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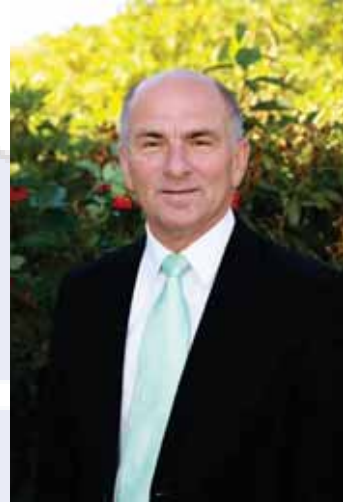
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at East Otago High School who contributed to
this magazine.**

From the Principal

If you said to me in term one that I would be writing the Principal's magazine article this year, I would have laughed at you, but here we are. It was certainly not planned that way. The Board of Trustees advertised twice through the year but were unable to get a suitable applicant. I did say to them to take their time to get the right person, so I only have myself to blame. However, third time lucky, with Helen Newcombe set to start as the new Principal of East Otago High School. I am very much looking forward to working with her in term one before I retire at the end of that term.



I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to lead the school this year and have been fortunate to have a Board of Trustees who are very supportive and proactive. Peggy, I have enjoyed our weekly meetings, something I will miss in 2025. Thank you for your continued support and advice throughout the year.

At the start of this year we welcomed four new staff, all of whom are still with us for 2025. Emily McKenzie for Maths, Neil Hayes for Science, Richard Cruice for Materials Technology and Sian Downes in the Y7/8 department. As I write this article, we are fully staffed with teachers in 2025, something I feel fortunate about as many schools are struggling to find suitable staff. However, we do have a very experienced and valued teacher aide leaving after many years, having started at East Otago High School in 2006. Dyanne Ford is well known for her kind heart and willingness to help those in need. I will certainly miss her cherry persona and incredibly positive 'can do' attitude. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank her for stepping in as our exam centre manager at the very last minute. You have done an amazing job Dyanne and our students are lucky to have had you on our staff. We wish you all the very best with your semi retirement in Mosgiel.



It has been an incredibly challenging year for a variety of reasons, with educational changes playing a large part of those challenges. I would like to thank our staff for the incredible support and professionalism they have shown this year. Our students and their whanau are very fortunate to have such dedicated staff who go more than the extra mile because they really care about their students. Of course we cannot run the school without our amazing support staff, from the warm welcome you get at the office, to the amazing way the grounds are kept, to displays in the library and of course our stunning teacher aides. It really has been a team effort this year and a successful one at that.

I couldn't have done this job without the support of my Senior Management Team and Pastoral Team. Thank you Ian and Helen for all the work you have done throughout the year and thank you also to Kelvin and Erin for the tireless and sometimes thankless task you have undertaken as Year Level Deans. The school is very fortunate to have such experience and caring administrators.

One of the pleasures of this job was the opportunity to work with our four student leaders. Cassidy, Bri, Piper and Maia, I always looked forward to our weekly meetings, at which we discussed everything from what was going on at the time to them giving me ideas to work on. I have fully appreciated their support when I asked them to do something, such as write newsletter articles and present at assemblies. I wish them all the best for their futures and I will keep an eye on their progress.

Early in Term Two we finally got our C Block back, after 18 months of construction and refurbishment. However, the difference is stunning. I thoroughly enjoy taking prospective students and their whanau through that block now. When I think of that carpet that used to be in the music room and how it has transformed now, it was certainly worth the wait. In Term 2, staff had to put up without their bathroom facilities, as these were being upgraded. It took much longer than planned, but again, well worth the wait. As I write this article, a disability project is about to start, with ramps, automatic doors and the widening of some doors in various blocks. Since I have been at East Otago High School, there has been approximately six and a half million dollars spent on the school, which is now looking fantastic.

Our students have had some incredible opportunities and successes in 2024, with The Spirit of New Zealand Trip earlier in the year, winning both of our sports exchanges, being against Maniototo Area School and Tokomairiro High School. Both exchanges are a highlight of the year for many students.

Without naming individual teams, a number of our sports teams have won their respective competitions this year, while individuals have been selected for Otago and national representation. That is an amazing feat for a small rural school and shows you do not need to be in a large urban school to succeed. We are planning another trip to China in 2025, that will be something to look forward to for those who are interested in going.



This year we decided not to offer the new Level one qualification, instead focussing on preparing our Y11 students better for Level two in 2025 and focus more on vocational pathways and literacy and numeracy assessments. This decision has proven to be a wise one. Most of our Y11 students have quite a number of Level Two credits and have had a wide range of both work experiences and tertiary based courses through the year. We would not have been able to offer this if we were undertaking the Level one qualification.

Being a rural school, we are very proud of gaining status as an Agricultural Trades Academy with the Primary ITO this year. That has given our students many opportunities to gain skills, knowledge, experience and credits while being supported by the primary ITO. I would like to thank all the farmers out there who have been so supportive this year by having our students on their farm and spending time to teach and mentor them as the year has gone by. We could not have this academy running without your support.

Another project has been establishing a community garden, something Chris Walker has been working on throughout the year. We have not quite got that up and running yet but funding has been successfully applied for and a direction has been set, we will keep you posted in 2025, as it is something to look forward to.

I would like to acknowledge the loss of two of our extended school family this year. Lyn Keen and Bernie Jenkins, both of whom have had strong links with our school for many years. Their loss has been one of those difficult times and thoughts are still with their families and I am sure those links will continue over time.

I have saved the very best for last, Kirsty McLachlan, who certainly is the very best of not only educators but the very best of people. There would hardly be anyone in the Eastern District that Kirsty has not touched the hearts or minds of as we are very fortunate that she spent a large portion of her teaching career at East Otago High School, having started here in 1991. To say Kirsty will leave a big gap here at school is an understatement.



Every year parents make requests for their sons and daughters to be in her class as she is the ultimate professional and gets the best from her students. I will certainly miss Kirsty as a friend and colleague but realise she has certainly deserved her retirement and I wish her all the very best



for those years to follow, I am sure there will be a few travels involved there, we will look forward to the photos. As Kirsty leaves we are lucky to have been able to appointment Megan Gallagher to the position of Head of the Y7/8 department. Meg comes with a wealth of experience and ideas. I know she will slot into our school seamlessly and I know our students and families will benefit from Meg's unique and innovative approach.

Finally, I wish everyone a very merry Christmas and happy New Year. I look forward to working with the school and community for one last term in 2025.



From the Board 2024

Hello Parents, Whanau, Staff, and School Community.

This year marks my sixth year on the Board of Trustees and what a ride it has been. I have seen trustees, principals and staff come and go and as of next September, I too will be stepping down from the board as soon, my last child will make her final walk across the stage and graduate as a Year 13 Leaver, 2024.

This space will make room for one of you to step up and assist the principal to help provide the students with the best possible education for our learners in a safe environment, by governing the school.

This last year started with the loss of Marcus, who moved on to the next stage in his career. We are excited to welcome Helen Newcombe as Principal in 2025, firmly believe that Helen will be a great and valuable addition to our school.

Between Principals we have been lucky enough to have Keith. Keith stepped up to run the school, keeping it on a steady incline of improvement because he cares about our school and the students who attend it. As a board we are indebted to Keith for his commitment and for all the work he has done.

I need to acknowledge another East Otago High heroine: Kirsty McLachlan, who has contributed 30 years of her life to teaching our children and still comes to work every day with a smile on her face and a plan up her sleeve. Enjoy your well-earned retirement Kirsty.

Lastly, I want to thank my fellow trustees who are:

Parent reps:

Paul Paton

Ian Clark

Liz Walker

Julia Rata Te Raki

Student reps:

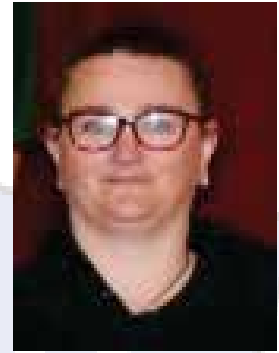
Cassidy Bridger (2023-2024)

Paige Walker (2024-2025)

and Staff Rep:

Kirsty McLachlan

Without you all this job would be tiresome, but with a bit of mahi tahi, we are able to achieve an incredible amount. East Otago High School is a great school that serves the children who attend it well.



East Otago High School

strength through learning

Kia kaha ma roto matauranga

Proud to be a part of the Eastern Community

*Respect
Motivation
Responsibility*

Head Student Report: Cassidy Bridger



Thinking back to when I first got to East Otago in 2018, I didn't know what was going to happen and the opportunities that were going to be given to me. The different roles I have had throughout my time at East Otago vary: they start as student librarian, swpb4l rep, student council to bigger roles such as house captain, sports captain, then student representative for the Board of Trustees and then finally being able to be one of the Headstudents in 2024. I have also had the opportunity for the last 3 years to coach some of the year 7 & 8 hockey teams; I have loved getting to know the kids and teaching them the sport I love. All these opportunities led me here today and I am so grateful for all of them. This school has taught me to keep trying even when times are tough and that there are always people around you that will support your decision, no matter what.

