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From the Principal

It has almost been two years that we have lived with Covid 19 in our country and it has continued to play a significant role in how we can operate as a school. Our staff, students, and families have shown resilience in this time of uncertainty to be able to work through all the changes to our lives and freedoms that we have taken for granted prior to this pandemic. We will continue to be challenged next year by Covid, but also being a rural community, other challenges have presented themselves through government policy and legislation around climate change. This has a significant effect on our farming families adding another layer of complexity and stress. At this time it is important that we come together and look after each other, supporting and uplifting, not allowing all that is happening to be a divisive factor for our people.



We have a lot to be thankful for this year and have a bright future moving into 2022. Let us now reflect on the year that was 2021.

The start of the year began with a Mihi Whakatau to welcome the new students and staff to the school. This included a new HOD of Science, Dr McIntyre, who came to us from Waitaki Girls High School. We are so fortunate to have such an experienced teacher with strengths in curriculum as well as pastoral. Dr McIntyre has spent time as a Dean, at both Waitaki Boys and Waitaki Girls High Schools, as well as some time as acting Deputy Principal. This year we have seen Dr McIntyre develop the Year 7/8 Science programme to be a more practical, exciting and engaging space for the students. Dr McIntyre has also taught Level 2 and 3 Biology and Chemistry with the students attaining excellent grades. Dr McIntyre has now joined the pastoral team as Year 11-13 Dean, continuing to add value to the school and develop her own professional tool kit.

The Year 7, 8, and 9 students all participated in their associated camps at the start of the year. I had the privilege to travel to Herbert and run some activities for our Year 7 students. As always this camp was run with military precision by Ms McLachlan and was well supported by our parent community. It was also great to bring our Year 13 Peer Support students to Camp Iona to work with their group of Year 7 students. The Year 8 students had a great time in Oamaru with Mr Walker exploring the amazing geographical sites and activities of the district. These included viewing the penguins at dusk, orienteering, rock climbing, beach visits and some activities back at EOHS. Our Year 9 students made the annual pilgrimage to Glenorchy where they had splendid weather for kayaking, swimming, tramping and other outdoor pursuits.

2021 saw the introduction of 3 new initiatives brought in to improve school culture, student agency and engagement. In Year 9/10 we combined the year levels and brought in a modular system of half year semester courses. The staff (after consulting with students) had the opportunity to create courses that met the interests of the students while covering the curriculum requirements. Courses this year have included "School of Rock", "Train like a Pro", "Movie Stars", "Believe it or Not". This has been a huge success for the students and staff involved from the feedback we have received from both students and staff. The second initiative was creating a vertical form structure called "Rawhiti Time". The purpose of this was to create greater links between students across the school as well as giving each student one teacher that followed them throughout their journey at EOHS. Through this vehicle we conducted our first student-led conferences with students setting goals for the year and sharing this with their parents/caregivers.

The initial meeting was highly successful with close to 100% attendance over the day from all our families. The plan was to close the school down at the end of Term Three to review the status of the goals they had set but unfortunately Covid 19 struck again and we had to adapt this to a less than ideal, watered down version. Let's hope that we have this Covid situation sorted for 2022.

The third initiative came through an application for urgent response funding due to Covid. With this funding we were able to employ a social worker for the school, Mr Sharp, whose brief was to increase attendance, engagement and wellbeing of students and their Whanau. Mr Sharp worked closely with families to ensure students were attending frequently, offering extra tuition to at-risk students allowing them to gain NCEA qualifications, and organising pro-social events such as Netsafe presentations for the community. This initiative has seen significant improvements in attendance of priority groups and students this year.

Another highlight this year was the introduction of a community hangi to our Matarki celebration. We were extremely lucky to have a group of parents to help in the preparation and execution of a hangi. A huge thank you to Carl George and his team of Pania Croft, Brendon Kelly, Jason Te Raki and Julia Rata Te Raki. The Matariki celebration ended up being a mini open day for our contributing school students with the Lockdown causing the cancellation of our traditional Open Day.

The core business of any school is education and a highlight would have to be celebrating the A.W. Farnham awards. These awards celebrate academic achievement and are given to students who gain NCEA level certificates endorsed with Merit or Excellence. In 2020 three students achieved NCEA Level 1 endorsed with Merit. The successful students were Rylie Keach, Lily Roach, and Josh Walker. One student achieved NCEA Level 1 with Excellence: Kari Croucher. Two students, Luke Paton and Dylan Parsons achieved NCEA Level 2 endorsed with Excellence. Four students achieved NCEA Level 3 endorsed with Merit. These students were Sydney McCaw, Melissa McLeod, Ella Sheat and Katelyn Toomey. As a school we regard such success as greatly important and a reminder to all students that hard work, determination and perseverance will produce results. At the time of writing this report it is pleasing to see the number of our senior students that have attained the NCEA qualifications at their year level already, with a number completing the year above as well. This is in no small part due to the work that our Gateway coordinator, Jacqueline Guile, does in developing vocational pathways so students can follow careers of interest. A number of students have entered the workforce directly after completing their courses this year.

Sport continues to play an integral part of the life of students at East Otago High School. This has been less affected by Covid 19 and we have seen a greater number of teams and students participating particularly in the final term of this year. We managed to retain the Jack Martin Memorial Trophy at the start of the year and fortunately were able to complete the Tokomairiro interchange where again we were successful in retaining the trophy. Our students have participated in a number of sporting codes over the year including touch, handball, volleyball, basketball, rugby, netball, futsal and hockey. Sport is a great vehicle for developing interpersonal skills and teamwork work. I encourage all students to make the most of these opportunities. None of this would be possible if not for the huge amount of work from our staff, students, families and wider community members. In particular a big thank you to Roz Croucher (Sports Coordinator) and Johnny Herewini (Teacher in Charge of Sports), who work tirelessly to ensure these options are available. In January we will have a new minivan to add to our fleet to ensure that our students are transported in safety and style. A huge thank you must go to Oceania Gold for their generous support in acquiring this minivan.



Once again we must congratulate Courtney Duncan who has successfully defended her World WMX championship. This takes her tally of championships to three in a row. Let's all hope that she is able to return home for Christmas and celebrate with her family and friends.

This year has seen continued growth in the Kapa Haka group. This year we sent Mana Hunter and Rylie Keach to Waikouaiti Primary School and Greta McCaw and Brianne Harris to Palmerston Primary School to share their knowledge and expertise. We received excellent feedback from both schools about our students and see the value in this collaboration, developing Tuakana Teina relationships between the students.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our BOT Chairperson, Peggy Bridger and fellow board members for their continued support and collaboration this year. It has been another difficult year navigating the Covid world and in particular the vaccine mandate. Lessons learned in 2020 have certainly been of benefit to this group.

This year we farewelled four staff members. In February we said goodbye to Loreen Bethel, our HOD of Science. Loreen is pursuing a career in counselling and is taking this year to train with the hope of reentering schools as a School Counselor. Three staff left at the end of Term Two. Kate Fisher, our HOD of English took up a great opportunity in an international, online school. Holly Chapman left the teaching profession to use the skills she had learnt as a SENCO to accept a position as a Behaviour Specialist at Healthcare NZ. Finally our Counselor, Sue Lewis, took up a position at a Hospice in Dunedin. I would like to thank all these staff members for their contribution to East Otago High School. We wish you all the best in your change of career and look forward to hearing about your successes in the coming years.

Although losing staff members is never easy for our staff and students it opens up opportunities to strengthen our teaching team. We welcomed in Term 3, two outstanding practitioners to our staff. Mr Brian Strang (the new HOD of English) came to us straight out of MIQ from Malaysia where he was assistant HOD of the English department at a large International school. Brian has vast experience in the education sector and also experience in small rural schools having taught at Blue Mountain College in Tapanui. The second addition was Ian Adamson who was employed as an Assistant Principal. Ian has extensive experience in education and a real strength in developing relationships with students. We have already seen what a great addition these teachers have been to our school and look forward to their future contributions.

I would like to thank our student leaders of the school: Luke Paton and Lily Blasby who, along with Mitchell McLeod and Naomi Bridger were our head students. Each student brought their own unique skill set to their roles and showed a great deal of growth over the year. These students have been great role models for all students at EOHS and I will be following their futures with a lot of interest. To the other Year 13 students who are leaving, we wish you the very best as you take your next steps in life. East Otago High School and the wider community have given you a great platform from which you can take off from in pursuing your lives and careers.

Looking ahead to 2022 we will be looking to consolidate the new initiatives that have been brought into the school in the last three years. It is a challenging time for the education sector with the vaccine mandates, changes to NCEA and other work streams that the Ministry of Education have us looking at. As always we will work tirelessly to provide the best education for our students that meets their needs. In 2022 we will be introducing the Ka Ora Ka Ako (lunches in school initiative) into our school. We are currently finalising the details and exploring contractors to deliver this model.

Finally, thank you to all our caregivers and community members for all the support you have shown us this year. I look forward to this continuing into the future. Have a great break and see you at the start of the new year.

Nga mihi nui

Marcus Cooper

Principal East Otago High School



From the Board 2021

2021 has been another year which has been affected by Covid 19, but we are finding a way to work with it and around it.

On behalf of the Board of East Otago High we are very thankful to Marcus for guiding our school, staff and pupils through this unusual time and making things a lot less stressful to us all.

As a Board we are always thankful to our staff here at East Otago High for everything they do for the children but during the last two years they have really shown us all their worth, skills and resilience. We can not really thank them all enough.

To the children and their families we wish to thank you, too. Yet again you were thrust into the pressure and stress of online learning. You have also shown a great deal of resilience and for this we are grateful and proud of you all.

Every year we have a student representative on the board. 2021 saw Lily Blasby take the reigns and do a splendid job of sharing the student point of view. We wish her all the best for 2022 and beyond. 2021 we see two new students Rylie Keach and Abigail Paton joining us. Welcome aboard!

Our current board members are:-

Mr Ron Sheat (Parent Representative- Property)
Mr Paul Paton (Parent Representative - Finances)
Mrs Liz Walker (Parent Representative - Finances)
Mrs Julia Te Raki (Parent Representative)
Mrs Kirsty McLachlan (Staff Representative)
Mr Marcus Cooper (Principal)
Mrs Lynn Murphy (Board Secretary)
Miss Rylie Keach, Miss Abigail Paton (Student Representatives)

We also have Leanne McLeod doing a great job of keeping watchful eyes over our finances.

To the leavers of 2021 - The last two years have thrown a lot at you all and you have taken it in and kept moving forward. Your lives will be better for it as long as you take it as a positive learning experience. I wish you all the best for your future endeavours and when you all become successful in whatever direction you pursue, don't forget to come back and talk to the future students about your time here and how it made a difference.

Kaua e mate wheke mate ururoa - Don't die like a octopus, die like a hammerhead shark

Be safe over the holidays. Meri kirihimete and Happy New Year to you all.

Regards Mrs Peggy Bridger
Chairperson of East Otago High School Board



**AW Familton Award
Recipients 2021**

Head Student Report - Luke Paton

When I started here at East Otago I had no idea what lay ahead and what the next seven years would have to offer. I had no idea about what an NCEA credit was and tertiary education seemed like an eternity away. But now ending my thirteenth year, I have filled up my pie chart with credits and tertiary education is only months away. Over the past years my eyes have been opened to the value of time, to the reality and importance of every minute that I live. And I am happy to say that graduating as a part of the class of 2021 that I have spent my time well. I have spent this time seeing my fellow classmates reach their goals; I have spent this time learning about what life really is and although I don't know if algebra or electron arrangement will ever be useful in my future endeavours, I am certain that pushing through and finishing my assignments has taught me the invaluable lesson of perseverance.



But my time learning and growing as an independent individual would not even be close to possible without the endless hours of careful and intentional time that our staff and dedicated caregivers have poured out for us. Students, do not take this for granted! Our teachers care for you and want you to succeed and you are so capable of doing so. Teachers, keep it up! Your personal encouragement and intentional acts have motivated me to do my best and be a person that I am proud to leave school as. Thank you for the wonderful opportunities that you have given us as a Year 13 cohort. Thank you for guiding us through the intricacies of NCEA and I want to personally thank you for the reminders that, "Luke we are working, not talking". I will miss you all.

To my friends who I have made here and to my Year 13 buddies who have stuck by my side. I honestly am so thankful for the laughs, tears, banter and vulnerable common room chats. You guys have motivated me to keep laughing and smiling even when it's hard and most importantly, you have taught me to put aside my differences and give a personal effort to understand and be a friend. Last but definitely not least, I am thankful to the Lord. God, you have given me purpose, joy beyond understanding and a peace unexplainable. I thank you for the way that you have blessed my education here at East Otago and for the way you have guided my friendships. You have taught me that school is important but what is most important is the way I live each day, with intentionality and love.

And with that I give my final goodbyes.

**Your Head Student,
Luke Paton**



Head Student Report - Lily Blasby

Flash back 7 years. I'm taking my first steps into East Otago with the same friends I entered Palmerston Primary school with. Fast forward to now I am leaving with the same students by my side - this is one of my favourite things about being a part of a small community. Being a part of a smaller school opens up endless opportunities for all students, from having one on one time with teachers to having life long friendships. When becoming head student at the beginning of 2021 I was so excited and I think the part that made it extra special was the fact I was able to lead alongside three of my closest friends who have been by my side since day one. Each of the students in our close knit Year 13 cohort have had some influence on the person I have become today and I thank them for that. Being surrounded by the same 8-9 students has definitely been at times, but knowing that one day we will all go our own ways makes those hard times into fond memories.



When looking back on all my years here I will forever remember the Year 9 antics, from falling on my face leaving me with a concussion to making it to Year 13 and being awarded Head Student. This goal, that once seemed unreachable, has now become my reality. During these years I have been able to grow and develop myself in ways I never thought I could. With this role and other senior responsibilities I have fulfilled it still feeling surreal as I now find myself leaving high school. I am endlessly grateful for the time and effort all teachers past and present have put into my education and I have them to thank for the opportunities I have been given as a student here at East Otago. I am also forever grateful for the students I have shared my memories with - these memories wouldn't be nearly as special to me if you all weren't in them.

