached me. He wanted to sincerely thank the school for the time and effort we had put into his son and the grounding we had provided him with. His son is now achieving A+ results at University and he was genuine in his appreciation of what East Otago High School had done. Such comments were unsolicited and the gentleman concerned didn't need to make them but he felt it important enough to actually come and pass the message onto us.

We have also received reports from parents that they do appreciate our class sizes of around 20 or less as in some Dunedin schools classes are nearer 29 in size. The comments were particularly aimed at the Year 7/8 level but could equally apply to all levels. Positive comments have also been made about the high calibre and quality of staff we have at our school and the fact that both our teaching and non-teaching staff often go beyond the call of duty to help and assist students whether it be academically, or to develop sporting and cultural opportunities and activities or even to help develop our students as young people. This our staff willingly do and it is nice for them and the school to be positively recognised and acknowledged.



Our Values are based on the acrostic - 'RELATIONSHIPS' where R = Respect towards self & others, E = Empathy for others, L = Loyalty to family, friends and school, A = Acceptance of those around you, T = Tolerance of other opinions, actions & differences, I = Integrity towards all aspects of life, O = Ownership of actions and change, N = Nurturing skills, talents and attributes, S = Sensitivity of any situation, H = Honesty in thought, word & deed, I = Inclusiveness of all, regardless of age, ethnicity or characteristics, P = Patience with and to those around you, S = Support for fellow students, family & teachers

School Calendar

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

Sports events can be found on the Sports Co-ordinator's page

Monday 2nd -Wednesday 4th March	Year 11 Rail Trail
Friday 6th March	School Swimming Sports
Monday 9th March	Fundraising meeting in school library
Wednesday 11th March	Year 11 – Survivor 2020
Friday 13th March	Year 9 Orokanui Trip
	Year 13 Community Day
Tuesday 17th March	Year 8—HPV Vaccinations
Friday 20th March	AW Familton Awards
Monday 23rd March	Otago Anniversary Day (School Closed)

Positive
Behaviour
for Learning

SWPB4L

This week's
winner's were:

**Harry Scott
and
Melissa McLeod**

Fundraising Meeting

Monday 9th March 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.

FORTNIGHTLY INDICATOR REPORTS

The first fortnightly indicator reports were handed to students last week (week 4) and emailed to parents. If you did not receive your son/daughter's report by email please ring the office to check that we have your correct email address, or email office@eohs.school.nz

Kobo E-Readers

Library News

At the end of last year we were very lucky to have 5 Kobo e-Readers donated to our library through Lions Club money given to the Year 13 group.

We are planning to make them available to EOHS students and staff, enabling them to read e-Books through the Waitaki District Library. Borrowers will be able to see which e-Books are available by checking out <http://www.library.waitaki.govt.nz/> and clicking on "eBooks".

They will then need to see me to organise borrowing the book through our EOHS school membership, read and sign our Kobo User Agreement and they can take the Kobo away for the 3-week loan period. Naturally we will need the support of parents and caregivers to ensure the e-Readers are looked after. Our Kobos have a replacement value of \$200 and borrowers will need to agree to pay this should loss or damage occur.

Lyn Keen, Librarian



BREAKFAST CLUB - FREE TO STUDENTS

East Otago High School is once again looking at the need for a **BREAKFAST CLUB**, sponsored by Fonterra and Sanitarium, within our school. We are doing surveys amongst the staff and students to gauge this need. If you as a parent/caregiver or member of the community, and are interested in contributing to this discussion please email me your thoughts at lel@eohs.school.nz so your thoughts can be considered.

Leonie Lawrence—Teacher in Charge of Kickstart Breakfast Club

SCHOOL JACKET ORDER

A school jacket/track pants order will be placed for orders received at the **office** by **Friday 6th March 2015**. The jackets are \$95, and track pants are \$70. Payment is due on delivery. There will be a six week waiting time from ordering until delivery, therefore orders will not be available until Term 2.

We have a limited supply of jackets in the smaller sizes available at the school office, so please do check sizes available before ordering.



Palmy Skate Jam—Saturday 26th February

The Palmy Skate Jam will be held at the Palmerston Skate park from 11am until 1pm. Entry is **FREE** with lots of spot prizes and a sausage sizzle available. All ages are welcome.

Further enquires please phone or text : 029 434 9379.

Proudly sponsored by: Oceana Gold, Sport Waitaki, Waitaki District Council and Soul Surf & Skate



Homework Help

Did you know there is a display in the Library each week to help with the Year 7/8 homework research topic. Students are welcome to come in to make use of it and any other Library resources (including the Librarian!) to help them with homework at any time.