Some of my favourite memories here are Year 9 camp, and both ski camps I have attended and all of the hockey tournaments I have been to with the school. I have loved these events since they have brought me closer to either my classmates or my teammates and I have so many memories with different people from different year levels.

To everyone who is at the school or is going to go to East Otago: take all the opportunities you can and make the best out of all of them. There are so many great roles and adventures that go on at the school to fit everyone's interests and hobbies.

Your 2024 Head Student

Cassidy Bridger



Head Student Report: Brienne Harris

The end of a huge year has come! One of the hardest yet rewarding years I have had. I have learnt many cycles of life along the way. Growing up being an older sister has ALWAYS been to lead by example, but also be my authentic self. I really took these attributes into my schooling and eventually became Head Student. Experiencing a high lead in my own kura will forever be a highlight in my life, as it brought a lot to the table and guided me to some necessary platforms for my future. Having students, teachers, outsiders and my family looking up to me is a huge accomplishment of my own. I could not thank the teachers enough for holding me in my place and relying on me and supporting me to do what needed to be done. Also I want to thank my family more than anything for being my number 1 supporters and my ROCK. Holding myself accountable in order for others to follow is very important to me.



A highlight from this long and well earned year would have to be the connections I have made and lessons I have gained and will continue to have as my life goes on. School is not for everybody but when you really invest in yourself and take a piece from everything provided, it is all worth it. No other school could have given me the opportunities in the way East Otago High School did.

From me I leave you a few tasks if you want to get on in the world: treat others the way you want to be treated; be spontaneous; be proud; be creative; be strong; and be focused. You have the entire world in your hands and it is what YOU choose to do with it that matters.

The sun will always rise tomorrow.

Brienne Harris



Leaving the nest in

2024!



Name: Deegan Croucher

Nickname: Deegs, daz, deegles

Pet Peeve: Male endurance horse riders

Proposed Career: Fresh Choice checkout chick

Probable Career: Professional milker

Claim To Fame: Winning the same trophy 7 years in a row

Favourite Saying: "Oh my gosh, Kassia's here"

Role Model: Sophia James and Morgan Wallen

Favourite EOHS Memory: Jack Martin sports days

What I Will Miss Most: My 12 study periods a week and Renee McKenzie

Year 13 Quote: "If you wouldn't ask them for advice, why listen to their criticism"
Kane Follows



Name: Kassia Garrity.

Nickname: Kass.

Pet Peeve: Ford Ranger/Raptor owners.

Proposed Career: Sparkie.

Probable Career: Average OceanaGold worker.

Claim To Fame: Catching a seagull that one time.

Favourite Saying: "Silly Woman." (In a singsong)

Role Model: Tyler Durden

Favourite EOHS Memory: Causing chaos all of year nine.

What I Will Miss Most: Stinking hot athletics days, specifically high jump.

Year 13 Quote: "We are all part of the same compost heap."

-Fight Club

Name: Laemé Van Rooyen

Nickname: Laemé-zing

Pet Peeve: People sniffing really aggressively in public.

Proposed Career: Teacher, farmer or chef

Probable Career: Professional Housewife

Claim To Fame: Being from Africa

Favourite Saying: "Ugghhh", "Oh My Word"

Role Model: Candace Owens

Favourite EOHS Memory: Year 13 Ski Camp

What I Will Miss Most: School Holidays

Year 13 Quote: "Follow your heart, but take your brain with you."





Name: Piper McCaw
Nickname: Pipperrrrr, Pipes
Pet Peeve: Fake people
Proposed Career: Occupational Therapist
Probable Career: Professional world traveler
Claim To Fame: Falling forward in skis
Favourite Saying: “Hey queens”
Role Model: Mum, hot British boys
Favourite EOHS Memory: Ski camps, going surfing
What I Will Miss Most: Mr Strang and the birthday cake traditions
Year 13 Quote: “No matter how hard it gets, the world is going to keep spinning”

Name: Renèe McKenzie
Nickname: Nae, Renard, Nae Nae
Pet Peeve: People talking to the refs in house sport
Proposed Career: Occupational therapist
Probable Career: Kim Kardashian’s pool cleaner
Claim To Fame: Always having my dawgs out and being dyslexic
Favourite Saying: “HOI HOI”
Role Model: My Family, Harold the Giraffe
Favourite EOHS Memory: Touch Nationals, 2024, Year 10 Girls Camp
What I Will Miss Most: The teacher aids, 2024 P.E. class,
Year 13 Quote: “An idiot with a plan can beat a genius without a plan”- Google



Name: Maia Perry
Nickname: Maimai, Mia, Majija, Miami
Pet Peeve: people eating with their mouths open
Proposed Career: Marine biologist
Probable Career: tree hugger
Claim To Fame: always being asleep
Favourite Saying: “Aw Mannnn”
Role Model: My Grandad
Favourite EOHS Memory: Ski Camp, sports weeks
What I Will Miss Most: sports with my friends, the routine
Year 13 Quote: ‘We’ll never be those kids again’
 - Frank Ocean



Name: Ella Farrant
Nickname: Smella
Pet Peeve: being at school
Proposed Career: lawyer
Probable Career: mukbang YouTuber
Claim To Fame: never being at school
Favourite Saying: "peace and love"
Role Model: Nikocado Avocado
Favourite EOHS Memory: Ski camps
What I Will Miss Most: Chemistry and Biology
 <3
Year 13 Quote: "Just because you're trash doesn't mean you can't do great things; it's called garbage **can**, not garbage **cannot**"



Name: William Clare
Nickname: Will, Villham, Sunburn
Pet Peeve: Bad Referees
Proposed Career: Next Sam Sulek
Probable Career: Average Tren Enjoyer/ Next Magic Mike
Claim To Fame: Deadlifting all weights in school gym, 195 kg in school uniform
Favourite Saying: "Go Muir", "Boshkalay Bong Bong"
Role Model: Owen Clark, Camryn Sharpe, Rodtang, Shrek, David Goggins
Favourite EOHS Memory: Year 9 with the Boys
What I Will Miss Most: Sports, Camps and the Boys
Year 13 Quote: "Life moves pretty fast, if you don't stop and look around once in awhile you might miss it"
 - Ferris Bueller





Name: Cassidy Bridger
Nickname: Cass, Sassy
Pet Peeve: People copying me
Proposed Career: Physiotherapist
Probable Career: Dying and coming back for the 3rd time
Claim To Fame: Dying
Favourite Saying: "okie dookie"
Role Model: He's a 7 million dollar bull rider JB MAUNEY
Favourite EOHS Memory: Ski camp, and hockey tournaments
What I Will Miss Most: My study periods every day and hockey tournaments.
Year 13 Quote: "If you think about it, it'll be over in no time, and that's life"- Frank Ocean

Name: Brianne Harris
Nickname: BriBri
Pet Peeve: People who talk with food in their mouth
Proposed Career: Interior Designer
Probable Career: Body Builder
Claim To Fame: "You smell nice"
Favourite Saying: "Oh hell"
Role Model: Dora The Explorer and my MOM
Favourite EOHS Memory: Year 9
What I Will Miss Most: Mr Strang
Year 13 Quote: "The sun will still rise tomorrow."



Cassidy Bridger



Cassidy Bridger will not let anything stop her, not even a heart attack. It was a pretty scary scenario in year 10 when she dropped to the ground while warming up for a hockey match. She had to be induced into a coma and flown to a hospital in Auckland only to discover she had a heart condition that would follow her for the rest of her life. The worst thing about it for her, as a very active person, was not being able to do anything physical for about two months. Nonetheless she was back on the hockey turf halfway through year 11. Although, it was difficult to get back into the swing of things at school she pushed herself and never gave up. “Even when times are tough, I still try my best.” It was simple for her, she just had to take it a bit easier than everyone else and know her limits. The story became a good example for her to share with her younger peers when she began coaching hockey, as a peer mentor, reader and house captain. She hoped to inspire the next generation to have the same attitude she had, often telling others it was not always about winning. “Just do the things that you enjoy the most. “If you don’t love it then don’t do it.” She played sport because she loved it and it helped her clear her mind. “Being physical just makes me feel good in general about myself. “The world just goes silent,” she said. Next year she was planning on studying first year health science and hoping to get into physiotherapy.

Achievements

Head student (2024); board of trustees representative (2024); senior hockey team captain (2022-24); hockey coach (2022-24); house captain (2022-23); sports captain (2023); student council (2021-23); cubs and scouts group (2013-22); first aid course (2023); RYDA course (2023); peer support leader (2024); peer reading (2023).

Role models

Parents Peggy and Deon Bridger.

Hopes for the future

Become a physiotherapist for a hockey team.



Brianne Harris



Leadership comes naturally to Brianne Harris, 18, being the oldest of seven siblings.

She has a lot of roles where people look up to her and she takes a lot of pride from that.

