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EOHS

Newsweek

STRENGTH THROUGH LEARNING-*Kia kaha ma roto matauranga*



Principal:
Mr Lennox Sharp

Principal's Comment

20th March 2015

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

While the end of an incredibly busy term is in sight there are still a number of important events scheduled. The most important are the series of parent interviews which are to be held. For those in Years 9 to 13 a **Meet the Teachers** session has been set down for **Wednesday 25th March between 4p.m. and 6p.m.** Ten minute slots are available so parents/caregivers do have the opportunity to discuss student progress with all of their son/daughter's teachers. It has been my experience that students achieve much better results when there is open communication involving them, their parents and their teachers. I would encourage all to make every effort to attend as we all the one goal for our students and it is that they achieve to the very best of their ability. Appointments can be made by following the link on our web site www.eohs.school.nz. Alternatively, parents can contact the school office (phone 4651-513) and our Office Staff can make the appointments for you.

For parents/caregivers of our Year 7/8 students it is our intention to hold **National Standards** three way interviews on **Tuesday 31st March between 2.00p.m. and 6.00p.m.** Three way interviews involve students, their parents and the staff. These interviews will be with the student's form teacher and each interview will be for ten minutes. We believe these interviews are important and we encourage all parents to make every endeavour to attend. Once again appointments can be made by following the link on our web site www.eohs.school.nz. Alternatively, parents can contact the school office (phone 4651-513) and our Office Staff can make the appointments for you.

While this coming weekend is a holiday weekend for all there are fourteen of our students and a number of parents and staff who will undertake the long road trip to Invercargill to attend the Otago/Southland Secondary Schools' Athletic Championships. It has been an incredibly busy term for our Sports Department and Physical Education staff what with summer sports teams to organise, the various athletics championships, the swimming sports, touch games and the preparation of teams for winter sports just to mention a little of what they have had to organise and arrange. To Christine Ollerenshaw, Jessica Melrose and all the others involved we offer our sincere thanks. Sport is an incredibly important part of our school and school life and we are indebted to all involved for the work they so willingly do. I hope our students, who benefit greatly, do truly appreciate what is so readily provided for them.

I wish everyone an enjoyable weekend. Being the anniversary of our province it is a time to reflect on just how fortunate we are to live where we do. There can be few better places on earth than East Otago.



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

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| Friday 20th March | AW Familton Awards at 2pm School Photo orders due |
| Monday 23rd March | Otago Anniversary Day (School Closed) |
| Wednesday 25th March | Year 9-13 Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| Thursday 26th March | Year 12 Biology Trip |
| Monday 30th March | Year 9 Orokonui Trip BOT Meeting 4pm |
| Tuesday 31st March | Year 7-8 National Standard Interviews |
| Thursday 2nd April | Last Day of School Term 1 |
| Monday 20th April | First Day of School Term 2 |

Positive
Behaviour
for Learning

SWPB4L

This week's
winners were:

**Ammon Hunter
and
Gracie Woodhouse**

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 Jan Malloch 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



Library News

WHAT SHOULD I READ NEXT?

Many students get "hooked" on an author or a series of books, and want to read more in that genre or style of writing. There are lots of good websites they can go to, to get ideas. Here are a couple of suggestions: <http://www.whatshouldireadnext.com/index.php>
<http://readitlovedit.com/home.html>

Scholastic Book Club

Orders for the March issue should be made (with payment) at the school office by Friday 27th March.

Lyn Keen, Librarian



FORTNIGHTLY INDICATOR REPORTS

These will be generated this week.

These will also be emailed to parents with email addresses in our database.

If you wish to receive these reports by email please ring Lynn Murphy at the school office with your email address or email: mpl@eohs.school.nz

East Otago Community Pool

The East Otago Community Pool season will end on **Sunday 12th April 2015**, after this date a reminder that keys are required to be returned to the School Office, from **Friday 3rd April** until **Sunday 12th April** the opening hours of the pool will be: **8.00am until 8.00 pm**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Community for their support this season, it has been appreciated.