Don't forget the Homework Club is on every Wednesday after school in the Library for students of any age who would like some help with homework, or just to use the computers or other Library resources.

Megan Webb—Junior Dean



SPORTS CORNER

COMING EVENTS:

27-28th February – Otago Secondary School Athletic Champs, Dunedin
Sunday 1st March – South Island Secondary School Triathlon/Duathlon (Oamaru)
Friday 6th March – School Swimming Champs
Wednesday 18th March – North Otago Swim Champs (yr7/8 Oamaru)
20-21st March - Otago Southland Secondary School Athletic Champs (Invercargill)
27-28th March – Otago Primary & Secondary School Swimming Champs (Dunedin)
27-29th March – South Island Secondary School Athletic Champs (Nelson)
Wednesday 1st April – Toko Sports Exchange

Sports Coordinator details:
Christine Ollerenshaw, phone 4651 513.
Email sport@eohs.school.nz
or text 0278 645 871.

SCHOOL SWIMMING CHAMPS

Our school swimming champs are next Friday 6th March. There will be more information in next week's newsletter but any parents that are able to help timing on the day, please contact Christine asap.

SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY

All of the school athletics events have now been completed. The 3000m results were as follows:

Year 7/8 Girls – 1st **Zoe Whyte** 14.11, 2nd **Kate McLelland** 14.18, 3rd **Anna Engelbrecht** 14.42
Year 7/8 Boys – 1st **Andrew McKenzie** 12.38, 2nd **Corbyn Gibbs** 13.17, 3rd **Jack Martin** 13.23
Open 9-13 Girls – 1st **Olivia Ollerenshaw** 12.37, 2nd **Nicole Bungard** 13.41, 3rd **Jasmine Neilson** 14.16
Open 9-13 Boys – 1st **Anthony Fraser** 11.35, 2nd **James Bungard** 11.58, 3rd **Cameron Dodd** 12.10

Final points and placings for each age group were:

Year 7 Girls – 1st **Pippa Collins** 39, 2nd **Shaye Carson** 30, 3rd **Naomi Bridger** 23
Year 7 Boys – 1st **Corbyn Gibbs** 35, 2nd **Luke Paton** 28, 3rd **Zayvia Parata** 24
Year 8 Girls – 1st **Zoe Whyte** 53, 2nd **Jamie Church** 51, 3rd **Kate McLelland** 47
Year 8 Boys – 1st **Andrew McKenzie** 100, 2nd **Jack Martin** 72, 3rd **Jared Billyard** 42
Under 14 Girls – 1st **Lauren Keen** 57, 2nd **Sophie Muir** 39, 3rd **Renae Church** 37
Under 14 Boys – 1st **Keenan Bridger** 29, 2nd = **Mitchell Qusted & Kayle Harris** 21
Under 15 Girls – 1st **Hayley Jenkinson** 52, 2nd **Georgia Whyte** 40, 3rd **Anna Lindsay** 35
Under 15 Boys – 1st **Bob Martin** 64, 2nd **Cameron Dodd** 47, 3rd **Josh Ollerenshaw** 44
Under 16 Girls – 1st **Molly Greaves** 40, 2nd **Atawhai Parata** 34, 3rd **Steph Scobie** 27
Under 16 Boys – 1st **Michael Hunter** 53, 2nd **Liam McKenzie** 41, 3rd **Jackson Dempster** 33
Senior Girls – 1st **Jessie Scurr** 60, 2nd **Kate Martin** 45, 3rd = **Jasmine Neilson & Olivia Ollerenshaw** 42
Senior Boys – 1st **Anthony Duffy** 52, 2nd **James Bungard** 50, 3rd = **Ryan Scurr, George Keen, Max Parkins** 35

Final House Points for athletics day were:

CLARK 799	MCKENZIE 832	MUIR 877	SCHOOL 866
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OTAGO SS ATHLETIC CHAMPS

Of the 42 students that qualified for Otago Athletics from our school athletics 21 will be competing this Saturday in a variety of events. The Otago Champs are being held at the Caledonian Ground this Saturday 28th February and it is well worth a look if you are in Dunedin. Several students were not able to compete at Otago Champs due to prior commitments to other sports such as cricket. We wish those who are competing all the best for Saturday.