Aside from being a big sister, Brianne is also the head girl at East Otago High School. Her approach to leadership was to be kind and honest, she said. “It costs nothing to be kind and it can cost your life being a horrible person sometimes.” She handled the pressure of being a role model by remembering to be herself. “I have great support around me with my family and school keeping me in check and reminding me who I am,” she said. This year she says she has struggled a bit keeping up with things, but has experienced a lot of growth in the process. She knew she had to have good sleep and a good routine. “People are always like, ‘you act way older than you are’ and I’m, like, ‘I have to be organised’.” Next year, she was planning on taking a break and then studying business at Otago Polytechnic. She wanted to eventually start her own interior design business.

Achievements

Head student (2024); Mana Pounamu Young Achievers Award (2021); distance learning with the Southern Institute of Technology (2023-24); Meditrain First Aid Certificate (2023); student council representative (2021-23); peer support leader (2024); peer mentor (2023); Muir house leader (2022-23); Get Group - Get prepared level 2 (2023); Get Group - Get prepared level 2 (2023); NCEA level 2 (2022).

Role model

Mother Pania Croft.

Hopes for the future

Become an interior designer and have heaps of children.



Ten Years on: Class Act of 2014



PAIGE CHURCH

2014: Church played for the Otago Spirit rugby team and the South Island Maori rugby team and was a rodeo rider who had won several awards in the New Zealand Rodeo Junior Competition. She planned to train as a secondary school teacher.

2024: Church lives in Dunedin and works at Oceana Gold, operating heavy machinery such as dump trucks, loaders, wheel dozers and graders. She recently played her 43rd game for the Otago Spirit, and has played 98 club games for Alhambra Union. She doesn't compete at rodeos any more but still goes to watch her family ride.



EMILEE OLDHAM

2014: Oldham's leadership skills within the school and the wider community had earned her a Trustpower Community Spirit Award. She captained the school's senior A netball team and coached both netball and volleyball. She wanted to become a physiotherapist.

2024: An associate physiotherapist at Recovery Room in Dunedin, Oldham is also team physiotherapist for the Otago University Rugby Club and involved with Otago Rugby, as academy and high-performance group physiotherapist and as team physiotherapist for the Otago development squad. She plays netball socially, as an outlet from her job and study. As well as her physiotherapy degree, she has a postgraduate diploma in applied science (physical conditioning) and is studying towards a master's of physiotherapy (sport).



Tail End of the Year: 2023

(In this section we look at some of the things that happened after the magazine had gone to the printers last year.)



North Otago Rugby Ball Skill Development Session Kate O'Connell — December, 2023

On Wednesday, November 29, we were lucky to have Jason & Josh from North Otago Rugby come to school and take a variety of ball skill development activities along with some games of rippa, across the day! The school is greatly appreciative of NORFC & Hynds who donated us some new rugby balls. It was a fun day and look forward to building on it in 2024.



Peer Support Training Erin Kempthorne — November, 2023

Over Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, Year 12 Students have been in training to be our Year 7's Peer Support Leaders for 2024. It was a great couple of days, further developing these students skills and building their toolkit for life.





Cassidy Bridger: Head Student

February 2024

Kia Ora East Otago High School Community.

My Name is Cassidy Bridger, I am Year 13 and I am one of your Head Students for 2024.

I am really excited to see what happens through out the year and seeing all year levels interact with each other.

School only started a couple of weeks ago now and we've already had some very big events happen such as Athletics, Jack Martin Sports Day, and now the Year 7/8 are on camp and activity week. We also have some events coming up such as the Maniototo Sports Exchange and Senior Swimming Sports.

Some other exciting events are that the Peer Support Leaders are heading to Camp Iona to spend time with the Year 7's and to see how they are liking camp.



Brianne Harris: Head Student

March 2024

Kia ora, Brianne here, one of East Otago High Schools Head Students. I would like to address some of the events, activities and visits all of our students and community members have consumed over the past few weeks.



On March the 4th we had eight recipients receiving their A.W Familton Awards simply from excelling in outstanding matters through their subjects. These achievements consisted of Merit and Excellence Standards. All endorsing in their subjects either Levels One and Two. A huge round of applause for this group of students!! Year 13 students have been hard at it creating fundraisers for their Formal next Term.

East Otago High School had some very special guests attend DG Murray Hall. Voices Of Hope brought their crew to our Kura sharing many inspiring words. Three recipients from Voice Of Hope came up to speak. We met Genevieve Molder Co-founder and saw Tai Tupou for our second time and we can not forget the amazing Jazz Thornton, she spoke about her Mental Health journey with all our students and staff and touched many souls. I am very sure we all needed the reminder to BE KIND and always create a safe space for those around you.

Camp Iona February, 2024

A wee sneak peak of the fun the Year 7's had at Camp Iona in 2024.



Intermediate and Secondary Schools Challenge Wanaka Triathlon Roz Croucher — February, 2024

Congratulations to the following Students who travelled to Glendu Bay,
Intermediate Section

Year 7 Girls

Frankie Fitzgerald - Swimmer,
Sophie McWilliam - Biker and
Paige Kearney - Runner

Year 8 Girls

Neave O'Connell

Year 8 Boys

Sam Kearney

Secondary Schools U16 Girls

Sophie Hutcheson



East Otago High School Athletics Roz Croucher — March, 2024

East Otago High School held the School Athletics on Tuesday, 14th February 2024. It was great to see all the students dressed in their House colours and giving the events a go. A big congratulations to Ashley Te Huia who smashed the U15 Boys High Jump record with a jump of 1.70m (previous record 1.57m set in 2014). A number of students have progressed to the Otago Secondary Schools Athletics this Saturday, good luck to all those competing. A huge thank you to the parents who came in and helped out, we really appreciate it and we couldn't run these events without you.

Check out the results below.

2024 ATHLETICS RESULTS

OPEN EVENTS		1st	2nd	3rd
Girls 800 Yr7/8	Isabel Jackson	Neave O'Connell	Lucy Rowland	
Boys 800 Yr7/8	Kane Kelly	Sonny Browne	Shayden Brown	
Yr 9-13 Girls 800	Paige Walker	Jolene Johnstone	Grace Jackson	
Yr 9-13 Boys 800	Ashley Te Huia	Ethan Te Raki	Chikusela Mpande	
Yr7/8 Girls 1500m	Neave O'Connell	Lucy Rowland	Evie Peddie	
Yr7/8 Boys 1500m	Kane Kelly	Sam Kearney	Shayden Brown	
Yr9-13 Girls 1500	Paige Walker	Sophie Hutcheson	Juliet Clare	
Yr9-13 Boys 1500	Ryan Howard	Syllys Orłowski	Steven Wetera	
Yr 7/8 Girls 3000m	Neave O'Connell	Evie Peddie	Lucy Rowland	
Yr 7/8 Boys 3000m	Sam Kearney	Kane Kelly		
Open Girls 3000m	Paige Walker	Sophie Hutcheson	Grace Jackson	
Open Boys 3000m	Ashley Te Huia	Will Clare	Ryan Howard	

YEAR 7 GIRLS

	75M	200M	400M	HIGH JUMP	LONG JUMP	DISCUS	SHOTPUT
1st	Jasmine Ahlbradnt	Jasmine Ahlbradnt	Isabel Jackson	Aria Church 1st= Evie Peddie 1st=	Jasmine Ahlbradnt	Jasmine Ahlbradnt	Evie Peddie
2nd	Isabelle Jackson	Isabel Jackson	Evie Peddie				
3rd	Emily Scott	Lucy Rowland	Lucy Rowland	Emily Howard	Hope Heim Evie Peddie	Emily Scott Evie Peddie	Emily Scott Jademaree Bambery

YEAR 7 BOYS

	75M	200M	400M	HIGH JUMP	LONG JUMP	DISCUS	SHOTPUT
1st	Kane Kelly	Kane Kelly	Kane Kelly	Kane Kelly	Sonny Browne	Jack Smith	Oliver Colhoun
2nd	Tane Te Huia	Tane Te Huia	Mateus Parker	Tane Te Huia	Sam Kearney 2nd= Alex McAra 2nd=	Oliver Colhoun	Jack Smith
3rd	Rafferty Gowling	Robert Ahlbradnt	James McAra	Oliver Colhoun		Hugh Cooper	Tane Te Huia

YEAR 8 GIRLS

	75M	200M	400M	HIGH JUMP	LONG JUMP	DISCUS	SHOTPUT
1st	Neave O'Connell	Neave O'Connell	Neave O'Connell	Neave O'Connell	Neave O'Connell	NEAVE o'Connell	Orepa Wells
2nd		Ava Todd	Abigail Foote	Abigail Foote	Ava Todd	Orepa Wells	Neave O'Connell
3rd		Abigail Foote		Ava Todd	Sienna Hewitt	Abigail Foote	Addison Miller