To current and future students at East Otago High School, remember to strive for greatness as you will be rewarded with greatness or in other words, do the mahi get the treats! Remember that no goal is unreachable and to have fun doing it because reaching your goal is equally as rewarding as the journey it took you to get there,

No reira, tena koutou, tena koutou, tena tatou katoa.

**Lily Blasby,
Head Student 2021**

The Class of 2021!



LEAVING THE NEST 2021

Rylee Tisdall

Nickname: Tisdall, Tis, Bully, Jed's sister (derogatory)

Pet Hate: Luke David Walker Paton.

Proposed Career: Published Author.

Probable Career: Published Erotica Author.

Claim To Fame: Out doing Luke with a shressay (shrek essay) and always being forgotten by teachers.

Favourite Saying: "I swear I'm not gay, I'm bi."

Role Model: Mary Shelley and Sappho.

Favourite EOHS Memory: Waiting an hour on the ski slope for Nicole to move a single inch.

What I Will Miss Most: Sleeping in the common room because I only had two classes.

Year 13 Quote: "Shrek is love. Shrek is life."



Nicole Crawford

Nickname: Hottest biddy here, Nickers, Crayfish, Nico, Nicola

Pet Hate: Skate parks, people pouring drinks

Proposed Career: Vet

Probable Career: Professional Internet Stalker.

Claim To Fame: Breaking her ankle 3+ times throughout her schooling career, also winning two National titles in one weekend, liking all the boys in our class except for Levi and Max.

Favourite Saying: "Shut up Mitchell."

Role Model: Rylee Tisdall

Favourite EOHS Memory: Making Rylee wait an hour for me to move an inch down the ski slope.

What I Will Miss Most: Everybody

Year 13 Quote: Sucks to suck

Naomi Bridger

Nickname: My Nomi, Nomi, Lomi, Pneumonia, Gnomes

Pet Hate: Messy people

Proposed Career: Hotel Manager

Probable Career: Lily and Jeds Maid

Claim To Fame: snowboarding 3 days with a broken wrist and not knowing

Favourite Saying: "I know you're poor buuuut, I'll buy you something if you drive me to the shop"

Role Model: My Parents, Mr Cooper

Favourite EOHS Memory: Watching Nicole ski into the skiing instructor and the hockey tournament

What I Will Miss Most: My Junior hockey teams and the bonds created with the younger students

Year 13 Quote: "The greater good? I am your wife, I'm the greatest good you're ever gonna get" - Honey, 'The Incredibles'





Jordyne Harris

Nickname: Fat and Ugly, Gin, Jordin, Ball

Pet Hate: I don't hate any pets

Proposed Career: Occupational Therapist

Probable Career: Box Troll

Claim to Fame: getting detention for walking across the road.

Favourite Saying: "I'm bislecsick" (dyslexic)

Role Model: John Cena do do do dooo!

Favourite EOHS Memory: getting married to Lily by Mrs Ford

What I will miss the most: not doing work in P.E. and just playing games

Year 13 quote: <https://youtu.be/EBZYlhg9lo>

Mitchell McLeod

Nick Name: Mimi, Big Mitch, Deputy Hockey Captain

Pet Hate: DC movies

Proposed Career: Electrician for now

Probable Career: Movie critic

Claim To Fame: Marvel Nerd, 1cm off 6ft

Favourite Saying: "Go away,"

Role Model: John Wick and his dog

Favourite EOHS Memory: Period six on Fridays

What I Will Miss Most: Lunch times

Year 13 Quote: "I am inevitable," Thanos



Lily Blasby

Nickname: Fat and Ugly, Cheese, Blasberry

Pet Hate: That I was built like a door/potato till year 9, Luke for having a crush on me for years, Transformers, Chopsticks, Nightshift.

Proposed Career: Dietitian

Probable career: The Trophy Wife of Someone Famous

Claim To Fame: Knocking myself out by falling off a table in year 10, Getting detention for walking across the road, burning my face with hot oil in year 7 and not being able to pronounce half the dictionary.

Favourite Saying: "Hey Mr, can I lay on the floor for a second, my tummy hurts".

Role Model: Mum

Favourite EOHS Memory: Arguing with Mr H until I got my way

What I Will Miss Most: Interrupting Mr Smith's humanities class to try to get some chocolate, Walking to school with Jordyne, Trinity and I's TikToks hehe.

Year 13 Quote: "Young Thugs" or "Ur Mom *sticks tongue out*".



Luke Paton

Nickname: Puke, Vomit, Lukey, Pukas Mukas, Trash, Lucas, Fat and Ugly, Brown Brother, Leukemia

Pet Hate: "Shut Up Luke"

Proposed Career: Occupational Therapist

Probable Career: Sit Down Comedian

Claim To Fame: Eating everything, always needing to pee or brushing his teeth and having a crush on Lily for years, even though she bullied me.

Favourite Saying: "Aren't you excited for Christmas?"

Role Model: Jesus and ur mom.

Favourite EOHS Memory: Eating food from the trash, (honestly there was always some good leftovers in there).

What I Will Miss Most: My support system including vulnerable common room chats.

Year 13 Quote: "Sometimes, in the shower, I stick out my belly so I can't see my toes" - Myself



Kylie Weir

Nickname: Kyle, Ky,

Pet Hate: Loud Chewers

Proposed Career: Artist

Probable Career: Hermit

Claim To Fame: Having 'selective hearing'

Favourite Saying: "I'm an artist and artists don't follow rules."

Role Model: Tom Hiddleston

Favourite EOHS Memory: Common room banter, Lunch is when it is at its best.

What I Will Miss Most: The comfy common room chair.

Trinity Fraser

Nickname: Trin, Trini, Rita, Trinafeeta Yeeto, Cutie,

Pet Hate: Rylee making everything a hyperbole, Lily and me being too similar, dads who don't pay child support, fat men in tight shirts, AirPods, wet socks, Invercargill

Proposed Career: Vet Nurse

Probable Career: Professional hedge trimmer

Claim To Fame: not doing any internals whatsoever or finishing the year, being low key bipolar, self proclaimed hilarious-ness

Favourite Saying: I'm moving to Invercargill (then doesn't move) (but then did move)

Role Model: Mr Herewini

Favourite EOHS Memory: 2020 Prize giving performing the haka for my two best friends as they got head students, Rylee crying when ski trip got cancelled

What I Will Miss Most: PE when Mr H is in a good mood, Mr Smith when he's being warm, wonderful generous and kind, literally snorting and almost peeing myself with Lily because our TikToks are so funny, Yr 12 boys

Year 13 Quote: *wheezing*



Farewell to Year 13 Speech at the Leavers' Dinner –

Ko rihi te manu

Takiri mai I te ata

Ka ao, ka ao, ka awatea

Ti hei Mauri Ora

Ko Stefan raua ko Jack Martin Haere haere haere whakaoti Ra.

No reira tena koutou katoa



Firstly, it's an absolute privilege to do this again!! Thank you Dr McIntyre for allowing me to say a few words!! Seven years I have been with this bunch; jeepers, where has it gone? Another set of babies not babies anymore. This group started school at EOHS the same time as I started. A definite different crop this one. Such a family unit this bunch of awesome peeps, most of you pretty much grew up together from day one, and some have joined in recent years and you have remained so close. This group is very special to me

To the students, let's do this individually -

Riley Tisdal – a.k.a. Tizzy. The Macraes queens one. Although I really didn't teach Riley in her senior years I have always had good discussions with her and we always have time to chat. She obviously loves everything about horses, and also loves beating Luke Paton in exams as I found out a few weeks ago. She also makes sure her lil bro, Jed, is put in his place whenever he is home! You have a good work ethic proven not only in your subjects, but also in your perseverance on the ski slopes. I love your quirkiness, your quick wit and your very bubbly personality. Good luck on your classical studies and English literature. Once you have university entrance I know you will do well as soon as you find your hall of residence, unless you board with Jed. I wish you all the best as you move forward into adulthood.

Nicole Crawford – the quiet but 'if looks could kill one'. Jeepers, finding info on Nicole has been hard, but yesterday I was told she had crushes on most of the Year 8 boys, excluding Max and Levi, especially Xavier!!! I also found out she loved Luke's back muscles in swimming sports!! I really only got to know her this year and it has been awesome. Better late than never. Firstly, I love national champions, so well done on your horse riding title earlier this year - welcome to my world. I know you have Maori heritage which is so amazing too. I think I have really only got to know and speak to you due to ski camp and finally have had conversations with you this year in the common room. I am glad to have finally gotten to know you. You are having a gap year due to 'administration issues', lol, but I know you have a passion for animals and sincerely wish you all the best moving for next year.

Mitchell McLeod – a.k.a. Big Mitch!! The Anyway, lil brother one. It's been tough, especially with the two amazing sisters you have but you have come out of their shadow and developed into an absolute champion. Again, I didn't get to teach you in the senior years but it's amazing how you have grown from a quiet introvert in your early years to being a great leader and extrovert. I remember even trying to talk to you was like getting blood out of a stone, but we ground each other down and now you can't keep him quiet, especially on the topic of Marvel, the Witcher, Netflix and Disney movies. Now we finally connect and, like your sisters, you're leaving me too!!! But seriously, your commitment and work ethic over the years that you have put into your sport teams, your house, your study, to the students and the teachers of East Otago High School have been absolutely fantastic mate, so well done. You have developed from a young shy lad to a kinda mature big lad and, as you move into the next stage of your life, I am sure you will succeed in being an electrician and me and Mr Cooper may call on you down the track for a perky!! Kia kaha Big Mitch. All the very best!! Can't wait to see you thriving. Nga mihi ki a koe.

Kylie Weir – a.k.a the quiet mouse one. Kylie, although a very quiet person you are always open though and do chat at times more than I would ever get from Kelly Ann, so thanks for the quick chats. I know you have a love for the arts and music because you're always listening to music when I come for a daily visit in the common room and in the art room - apparently you're an artist who doesn't follow the rules!! You rebel you! I also heard you love your noodles and I have seen you occasionally bike to school which is awesome for fitness and enjoying the outdoors. You are a hard one to find info for so I'm kinda winging it at the mo!! But I love your perseverance at staying in school through to Year 13, so that's awesome in itself. You have also shown respect to everyone during your tenure here and I sincerely wish you all the best in the next chapter of your life. Kia kaha ma roto matauranga!!

Naomi Bridger - a.k.a. Noms!! - The busy-body one - it's been awesome knowing Noms for 7 years and your passion for hockey, Clark house, East OF, leadership and working towards your goals throughout the years. Firstly, your energy for Clark since Year 7 has been infectious, always leading from the front and it as no surprise you would lead this house one day. We at least won the house comp once in our 7-year tenure so I'm happy about that. You will be missed next year. Your passion for hockey also resonated in the school, playing pretty much all year round as well as coaching junior teams shows us your commitment to things that you love. Finally, your leadership and your intelligence have been outstanding, seen through your roles as sport captain, Deputy Head Girl, and Class Act recipient, just to name a few. I and other staff I'm sure have enjoyed teaching you, when you're not in the common room!!! You will be missed on the slopes, but I'm sure your wrists won't miss it!! We know you will be successful at Otago University studying your Business Management Degree. Remember, I will come and work for you if you open a woman's store - I did manage Glassons!!!

Jordyne Harris - a.k.a. Jordy!!! The surf babe one!!! What can I say about Jordy? Well here's what I can say: she tried her best always through every year level. Yes, it has been hard for Jordy during her time at EOHS but she has never given up and pushed to get the results, especially at senior level. Even now we are squeezing in papers for her to get UE, an amazing feat in itself if we can get over the line. Her love and commitment for surf lifesaving, her drive to go to polytech, her attitude to do better in school than her big bro!! Lol! A solid work ethic is just one of the many components one needs to succeed in life. She has always been approachable, always friendly, although she can be forgetful - volleyball; yes having to make those Wednesday walks at lunchtime!! It has been an absolute honour knowing you during your time at EOHS!! Thank you for your coaching, your work ethic, your never give up attitude and sticking to your goals through and through!!! You have awesome skills Jordy and these will see you do well at polytech studying OT!! I sincerely wish you all the best as you move forward to your next journey. Thank you Jordy!!

Luke Paton - aka Lukie. The talkative-distractive-yet-he-gets-his-work-done-effectively one. Where do I start with Luke? Firstly, yes let's discuss his title: man I have never met a student who chats so much but gets the job done!! This is Luke - outgoing, not afraid to try things, forever busy: youth group, head student, leadership roles, highly intelligent yet down to earth, humble respectful, tried his hand in touch, volleyball, fun loving, caring, busy, loves life, loves Jesus. Mate, I have only scratched the surface of your abilities to be honest. Luke, the world is your oyster, you have great role models in your life that will guide you to do what you want to do, I have appreciated a lot from you. Firstly, your love for kapa haka has been outstanding; your energy and passion in everything Maori is something I will never forget - you are the benchmark which I set for all students in our kura in both kapa haka and te reo Maori. This leads me to my second reason of my appreciation of you: your respect for my culture has been outstanding. I was not a proud Maori initially coming to this kura but you and your passion and drive have installed this old man some manaakitanga I originally never had. I thank you Luke, you and Lily started this journey with me about te ao Maori and I am so privileged and honoured to have shared this journey with you. Finally, your leadership. You have led from day one, There are few students I have met who have embraced cultural change, have led from the front, and did it with such enthusiasm and respect or manaakitanga as well as sharing your love for Jesus Christ. I know you are having a gap year but will persevere in tertiary study, when you are good and ready.

I will miss you Luke Paton and so will the school. Your intelligence, passion, and respect for our culture first and foremost along with your love for the school, your friends, your awesome family, your community and your faith is what I will miss the most. Luke... you are the most intelligent male I have ever taught, and I thank you for letting me be at least a small part of your ongoing success. Haere koe ki te atua e te rangatira, Kia kaha Ma Roto Matauranga.