TOUCH

Our senior mixed touch team had an awesome day last Saturday at the Otago SS Tournament. This team got together three weeks ago and has had two after school trainings with Mr Herewini. In those trainings the team learnt enough to be competitive at this tournament. They were up against South Otago, Tokomairiro, Cromwell and Kaikorai Valley. Several players in these teams are NZ age grade representatives so our team knew it was going to be tough. Although they lost all their games, they did manage to score in every game, three times in some games, they defended well and as the day went on moves were implemented more efficiently. At no stage of the day did the team drop their heads and they never gave up trying. Age grade rep coaches that had been watching our games were particularly impressed with **Anthony Fraser, Jasmine Neilson** and **Jessie Scurr**. A big thank you to the parents, teachers and students who came and supported this team and to Mr Herewini for being an awesome coach.

SPORTS CORNER cont.

MULTISPORT

Nine of our students competed in the Otago SS Triathlon at Cromwell last Thursday. The senior mixed team of **Hayley Bungard**, **Cameron Bartrum** and **James Bungard** placed 4th in a field of seven teams, the senior girls team of **Madyson Witehira** and **Olivia Ollerenshaw** placed 8th out of fourteen teams and the junior girls team of **Georgia Whyte**, **Lauren Keen** and **Hannah Paton** placed 11th out of fourteen teams in their first ever triathlon. They were a great bunch of students to take to this event. Thank you to the families that came and supported our triathletes.

This Sunday is the South Island Secondary School Triathlon/Duathlon champs in Oamaru. **Hayley Bungard** (harbour swim 300m), **Cameron Bartrum** (bike 20km) and **James Bungard** (run 5km) are entered in the senior mixed triathlon and **Olivia Ollerenshaw** (run 2km, bike 20km, run 5km) is in the senior girls duathlon. Good luck to these athletes for Sunday.

EQUESTRIAN

At the recent Ranfurly A & P show **Jasmine Neilson** riding Rednalhgh Macintosh was reserve champion in open park hack and won her 65cm round of show jumping. **Sophie Muir** riding Lynwood was reserve champion novice A pony and 2nd in her 90cm round of show jumping. Great work girls and good luck for Middlemarch in a couple of weeks' time.

Over the weekend **Pippa Collins** had an awesome show at the Southland Showjumping Festival in Gore. On Glenree Copycat she was placed 1st and two 4ths in her 1m classes and on My Sweet Pea she won champion show hunter and a rug for best Otago Southland training show hunter pony for 2015. Well done **Pippa!**

RESULTS

TEAM	OPPOSITION	WIN/LOSS	SCORE	P.O.D.
Snr Dodgeball	Otago Titans	Loss	2-7	Ryan Scurr
Jnr Dodgeball	Lets Get Tropical	Loss	2-9	Keenan Bridger Giana Thomas
Jnr Girls Volleyball	St Hildas 10 Yellow	Win	2-1	Alanna Carmichael
7/8 Volleyball	Kavanagh Spike St Hilda's Silver	Loss Win		Cody Watt
Snr Reserve Cricket	Waitaki Boys 2 nd XI	Win	Brad Primmer 43, Liam Dodd 26, Cal-lum Simpson 7, Cameron Dodd 2 for 31	
Senior Reserve	St Kevins Oamaru	Win		
Yr 7/8 Cricket	Kurow	Loss		
Snr Girls Vball	Queens Blue	Loss	0-3	Hayley Jenkinson
Snr Boys Vball	KVC Blue	Loss	1-2	Liam Dodd

DRAWS

DAY	TEAM	OPPOSITION	TIME	PLACE
Thursday	EOHS Snr Dodgeball	Metro Makos	5.45	Court 1
	EOHS Jnr Dodgeball	Underdogs	6.25	Court 1
Friday	Jnr Girls Volleyball	No game because of	camp	
	Year 7/8 Volleyball	Columba Spikes	4.30	Court 2
Saturday	Snr Reserve Cricket	Union	12.30	Centennial Park
	Senior Cricket	Valley	12.30	Mill Reserve
	Year 7/8 Cricket	Albion Gold	9.30	WSCS Outer Oval
Monday	Senior Girls Volleyball	St Hilda's Bronze	5.15, Duty 6.15	Court 2
	Senior Boys Volleyball	KVC Blue	6.15	Court 1

EASTERN JUNIOR RUGBY

The Eastern Junior Rugby Club would like to extend its welcome to all the East Otago Cluster Schools. The club home ground is Waikouaiti Sports Ground. We are holding our registration night for the 2015 season on the 18th March 2015. This is open to all children who are interested in playing age group Rugby and Ripper Rugby for U7's and Nippers right through to Year 8 students. We have all age group grades playing. Come along and support the local Club. Registration starts from 5pm. For more information please contact Victoria Fleming - 02102461276, Neil Martin-022 351 6462, Katie Barnes - 4657811