YEAR 8 BOYS

	75M	200M	400M	HIGH JUMP	LONG JUMP	DISCUS	SHOTPUT
1st	Sonny Borwine	Shayden Brown	Sonny Browne	Shayden Brown	Sonny Browne	Tyler Vickers	Shayden Brown
2nd	Alex McAra	Tyler Vickers		Sonny Browne	Sam Kearney 2nd=	Shayden Brown	Sam Kearney
3rd	Mason Vince			Sam Kearney	Alex McAra 2nd=	Sam Kearney	Tyler Vickers

UNDER 14 GIRLS

	100M	200M	400M	HIGH JUMP	LONG JUMP	DISCUS	SHOTPUT	HAMMER	JAVELIN
1st	Grace Jackson	Grace Jackson	Monique Pullin	Monique Pullin	Kaylen Van Rooyen	Kelsa Steel	Kelsa Steel	Kelsa Steel	Kaylen Van Rooyen
2nd	Kelsa Steel	Emily Howland	Kelsa Steel	Kelsa Steel	Arabella Hagan	Carla Clark	Grace Jackson	Grace Jackson	Kelsa Steel
3rd	Carla Clark	Kelsa Steel	Kelsa Steel	Kaylen Van Rooyen	Emily Howland	Yvannah Lawrence	Layla O'Connell	Layla O'Connell	Grace Jackson

UNDER 14 BOYS

	100M	200M	400M	HIGH JUMP	LONG JUMP	DISCUS	SHOTPUT	HAMMER	JAVELIN
1st	Harlem George	Harlem George	Harlem George	Harlem George	Harlem George 2nd=	Harlem George	Harlem George	Brody Cooper	Kayden Miller
2nd	Ryan Howard	Ryan Howard	Ryan Howard	Ryan Howard	Ryan Howard 2nd=	Caleb Todd	Ryan Howard	Liam Thom	Brody Cooper
3rd	Caleb Todd	Tuamahi Whatuira-Weretā	Trevor Copland	Caleb Todd	Ryan Howard 2nd=	Ryan Howard	Tuamahi Whatuira-Weretā	Ryan Howard	Liam Thom

UNDER 15 GIRLS

	100M	200M	400M	HIGH JUMP	LONG JUMP	DISCUS	SHOTPUT	HAMMER	JAVELIN
1st	Sophie Hutchinson	Sophie Hutchinson	Sophie Hutchinson	Pakaea Hunter	Pakaea Hunter 1st=	Fipe Maire	Fipe Maire	Pakaea Hunter	Fipe Maire
2nd	Pakaea Hunter	Pakaea Hunter	Jolene Johnstone	Fipe Maire	Sophie Hutchinson 1st=	Pakaea Hunter	Pakaea Hunter	Imogen Knox	Pakaea Hunter
3rd	Jolene Johnstone	Fipe Maire	Pakaea Hunter	Fipe Maire 2nd=	Imogen Knox	Imogen Knox	Imogen Knox		

UNDER 15 BOYS

	100M	200M	400M	HIGH JUMP	LONG JUMP	DISCUS	SHOTPUT	HAMMER	JAVELIN
1st	Ashley Te Haha	Ashley Te Haha	Ashley Te Haha	Ashley Te Haha	Ashley Te Haha	Keano Evans	Keano Evans	Max Kemp	Keano Evans
2nd	Keano Evans	Keano Evans	Syris Orinowaki	Keano Evans	Keano Evans	Trevor Rodriguez	Trevor Rodriguez	Max Kemp	Keano Evans
3rd	Syris Orinowaki	Syris Orinowaki	Max Kemp	Keano Evans	Max Kemp	Max Kemp	Max Kemp		

UNDER 16 GIRLS

	100M	200M	400M	HIGH JUMP	LONG JUMP	DISCUS	SHOTPUT	HAMMER	JAVELIN
1st	Paige Walker	Paige Walker	Paige Walker	Lily Kemp	Jada Hewitt	Lily Kemp	Lily Kemp		Lily Kemp
2nd	Ashley Howard	Ella McGregor	Ella McGregor	Paige Walker	Lily Kemp	Lakala Harris	Paige Walker		Jada Hewitt
3rd	Lily Kemp	Jada Hewitt	Jada Hewitt	Ashley Howard	Paige Walker	Paige Walker	Lakala Harris		Paige Walker

UNDER 16 BOYS

	100M	200M	400M	HIGH JUMP	LONG JUMP	DISCUS	SHOTPUT	HAMMER	JAVELIN
1st	Steven Wereta	Steven Wereta	Ethan Te Raki	Rufus Gilford	Conrad McGhie	Steven Wereta	Steven Wereta	Steven Wereta	Steven Wereta
2nd	Conrad McGhie	Conrad McGhie	Chikuzela Mpande	Steven Wereta	Steven Wereta	Conrad McGhie	Conrad McGhie	Conrad McGhie	Conrad McGhie
3rd	Ethan Te Raki	Chikuzela Mpande	Chikuzela Mpande	Chikuzela Mpande	Tyler Washington	Ethan Te Raki	Ethan Te Raki		Ethan Te Raki

SENIOR GIRLS

	100M	200M	400M	HIGH JUMP	LONG JUMP	DISCUS	SHOTPUT	HAMMER	JAVELIN
1st	Renee McKenzie	Ava Eddy	Jayla Strong	Evelyn Ahizarandi	Summer Hunter	Ashlyn Lawrence 1st+ Evelyn Ahizarandi 1st+	Summer Hunter	Summer Hunter Cassidy Bridger	Cassidy Bridger
2nd	Summer Hunter	Summer Hunter	Summer Hunter	Summer Hunter	Brianne Harris	Brianne Harris	Brianne Harris	Mia Perry	Kacey Clark
3rd	Cassidy Bridger	Kacey Clark	Kacey Clark	Kacey Clark	Ashlyn Lawrence	Renee McKenzie	Renee McKenzie		Ashlyn Lawrence

SENIOR BOYS

	100M	200M	400M	HIGH JUMP	LONG JUMP	DISCUS	SHOTPUT	HAMMER	JAVELIN
1st	Will Clare	Will Clare	Will Clare	Changala Mpande	Changala Mpande	Will Clare	Will Clare	Samuel Paton	Will Clare
2nd	Changala Mpande	Changala Mpande	Will Clare 2+	Will Clare 2+	Will Clare	Changala Mpande	Samuel Paton	Will Clare	Changala Mpande
3rd			Andrew Fuatavai 2+	Andrew Fuatavai 2+	Sam Ottley	Sam Ottley	Andrew Fuatavai	Andrew Fuatavai	Samuel Paton

EOHS ATHLETIC SPORTS RECORDS

NEW RECORD SET FOR 2024

Ashley Te Huia - U15 Boys High Jump - 1.70m (Old record 2014 - 1.57m)



Ashley Te Huia - new high jump record holder

Project Reclaim Trip Neil Hayes — March, 2024

On the 6th March, Year 11 Science Students visited the new landfill cell at the Palmerston Landfill Site. Fulton Hogan Ltd invited us to the site and Chantal Barnes of Waitaki District Council gave a talk at the facility. The students were accompanied by Roz Croucher and Neil Hayes of East Otago High School.

Students were able to see the newly constructed cell which is receiving waste from the old Hampden landfill as well as some other rubbish dumping sites where there is risk of the waste discharging into the ocean. At Palmerston, the waste is covered, capped and sealed where it is unable to contaminate the environment.

Our students enjoyed learning about the history and need for the project as well as seeing the significant earthworks and machinery. They were also able to start pondering solutions to the problem of waste management in Waitaki, Otago and beyond.

The Year 11 Science Students and Science Department at East Otago High School are truly thankful to Fulton Hogan Ltd and Chantal Barnes for providing this valuable opportunity to learn about an ecological sustainability initiative in the local community.



Pupil to attend international science forum in London

23 March 2024, by Mark John

An East Otago High School pupil set to travel to the United Kingdom for a science forum is keen to battle the perception people at rural schools are not destined for excellence.

Samuel Paton, 16, said he was "flabbergasted" when he found out he was accepted to go to the International Summer Youth Science Forum in London in July.



The only catch was he had to fundraise \$10,000 for flights and pay to be at the forum.

"When I got in I was so excited until I saw the cost of the course and then I was bumped back down to reality," Samuel said.

He said when he found out about the cost he thought about turning the opportunity down because he did not see a way forward.

However, after speaking to his dean and principal he decided it was not an opportunity that could be turned down.

Samuel reached out to Waitaki District Mayor Garry Kircher and received a donation towards the trip and is looking for other organisations to fund him as well.

He would also be selling firewood from his parents' farm to raise money and will start a GoFundMe page for the community to contribute.

Samuel said because of small-town syndrome he and his peers never thought trips like the one he was planning would be possible.

"My dream is to show other students at my school and other rural schools that you don't have to go to big schools to push for your own excellence and achieve at a high level," he said.

At the forum Samuel would have the opportunity to listen to leading scientists from around the world like Yale University Prof James Rothman and visit prestigious universities like Oxford and Cambridge.

