

EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

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Newsweek

STRENGTH THROUGH LEARNING-*Kia kaha ma roto matauranga*



*Principal:
Mr Lennox Sharp*

Principal's Comment

16th October 2015

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

Welcome back to the final term of 2015. It is an incredibly busy and important term for all as the work undertaken from now will ultimately determine how successful the year has been. This is particularly so for our senior students who only have two and a half weeks left of formal classes before they start their study leave in preparation for the NCEA external examinations which begin on Monday 9th November. For these students, this has to be a term of no excuses. They need to complete all outstanding assessments, regularly attend the tutorial sessions available to them and develop a consistent and concerted revision programme at home. What is clear is that if students do this then they will significantly increase their chances of academic success and they will have made 2015 a successful school year.

All students, no matter what year level, do need to focus this term on academic performance. Our Year 7/8 students, for example, will soon be retested as part of the National Standards programme and reports based on these results will be sent home later this term. For our Year 9/10 students they will have internal school examinations which will be held on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th November covering the core subjects of English, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. These examinations are important as they will do much to determine 2016 form levels. Parents and Caregivers can help by encouraging the development of a worthwhile and committed revision programme at home and by creating a positive learning environment for this to occur.

We are hoping for major developments to begin in and around East Otago High School in the coming weeks. This will be in the form of the creation of a modern learning environment for our Year 7/8 classes. All involved are working towards and hoping that these will be completed for the first day of school in 2016. To achieve this will mean considerable disruption this term starting when our seniors have left for examination leave. Our Year 7/8 students are likely to be shifted for the final five weeks of the year which should ensure much building progress is made before the Christmas break. While it is likely there will be major short term issues and problems we are looking forward to soon having a Year 7/8 classroom block that is the envy of all.

I wish all associated with East Otago High School all the best for a positive and profitable term.



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

Tuesday 20th October	Paid Union Meeting - School closes 12.00pm
Friday 23rd October	Sports Awards - DG Murray Hall at 2.00pm
Tuesday 27th October	BOT Meeting - 4pm
	Student Council Quiz night at Waihemo Lodge - 7.30pm
Friday 30th October	Next fortnight's newsletter
Wednesday 4th November	Last day for Year 11 - 13
Thursday 5th - Friday 7th November	Year 9 - 10 Exams
Monday 9th November	Year 7 - 10 Science Roadshow
Monday 9th November - Friday 4th December	NCEA exams

Careers Corner

STUDYLINK are encouraging students to apply early for their 2016 student allowance or loan. This spreads the load of applications and ensures students receive their first entitlements on time.

Applications for loans or allowances should definitely be completed by 16 December to make sure students receive their first entitlements on time.

GATEWAY 2016. Interviews for Gateway 2016 will take place early next week. Students who have indicated that they are interested in doing this course will be given an interview time on Monday next week. Please ensure that you stick to the time allocated. Students selected for the course will be required to get parental permissions signed and returned to the school before the end of week 3.

The GATEWAY programme is designed for students who are ready to explore a career option in the workplace. Students will be placed in a workplace one day a week and can gain practical experience of a particular industry and work towards credits and qualifications based on their chosen career pathway.

GATEWAY PROVIDES:

- * an opportunity to build skills for employment and working in real workplaces
- * an opportunity to try out potential careers and build links to industry training organisations, apprenticeships and workplaces
- * an opportunity to look at tertiary study option within the chosen career pathway
- * acquisition of credits towards qualification in chosen career pathway

The GATEWAY programme is ONLY for students who already have a good idea of what career pathway they plan to look into.

For further information, please contact Ms Guile (03) 4651 513

CVs . All Year 13 students should have an up-to-date CV on a memory stick. This will enable them to update their CV as required. If you are a Year 13 student and do not already have a CV, please give your name to your form teacher and we will organise a time to do one.

Jacqueline Guile
Careers, Gateway, STAR

TROPHIES AND CUPS

Can these please be returned to Mrs Murphy at the school office.



Parent Portal

The parent portal is up and running, which can be accessed via a link on the school website.

To access the information on each student a password logon is required. These were sent out to caregivers via the registered email we have here at school. If you want to access the portal but have not received a password via email, please ring the school office to update your email address with us, we will then send the access information to you.

The parent portal has a lot of information regarding each student. If any of the personal details are incorrect, please contact the school to have these updated.