School Photo Orders

School photo orders can now be placed at the school office. Orders must be received by Friday 20th March 2015 .

Meet the Teachers Year 9 to Year 13

Parent Teacher interviews for Year 9 to Year 13 students are on Wednesday 25th March, starting at 4.00pm and ending at 6.00pm

Bookings can be made online by going to the school website and clicking on the parent teacher interviews link. Please contact the school office if you are unable to make bookings yourself but want to attend interviews.

Community Feedback on our Classroom Expectations

A survey to gauge community feedback on our classroom expectation is available for community members feedback.

The link can be found on the school website. If parents can take but a minute to pass on their thoughts it would be much appreciated.

Keith Fleury—Deputy Principal

STUDENT ABSENCES

If your son / daughter is away from school please let us know by either by contacting the school office (phone 4651513) or the form teacher. If we are unable to make contact or have not heard from caregivers your son/ daughter's absence has to be recorded as "truant". Mrs Murphy can also be emailed on mpl@eohs.school.nz.

St Johns Youth Division Palmerston

If anyone is interested in joining with this group there is a meeting on **Monday 30th March** in the East Otago High School Library

All interested youth from the ages of 8 to 15 years

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn::

Life Skills
Self Discipline
Leadership
First Aid
Team Work

The meeting goes from 6pm until 7.30pm

Parents are asked to attend as there is paper work to fill out.

Any Questions please contact Mrs Gemmill at East Otago High School.

Winter Uniform

Terms Two and Three

The only changes for the winter uniform are:

Year 7 –10 girls– Winter Kilt (available at school office \$185.00)
White Blouse
Black over the knee socks or Black tights

Year 11—13 girls Black over the knee socks or Black tights

The boys uniform remains the same for all year groups.



The beach is the New Zealander's favourite playground. Come and spend a week in the surf at Warrington Beach. Experienced instructors will help you gain skills and fitness in surf swimming and using boards in the waves. You can gain skills to help others or even to become a Life Guard! Learn first aid, VHF marine radio skills, CPR, and surf rescue skills using the Inflatable Rescue Boats (IRBs). This FREE Break-Away Surf Survival programme for 11 to 17 year olds runs for four days, with free transport from Dunedin to the safe swimming beach at Warrington. The hot showers and cooked lunches at the warm Life Guard clubhouse will be a great reward after a swim in the ocean. So come along and have a memorable holiday at Warrington Beach; maybe you will want to become a Life Guard!

Warrington Surf Life Saving Club, 1 The Esplanade, Warrington, Otago

DATES:

7-10 April
13-17 April
9.00am - 3.30pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Meet at St Clair Surf Life Saving Club for free transport to Warrington. Each day begins with a swimming pool session to start followed by activities at the Warrington Surf Life Saving Club and beach. Participants are advised to bring a wetsuit, togs and towel, and goggles. 200 metres swimming proficiency is required. For further information, please email: warringtonslsc@stra.co.nz.

Register online at: www.sportotago.co.nz



NCEA For Parents. Did you know...

Did you know that there is a copy of the schools NCEA policies and procedures on the EOHS website. It is under the Academic menu.

Did you also know you can get an NCEA Guide app for either your Android or Apple device to help you understand NCEA. Just type NCEA in the app search on your phone.

National Standards Interviews Year 7 and Year 8

National Standards interviews for Year 7 and 8 students are on Tuesday 31st March, starting at 2.00pm and ending 6.00pm.

Bookings can be made online by going to the school website and clicking on the parent teacher interviews link. Please contact the school office if you are unable to make bookings yourself but want to attend interviews.

SPORTS CORNER

COMING EVENTS:

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.

BASKETBALL

We have several students interested in playing basketball this year. Is there anyone out in the community or any parents that are interested in coaching a basketball team? Practice times would be up to you and games are on a Friday night at the Edgar Centre. If you might be keen on coaching a team, please contact Christine Ollerenshaw on sport@eohs.school.nz or 0278 645 871.