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**Artwork by
Ava Eddy,
Year 12**



Otago Touch Prize Giving Roz Croucher — March, 2024

Congratulations to Paige Walker who was awarded the following awards at the Otago Touch Prize Giving last week. Most Improved Player Under 16 Invites Team and the Lindsay Dunlop Award for Emerging Referee



Year 9 Camp 2024 Kate O'Connell — March, 2024

The Year 9 Camp at Glenorchy was held in the last week of February. We were lucky to get some settled weather, meaning we had a great experience in the outdoors with lots of swimming in Lake Wakatipu. On the way up to Glenorchy, the students participated in a confidence building low ropes course and played Archery Tag at 'The Playground' below Coronet Peak. This was a fun way to break up the long drive through to Glenorchy.

Once at the lodge, students put up their tents, and got settled in for the week ahead. The next few days involved adventure based activities including, bivy building, kayaking, orienteering and pistol shooting and exploring the Glenorchy boardwalk. These activities were a great opportunity for students to develop their leadership and teamwork skills, as well as personally challenge themselves and of course have fun and a little bit of competition along the way!

The students were treated to a fabulous day of sunshine for the tramping experience. This was an opportunity to take in the amazing views of Lake Wakatipu as we made our way to Elfin Bay, and then onto Lake Rere, before returning to Greenstone Station on the Greenstone/Caples track. This is a challenging, yet very achievable tramp and it was great to see and hear students chat along the way, and just enjoy the experience in nature with their peers. .

Potentially one of the highlights of the trip was stopping off at the Kiwi Water Park near Cromwell on the journey home. This is a super fun time for those water babies that love to have a good old play (!) and it breaks up the long drive home nicely!

School camps are an awesome part of school, and often create the best memories. It is great for teachers to see students outside the classroom environment. It was awesome to have a new staff member join Mrs O'Connell and Mr Smith this year. Miss MacKenzie literally threw herself into the camp and will be wiser for the experience and hopefully keen to join future camps. I would also like to thank our great parents, Peter Newton, Logan Rowland and Rebecca Ferguson, for taking the time off their jobs to come and help get the students into the outdoors. You really were a great help and we appreciate your support.





**2024 Otago Secondary
Schools Athletics
Roz Croucher — March, 2024**

Congratulations to all our athletes who entered in the Otago Secondary Schools Athletics in Dunedin on Friday, 9th March and Saturday, 10th March.

The following athletes achieved Top 3 placings.

Kelsea Steel
U14 Girls Javelin - 3rd

Brody Cooper
U14 Boys Hammer Throw - 1st

Fipe Maire
U15 Girls Javelin - 1st
U15 Girls Shotput - 1st
U15 Girls Discus - 1st

Ashley Te Huia
U15 Boys 400m - 2nd
U15 Boys Long Jump - 3rd

Steven Wereta
U16 Boys Javelin - 2nd
U16 Boys Long Jump - 3rd

Samuel Paton
Senior Boys Hammer Throw - 2nd

William Clare
Senior Boys Javelin - 2nd
Senior Boys Discus - 2nd

Very big thank you to the wonderful support and coaching from Noni Callander and Jim Blair.



Sophie Hutcheson - Motatapu Sophie Hutcheson — March, 2024

A few weeks ago I travelled to Arrowtown for Motatapu. Motatapu is a running and biking event held once a year with many different races. Unfortunately I was not old enough to compete in any of the big races this year, however I hopefully will be next year.

This year I competed in the 4km run and managed to place third in the 13-15 year old female category! I was lucky enough to meet and have Paddy Gower give me my medal as well.



OSSSA Student Coach Workshop Roz Croucher — April 2024

Fifteen EOHS students attended the OSSSA Student Coaching Workshop at the Edgar Centre in Dunedin on Wednesday, 4th April 2024.

They attended workshops including Know your Athlete, ACC Sport Smart, Building Team Culture, Game Day Coaching, Dealing with Injuries and Dealing with issues/parents. These workshops were delivered by various providers including Grant Milne from Sport Otago, Gwen Harrop and Lana Morrison from Netball South and Mikayla Wilden from OSSSA.

In the afternoon they attended sport specific workshops including touch, futsal, netball and hockey delivered by Netball South, Otago Hockey, Southern Football and Otago Touch.



They were also lucky enough to have Brent Matehaere, Coach for the Night 'n Day Otago Nuggets, come and talk about what it means to be a coach and everything that it encompasses on top of the actual coaching of players.

A huge thank you to Nicole and Mikayla from Otago Secondary Schools Sport Association who delivered the day, we are extremely grateful our students are provided with these exceptional opportunities.

Ava Eddy Art Work - Summer

**Thank you to Palmerston Four Square
Ian Adamson — April, 2024**



Four Square Palmerston kindly donated footballs, cricket gear and dodgeballs. Our Junior School enjoyed playing with the equipment and will be used at lunchtimes and intervals to keep our students active.

Our thank you goes out to Palmerston Four Square for their kind donation.

**Haze
Rachel Foster — April, 2024**

Ava Eddy had her Art Work - Summer Haze selected for the Under 25 age section in the Hope and Son's Art Awards. The exhibition opened on Saturday 20th April and ran until the 18th May at the Otago Railway Station.

The Opening Night was on Friday 19th April at 6pm and the winners were announced that night for a range of awards including a Young Artist Award worth \$500 dollars.

This exhibition was open to all artists in the South Island so to be actually selected was a great achievement in itself. Well done Ava!



EOHS Sport Term One Wrap Up Roz Croucher — April, 2024

It's been a busy term for sport here at EOHS.

We have had lots of teams travelling to Dunedin for After School Sport including three touch teams, four volleyball teams, two futsal teams, one handball team and a hockey team.

We've also held our Athletics Day and Swimming Sports.

Students have participated in Challenge Wanaka Triathlon, Otago SS Athletics, Three Peaks Swimming Sports, North Otago Primary Swimming Champs, OSSSA Coaching Workshop, Sports Leaders Workshop and Netball Development Sessions.

This weekend we have four students attending the South Island Secondary Schools Athletics in Timaru, good luck to you all.

As always our thanks goes out to the staff, parents and community members who volunteer their time to ensure all these events are possible, we really live in a great community.

Check out the round up of sport photos for the term below.



Future Leaders Academy in the Cook Islands - Ava Eddy Year 12 Ava Eddy - Year 12 — May, 2024

In the first week of the school holidays 13th to 21st April 2024, I was lucky enough to attend the Future Leaders Academy in Rarotonga. There were 50 of us that came from New Zealand, Australia and the Cook Islands.

I was put into a syndicate group with ten other students, and over the week we got to experience many different activities, including a business visit to the Pacific Resort. To give back to the community we did a beach clean up which was something nice for all of us to do. We did the cross island hike which took us from one side of Rarotonga to the other over rugged hill country and through tropical plant life.

I really enjoyed the umu experience. This is similar to a hangi but it is cooked above the ground. We prepared the food and then I got to enjoy the meal with my syndicate.

The historical tour of Rarotonga was interesting, this is where we got to see old buildings and learnt a lot about the history of Rarotonga.

Getting the opportunity to be a part of this is a once in a lifetime experience, as for me I gained confidence, met new people and had to challenge myself to get outside of my comfort zone and it gave me the chance to be myself and to realise there are things out there that when I put my mind to it I can achieve.



RYDA Programme Dr McIntyre — May, 2024

Year 12 students participated in the RYDA programme on Thursday 2nd May in Oamaru. RYDA is a one day workshop that provides students with the tools and understanding they need to stay safe on our roads both as drivers and passengers. The modules

included a real-life demonstration of stopping distances at different speeds. The crash investigation module involved students looking at crash scenarios and in the Mind Matters module students looked at scenarios and how your emotions can affect your driving. It was a very worthwhile day and the Year 12 students enjoyed it and were great ambassadors for our school.



**X-Country
Sport — May, 2024**

Here are some photos from our school X-Country on the 3rd May 2024.



**Artwork by
Juliet Clare,
Year 11**



**Flying High Project
Dr McIntyre — May, 2024**

The Year 7 and 8 Science classes have been participating in the Flying High Project's education programme. This involved lessons about flight, hot air balloons and sustainability, culminating with Andrew Parker (Pilot and founder of the Flying High Charitable Trust) visiting with his hot air balloon last Tuesday morning.

The weather was perfect and it was a spectacular sight to see a hot air balloon in the sky above the school with Puketapu in the background. It was great to see so many people at school watching the balloon flights. Twenty seven very lucky Year 7-8 students had the opportunity to have a tethered hot air balloon ride. This was an amazing experience



where the students got a birds eye view of their school and surroundings, they were also involved in deflating and packing up the balloon.

After the balloon flight's Andrew spoke to all Year 7 and 8 students about his life-long passion for hot air ballooning and his life as a professional Balloon Pilot in places like Dubai, France, Africa and Turkey. He also encouraged students to think about

the environment and sustainability. A big thank you to Andrew and the Flying High Project visiting our school.