Lily Blasby - a.k.a. Lilian - The drama/ I can't/ don't put me under pressure one. Talk about your father daughter relationship, man we had some doozies didn't we Lily? Right from Year 7 Lily and I always fought, arrogance v stubbornness, two bulls locking horns with no one backing down!!! Maori speech? - Mr H na, not doing it!!! Lily lead the kapa haka - Mr H na not doing it!! Lily but you're good, Lily - na, not doing it!!!!, to a point it got to lily can you.... Na. Yes you can!!! Na!! Don't swear at me Lily!!! Na! That was Year 7!!! I had 6 more of those to go!!! And I'm not even going to mention Year 12 BOT speech... oops soz!! The problem was who was who? Stubborn v arrogant, that was me and you, hence the name LILIAN!!! If I'm angry at her that was my name...come on LILIAN!!! How are we today LILIAN?!! Apologies, Maria!!! But I had sass too!!! I guess I'm saying, yes we had and still have our times, but we had more fun times and great learning times. We butted heads but in time found mutual respect, says the old man! Lily Anahera Blasby, look I'm just so stoked at how far you have come since those days in Year 7. Look at how you have grown from that person, to the person you are today (excluding last year!) - Head Girl, kapa haka leader, mana pounamu winner, Merits, Excellences, public speaker, student rep, netball coach, peer mentor. You have grown into such an amazing young woman and I am so proud of you, Lily. What we love about you, Lilian, is the way you pushed through your struggles and beat them!! You really have been like a daughter to me; you know how to push my buttons and get away with it. However, like I said, you push through it when needed and know how to succeed when push comes to shove. Lily Anahera Blasby, we have always seen the intelligence in you, we have always seen the leader in you, and I have always seen the ataahua putiputi (beautiful flower) in you, and have always seen the wahine toa (strong woman) in you... we will miss you my Lillian!! All I can say is: keep growing, keep developing and as my good friend always says, be the best version of yourself!!! All the best.

Key things –

To all, as you move forward - find your success and become awesome human beings. You will have your ups and downs but ensure you surround yourself with your friends and family and even us teachers as well!! We scrub up pretty good!

Does anyone remember my quote that's on the wall??? Remember my inspirational quote - Life is love and happiness and nothing else matters.

Love as much as you can - it's an awesome feeling to have, and be happy!! Smile, smile, smile both inside and out. If you're doing these small things you will be better for it.

No reira ka hunga mate ki te hunga mate

Ka hunga ora ki te hunga ora

Tena Koutou Katoa

Mr H



ANZAC DAY 2021



Mitchell McLeod, Lily Blasby and Arthur Driver
selling poppies for ANZAC Day 2021



Back Row: Neve Curtis, Tyler Eder, Summer Hunter, Samuel Paton, Kassis Garrity-Barrett, Ashton Scott, Cassidy Bridger

Second Row: Leila Bennett, Juliette Clare, Addisyn Lawrence, Josh Hagan, Indie Kee, Bella Alter, Mr I. Adamson

Front Row: Noelle Vahine, Rylie Keach, Nicole Crawford, Naomi Bridger, Lily Blasby, Ashley Robinson, Kari Croucher

Absent: Ella Farrant



YEAR 13/L3 ART - Kylie Weir



Year 7 students' thoughts on Peer Support

We had lots of fun. I learned my way around the school. My leaders are awesome.

Peer support is a terrific idea. I learned about my group and the Year 13s were really nice.

My group was fun. I learned how to make friends.

I liked that we all listened.

It was so much fun.

I liked the games.

I really enjoy doing Peer Support.

I learned that I know where to go and where my classes are.

I liked the games and the lollies. I learned to spend time with friends and the school.

I learned how to be familiar with areas around the school.

I liked how we worked together.

Peer Support was really fun.

I learned how to make a new friend.

I liked talking with my group.

I liked that we were always doing stuff as a team. I learned about doing stuff out of my comfort zone and working as a team.

I learned some new games.

I learned that I am a good teammate. I enjoyed it a lot.



Flipping The Playground - update

Even though COVID 19 has interrupted our plans again we have still been working on trying to create a fun playground.

We have been granted some money to purchase a climbing set thanks to a nomination from Mr and Mrs Calhoun at Palmerston Four Square and Food Stuffs South Island, and Mrs Leanne Black donated some money to us so we could buy some games to use outside. We have also been busy weeding our reading garden and painting a mural to decorate the area.

Watch this space.....



**Year 7 and 8 MK learnt about Nelson Mandela and Apartheid in South Africa.
Here are some poems they have created.**

Apartheid

Racism, Protest
Shooting, Injuring, Hurting
Fearful, Angry, Useless, Hurtful
Helpless

By Maddi Cooper

Apartheid

Curfew, imprisonment
Stabbing, shooting, killing
Depressed, invisible, ignored, outcast
Helpless

By Blake O'Brien

Apartheid

Discrimination, Racism
Injuring, scaring, arresting
Invisible, Pointless, exhausted, emotional,
Destroyed

By Deegan McCormick

Apartheid

Imprisonment, Racism
Shooting, Killing, Injuring
Forceful, Broken, Anxious, Invisible
Discrimination

By Lucas Cameron

Apartheid

Killing, Shooting, Dying
Hurt, Bad, Awful, Sad
Racism, Discrimination
Government

By Tatane Martin

Apartheid

International, Discrimination
Injuring, Controlling, Separating
Emotional, Anxious, Broken, Destroyed
Racist

By Juliet Clare

Apartheid

South Africa, Injured
Forcing, Battling, Hurting
Emotional, Broken, Useless, Outcast
Racism

By Levi Millar

Apartheid

Injured, Hurt
Voting, Killing, Ruling
Sad, Fearful, Hurt, Broken
Apartheid

By Brody Cooper

Apartheid

Discrimination, South Africa
Protesting, Risk-taking, Killing
Fearful, Annoyed, Useless, Destroyed
Racism

By Lakaia Harris

Apartheid

International protests
Killing, Hurting, Stabbing
Emotional, depressed, exhausted, hatred
Racist

By Bella Hagan

Apartheid

Wounded racism
Ruling, separating, protesting
Outcast, pointless, broken anxious
Discrimination

By Hannah Paul

Apartheid

Imprisoned mistakes
Troubling, controlling, protesting
Fearful, invisible, depressed, ignored,
Racism

By Sophie Hutcheson

Apartheid

Helpless, discrimination
Shooting, injuring, killing
Outcast, depressed, destroyed
International

By Becky Ralston

Apartheid

Discrimination, South Africa
Shooting, killing protesting
Emotional, embarrassed, tearful, ignored
Helpless

By Lilly Kitto

Apartheid

Racism, illegal
Battling, Dying, injuring
Emotional, anxious, outcast, helpless
Government

By Jessica Hunter



YEAR 12 ART - Lily Roach

From the Staffroom 2021

Hatching, Matching and Dispatching is back again for a 2021 rundown. Buckle up folks, it could be a bumpy ride.

At the beginning of Term One we said goodbye to Dr Bethal and hello to Dr Helen McIntyre. Helen joined EOHS and took on the role of Rawhiti Clark 2 and HOD of the Science Department. Helen was able to relish in the remodelling of B Block all the way up to the Science Lab...foyer. Yep, bright and shiny made a big splash and even tsunamied the B3 lab, turning gas taps into power outlets and benches into fancy chairs and tables. Sorry EOHS science labs....in terms of doing a makeover, you have become the part of the block that was forgotten. See you in 20 years.

The race was on to be the next to staff member to dispatch and was jointly won by Mrs Fisher and Mrs Chapman. Mrs Fisher left us after a year and a bit and loving the online life, Kate decided to Zoomie all the way to a new position as an online teacher. Was it the prospect of never wearing anything but pyjama bottoms to the classroom again? Who would know? What we will say was that shortly after taking the leap Mrs Fisher became Mrs Thompson after saying 'I do' with her beloved Ken doll. Congratulations to you two crazy kids and may the honeymoon period last well into your 90s.

Mrs Chapman was the next to decide the price was not right with gas, practically costing a kidney to fill the car up to continue the commute... or is that just the mighty Holden? Also a position teaching in her specialist field meant it was, unfortunately, time to bid Holly farewell. Holly joined EOHS at the end of 2019, teaching not only a range of subjects but also filling the roles of netball coach, SWPB4L and Senco. Good luck Holly.

With the dispatches came the hatches. A repeat hatcher to EOHS was Mr Lennox Sharp who retired at the end of 2018 as Principal only to come back firstly as a reliever, and then as our very own Social Worker. Lennox, as always, put his heart and soul into the role and has been a welcome and valued addition back into the fold. His role has extended from absence accountant to literacy and numeracy topper upper as his impeccable Geography skills have allowed students the push required to gain the mandatory NCEA literacy and numeracy requirements when needed. Welcome back Lennox and so happy to see that familiar licence plate gracing the car park once again.

Another hatcher was Mr Brian Stang who joined us just in time to be shown the door for lockdown. Brian was no stranger to this as he had only just come out of lockdown in Malaysia and quarantined in MIQ. Still Brian was front and centre on the Google Meets and soon took over B5 like he had been locked up there for the last 12 months. Apart from jumping into the fray as HOD of English, Brian also took on the mighty task of producing this very magazine that you are reading now and making sure that all articles were present and accounted for by staff who, in some cases, may have been chased up with a big stick in order for him to get it. Still mine is here Brian, so that's a gold star for me and welcome to the team.

Mr Ian Adamson also joined us for three days of real time before being reduced to a lounging figure on a couch with a computer screen in front of him on the first Thursday of Term Three. Within no time Ian was back in real life and helping with the students at Level 3 and also became part of the Covid-19 walking train lead by Mama Duck Ms McLachlan and her small wee band of merry students doing the daily walkies around Palmerston. Ian has become notorious for leaving his calling card of a cup with a used tea bag as he plays his very own version of treasure hunt. Kavanagh's loss was definitely our gain and serves them right for poaching our Mr Ford a few years back. Welcome to the gang Ian and may you finally get that office looking as awesome as it's previous occupant.

Well that's it again folks. We have said our goodbyes and hellos for yet another year as we raced towards the end of another interesting school year where screens were the norm and real life faces were covered in an array of various fabrics and patterns. May the new year bring us a shot of luck instead of a pain in the upper arm and may we all have just a fantastic Christmas and New Year.



Miss K

2021 Otago Secondary Schools Athletics

The following East Otago High School students attended the Otago Secondary Schools Athletics held at the Caledonian Sports Grounds in Dunedin on 12th/13th March 2021.



Ryal Allan-Chalmers, Cassidy Bridger, William Clare, Toa Cook, Deegan Croucher, Lily Gifford, Nicole Hill, Summer Hunter, Lilly Kemp, Addisyn Lawrence, Greta McCaw, Abigail Paton, Samuel Paton, Maia Perry, Camryn Sharpe and Paige Walker.

Congratulations to these students for placing in their events:

Samuel Paton - 2nd U14 Boys Hammer Throw

Toa Cook - 3rd U14 Boys Hammer Throw

Deegan Croucher - 1st U14 Girls Hammer Throw

Cassidy Bridger - 2nd U15 Girls Hammer Throw

William Clare - 1st U15 Boys Javelin

Abigail Paton - 1st U16 Girls Javelin, 2nd U16 Girls Discus

Abigail also broke an East Otago High School athletics record in the U16 Javelin with a throw of 30.65m.

Otago Primary Schools Triathlon

EOHS students compete at the Otago Primary Schools Triathlon.

Six students competed at the Otago Primary Schools Triathlon on the 8th April at Balclutha.

Two teams took part, the boys team of Bede O'Connell, Josh Hagan and Kayden Miller came 3rd in the boys grade and the mixed team of Ella McGregor, Ella Thom and Blake Rowland came 5th. Well done to you all.

Thanks to all the parents who supported the teams.

East Otago High School Athletics

Students competed in the EOHS Athletics on Tuesday 23rd February. Athletics Day at EOHS was well supported this year and the students all looked like they enjoyed the day. A highlight was the tug of war at lunchtime where House Groups competed against each other.

Congratulations to the following students who broke EOHS School Records:

Fipe Maire

Year 7 Girls Discus - 24.38m (Old record 2019 - 18.15m)

Year 7 Girls Shotput - 8.65m (Old record 2017 - 7.35m)

Deegan Croucher

U14 Girls Hammer Throw - 20.60m (Old record 2019 - 18.70m)

Abigail Paton

U16 Girls 1500m - 5:43.43 (Old record 2013 - 5:54.00)

U16 Girls Javelin - 29.87m (Old record 2019 - 22.36m)

Also congratulations to **Kate James** who equalled the EOHS U15 Girls High Jump record with a height of 1.40m. A huge thank you goes out to the parents and community members who helped out on the day, you really make a big difference to the day.

Otago Secondary Schools Netball Tournament

Eleven students attended the Otago Secondary Schools Netball Tournament held in Dunedin on Sunday 13th June and Monday 14th June 2021. The team faced some stiff competition from larger schools but thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thank you to Linda Burns and Maxine Drabble who came along as our umpires and Mrs Chapman who coached for the tournament.



GATEWAY REPORT 2021

What a challenging year 2021 has proven to be! Despite this, and with the support of our local and wider communities, East Otago High School students have continued to learn about a wide range of career pathways through the Gateway programme.

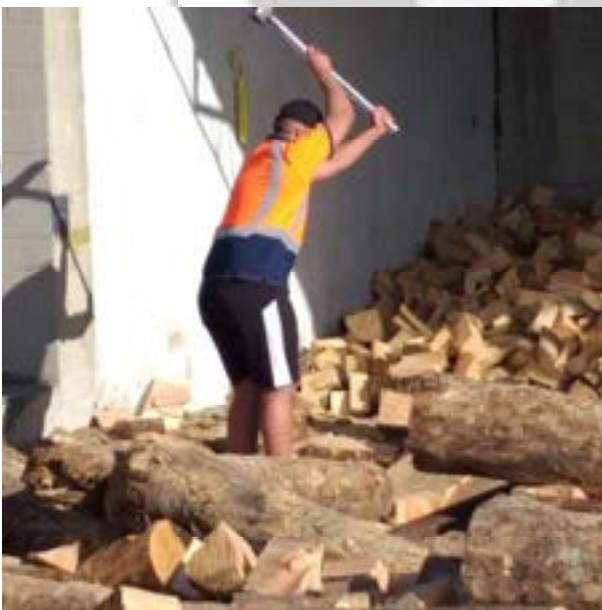
This programme enables students to do a work placement one day a week in a field about which they are passionate. This year saw many varied pathways explored by our Gateway students including farming, automotive engineering, building, forestry, engineering, horse training, childcare, retail and animal care.