Homestay family required

I am looking for a homestay family who is willing to host a Year 13 student from Hong Kong for the 2016 school year. This young lady has great English skills and is very outgoing and friendly. A remuneration to cover the costs of having her in your home is paid fortnightly. If you would be interested in hosting her or have any questions please feel free to contact Dyanne Ford, Homestay Coordinator at home on 034651369 cellphone 0273271851 or email fdd@eohs.school.nz

NCEA assessments coming due

The following NCEA assessment's are coming due:

- English 2.9 (Level 2)** Independent reading response (4 credits)
Due date: Friday 23rd October
- English 2.4 (Level 2)** Writing Portfolio (6 credits)
Due date: Friday 23rd October
- English 1.10 (Level 1)** Independent Reading (4 credits)
Due date: Friday 23rd October
- English 3.4 (Level 3)** Writing Portfolio (4 credits)
Due date: Friday 23rd October
- Accounting 1.2 (Level 1)** Carry out cash based accounting (5 credits)
Due date: Friday 23rd October

Visual Arts Folios are due as follows (strictly no extensions):

- Level 1 :** Folios sent to Wellington for marking on Wednesday 21st October
- Level 2:** Due date Wednesday 28th October
- Level 3:** Due date Wednesday 4th November

Senior Tutorials

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School			Chemistry	Chemistry Business Studies Physics	
Lunchtime (Library)	Science Biology Maths (Level 1 to 3) Art	Maths (Level 1 to 3) Art English	Home Economics Art	History Geography	Art English
3:30 – 4:30 (Library)		Maths (Level 1 to 3) English History Geography	Chemistry Science Biology Business Studies Physics Maths (Level 1) English	Chemistry Maths (Level 1) English Science Biology Geography History	
7:00 – 8:30 (Library)			Maths (Level 1 to 3)		

Senior students are encouraged to attend these tutorials to assist students to prepare for their external examinations and to finish any outstanding work for internal assessments.

Kelly's Canter - Sunday 18th October
Race starts– 2.00pm (Entries open 1.00pm)
Race starts at Palmerston Railway Station

Paid Union Meeting - Tuesday 20th October
School will close at 12.00pm
(Buses will run at normal time)

New Books!

Library News

Lots of new books have arrived in our Library, and once again I really need some help with covering them. I would love to hear from any parents or community members who are happy to volunteer an hour or two. No expertise required!

If you can help please ring me at school, or email me at: library@eohs.school.nz

Lyn Keen, Librarian



SPORTS CORNER

COMING EVENTS

Sports Awards – Friday 23rd October
Eastern Districts Primary School Athletics – Tuesday 27th October
North Zone Athletics – Tuesday 2nd November

Acting Sports Coordinator details: Kellie Simpson
Phone 4651 513.
Email sport@eohs.school.nz

TERM FOUR

Welcome back to the last term of the year. It looks set to be another busy one, with lots of students competing in a variety of summer sports, either organized through the school or local clubs. Let us know what you have been up to, and we can let the rest of the community know through the newsletter.

SOUTH ISLAND RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Over the holidays we had three students participate in this rugby tournament. **Jackson Dempster** played for the North Otago un 16 team, playing in Methvan. They managed to beat Buller and Marlborough. **Jack Martin** played for the Otago under 48kg team in Timaru, where they placed third and he was named Most Valuable Player for the team. **Andrew McKenzie** played in the Otago under 65kg team, which placed first. **Andrew** was also named most valuable player for his team, as well as being named in the South Island rugby team. Congratulations!

EQUESTRIAN SPRINGSTON TROPHY

Sophie Muir and **Pippa Collins** qualified to compete for this years Springston Trophy in Canterbury over the holidays. **Sophie** competed for the Dunedin Branch Pony Club. She had a very good dressage round, clear in the cross country and only one rail in the show jumping. **Pippa** competed for the Strath Taieri team which placed 14th, they were the only team from 41 to go double clear in the cross country and the show jumping.

NZ SECONDARY SCHOOL CURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Cameron Bartrum, **Liam McKenzie**, **Josh Ollerenshaw** and **Bob Martin** travelled to Auckland to compete in the national secondary curling championship. After a very good start, beating Maniototo, the boys won every game leading up to the final. Unfortunately, they again faced Maniototo, this time going down. They managed to bring home the silver medals. Big thank you needs to go to Ms Meyer who travelled and managed this team. Well done guys!

NORTH OTAGO CRICKET

Cricket season is upon us again. Year 7/8 cricket is being managed by Mr Neil Martin. This team will be practicing at 5pm on Friday afternoons, meet by the cricket nets.

The Eastern Senior Reserve team is being managed by Ethan Simpson, and will be practicing at the Waikouaiti Sports Grounds at 6pm each Thursday evening.

RESULTS

TEAM	OPPOSITION	WIN/LOSS	SCORE
Snr Boys Vball	LPHS	Loss	3-0
Snr Girls Vball	LPHS	Win	3-0
Snr Touch	Rep Side	Loss	6-1
Futsal		Loss	6-1

DRAWS

DAY	TEAM	OPPOSITION	TIME	PLACE
Friday	Jnr Girls Volleyball	Columba Jr A	5.45pm Duty 6.30	Ct 3 Arena
	Year 7/8 Volleyball	Kavanagh Spike	4.30pm	Ct 6
Saturday	Snr Reserve Cricket	Palmerston Reserve	12.30	Mill Domain
Monday	Snr girls Volleyball	Taieri Gold	5.15pm duty 6.15pm	Court 2
	Snr boys Volleyball	KVC Blue	6.15pm	Court 1

Sports and Cultural photos

The sport and cultural photos are now available to view and purchase on the Kolourcare website. Please go to www.kolourcare.co.nz to order your photos