**Artwork
by Belle
Hurrell,
Year 12**



Workweek 2024 Careers — May, 2024

Workweek resumed in Term One of 2024 following a lapse of four years due to Covid. This was a good opportunity to move the programme from Year 10 to Year 11.

Our Year 11 students selected a work placement suited to their current interests in career pathways. Placements went as far as Christchurch and Cromwell and included Dunedin, Waikouaiti, Palmerston and Oamaru while covering pathways such as building, childcare, retail, farming, hairdressing, mechanical engineering, the armed forces, and many more. Students gained a better understanding of their selected pathway together with transferable skills which will serve them well in the future. Herewith are some of the students photographed during Workweek.

Rite Journey Puketapu Community Planting Rite Journey — June, 2024



Our Year 9 and Year 10 Rite Journey group supported the Puketapu Community on Monday. Planting daffodil bulbs to beautify the zig-zag path leading to the lookout area.

Home Economics Update Erin Kempthorne — June, 2024

It's been a busy term and a half this year in the Home Economics area with our first Year 7/8 module ending and our next starting a few weeks ago. So far Mini Pizzas, Pikelets and Macaroni Cheese have been made by the new module group and with very pleasing results. It has been wonderful to see the Year 7's adapting to the Home Economics room and along with the Year 8's produce a recipe to success.

Also in progress is our Year 9/10 Flatastic group who are currently creating their very own cookbooks which are focused on including breakfast in the daily diet and aimed at teenagers. Students choose a range of recipes from different sources to include in their breakfast books to encourage growing teens to indulge in a healthy, nutritious breakfast to start their day. In their introductions they will provide the reader with the many reasons they have found as to why breaking the fast of night is beneficial for a teen with regards to schooling and growth.

Do you have any fabulous memories of breakfast? Scrambled eggs on crunchy toast or porridge so thick a spoon will stand up right in it and served with brown sugar and fresh milk. If you have a Year 9 or Year 10 student in the class they could include your favourite breakfast in their recipe book, be it Eggs Benedict or Hash Browns.

With winter now here we are looking forward to using some of the seasonal winter produce in our senior cooking. Yams and Pumpkins look out. Yum!

Well everyone wrap up warm for winter, get the soup pot out, make a batch of fresh scones to warm up and we will catch next time.

From the kitchen to you.

Miss K



Hinemoana Waka comes into Karitane Lakaia Harris — June, 2024

Students from the Kapa Haka Performance Group had the opportunity to watch the Hinemoana Waka come in to Karitane. The Waka had come all the way from Nelson. It was a great experience for our students and for the other Kura to see. During this we all did a Haka Powhiri (Toia Mai) to welcome the Waka in.



Aquavan Visit Dr McIntyre — June, 2024

The Otago University Marine Centre Aquavan visited East Otago High School this week. Year 7 and 8 Science classes participated in the Aquavan programme where they learnt about the connectivity between river health and the coastal environment in a fun hands-on way. Students enjoy seeing and touching different animals found at the rocky shore in the Aquavan touch tanks. They also had a close up look at a variety of different crabs. A big thank you to the Marine Centre Educators and Steph Scott from the East Otago Catchment group.



Otago Secondary Schools Netball Tournament Roz Croucher — June, 2024

The EOHS Senior and Junior Netball teams attended the Otago Secondary Schools Netball Tournament on Sunday 9th and Monday 10th June.

Congratulations to our Senior Netball team for achieving a remarkable third place in their grade, and to our Junior Netball team for their fantastic fourth place finish! A big thank you to dedicated coaches Jodie Kemp and Joss Curtis for guiding the teams with passion and commitment.



We also extend our gratitude to the talented umpires Samuel Paton and Rua Hagan for ensuring fair play and sportsmanship throughout the matches. Your hard work and support have truly made a difference. Well done to all the players for their outstanding efforts and sportsmanship - you are all shining stars on and off the court!



Welcome to East Otago High School LIBRARY

Rae Howland

The Library is open week days 8.30am to 3.00pm. Books are issued for three weeks and can be renewed as needed. Five books can be borrowed at a time. The library is a great space for browsing, working, reading and sharing time with friends. We have had fantastic student librarians and look forward to building a new 2024 team.

Wise words from Scholastic:

Reading is a workout for your brain. Read for at least 10 minutes every day to exercise your brain. Reading is a positive habit that has life-long impacts on your knowledge and your health. Ten minutes reading a day gives you 3,650 minutes in one year.

A student who reads for ten minutes every day typically has a broader range of vocabulary and an increased level of spelling. Reading exposes children to new ideas, facts and cultures, helping to expand their knowledge and understanding of the world around them. Not only does regular reading help make students smarter, but it can also actually increase brain power.



Matariki 2024

A Student Librarian displayed the Matariki posters in the library. The Art Department displayed some fine students' Matariki Artwork. Rachel Foster, the Art Teacher, has been changing the bigger wall art display in the library. It looks great!

There was a colouring competition, colouring the Matariki pictures was a relaxing way to socialise and to spend a wet winter's lunchtime in the library.



Tuesday Games in the Library for Year 7 and 8 in Terms 3 and 4

Tuesday lunchtime games took place during these terms. Thanks to Ms Anne Thompson for organising this and for encouraging the students. Students have really enjoyed this time and also benefited from the one-one coaching, particularly with chess.



Rivers of Reading

Back Row (L to R): Ms Rae Howland, Caelyn Cadogen-Reid, Anika Thompson

Front Row (L to R): Jennifer Fiala, Sian Hill, Kelsea Steel, Ciara Clark, Grace Jackson

Term Four 2024

Read today, change tomorrow.

Pleasing News

Email to Brian Strang (HOD English)

Kia ora Brian,

Just getting in touch to thank you again for your contribution to this year's judging process for the New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults. I am also pleased to be able to tell you that your school is one of five that have won a prize for sending in the most insightful reviews.

Your prize is a pack of up to five finalist books from the 2024 New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults.

Bravo to Ciara Clark and Grace Jackson for reading and reviewing their selected book.

Year 7 and 8 English Classes

In Term Four we have had a Toitōi reading Competition. We had three sessions of sustained silent reading using Toitōi texts. Students self-selected their reading and logged in the article, story or poem title and gave each piece their star rating. The aim of the competition was to introduce students to the Toitōi magazines and to clock up reading time.



Hard Materials Round-Up Richard Cruice — June, 2024

Our workshop students have been working hard this year, the first rotation of Year 7 and 8 students completed their Wooden Toys Unit early in Term Two. A wonderful array of wooden toys was created with a great range of styles from trucks and trains to animated animals and stacker toys.



The Year 9 and 10 “Light and Bright” course is now in the final weeks and students have been tasked to incorporate LED lighting into their woodwork designs, challenging students to hone their soldering. Again variety is the theme, the workshop lighting up as students test their designs.

Our Senior BCATS class is well underway with their more self managed projects, there is a theme of students building bedroom furniture to deck out their future flats/homes.



Senior Formal 2024

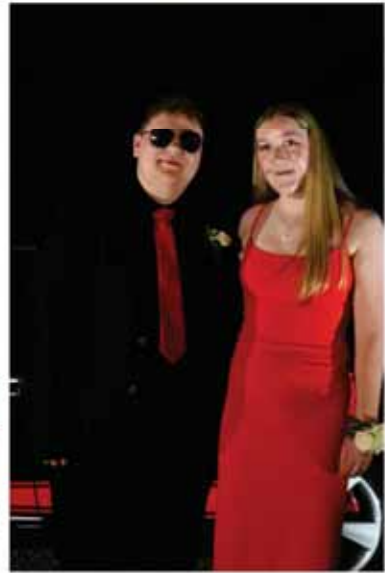
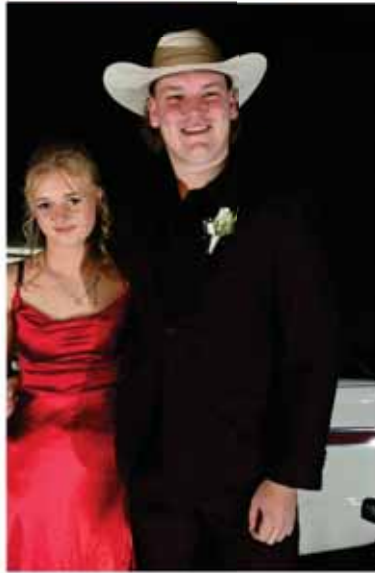
Dr McIntyre — June, 2024

The 2024 Formal was held on the 24th May and it was a wonderful evening and everyone had a great time.

The Year 13 Students did a great job transforming the Gym into an Enchanted Forest. A highlight was students making a grand entrance by arriving in a variety of different vehicles before walking down the red carpet. Everyone looked gorgeous all dressed up, and enjoyed the buffet dinner as well as having photos taken and dancing.

The only hiccup was the power cut part way through the evening but this did not stop the celebrations as we made the most of battery powered lighting and a wireless speaker until the power came back on.