A big thank you goes to our Gateway employers without whom we would not have been in a position to give our students the opportunity to trial first-hand a career pathway of interest. Thank you too to Mrs Ford who has continued over the years to provide our students with the help, guidance and support they need to achieve their full potential.

Pictured are students on the forestry course:



**Visit by Minister of Agriculture,
Damian O'Connor**



**Jacqueline Guile
Gateway Coordinator**



YEAR 11 ART - (Top) Emma Dewar,
(Bottom) Ashley Robinson

Class Act - Naomi Bridger

Something special happens when you connect people.

That's why East Otago High School deputy head pupil Naomi Bridger always makes it a priority to truly get to know people and help them whenever she can.

"When people get along, you get to know their lives and you get a better understanding of what's happening around you, rather than just what's happening in your own life."

The 18-year-old has discovered that if you have people's best interests at heart, they will look to you as a leader.

It's a style of leadership that Naomi has found to be very effective, not only at school, but also in community organisations as well.

Her leadership skills shine as deputy head pupil, as a school netball and hockey coach, as captain of the school's senior hockey combined team, on the student council, as a peer support leader, a house captain, the head of the school's Positive Behaviour for Learning programme, and as a Puketapu Scout Group member.

She uses her leadership roles to motivate those around her to become more supportive of each other, to be determined, and to be better than they thought they could be — all things she has learnt from her parents.

"They're always striving to be better and they never give up on their goals. I respect that. Those things are really good on the sports field."

Naomi plans to use her leadership and motivational skills as part of a career in the hospitality industry.

She has always dreamed of owning her own hotel, and to that end, she wants to study business management, finance and hospitality at the University of Otago next year.

"I really like the idea of being in hospitality — being able to talk to people from overseas and being able to run a business."

Achievements: Deputy head pupil (2021); NCEA level 1 with merit (2019), level 2 (2020); years 4-5 netball coach (2018); years 7-8 hockey coach (2019-21); senior hockey combined team (2016-21), captain (2020-21); school production (2019); peer support leader (2021); house captain (2020-21); sports captain (2021); head of school-wide Positive Behaviour for Learning (2021); student council rep (2016, 2017, 2021); school contribution to sport award (2020); Puketapu Scout Group member (2014-19); Scout, Keas and Cubs leader (2018, 2019).



Role model: My parents.

Hopes for the future: To study business management, finance and hospitality at the University of Otago, and ultimately own her own hotel.

Class Act - Luke Paton

We make a living by what we get, but Luke Paton is a big believer in the idea that we make a life by what we give.

The 18-year-old East Otago High School head pupil says life is more meaningful when our goal is "fulfilment" rather than gratification.

"We have quite a selfish orientated culture where really we should be looking outside of ourselves to find fulfilment."

The budding humanitarian commits much of his spare time outside the classroom to school and community activities which aim to make the lives of others better.

As well as being head pupil, he is a school wellbeing committee representative, a Christian Youth Camp and Camp Columba leader, a Young Light and Dunedin City Baptist Church youth student leader, a World Vision youth leader, a peer support leader and peer mentor, and an online youth advocate.

He has also been a house leader, a Maori perfect, and a student council class representative in the past.

Next year, he plans to take a gap year and work to raise money for his tertiary education. And if Covid allows, he hopes to squeeze in a visit to family in the United States.

"After that, in 2023, I'm hoping to study occupational therapy at the Otago Polytechnic."

He says it has been a long journey coming to his decision to study occupational therapy.

"For the longest time, I've wanted to do something that involved helping people, and for a while I wanted to be a teacher.

"And then for a while after that, I wanted to be a builder because it's such a useful trade to have. I could benefit my family and benefit people if I did missionary work in Third World countries."

But he has settled on occupational therapy because it can help people achieve a lot of things in their day-to-day lives.

"That's how you actually change lives."

Achievements: Head pupil (2021); NCEA levels 1 and 2 with excellence; Anzac Day service leader (2021); 1st school senior speech competition (2019-21), 2nd Otago junior speech (2018); school public speaking award (2020); house leader (2019-20); wellbeing committee rep (2021); Maori perfect (2020); Kapahaka Kaea (2019-21); Christian Youth Camp leader (2017-21); Camp Columba leader (2017-21); church worship leader (2019-21); Young Light and Dunedin City Baptist Church youth student leader (2020-21); student council class rep (2016-20); World Vision youth leader (2021); school prizes for overall excellence (2015-20); school production lead role (2019); intermediate, junior and senior swim champion (2016, 2018, 2020); peer support leader (2021); peer mentor (2020-21); online youth advocate (2020-21).



Role model: Jesus Christ.

Hopes for the future: To take a gap year then study occupational therapy at Otago Polytechnic.

Science 2021 - Here are some highlights from 2021 in Science.

Agriculture

In August a group of Year 11 and 12 Agriculture students attended a two day course on working with chainsaws. The course included learning how to safely work with and around chainsaws. The first day was theory with a small amount of practical, breaking down the chainsaw for cleaning and maintenance. On day two the students went to Mr Walker's farm to cut up logs of willow previously dropped there. The students had a great time cutting rings and really feeling the heat of cutting logs over a 40 minute period of time!



Engage in Science Expo

Fifteen Year 9-11 students attended the Engage in Science Expo at the University of Otago. Students were placed in mixed groups with students from other Dunedin high schools and participated in different fun and hands-on practical activities to stimulate their interest in Science. The students particularly enjoyed the workshops from the Anatomy Department where they used the ultrasound machine to scan their own knees, as well as the hands on activities in Pharmacy where they made pharmacy formulations as well as the Marine Science activity where they met some of the amazing local sea creatures found around the Otago shorelines in the mobile touch tank.

Year 13 Chemistry Trip to University of Otago

The Year 13 Chemistry class spent a very productive two days in June working in the University of Otago Chemistry Department laboratory. Luke, Lily and Nicole spent an intense two days carrying out the experimental work for a 4 credit Level 3 Chemistry standard which involved carrying out an investigation involving quantitative analysis. They investigated the effect of cooking on the iron content in spinach. They worked well together as a team and carried out a colorimetric analysis to determine the content of iron in the standard iron solution as well as their samples. Their findings indicated that raw spinach contained the highest amount of Iron. Great work Luke, Lily and Nicole!



Year 9 and Year 10 Science Modules

In 2021 Year 9 and 10 students had the opportunity to be part of some very interesting Science modules. These included a “Paddock to Plate” (Agriculture) module which involved creating a website to promote the Commercial Farming Industry in New Zealand. Students chose a range of topics from Apiculture to Aquaculture. In the Human Machine module students learnt lots about the human body systems. This included lots of different experiments, such as carrying out chemical tests on different foods, looking at enzyme activity by making elephant toothpaste, and doing a dissection of a chicken leg to look more closely at muscles. While in the Rocket Lab module, students completed a group challenge on Minecraft to see which teams would best survive on another planet. The rocketeers successfully launched the demonstration model rocket from the launch pad (the school field). They then built their own model rockets and launched them..



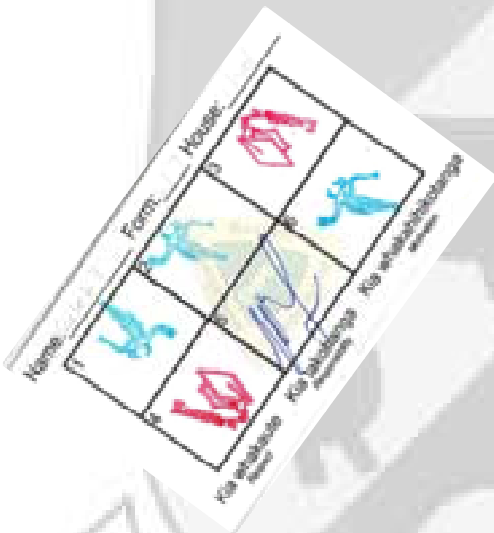
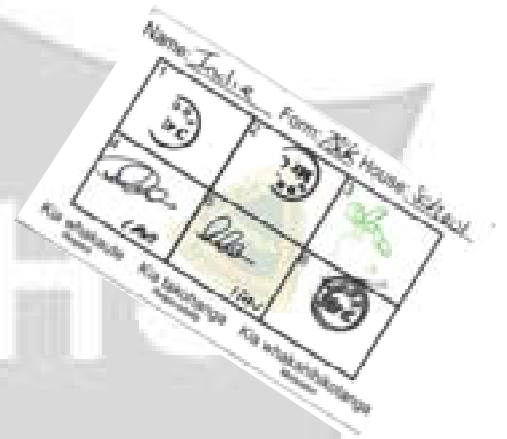
Year 7 and 8 Science

In the Year 7 and 8 Science classes this year the key focus has been on learning about the Nature of Science - developing science literacy skills and learning how to work scientifically. Students have learnt about how to carry out fair tests and they have also learnt about Ecology, States of Matter, Energy, Chemical Elements as well as a Solar system unit via distance learning. The emphasis has been on including lots of hands on and practical activities as well as modelling. This has included making elephant toothpaste, oobleck, hokey pokey, using the bunsen burners, flame tests, marble roller-coasters, energy circus, lolly identification keys and lots more.



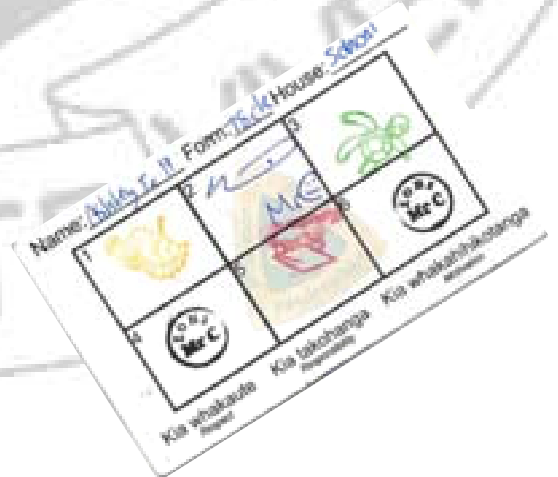
Report to board on PB4L and Well-being

PB4L School-Wide looks at behaviour and learning from a whole-of-school as well as an individual child perspective. We are trying to build a culture where positive behaviour and learning is a way of life at East Otago High School. We are not about changing the students; it's about changing the environment, systems and practices you have in place to support them to make positive behaviour choices.



Students get a stamp or signature on their PB4L cards when they display behaviour that is positive. In 2021 Bella Alter, Flynn Hall, Caleb Sharp, Blake Rowlandson, Kassia Barrett-Garrity, Pearl Wells and Kate Allan-Chalmers received their bronze badge, which is 30 + cards. At Silver Vakisha Sanderson and Stella Knarson received their silver badge, which is 60+ signed cards. We also had Ashley Howard, Bede O'Connell, Piper McCaw, Neve Curtis and Joshua Walker gain their gold badge which is 100+ cards. All students who hand in a PB4L card get put into a draw to win prizes and when a student completes a card and hands it in, they receive a lolly. We have seen the number of cards increase due to this.

We were led by the PB4L student team of Naomi Bridger, Danika Billington, Kari Croucher, Neve Curtis, Hannah Du Preez, Summer Hunter, Sophie Hutcheson, Rafe Johnson, Max Kemp, Fipe Maire, Greta McCaw, Ella McGregor, Abigail Paton, Hannah Paul, Ashley Robinson, Ashton Scott, Ella Thom, Rylee Tisdall, Ayla Vincent, and Joshua Walker. Thank you to Naomi who led the team amazingly!



The Library EOHS Yearbook Entry 2021 by Rae Howland - Librarian

The Library Rebuild

What a wonderful surprise to check out the almost ready, newly remodeled library near the end of the rebuild earlier this year.

The new library is very spacious with a great layout. New furniture, and bean bags plus a trendy circular table shape and matching seat make for a relaxing and comfortable learning time. Lyn Keen's inspirational "People who read succeed!" looks down from the big library wall.

Student Librarians

A big thank you to the super-efficient 2021 student librarians. I have really appreciated their help and I admire their competent, professional approach to library tasks.

Our Awesome 2021 Library Team includes:

Stella Knarston, Danika Billington, Magenta Wells, Pearl Wells, Ashley Robinson, Samuel Paton, Abigail Paton, Jada Hewitt, Neve Curtis, Karsen White, Kylie Weir, Trisha Datt, Paige Walker, Josh Walker and Bella Flavell, Kate Allan-Chalmers and Nicola Allan-Chalmers.

The Covid Lockdown

Unfortunately this necessary time away put paid to some of the libraries planned winter activities. Hopefully, though, it was a chance for students to enjoy some personal home reading time.

Summer Reading

Wishing everyone a great Christmas and hoping families can get to one of our fine local libraries to stock up on summer reading.

Books were my pass to personal freedom. Oprah Winfrey



Back Row: Samuel Paton, Joshua Walker, Ashley Robinson

Second Row: Mr B. Strang, Neve Curtis, Magenta Wells, Nicola Allan-Chalmers, Trisha Datt, Bella Flavell, Mrs R. Howland

Front Row: Abigail Paton, Pearl Wells, Kate Allan-Chalmers, Danika Billington, Stella Knarston, Noelle Vahine

Making a Difference - Social Studies RDA Field Trip 2021

On Thursday the 13th May, 12 Year 9 and 10 students travelled to the Waikouaiti branch of the Riding for the Disabled (RDA). This is part of the Social Studies course 'Making a Difference', where students learn about community and government organisations who really make a difference in the lives of people in our community. As part of this each student is required to undertake not less than five hours of community service, and are encouraged to do more through volunteering for other organisations such as Meals on Wheels, Student Army, etc. The RDA helps provide experience and adds to the quality of life of the disabled students and other able bodied members of the community who use the service.

Kate Middleton of the RDA directed the work on the day, which was extensive. EOHS students filled in rabbit holes, which are a significant tripping hazard for horses - this was a significant sweat-equity by our students. But that's not all! There was also weeding hemlock, general weeding of the arena, tidying parking bays and painting. Students definitely earned their lunch. In all, the students achieved a significant amount in terms of maintenance work; I estimate it would have taken about six weekends to achieve the same outcome!