COACHING COURSE

We have Sport Otago coming into the school on Tuesday 24th March to do a coaching course on how to coach sport. If any of our current adult coaches, or any adults considering becoming a coach are interested in doing this course please contact Christine on sport@eohs.school.nz or 0278 645 871. The course will run from 8.50am to 1pm.

CRICKET

The Eastern Senior Reserve Cricket team had a momentous semifinal against Valley last Saturday. The game went down to the last over with the Eastern team coming away with the win. Stand out performances were **Bob Martin** making 63 runs before being run out by his team mate and **Brad Primmer** getting five wickets for 37 runs off nine overs. This weekend the team plays Waitaki Boys 2nd XI in Oamaru for the final. Unfortunately a couple of players will be out with athletics but we wish the Eastern team luck.

NORTH OTAGO PRIMARY SWIMMING CHAMPS

Twelve students competed at this event on Wednesday of this week. They were **Melissa McLeod, Jordyne Harris, Lily Blasby, Katelyn Toomey, Zoe Whyte, Sophie Woodhouse, Pippa Collins, Anna Engelbrecht, Luke Paton, Jared Billyard, Andrew McKenzie and Riley Meason**. Results will be available for next week's newsletter. A huge thank you to Kirstin Engelbrecht for managing this team at this event and also to the parents who helped with transport and timing.

ATHLETICS

The Otago Southland Secondary School Athletic Champs are on this weekend in Invercargill. We have fourteen students attending this event: **Jessie Scurr, Ryan Scurr, James Bungard, Kate Martin, Bob Martin, Michael Hunter, Hayley Jenkinson, Molly Greaves, Nicole McLeod, Cameron Dodd, Jack Watson, Sophie Muir, Hannah Paton and Renae Church**. Good luck to these students – it will be a very big day.

EQUESTRIAN

Pippa Collins and **Jasmine Neilson** competed at the Wanaka Show last weekend. On Sweetpea **Pippa** was 1st in the Open Round the Ring pony under 138cm category and won the RCM Collingwood trophy. She was 1st in the Bending and Trotting races, 3rd in the 80cm Showjumping and 4th in the Championship Round the Ring 1.05m.

Riding Rednalghih Macintosh, **Jasmine** placed 3rd in the Open Park Hack over 153cm and 4th in the Paced Park Hack. Well done to **Jasmine** and **Pippa**.

There are several students taking part in the Palmerston Mini Show this weekend. It would be great to see some support for them at this event. Good luck to those competing.

RESULTS

| TEAM | OPPOSITION | WIN/LOSS | SCORE | P.O.D. |
|----------------------|-------------------|----------|---|--|
| Snr Dodgeball | Under Dogs | Win | 6-3 | Liam McKenzie |
| Jnr Dodgeball | Metro Makos | Loss | 2-5 | Giana Thomas Keenan Bridger |
| Jnr Girls Volleyball | St Hildas 10 Blue | Loss | 1-2 | Giana Thomas |
| 7/8 Volleyball | Tahuna Green | Loss | 0-3 | Mitchell McLeod |
| Snr Reserve Cricket | Valley | Win | Brad Primmer 5/37 off 9 Bob Martin 63 runs | |
| Yr 7/8 Cricket | Union | Loss | | |
| Snr Girls Vball | St Hilda's Gold | Win | 3-0 | Hayley Jenkinson |
| Snr Boys Vball | Logan Park | Loss | 0-3 | Jamie Gosney |

DRAWS

| DAY | TEAM | OPPOSITION | TIME | PLACE |
|----------|-------------------------|--|-------|----------|
| Thursday | EOHS Snr Dodgeball | EOHS Jnr Dodgeball | 1.00 | EOHS gym |
| Friday | Jnr Girls Volleyball | OGHS 9 Blue | 5.45 | Court 1 |
| | Year 7/8 Volleyball | JMC Red | 4.30 | Court 6 |
| Saturday | Snr Reserve Cricket | Waitaki Boys 2 nd XI | 12.30 | Oamaru |
| Monday | Senior Girls Volleyball | No Volleyball as Otago Anniversary Day | | |
| | Senior Boys Volleyball | | | |