East Otago High School Quiz Night Sian Downes — June, 2024

Last Friday East Otago High School organised and hosted a Quiz Night for the community. We are extremely grateful for all of the support we received and generous donations for raffles and prizes from local and town businesses. Sam Paton was our MC for the evening and did a fantastic job delivering our quiz questions and adding humour to the evening.

On behalf of the Student Council and East Otago High School, thank you so much to those who attended and supported our Quiz Night.

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Anika Thompson

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Extravaganza 2024!

Ian Adamson — July, 2024

What an incredible evening was had by all at the 2024 Extravaganza!

So much hard work was put in by all, preparing tracks, choreography, songs, costumes, props, fundraising, programmes and more. It truly made the night an overwhelming success for our community.

The dedication and passion our students brought to this event were evident in every performance, and the positive feedback from attendees speaks volumes about the quality of the show. It was a night to remember, thank you to all the community who turned up to support our students!

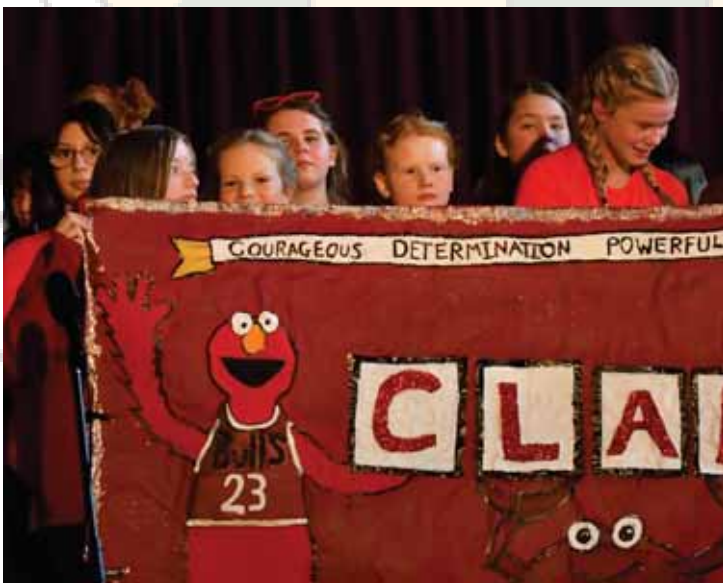
Overall Winning House - Clark

House Pride - Muir 1st, School 2nd, Clark and McKenzie 3rd

Song/Music - Clark 1st, School 2nd, McKenzie 3rd, Muir 4th

Dance - McKenzie 1st, Clark 2nd, School 2nd, Muir 4th









by Kelvin Cummings

Year 7 and 8 Students Harness Creativity with iPads and Music

Our Year 7 & 8 class has been exploring the exciting intersection of technology and creativity by using iPads to create original compositions.

This year's project, integrated into the Term Two Social Studies curriculum, involved producing radio advertisements for their own invented products. This initiative not only enhanced their understanding of advertising but also showcased the students' developing skills in music and sound

design, reflecting the excellent work of our Music Department.

The students learned to craft engaging scripts, compose background music, and record their advertisements, resulting in a range of unique and imaginative creations. This hands-on experience has been instrumental in developing their technological proficiency and communication skills while highlighting the vital role of music in media.

A standout project, as voted by the class, is the advertisement for the "Smart Pen." This inventive concept, paired with a catchy jingle and professional-quality production, impressed both peers and teacher.



East Otago High School Choir Hits All the Right Notes with Stunning Performances

The East Otago High School choir has once again proven their musical prowess, delivering standout performances that have left audiences buzzing.

The East Otago High School choir has been on a roll this year, captivating audiences with their impressive performances and showcasing their musical talent. At our recent Extravaganza concert in Term Two, the choir's rendition of Natasha Bedingfield's "Unwritten," arranged in a stunning two-part harmony, truly stole the show. The dynamic performance was met with enthusiastic applause, proving once again the choir's ability to connect with and entertain their audience.

The choir's inclusive spirit is one of its greatest strengths. We invite all students who are passionate about singing, regardless of experience, to join our vibrant group. Whether you're an experienced vocalist or simply love to sing, there's a place for you in our choir. Come be a part of this wonderful musical journey and contribute to the harmonious sounds of East Otago High School!

For more information or to join, please contact Kelvin Cummings or visit the music department. Let's make music together!



At East Otago High School, we believe in making music accessible to everyone. That's why we offer students the opportunity to learn a musical instrument at an incredibly affordable rate of just \$10 per term. Whether your child is interested in learning an orchestral instrument like the violin or cello, or something more contemporary like the guitar or drums, there's something for everyone. To sign up, students simply need to leave their details with Mr. Cummings, our Head Teacher of Music, or with the office staff, indicating the instrument they wish to learn.



NCEA Music Students Shine in Solo and Ensemble Performances

The Music Department at East Otago High School recently held its annual NCEA performance assessments, a significant milestone for students working towards their Level 2 NCEA Music credits.

In a display of dedication and talent, students in the NCEA class performed both solo and ensemble pieces in front of an audience of supportive peers. Although the experience is known to be nerve-wracking, each student gave a commendable performance, demonstrating their hard work and passion for music.

Congratulations to all the students for their impressive performances, and best of luck as they continue their musical journeys!



Matariki Hui Ako Sian Downes — July, 2024

On Thursday the 27th of June East Otago High School Kapa Haka Performance Group attended the Matariki Hui Ako at the Waikouaiti Events Centre. Maia and Ethan were asked to be the MC's for the event introducing the many surrounding schools to the stage to perform in celebration of Matariki. East Otago High School was the only secondary school present and gave a very strong performance to our younger tamariki and community.



Inspirational Journey on the Spirit of New Zealand Kate O'Connell — July, 2024

Ten students from East Otago High School bonded through leadership and adventure on a 5-day voyage around New Zealand's islands. They embarked on a thrilling journey where students gained courage, leadership, and friendships aboard Spirit of New Zealand. Schools united on a voyage through Hauraki Gulf, creating memories to last a lifetime.

The students were joined by students from Coromandel Area School, Wairarapa College, and Burnside High School and were in for a treat as they set sail around the stunning Hauraki Gulf, gliding past picturesque landscapes and exploring hidden gems like Waiheke Island and Kawau Island. It was a voyage of discovery in more ways than one.

The Spirit of New Zealand Voyage was not just a journey on water; it was a journey of self-discovery and camaraderie. It was a testament to the spirit of youth, the power of teamwork, and the magic of the open sea. To all the students who were part of this incredible experience - keep challenging yourself and keep shining bright! And to everyone else make sure you take these opportunities when they come along.



Year 7 and 8 Gymnastics
Kate O'Connell — July, 2024



Year 7 & 8 students have been doing some Gymnastics in PE in the last few weeks. This encourages the students to be aware of their movements, develops their flexibility & balance as well as their co-operation and team work skills. Here are some pictures of 7/8MK experimenting with group balances



Artwork by Rhema Bani, Year 9

Artwork by Sian Hill Year 10



Artwork by Jennifer Fiala Year 9

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Cape Wanbrow Ian Adamson

We had our Outdoor Education class mountain biking around Cape Wanbrow in Oamaru. Students participated in two assessments. They were assessed on their ability to ride on Grade three tracks and the other assessment, they were looking at safety management.



Silver Peaks Tramp

The Outdoor Education and Duke of Edinburgh students completed Silver Peaks on a three day tramp at the end of Term Three.

Get to Go Challenge 2024 Kate O'Connell

Towards the end of Term three, we had two teams of Year 9 & 10 students participate in the Regional Get to Go Challenge in Dunedin. Get to Go is an Adventure Race where students work as a team of eight to complete the challenges



of Mountain Biking, Orienteering (navigation) and a Water Challenge. The water challenge was first up, on a crisp spring morning at Macandrew Bay. Stand Up Paddleboarding was the challenge and involved students paddling one at a time around a marker and returning to the next teammate. Whilst waiting for their turn, the team had a mind/memory challenge to complete on land. Next came the Orienteering which was held up North East Valley at Forrester Park. Students had to work as a team to collect checkpoints within

the 1 ½ hr time frame. Finally, it was the mountain biking which was held at Signal Hill. Riders completed laps in a relay race to add to their team total. Our teams did exceptionally well to finish 2nd out of nearly 30 teams. It was a great experience and a really enjoyable taster into what adventure racing is all about!



Polyfest 2024

Thank you to Whaea Sian who made all of the new EOHS Kapa Haka uniforms. Everyone performed amazing on the night.



Artwork by
Kate Howard,
Year 12

Artwork by
Billie Schultz,
Year 10



Literacy Rachael Fitzgerald

This week some of our Year 9 and 10 Literacy Support students have been concentrating on the reading strategy of summarising. We have been focussing on the main ideas of a text and deciding what is important. Our students are gaining skills in reading and are able to demonstrate picking out the who, what, when, where, and why of a chosen text. They are then able to pull together the information and write a 10/20 word summary. The ability to summarise has significant benefits for building our students' comprehension skills and ultimately retaining and recalling information.