A big thanks to: Summer, Kassia, Luke, Ryan, Stella, Ashton, Cassidy, Ashley, Sam, Ella, Paige and Zara.



Keep Palmerston Beautiful!



During Friday lunchtime a small group of people helped clean the ditch outside our school of rubbish. This was part of a Keep NZ Beautiful project.

We found a lot of rubbish in a very small area!



Year 7 & 8 MK's Garden

As you walk around our lovely school you might notice, just past the Home Ec room there is a thriving garden. This is all because of 2020/2021 7/8 MK and their Friday gardening periods with Mr. Johnson.

So far this year they've successfully grown potatoes, lettuce, carrots, radishes, apples, tomatoes and rhubarb.

They tackled the weeds, planted and harvested in order for this garden to look as healthy as it is now. After all their hard work, by the end of the year there is enough school-grown fruits and vegetables for a big shared lunch.



**By Hannah Paul, Juliet Clare
and Becky Ralston**

Year 7 Camp Iona
photos by Tracey Clare





Year 8 Camp



RDA for 2021

East Otago High School enjoyed another year of its affiliation with the invaluable Waikouaiti RDA. Many of our students have had the opportunity over 2021 to take part in this nationwide charity that provides goal-based riding activities. It enables our students to build strength and confidence as well as challenge themselves physically, intellectually, emotionally and socially. This specialised therapeutic horse riding makes a positive difference to our students by building their communication skills. They are given the chance to build strong relationships with these special animals and the wonderful volunteers.

Kate told me, "I love RDA as we get to interact with the horses and we get to learn about them; this makes me happy."

Jamie said that he, "Liked to pat the horses."

Strong connections continue to be built within our community by East Otago High School being a part of this initiative. We look forward to 2022, as we continue to watch our students develop their independence and decision-making skills. There are no boundaries to what our students can achieve and RDA is a shining example of this.

Ko te ahurei o te tamaiti arahia ō tātou māhi - Let the uniqueness of the child guide our work.

Rachael Fitzgerald



Literacy Support 2021

Students involved in Literacy Support throughout 2021 have shown immense resilience and adaptability. Miss Whyman left East Otago High School midway through Term 2 and Mrs Fitzgerald took over her role; so the focus began to building new relationships and gaining trust. Our Literacy Support programme at East Otago High School aims to provide and assist our students to gain the confidence and self-belief to extend and develop their literacy skills through a positive learning journey, with the end goal that they become effective and fluent readers.

One main focus throughout 2021 has been to complement the students' classroom programme. This has been achieved by using several instructional strategies at an individual level and in group situations. Pre-teaching vocabulary is an important aspect and reduces cognitive load to our students. Prior knowledge and attaching meaning is so important. Sessions throughout the year have included text and language challenges. Students have responded to shared and guided reading sessions, which supports comprehension of the literature they are reading. This assists in increasing vocabulary, fosters concentration, increases knowledge and helps them gain confidence. Preparation has been the key to success.

Our sessions have also included working memory and phonological awareness activities. The students enjoy 'Spot It' and 'Bananagrams' to build on these skills and it is a chance for some friendly competition!

Throughout the year our 16 Literacy Support students have engaged in bite-sized vocabulary activities to build skills in spelling, features of language, word classes, synonyms, antonyms and homophones.

Technology initiatives continue to play an important role in Literacy Support - CORE 5 remains an important tool as it adds value to our students' learning by building on their foundational reading skills. This programme increases our students' confidence in their learning and ability. Some students utilise the speech to text reading application which benefits students in completing their tasks and bypasses areas of difficulties.

The students have commented that Literacy Support gives them the confidence to engage in the classroom better, have more courage in front of their peers and helps them gain a better understanding of what they are reading and how to break down words they do not know. One student commented that this year has been good for him as he has learnt new words and their meanings and it makes his life easier in the classroom.

Many thanks to our students, their whānau, the East Otago Board of Trustees and staff for their ongoing support of this important programme. By increasing our students literacy skills we are allowing them to seek out information, explore subjects in-depth and gain a deeper understanding of the world around them.

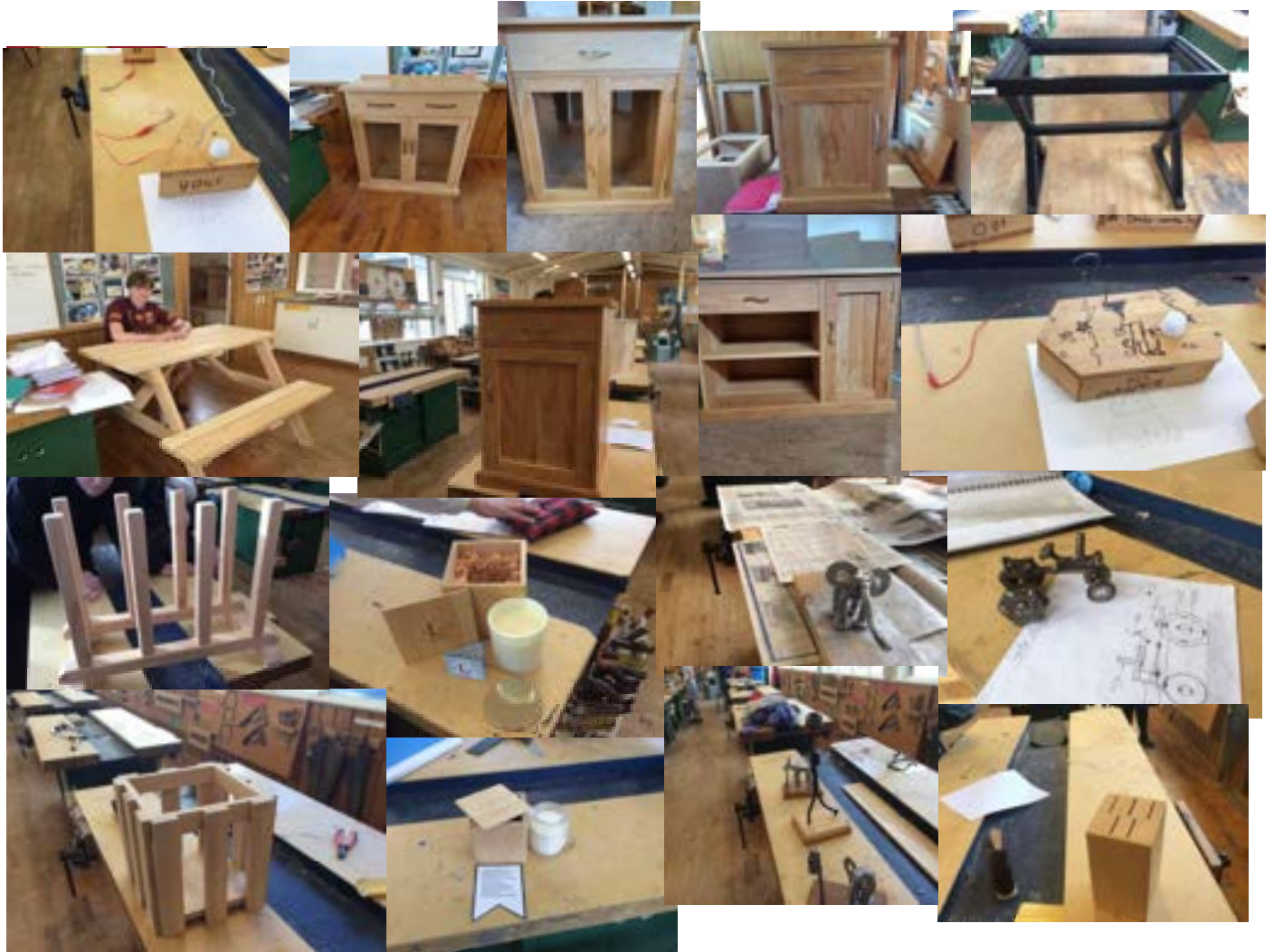
We look forward to 2022 in which Literacy Support will see a continued focus on word recognition + language comprehension = reading comprehension!

Hapaitia te ara tika pumau ai te rangatiratanga mo nga uri whakatipu' - 'Foster the pathway of knowledge to strength, independence and growth for future generations'.

Rachael Fitzgerald



**Workshop Technology -
Material Technology Projects built throughout the year**



Tokomairiro Sports Exchange 2021



On Thursday 20th May, 65 EOHS students travelled to the Edgar Center in Dunedin to take part in the annual sports exchange with Tokomairiro High School.

They played futsal, basketball, touch and netball coming away with the trophy once again! Well done to all the students who played hard but fair in the spirit of the day.



BMX NZ National Championships

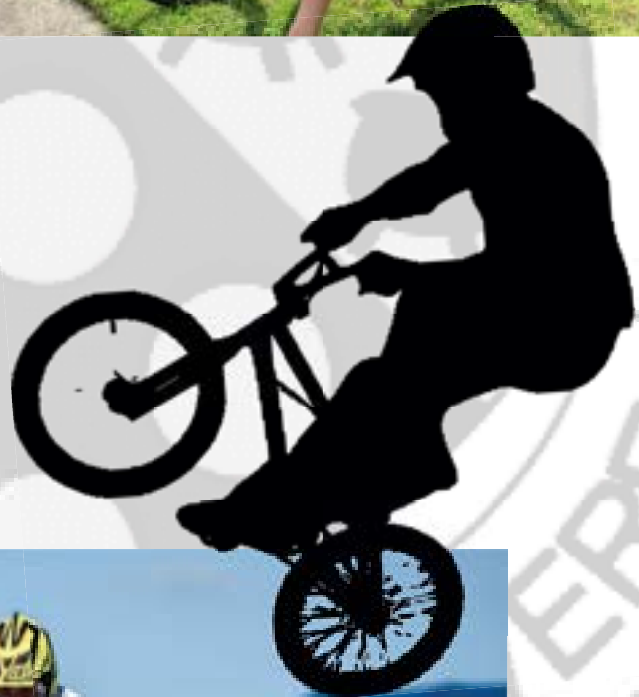
Year 8 student, Deegan McCormick, has recently competed at the BMX NZ National Championships held in Rotorua on 13th & 14th March 2021.

Over the two days of racing held at the Rotorua BMX Track, Deegan finished 4th out of 25 riders for the 12 Year old Boys age group.

Deegan said being able to make heaps of friends and travelling were what made training and competing worthwhile. He has travelled as far as Auckland and Tauranga to compete and even took his bike to Australia when they went on holiday to compete there. Deegan belongs to the Dunedin BMX Club and during the season he trains 2-3 times a week in Dunedin which includes a club night.



Previous achievements include
January 2020 - 1st South Island 11 Year Boys
December 2020 - 5th North Island 11 Year Boys



OSSSA Secondary Schools Wanaka Challenge Triathlon



Ten students attended the OSSSA Secondary Schools Wanaka Challenge Triathlon on Thursday 18th February 2021.

The students travelled to Glendu Bay, Wanaka on Thursday 18th February to take part in the OSSSA Secondary Schools Wanaka Challenge Triathlon. They all had a fantastic day in an idyllic setting with amazing weather.

The students are to be congratulated on competing well; all came in the middle of their respective sections.

Team members:

U14 Girls

Deegan Croucher - swim

Nicole Hill - bike

Lily Gifford - run

U16 Girls

Elita Hosie - swim

Lilly Kemp - bike

Sarah Hay - run

U16 Mixed

Kari Croucher - swim

Sam Lunam - bike

Kate James - run

U16 Girls Individual

Abigail Paton



National Endurance and Competitive Trail Ride Championships



Year 13 student **Nicole Crawford**, competed in the National Endurance and Competitive Trail Ride Championships held in the Nenthorn Valley over Easter 2021.

On Friday 2nd April Nicole and her horse Quairo started at 5am in the morning; the event was 102km over farmland in the Nenthorn Valley. It was a cold day for the event and Nicole said the ride was a lot of fun and starting in the dark with only a head torch was a challenge, but still really enjoyable. The ride took 9 hours 40 minutes. Nicole was thrilled to come away with the CN Junior National 100km Champion title.

Sunday 4th April saw Nicole riding again, this time on her horse Rita in the 62km ride. The day was challenging with wind gusts of over 100 km/hr but Nicole said Rita took it all in her stride and they went on to win the CN Intermediate Junior 62km National Championship title. They also won the Best Conditioned Horse.

Nicole trained every day for months leading up to the event and spent time training on the beach and in the Hampden forestry area to make sure both herself and her horses were at their peak fitness.

East Otago Primary Schools Swimming Championships

Nine East Otago High School Students took part in the East Otago Primary Schools Swimming Championships held at EOHS pool on Tuesday 16th March 2021.

Congratulations to the following students who took part in the East Otago Primary Schools Swimming Championships. **Kelsea Steel, Sophie Hutcheson, Maddison Cooper, Fipe Maire, Max Kemp, Bede**



50m Breaststroke

11 Year Old Girls
1st - **Sophie Hutcheson**
12 Year Old Girls
2nd - **Ella Thom**
11 Year Old Boys
1st - **Max Kemp**
12 Year Old Boys
2nd - **Blake Rowland**
3rd - **Bede O'Connell**

25m Breaststroke

11 Year Old Girls
1st - **Fipe Maire**
2nd - **Kelsea Steel**
12 Year Old Girls
3rd - **Ella Thom**
11 Year Old Boys
1st - **Max Kemp**
12 Year Old Boys
2nd - **Bede O'Connell**
3rd - **Blake Rowland**

50m Backstroke

11 Year Old Girls
2nd - **Fipe Maire**
3rd - **Maddison Cooper**

12 Year Old Girls
2nd - **Ella McGregor**
3rd - **Ella Thom**
11 Year Old Boys
1st - **Max Kemp**
12 Year Old Boys
2nd - **Blake Rowland**

25m Backstroke

11 Year Old Girls
2nd - **Fipe Maire**
3rd - **Maddison Cooper**
12 Year Old Girls
2nd - **Ella McGregor**
11 Year Old Boys
3rd - **Max Kemp**
12 Year Old Boys
2nd - **Blake Rowland**
3rd - **Bede O'Connell**

50m Freestyle

11 Year Old Girls
1st - **Sophie Hutcheson**
2nd - **Fipe Maire**
3rd - **Maddison Cooper**
12 Year Old Girls
1st - **Ella McGregor**

11 Year Old Boys
3rd - **Max Kemp**
12 Year Old Boys
2nd - **Blake Rowland**
3rd - **Bede O'Connell**

25m Freestyle

11 Year Old Girls
2nd - **Sophie Hutcheson**
3rd - **Fipe Maire**
12 Year Old Girls
1st - **Ella McGregor**
12 Year Old Boys
2nd - **Blake Rowland**
3rd - **Bede O'Connell**

75m Individual Medley

11 Year Old Girls
2nd - **Fipe Maire**
12 Year Old Girls
3rd - **Ella Thom**
11 Year Old Boys
2nd - **Max Kemp**
12 Year Old Boys
2nd - **Blake Rowland**
3rd - **Bede O'Connell**

North Otago Primary Schools Swimming Championships

Three East Otago High School students attended the North Otago Primary Schools Swimming Championships in Oamaru on Wednesday 24th March 2021.

Congratulations to **Blake Rowland**, **Sophie Hutcheson** and **Ella McGregor** who qualified to compete at the North Otago Primary Schools Swimming Championships in Oamaru.

There was approximately 120 students competing at this event and it is a great experience and a big step up from school swimming sports.

They competed in the following:

50m Freestyle

Blake Rowland

Ella McGregor

50m Breaststroke

Blake Rowland

Sophie Hutcheson

50m Backstroke



Otago Secondary Schools Swimming Championships

Deegan Croucher attended the Otago SS Swimming Championships on Sunday 30th May.

Congratulations to **Deegan Croucher** who competed at the Otago Secondary Schools Swimming Championships at Moana Pool, Dunedin.

Deegan achieved the following results:

1st - Womens 14 & Under 400m Freestyle

2nd - Womens 14 & Under 50m Butterfly

2nd - Womens 14 & Under 200m Individual Medley

4th - Womens 14 & Under 50m Backstroke

4th - Womens 14 & Under 50 Breaststroke

5th - Womens 14 & Under 100m Individual Medley

6th - Womens 14 & Under 50m Freestyle

Deegan broke two EOHS Swimming records, Junior Girls 50m Butterfly with a time of 33.56 seconds and Junior Girls 50m Breaststroke with a time of 42.08 seconds. She also set a new EOHS Swimming record in the 400m Freestyle with a time of 5:10.79.



South Island Secondary Schools Swimming Championships



Deegan Croucher attended the South Island Secondary School Swimming Championships held at the C-Bay Trust Aoraki Centre in Timaru on 19th-20th June 2021.

Deegan had the following results:

5th in the 50m Butterfly and she broke an EOHS Swimming Record with a personal best time of 32.59 seconds.

8th in the 100m Freestyle and she broke an EOHS Swimming Record with a personal best time of 1 minute 6.47 seconds.

Deegan also achieved a personal best time in the 100m Individual Medley with a time of 1 minute 16.80 seconds.

Burnham Military Camp

Briston Ollerenshaw and **Emma Dewar** spent a week at Burnham Military Camp situated approximately 30 km south of Christchurch.

During the week, Emma and Briston learnt about careers in the Navy, Army, Police, Security and Airforce. In the process, they worked towards Level 2 NCEA credits. Overall, this was an informative experience for Emma and Briston as both are interested in joining the forces in the future.

Jacqueline Guile
Career Adviser



BOOT CAMP



Sports Day 2021



Country Coaching

On Tuesday, 4th May, Allan Carson the Community Hockey Manager for Otago Hockey, Brent Matehaere the Otago Nuggets Coach and Isiah Moss, Otago Nuggets Player came to EOHS to take some skills clinics with our hockey and basketball players.

The sessions were fantastic with all students learning something new and getting fully involved with the sessions.

Our summer Country Coaching Clinics took place on Friday 22 October, 100 students took part in clinics for Handball and Ki O Rahi.

All Year 7-10 students took part in these sessions, it was a good chance for students to have a go at a new sport and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

A big thank you to Hannah Hedges from OSSSA for organising the coaches and funding to provide this to the students, Chantelle Murrell - handball coach and Te Kahurangi Skelton - Ki O Rahi coach for their time and expertise.



East Otago High School Swimming Sports

EOHS Swimming Sports were held on Tuesday 23rd March 2021.

Well done to all students who competed in the School Swimming Sports on 23rd March. A big thank you to all the parents who came along to help out with timekeeping and recording.

Congratulations to Kari Croucher who broke the school record for Senior Girls 100m Freestyle with a time of 1:14.60.



South Island Secondary Schools

Triathlon - Oamaru Abigail Paton competed at the SISS Triathlon in Oamaru on 7th March. She came 5th in the Intermediate Girls Section, congratulations Abigail!



South Island IRB Champs

Year 13 student Jordyne Harris has had a great season competing in surf life saving competitions.

On 20th March 2021, Jordyne competed in the Otago IRB Champs. This year she was a simulated patient for the U19 men's team. The team won gold in tube rescue, gold in single rescue, gold in assembly rescue, gold in mass rescue and she was also a patient for brother and former EOHS student, Kayle Harris, in the U23 men's mass and they won silver. They placed overall top team for U19 mens.

On Saturday 27th March 2021, Jordyne competed in South Island IRB Champs. Her team won gold for Assembly, silver for mass, gold for single in U19 men's. She was a patient again for Kayle Harris for mass and won bronze in U23 men's.



3 Peaks Cross Country

29 East Otago High School Year 7 & 8 students attended the 3 Peaks Cluster Cross Country in Waikouaiti on Tuesday, 10th August.

The weather was brilliant and our students put 100% into their races. They then went on to help out as marshalls on the course and support for the younger racers.

Results:

Year 7 Girls

1st - Gracie Jackson

3rd - Sophie Hutcheson

Year 7 Boys

1st - Kayden Miller

Year 8 Girls

1st - Hannah Paul

Year 8 Boys

1st - Deegan McCormick

3rd - Josh Hagan



South Island Secondary Schools Athletics

On 9th-10th April 2021 four EOHS students travelled to Christchurch for the South Island Secondary Schools Athletics.

Samuel Paton competed in the Boys U14 Hammer Throw coming 3rd.

Deegan Croucher competed in the Girls U14 Hammer Throw coming 2nd.

Cassidy Bridger competed in the Girls U15 Hammer Throw coming 3rd.

Abigail Paton competed in the Girls U16 Javelin coming 4th and the Girls U16 Discus coming 10th.

NZCAF Hip Hop Regionals



Josh Walker competed in the NZCAF Hip Hop Regionals in Dunedin on 1st August 2021. His duo came first in their section and his dance crew Allies also came first in their section. Josh will compete in the Hip Hop Nationals in Christchurch in September.



Eagles Golf Coaching

Golf coach, Melanie Harper, came to Ardleigh Golf Course on Wednesday 31st March to coach 26 Year 7 and 8 students in golf techniques.

These sessions were generously sponsored by the Eagles Golfing Society of NZ and seven of their members also helped students with their technique.

The students had a great time and there were some amazing golfers amongst them.



East Otago High School Music 2021 - A few of the highlights of the year, including the Student Recitals.



Stella Knarston, Mr K. Cummings, Luke Shead,
Jacob Butt, William Clare
Absent: Ava Eddy



Never Curtis, Camryn Sharpe, Baxter Mitchell, Mr K.
Cummings, Lilly Kemp
Absent: Jada Hewitt





Formal 2021







Back Row: Sophie Hutcheson, Flynn Mackenzie, Josh Hagan, Ashley Te Huis, Ella Thom, Frank Epema-Woodhouse, Tyler Washington, Liam McGregor

Third Row: Isabella Hagan, Ethan Te Raki, Ella McGregor, Lilly Kitto, Max Kemp, Maddison Cooper, Blake Rowland, Flynn Hall

Second Row: Deegan McCormick, Jessica Hunter, Liam Thom, Kelsea Steel, Syllys Orlowski, Imogen Knox, Blake O'Brien, Kayden Miller

Front Row: Grace Jackson, Bella Alter, Heath McAra



Back Row: Kari Croucher (Coach), Kelsea Steel, Fipe Maire, Ella Thom, Ella McGregor, Jordyne Harris (Coach)

Front Row: Kelsea Steel, Bede O'Connell, Max Kemp, Maddison Cooper, Blake Rowland



Back Row: Addisyn Lawrence, Nicola Allan-Chalmers, Joshua Walker, Trisha Datt, Fipe Maire, Mr K. Cummings

Front Row: Grace Jackson, Noelle Vahine, Greta McCaw, Kate Allan-Chalmers, Hannah Du Preez, Ayla Vincent

Absent: Katie Nimmo



Back Row: Abigail Paton (Coach), Flynn Hall, Ariki Cook, Max Kemp, Matt Ledua, Liam Thom, Mr J. Herewini (Coach)

Front Row: Heath McAra, Kayden Miller, Liam McGregor, Caleb Todd, Aiden Burrow



Back Row: Emily Ferguson, Kate Allan-Chalmers, Addisyn Lawrence, Nicola Allan-Chalmers, Joshua Walker, Trisha Datt, Fipe Maire, Bella Flavell, Paikea Hunter

Second Row: Mr K. Cummings, Ella McGregor, Vakisha Saunderson, Lakaia Harris, Greta McCaw, Danika Billington, Kacey Clark, Indie Kee, Rebecca Ralston

Front Row: Kelsea Steel, Yvanah Lawrence, Leila Bennett, Ayla Vincent, Noelle Vahine, Ciara Clark, Imogen Knox, Maddison Cooper, Grace Jackson

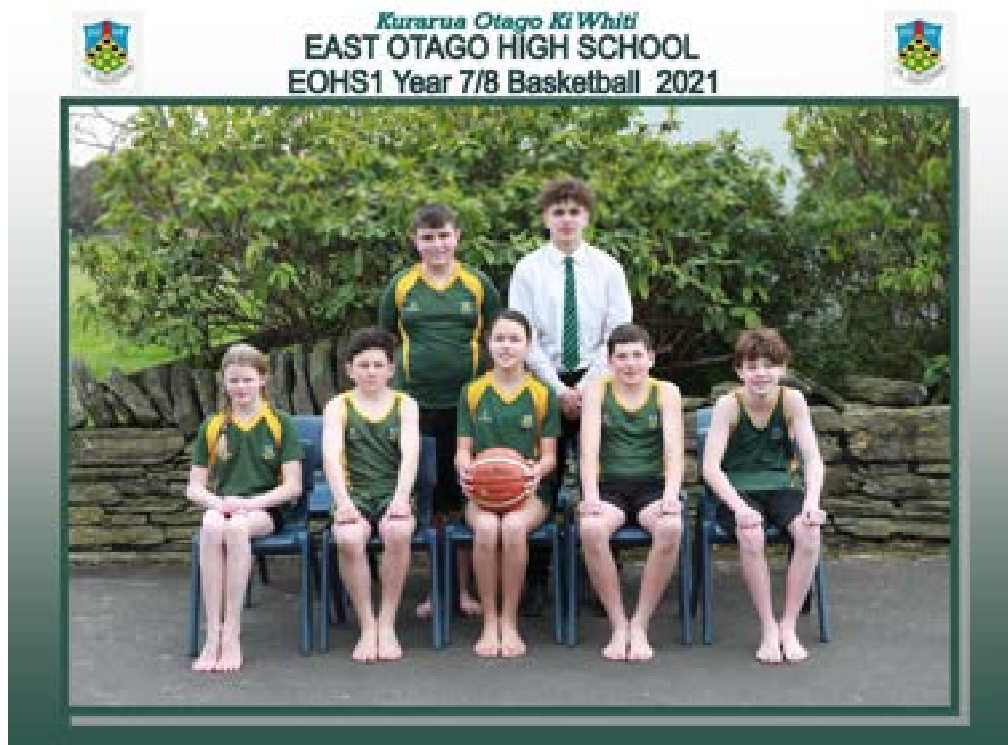
Absent: Ava Eddy, Zoe Breet, Katie Nimmo, Luke Paton, Paige Walker



Back Row: Max Kemp, Flynn Mackenzie, Ella Thom, Josh Hagan, Frank Epema-Woodhouse, Liam McGregor

Front Row: Kayden Miller, Bede O'Connell, Ella McGregor, Blake Rowland, Heath McAra

Absent: Noah Elder, Mrs K. O'Connell



Back Row: Tyler Eder, Rhylee Baxter (Coach)

Front Row: Kelsea Steel, Bede O'Connell, Paikea Hunter, Flynn Mackenzie, Ethan Te Raki

Absent: Cody McKean, Rana Herewini (Coach)



Back Row: Ashley Te Huia, Manaseh Hunter (Coach)

Front Row: Heath McAra, Max Kemp, Fipe Maire, Ella Thom, Deegan McCormick

Absent: Ranui Te Maiharoa, Taine Parker (Coach)



Back Row: Kahn Browne (Coach), Josh Hagan, Emily McDowell
Front Row: Grace Jackson, Maddison Cooper, Matt Ledua, Ariki Cook, Caleb Todd
Absent: Blake Cameron (Coach)



Back Row: Frank Epema-Woodhouse, Tyler Wshington
Front Row: Kayden Miller, Dominic Free, Ella McGregor, Liam Thom



Rylee Tisdall, Emma Dewar, Kassia Barrett-Garrity, Sarah Hay
Absent: Ella Farrant



Mr C. Walker (Coach), Joshua Walker, Hamis Fox, Jacob Butt, Camryn Sharpe
Absent: Joel Grieves



Back Row: Kari Croucher, Trinity Fraser, Mr J. Herrewini

Front Row: Renee McKenzie, Lilly Kemp, Amy Turner, Abigail Paton, Anahere Reid

Absent: Zara Hodder, Linda Duncan (Coach)



Back Row: Abigail Paton (Coach), Flynn Mackenzie, Ashley Te Huia, Ella Thom, Frank Epema-Woodhouse, Lakaia Harris, Mr J. Herrewini (Coach)

Front Row: Blake Rowland, Molly Scott, Bede O'Connell, Josh Hagan, Ella McGregor



Back Row: Ashley Te Huia, Anahere Reid, Magenta Wells, Nicola Allan-Chalmers, Toa Cook, Summer Hunter, Trinity Fraser, Fipe Maire, Paikea Hunter, Kate Allan-Chalmers

Third Row: Mr J. Herewini, Matt Ledua, Vakisha Saunderson, Lilly Kitto, Danika Billington, Pearl Wells, Lakaia Harris, Kacey Clark, Ella McGregor, Indie Kee

Second Row: Liam Thom, Leila Bennett, Imogen Knox, Ciara Clark, Rebecca Ralston, Ethan Te Raki, Maddison Cooper, Yvanah Lawrence, Kelsea Steel, Grace Jackson

Front Row: Bella Alter, Brianne Harris, Rylie Keach, Manaseh Hunter, Patrick Reid, Joshua Walker, Lily Blasby, Greta McCaw, Heath McAra

Absent: Zoe Breet, Luke Paton



Back Row: Abigail Paton (Coach), Fipe Maire, Paikea Hunter

Front Row: Jessica Hunter, Maddison Cooper, Emily McDowell, Indie Kee, Ciara Clark



Back Row: Kari Croucher (Coach), Jordyne Harris (Coach)
Front Row: Blake Rowland, Ella McGregor, Deegan Croucher (Coach), Kelsea Steel



Deegan Croucher



Back Row: Maia Perry, Deegan Croucher, Toa Cook, William Clare, Samuel Paton, Summer Hunter

Front Row: Abigail Paton, Cassidy Bridger, Addisyn Lawrence, Lilly Kemp, Greta McCaw, Nicole Hill

Absent: Paige Walker, Ryan Allan-Chalmers, Noni Callander (Coach)



Back Row: Ella Thom, Josh Hagan

Front Row: Kayden Miller, Bede O'Connell, Ella McGregor, Blake Rowland

Absent: Mrs K. O'Connell (Coach)



Kari Croucher (Coach), Blake Rowland, Ella McGregor, Jordyne Harris (Coach)
Absent: Noah Elder



Back Row: Danika Billington, Cassidy Bridger, Deegan Croucher, Addisyn Lawrence, Lilly Kemp
Front Row: Kate Howard, Vakisha Saunderson, Paige Walker, Kacey Clark, Nicole Hill
Absent: Jada Hewitt



Back Row: Mrs D. Ford, Deegan Croucher, Sam Lunam, Elita Hosie, Mrs R. Croucher
Front Row: Sarah Hay, Abigail Paton, Kari Croucher, Lilly Kemp, Nicole Hill
Absent: Kate James, Lily Gifford



Back Row: Jodie Kemp (Coach), Joshua Walker, Samuel Paton
Front Row: Cassidy Bridger, Rachel Sheat, Sarah Hay, Maia Perry, Deegan Croucher
Absent: Manu Kane



Mr B. Smith (Manager), Patrick Reid, Rhylee Baxter, Kahn Browne, Mr G. Johnston (Coach)

Absent: Manu Kane, Harvey Pringle, Mason Pringle, Taine Parker, Ranah Herewini, Blake Cameron



Rafe Johnson, Patrick Reid, Kahn Browne, Sam Lunam, Mr J. Herewini (Coach)

Absent: Manu Kane, Luke Paton, Harvey Pringle, Blake Cameron



Rhylee Baxter, Patrick Reid, Kahn Browne

Absent: Blake Cameron, Ranah Herewini, Taine Parker, Mr J. Herewini (Coach)



Back Row: Mr C. Walker, William Clare, Trisha Datt

Front Row: Nicole Hill, Addisyn Lawrence, Joshua Walker, Nicola Allan-Chalmers, Noelle Vahine



Back Row: Deegan Croucher, Elle Smeaton, Summer Hunter, Maia Perry, Mr J. Herewini
Front Row: Jordyne Harris, Lilly Kemp, Sarah Hay, Emma Dodd, Pearl Wells



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Absent: Paige Walker



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Front Row: Kate Howard, Bede O'Connell, Mitchell McLeod, Naomi Bridger, Blake Rowland



Back Row: Rachel Sheat, Mr J. Bird (Coach)
Front Row: Noelle Vahine, Kacey Clark, Sam Lunam, Danika Billington, Vakisha Saunderson



Back Row: Rafe Johnson, Mr J. Herewini

Front Row: Kacey Clark, Patrick Reid, Kahn Browne, Maia Perry, Lilly Kemp

Absent: Manu Kane, Blake Cameron, Paige Walker



Abigail Paton, Deegan Croucher, Samuel Paton, Cassidy Bridger



Abigail Paton



Back Row: Trisha Datt, Mr J. Herewini (Coach)

Front Row: Brianne Harris, Emma Dodd, Renee McKenzie, Gabriella Cowie, Nicole Hill

Absent: Emma Mitchell, Lily Gifford



Back Row: Peggy Bridger (Coach), Deon Bridger (Coach)

Front Row: Sam Lunam, Cassidy Bridger, Mitchell McLeod, Naomi Bridger, Kari Croucher

Absent: Andrea Lunam



Back Row: Mr C. Walker (Coach), Ethan Te Raki, Matt Ledua, Joshua Walker

Front Row: Kayden Miller, Flynn Hall, Maddison Cooper, Yvanah Lawrence, Deegan McCormick



Back Row: Liam McGregor, Ella Thom, Sophie Hutcheson, Isabella Hagan, Naomi Bridger (Coach)

Front Row: Jessica Hunter, Liam Thom, Flynn Mackenzie, Maddison Cooper, Kayden Miller

Absent: Ranui Te Maiharoa, Mrs K. O'Connell (Coach)



Back Row: Naomi Bridger (Coach), Riley Gillam, Max Kemp

Front Row: Bella Alter, Indie Kee, Heath McAra, Lilly Kitto, Ciara Clark

Absent: Zoe Breet, Brody Cooper, Jolene Johnstone, Mrs K. O'Connell (Coach)



Back Row: Rylie Keach (Coach), Liv Smeaton, Sophie Hutcheson, Emily McDowell, Isabel Anderson (Coach)

Front Row: Jessica Hunter, Leila Bennett, Indie Kee, Ciara Clark, Kelsea Steel

Absent: Zoe Breet



Back Row: Molly Scott, Fiipe Maire, Ella McGregor, Lily Blasby (Coach)

Front Row: Bella Alter, Isabella Hagan, Maddison Cooper, Lakaia Harris, Hannah Paul



Back Row: Ashley Robinson (Coach), Liv Smeaton, Emily McDowell, Indie Kee
Front Row: Imogen Knox, Isabella Hagan, Sophie Hutcheson, Ciara Clark, Maddison Cooper
Absent: Zoe Breet



Back Row: Paikea Hunter, Fipe Maire, Lilly Kitto, Jordyne Harris (Coach)
Front Row: Hannah Paul, Ella McGregor, Lakaia Harria, Molly Scott, Rebecca Ralston
Absent: Savannah-Lee Dennison



Back Row: Maia Perry, Elle Smeaton, Kassia Barrett-Garrity, Mr J. Herewini (Coach)

Front Row: Kacey Clark, Summer Hunter, Pearl Wells, Magenta Wells, Danika Billington



Back Row: Addisyn Lawrence, Lilly Kemp

Front Row: Vakisha Saunderson, Danika Billington, Paige Walker, Kacey Clark, Kate Howard

Absent: Jada Hewitt



Prize-Giving 2020



Year 7CK Class Prizes

Lakaia Harris (Diligence Te Reo Maori);
Lilly Kitto (Diligence Materials Technology, Diligence Science);
Ella Thom (Merit Art, Merit ICT, Merit Mathematics (Mr Walker's class));
Kalay Rameka (First Mathematics (Ms McLachlan's class));
Blake Rowland (First Physical Education & Health);
Savannah-Lee Dennison (Merit Te Reo Maori, First English);
Flynn Hall (Diligence Home Economics, Diligence Social Studies, Merit English, Merit Physical Education & Health, First Music, First Science, Overall Merit);
Ethan Te Raki (Merit Mathematics (Mrs Chapman's class), Merit Music, First Art, First ICT, First Materials Technology, First Social Studies, Overall Excellence)

Year 8CK Class Prizes

Ryan Worth (Diligence Physical Education & Health, Diligence Science, Diligence Te Reo Maori, Merit Art, Merit Mathematics (Mrs Chapman's class));
Neve Curtis (Diligence Materials Technology, Merit English, Merit ICT, Merit Te Reo Maori, Merit Science, First Art, First Music, First Social Studies, 2020 Citizenship Award, Overall Merit);
Addisyn Lawrence (Merit Art, Merit Home Economics, Merit Music, Merit Social Studies, Merit Te Reo Maori, First English, First ICT, First Mathematics (Mrs Chapman's class), First Physical Education & Health, First Materials Technology, First Science, Overall Excellence)

Year 7/8MK Class Prizes

Ashley Te Huia (Diligence ICT, First Mathematics (Mr Walker's class));
Tyler Eder (Merit Science, Merit Social Studies); Hannah Paul (Diligence Materials Technology, Merit English, Merit Te Reo Maori);
Joshua Hagan (First Physical Education & Health);
Bede O'Connell (First Physical Education & Health);
Conrad McGhie (Merit ICT, First Music);
Juliet Clare (Diligence Physical Education & Health, Diligence Te Reo Maori, Merit Art,

Merit Music, Merit Home Economics, First Materials Technology, First Mathematics (Mrs Chapman's class), First Science, First Social Studies, First English, Overall Excellence)

Year 8MK Class Prizes

Baxter Mitchell (Merit ICT);
Vakisha Saunderson (Diligence Te Reo Maori, Merit Music);
Kayne Washington (First Mathematics (Mr Walker's class));
Ava Eddy (First Art);
Lilly Kemp (Diligence English, Diligence Mathematics (Mr Walker's class), Merit Physical Education & Health, First Art);
Ashley Howard (Diligence Materials Technology, Merit Science, Merit Social Studies, First Music Overall Merit);
Paige Walker (Merit Art, Merit Home Economics, Merit Te Reo Maori, First English, First ICT, First Materials Technology, First Physical Education & Health, First Science, First Social Studies, 2020 Citizenship Award, Overall Excellence)

Year 7/8WR Class Prizes

Tyler Washington (Diligence Materials Technology);
Noah Elder (Diligence Social Studies);
Leila Bennett (Merit Music);
Mackenzie Snow (Merit Mathematics (Ms McLachlan's class));
Paikea Hunter (Diligence Te Reo Maori Merit Physical Education & Health);
Flynn Mackenzie (Merit Science, Merit Art);
Riley Gillam (Diligence Science, First ICT);
Molly Scott (Merit ICT, First Music);
Ella McGregor (Merit English, Merit Home Economics, Merit Te Reo Maori, First Materials Technology, First Physical Education & Health, Overall Merit);
Emily Ferguson (Merit Social Studies, First Art, First English, First Science, Overall Excellence)



Year 8WR Class Prizes

Toa Cook (Diligence Social Studies);
Kate Howard (Diligence Science, Merit Mathematics (Mrs Chapman's class));
Kacey Clark (Merit English, Merit music, First ICT, First Physical Education & Health);
Danika Billington (Diligence Te Reo Maori, Diligence Materials Technology, Merit ICT, Merit Social Studies, First Art, First Science, Overall Merit);
Greta McCaw (Diligence Physical Education & Health, Merit Art, Merit Home Economics, Merit Science, Merit Te Reo Maori, First English, First Materials Technology, First Music, Overall Excellence)

Year 9 Class Prizes

William Clare (Diligence Materials Technology);
Camryn Sharpe (Diligence English, Diligence Social Studies, Diligence Science);
Lily Gifford (Diligence Materials Technology, Merit Agricultural Science);
Summer Hunter (Merit Music); Jenifer Nimmo (Merit Home Economics);
Nikki Lees (Merit Mathematics);
Brianne Harris (Diligence Mathematics, Merit Physical Education & Health);
Ashton Scott (Merit Social Studies, First English);
Cassidy Bridger (Diligence Te Reo Maori, Merit Physical Education & Health, Merit Social Studies, First Music);
Deegan Croucher (First Agricultural Science, First Physical Education & Health);
Maia Perry (First Music, First Te Reo Maori);
Ella Farrant (Diligence Physical Education & Health, Merit Science, First Art, First Social Studies, Overall Merit);
Piper McCaw (Diligence Social Studies, Merit Art, Merit Te Reo Maori, First Mathematics, First Science, 2020 Citizenship Award, Overall Excellence)

Year 10 Prizes

Shayla Raharaha- Baird (Diligence Te Reo Maori);
Bella Flavell (Diligence English);
Sarah Hay (Diligence Physical Education & Health, Diligence Social Studies, First Agricultural Science);
Gabriella Cowie (Merit English);
Kate James (Merit Mathematics);
Sam Lunam (Merit Physical Education & Health);
Katie Nimmo (Diligence Science, Merit English, Merit Social Studies);

Trisha Datt (Diligence Materials Technology, Merit Agricultural Science, Merit Art, Merit Social Studies);

Hannah Du Preez (Merit Social Studies, First Art);

Ashley Robinson (Diligence English, Diligence Mathematics, Merit Social Studies, First Materials Technology, Overall Merit);

Emma Mitchell (Merit English, Merit Home Economics, Merit Te Reo Maori, Merit Mathematics, Merit Music, Merit Science, Overall Merit);

Abigail Paton (Merit NCEA level 1 Mathematics, First English, First Year 10 Mathematics, First Physical Education & Health, First Science, First Social Studies, First Te Reo Maori, 2020 Citizenship Award, Overall Excellence)

Year 11 Prizes

Amy Turner (Diligence BCATs);
Manaseth Hunter (Diligence Physical Education);

Noelle Vahine (Diligence Humanities, Diligence Music);

Connor Brown (Diligence Gateway, Diligence Music);

Rachel Sheat (Diligence Agricultural & Horticultural Science, Diligence BCATs, Diligence English, Diligence Home Economics, Diligence Humanities);

Rafe Johnston (Merit Agricultural & Horticultural Science);

Rylie Keach (Merit Humanities, Merit Physical Education, Merit Science);

Lily Roach (Diligence Science, Merit English, First Visual Art);

Joshua Walker (Diligence Mathematics, Diligence Science, First Business Studies, First English, First Music, overall merit);

Kari Croucher (Merit English, First BCATs, First humanities, First Mathematics, First Physical Education, First Science, Overall Excellence)



Year 12 Prizes

Nicole Crawford (Diligence Chemistry);
Jordynne Harris (Diligence Physical Education);
Jaymi Larsen (Merit Biology);
Naomi Bridger (Merit English, Merit Mathematics (Merit Physical Education, Merit Tourism);
Casey Henderson (First Visual Art);
Max Hosie (First Gateway);
Mitchell McLeod (Diligence English, First BCATs);
Lily Blasby (Diligence English, Diligence Mathematics, Merit Chemistry, Merit Home Economics, Merit Physical Education, First Biology, Overall Merit);
Luke Paton (Diligence BCATs, First Chemistry, First English, First Humanities, First Mathematics, First Physical Education, Overall Excellence)

Year 13 Prizes

Shaunae Coombes (Diligence English, Diligence History, Merit Tourism);
Tessa Hill (Diligence Biology, Diligence English, Diligence Physical Education, Merit Geography);
Katelyn Toomey (Merit English, Merit History, Merit Statistics and Modelling, First Visual Art);
Sophie Woodhouse (Diligence Biology, Diligence Chemistry, Diligence English, Diligence Physical Education);
Sydney McCaw (Merit Classical Studies, Merit English, Merit Visual Art First Equal Media Studies, First History, Overall Merit);
Ella Sheat (Merit Biology, Merit Chemistry, Merit Physical Education, Merit Statistics and Modelling, First Geography, Overall Merit);
Melissa McLeod (First Biology, First Chemistry, First English, First Physical Education, First Statistics and Modelling, Overall Excellence)

Music and Arts Awards

Connor Brown (effort in guitar); **Abigail Paton** (most improved string player); **Noelle Vahine** (best vocal performance); **Joshua Walker** (contribution to school music); **Hamish Fox** (performance in the arts)

Special Subject Awards

Sydney McCaw (Promising Writer); **Ryan Worth** (Intermediate Speech); **Abigail Paton** (Junior Speech); **Luke Paton** (Senior Speech); **Luke Paton** (Public Speaking); **Luke Paton** and **Katelyn Toomey** (all forms

of Senior English); **Kari Croucher** (Special Effort in Year 11/12 Geography); **Connor Brown** (Diligence Gateway); **Max Hosie** (Outstanding Effort Gateway); **Ashley Robinson**, **Kari Croucher**, **Mitchell McLeod** (Excellence in Materials Technology BCATS)

Special Awards

Juliet Clare (Outstanding contribution to the school's outdoor education programme-Camp Iona); **Sophie Woodhouse** (for all round effort in sport); **Melissa McLeod** (demonstrating and fostering school spirit); **Katelyn Toomey** (excellence in academic, sporting and music in Year 12/13); **Melissa McLeod/ Ella Sheat** (school leadership); **Abigail Paton** (best all round academic, sporting and cultural achievement by a Year 9/10 student); **Katie Nimmo** (effort in the junior school); **Tessa Hill** (effort in the senior school); **Paige Walker** (positive attitude and displays all-round ability in academic studies, sporting and cultural activities); **Lili Blasby** (positive contribution to Te Reo Maori); **Kari Croucher** (academic excellence by a Te Reo Maori student); **Piper McCaw** (academic achievement in year 9); **Abigail Paton** (academic achievement in Year 10); **Kari Croucher** (academic achievement in Year 11); **Luke Paton** (academic achievement in Year 12); **Clark House** (interhouse shield); **Shaunae Coombes** (Mana Pounamu Teina Award); **Patrick Reid** (Mana Pounamu Tuakana Award); **Addisyn Lawrence** and **Paige Walker** (2021 year 9 Kimberley Scholarship); **Max Hosie** (Prime Minister's Vocational Award); **Ella Sheat** (Alex & Heather FAMILTON Scholarship); **Melissa McLeod** (Otago Polytechnic principal's scholarship); **Katelyn Toomey/Sydney McCaw** (University of Otago leaders of tomorrow: Entrance Scholarship);

Sydney McCaw (Proxime Accessit);

Melissa McLeod (Dux)





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7/8CK 2021

Kururua Otago Ki Whiri



Back Row: Aaliyah Bourne, Ella McGregor, Fiye Maire, Ashley Te Huia, Paakea Hunter, Matt Lodus, Caelyn Cadogan-Reid
 Middle Row: Kelsea Steel, Daniel Weir, Liam Thom, Ashlyn Shackleton Burt, Imogen Knox, Flynn Hall, Blake Rowland, Mr Cummings (Form Teacher)
 Front Row: Lucca Riley-Labao, Grace Jackson, Kayden Miller, Syllys Orlowski, Isabella Alter, Savannah-Lee Dennison, Caleb Sharpe
 Absent: Paakea Hunter, Indie Kee, Ethan Te Raki
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EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

7/8MK 2021

Kururua Otago Ki Whiri



Back Row: Tatane Martin, Levi Millar, Joshua Hagan, Noah Elder, Cody McKern, Lakaia Harris
 Middle Row: Ms Arnold (Teacher Aide), Rebecca Rahston, Atuahua Whaitara, Juliet Clare, Tyler Washington, Lilly Kimo, Sophie Hatcheson, Brody Cooper, Ms McLachlan (Form Teacher)
 Front Row: Heath McAn, Deegan McCormick, Jessica Hunter, Maddison Cooper, Zoe Breet, Arabella Hagan, Hannah Paul, Blake O'Brien
 Absent: Lucas Cameron, Jamie Hall
 Kolourcare



EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

7/8WR 2021

Kararua Otago Ki Whiri



Back Row: Emily Ferguson, Ramai Te Maiharua, Flynn Mackenzie, Ella Thom, Tyler Eder, Molly Scott, Emily McDowell
 Middle Row: Ariki Cook, Meiah Johnson, Riley Gillam, Max Kemp, Yvannah Lawrence, Liam Macgregor, Mr C Walker (Form Teacher)
 Front Row: Aiden Burrow, Jolene Johnstone, Leila Bennett, Bode O'Connell, Ciara Clark, Caleb Todd
 Absent: Frank Epema-Woodhouse, Mackenzie Snow, Karsen White

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EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

Clark 1 2021

Kararua Otago Ki Whiri



Back Row: Mr Herewini (Form Teacher), Trinity Fraser, Nathan Kennedy, Harvey Pringle, Connor Brown, Rylie Keach
 Front Row: Ayla Vincent, Cassidy Bridger, Mala Perry, Toa Cook, Kayne Washington, Sophia James
 Absent: Braydon Webb

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EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

Clark 2 2021

Kururua Otago Ki Whiti



Back Row: Ashton Scott, Mamukura Kane, Patrick Reid, Blake Cameron, Luke Shread, Piper McCaw, Dr McIntyre (Form Teacher)
Front Row: Kate Howard, Greta McCaw, Naomi Bridger, Emma Dodd, Kate James, Amelia Thompson, Ava Eddy

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EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

McKenzie 1 2021

Kururua Otago Ki Whiti



Back Row: Courteney Bambery, Emma Dewar, Dylan Parsons, Mitchell McLeod, Joel Greaves, Jordan Wilson, Mr Fuller (Form Teacher)
Front Row: Jada Hewitt, Vakesha Saunderson, Jenifer Nimmo, Owen Clark, Ella Farrant, Kacey Clark, Noelle Vahine
Absent: Hannah Du Preez, Rachel Sheat

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McKenzie 2 2021

Kuraru Otago Ki Whiri



Back Row: Earl Wells, Trisha Datt, Joshua Walker, Taine Parker, Jacob Wi, Nikk Lees, Mr Smith (Form Teacher)
 Front Row: Addison Lawrence, Katie Nimmo, Paige Walker, Magenta Wells, Pearl Wells, Danika Billington, Max Nimmo
 Absent: Nicole Crawford Kolourcare



EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

Muir 1 2021

Kuraru Otago Ki Whiri



Back Row: Mr Bird (Form Teacher), Brianne Harris, Luke Hewison, Biunka Rueben, Jacob Butt
 Front Row: Sarah Hay, Elita Hosie, Kassia Barrett-Garrity, Lily Roach, Ashley Howard
 Absent: Rylee Tisdall, Joel Park Kolourcare



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Muir 2 2021

Kururua Otago Ki Whiri



Back Row: Mrs Chapman (Form Teacher), William Clare, Ashley Robinson, Lilly Kemp
Front Row: Rafe Johnson, Neve Curtis, Nicole Hill, Lily Gifford
Absent: Brison Ollerenshaw, Amy Turner

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School 1 2021

Kururua Otago Ki Whiri



Back Row: Ms Fisher (Form Teacher), Deegan Croucher, Ryan Allan-Chalmers, Manasch Hunter, Kahn Browne, Samuel Paton
Front Row: Gabrielle Cowie, Bella Flavell, Luke Paton, Sam Lunan, Kari Croucher
Absent: Zara Hodder, Boston Johnson, Stella Knarston, Baxter Mitchell

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School 2 2021

Kururua Otago Ki Whiti



Back Row: Rhylee Baxter, Hamish Fox, Ranah Herewini
 Middle Row: Mr Wilson (Form Teacher), Jordynne Harris, Nicola Allan-Chalmers, Summer Hunter, Skaife Johnson, Lily Blasby
 Front Row: Camryn Sharpe, Kate Allan-Chalmers, Kylie Weir, Emma Mitchell, Kelvin Copland, Abigail Paton

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STAFF 2021

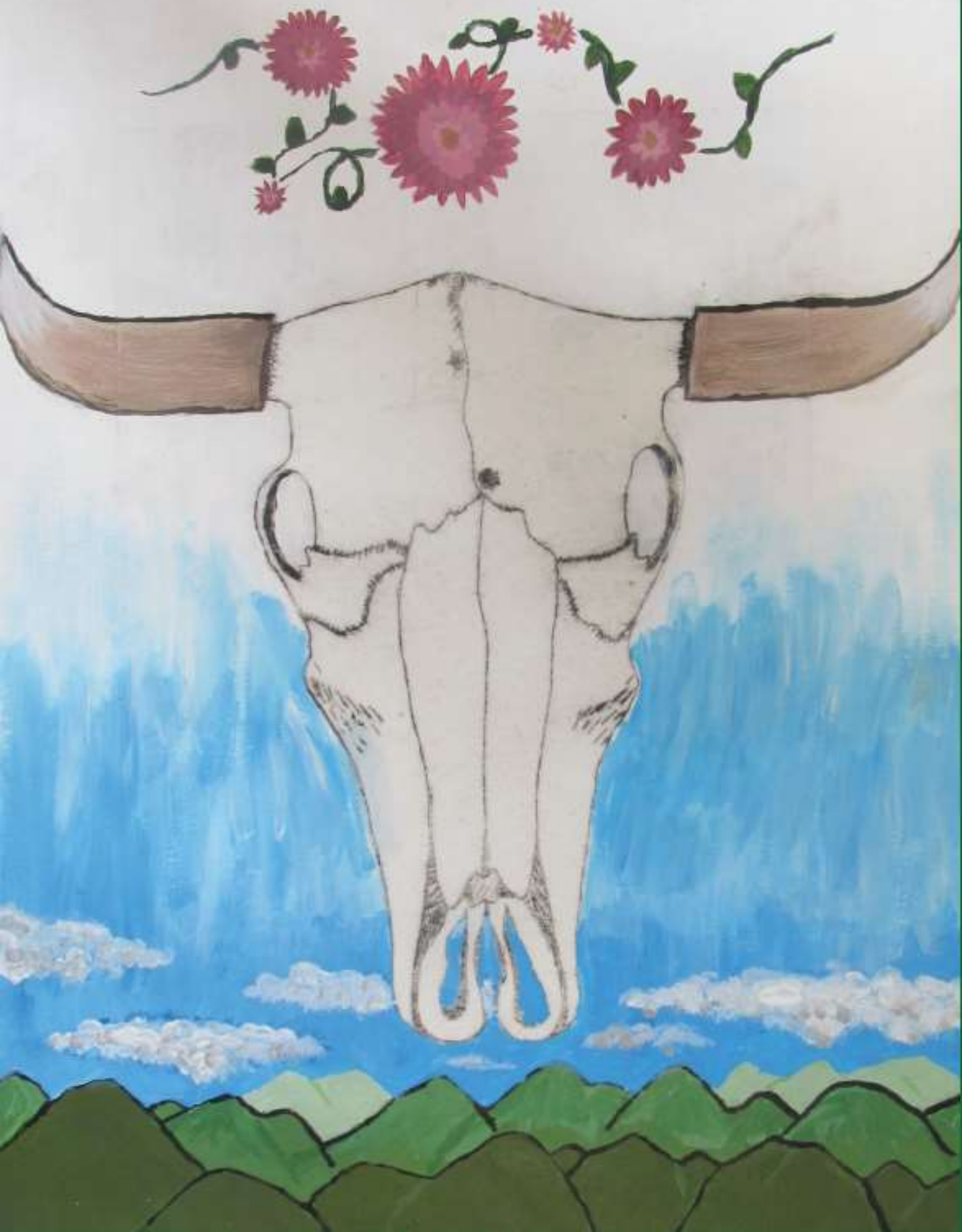
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 Middle Row: Mr L Sharp, Mrs R Croucher, Mrs B Clark, Mrs L Murphy, Mrs K O'Connell, Ms S Lewis, Mrs L McLeod, Ms K Arnold
 Front Row: Ms R Howland, Mrs D Ford, Mr K Cummings, Mr K Flinzy, Mr M Cooper, Miss E Kempthorne, Ms K McLachlan, Ms K Fisher, Dr H McIntyre
 Absent: Dr L Bethel, Mrs R Fitzgerald, Mrs C Fuller, Mrs L Lawrence, Miss G Whymann, Ms J Gault

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