Artwork by
Monique Pullynn,
Year 10

Semester 2 Science Chris Walker

In Year 7 & 8 Science, students have been delving into the fascinating world of chemical reactions. Recently, they explored the dynamic interaction between Hydrochloric Acid and Magnesium. Through hands-on experiments, students observed the vigorous reaction that produces



hydrogen gas and magnesium chloride. This practical investigation helped them understand key concepts such as reactants and products. By observing the types of reaction, students developed their skills in scientific inquiry, data collection, and critical thinking. This and other engaging activities not only enhanced their grasp of chemical processes but also fostered a deeper appreciation for the transformative power of chemistry in the natural world.



Science - Measuring Ocean Currents Trip Helen McIntyre

A group of Year 10 and 11 Science students participated in the inaugural three day Measuring Ocean Currents programme run by the University of Otago, Marine Centre educators. On day one the students designed and made bucket drifters and learnt how to use GPS trackers. The Marine Centre educators were impressed with the student's



problem-solving skills and construction ability. Day



two involved a trip on the Marine Centre's research vessel the Polarix, where students dropped their drifters into Otago Harbour to measure the water currents. Everyone enjoyed being on the Polarix. A highlight was a group of students who went out on a smaller boat to collect the drifters. Day three involved recovering and analysing the data from the GPS

trackers and learning more about oceanography. A big thank you to the Marine Centre educators and the Polarix Skippers for this amazing opportunity.

Year 7 & 8 Digital Technology Chris Walker — July, 2024

In Year 7 & 8 MK Digital Technology, students have been harnessing their creativity and design skills to create educational games using the Scratch software platform. This exciting project has involved students in the entire game development process, from conceptualizing game ideas through to writing basic code and debugging. By creating their own versions of learning games, students will aim to make educational content engaging and interactive for their peers. Throughout this journey, they will have enhanced their understanding of programming concepts such as loops, conditionals, and variables, while also developing their problem-solving abilities and collaborative skills. This hands-on experience not only deepened their knowledge of digital technologies but also empowered them to use coding as a tool for learning and innovation.



Engage in Science at Otago University Neil Hayes — July, 2024

On the 5th of July, a number of Year 9, 10 and 11 students supervised by Ms Croucher and Mr Hayes were invited to the Division of Sciences to experience an Engage in Science event.

Students first experienced a lecture in St David's Lecture Theatre in which they were introduced to the range of Sciences available to study at the University of Otago. They then went to the Genetics Department where they were confronted with a mock murder scene. Students were tasked with comparative DNA analysis by using gel electrophoresis in order to deduce who was guilty of the crime. In doing so students learnt about the composition of DNA and some of the research that is done in the Genetics Department.



After lunch at University College, students went to the Marine Sciences Department where they had the opportunity to learn about the biodiversity of plankton living in Otago Harbour. Students learned that plankton are an important group of species used to determine the health of oceans. They were able to use microscopes to observe and analyse samples of seawater to see the array of plankton that were present.

Students benefited from this day in that it gave them the opportunity to experience study and meet faculty at a world renowned university on their doorstep.

East Otago High School Hosts Visiting Chinese Students Kelvin Cummings — August, 2024

This week, East Otago High School had the pleasure of welcoming a touring group of Chinese students and staff from Wenzhou New High-speed Rail District Experimental School.

This visit was particularly special, as it followed several international Zoom-based lessons that our students have enjoyed with their Chinese counterparts over the past couple of years.

The tour was expertly led by Sonny Brown, Sienna Hewitt, Indigo Ollerenshaw, and Mr. Cummings. Our visitors had the opportunity to explore various parts of our school, including the Science block, Library, Art room, Music Department, Gym, Tech areas, and Homeroom spaces. The tour concluded with a group photo at the front of the school, capturing a moment of cultural exchange and new friendships.

Our students demonstrated exceptional hospitality, ensuring that the visitors felt welcome and engaged throughout their visit. This experience has not only enriched our school community but also sparked an interest in potentially visiting China and exploring their educational institutions in the future.

We look forward to more such exchanges and the continued growth of our international relationships. Thank you to everyone involved for making this visit a memorable success.



**Artwork by
Caelyn Cadogan-
Reid,
Year 10**



Semester 2 Sports



Meadow Fresh Steven Adams Basketball Camp by Indy Kelly

On Thursday the 8th of August, Mateus Parker and I, were lucky enough to be picked to attend the Meadow Fresh Steven Adams Basketball Camp in Dunedin.

When we arrived we were broken up into groups and learnt lots of drills, skills and warm ups.

I was so excited when I got the ball during play and Steven Adams gave me a high five. My favourite part was the shooting because I scored lots of goals. It was really challenging having to learn the skills so quickly but so much fun.

Steven Adams was very kind to all the children and walked around the courts helping everyone. It was amazing learning basketball from an NBA player that is a very

talented New Zealander and I felt so grateful. He was also super tall and could get the ball in the hoop so easily.

Otago Yr 9/10 Netball Bella Hagan — August, 2024

Congratulations to Arabella Hagan and Sophie Hutcheson who were selected to the Otago Year 9/10 Blue Netball team.

Being a part of a representative netball team presents an exceptional opportunity for personal growth and skill development. You learn lots of new skills and plays on the court. You make so many new friends and interact with lots of people on and off the court.



The tournaments were in Oamaru and Dunedin and we played lots of different clubs/schools like North Otago, Invercargill Netball Club, South Otago, Central Otago and Central Southland.

Playing teams of similar ability from all around the South Island, can be so much better for our netball as it helps us develop as a team. We played eight games in the two tournaments, and we won seven of those games.



Three Peaks Cross Country Roz Croucher — August, 2024

Well done to the 18 East Otago High School students who took part in the 2024 Three Peaks Cross Country.

We were lucky to have a brilliant day after the first planned date was postponed due to adverse weather conditions.

Congratulations to the following students who gained top three placings.

Year 7 Girls

Isabel Jackson - 1st

Sophie McWilliam -
2nd

Hope Helm - 3rd

Year 7 Boys

Kane Kelly - 1st

Tane Te Huia - 2nd

Year 8 Girls

Neave O'Connell - 1st

Year 8 Boys

Sam Kearney - 1st

Shayden Brown - 2nd

Jayden Ollerenshaw -
3rd



**Netball
Development
August, 2024**

SISS Hockey Tournament Cassidy Bridger — September, 2024



The Senior Hockey team left Palmerston on Sunday the 1st of September at 2:00pm and we went up to Timaru for the Siss Hockey Tournament. Our first game was on Monday at 10:45 against St Peters with a loss of 4-2.

On Tuesday we had an early start versing South Otago at 8am with a 6-0 loss, we then versed Maniototo that afternoon at 3:20 with another 6-0 loss but we still kept a positive attitude.

Wednesday we had one game at 10:30 against Kaikoura with a 6-1 loss, Thursday at 10:45 we versed Mackenzie College and had a win 2-1 it was a great friendly game and our last game at 8am on Friday morning against Mountainview High School and we had a 3-0 win.

We all had a great week, lots of memories were made and two Year 13's

are leaving the team Cassidy and I, it was a great way to end it, and Thursday afternoon the Coaches, Managers and Refs all had a fun wee game and some players got involved and it was a lot of fun to watch.

SISS Netball Tournament 2024

And that's a wrap, SISS Netball is done for 2024. Well done to the girls for giving it your all for the whole week, we ended day four with two wins against Ashburton Christian School and Mountain View High School to finish 13th in C Grade. Thank you to our wonderful Coach Jodie Kemp, Assistant Coach Maxine Drabble, Medic Michelle



Lawrence and Umpire Samuel Paton, we couldn't attend these events without you! Another big thank you goes out to SISS Netball Local Organising Committee, you put on a fabulous tournament, were always checking everyone was ok and keeping our lollie intake up!

Dunedin Netball Festival

The Wildcats and Tigers Netball teams had a great day at the Dunedin Netball Festival yesterday, thank you to the coaches and parents who make days like this happen.



2024 U15 National Ice Hockey Championships Ryan Howard

In July 2024 I was selected to represent the Dunedin Ice Hockey Club for the U15 National Ice Hockey Championship 2024. The competing teams were Canterbury, Wellington, Stampede Queenstown, two Auckland teams and my team, the Junior Thunder Dunedin.

This was my third year playing for Dunedin, and I was selected as Assistant Captain.

After the first round robin in July we were sitting second on the table after losing to Auckland White. The final of the competition was in the October holidays. Our team spent Term Two and Three training a minimum of two times a week. The last round robin was a success for the Junior Thunder as we won every game on ice, I also got picked as the most valuable player against Canterbury. I have been trying to win this trophy for three years, it was fantastic to win the U15 national title. A bonus for me for the season was also picking up the Dunedin U15 player of the year trophy at prize giving.



Semester 2

Year 7 & 8 Students Explore Justice System on Exciting Dunedin Field Trip Kelvin Cummings — September, 2024

On Monday, 16th September, our Year 7 and 8 students embarked on an enriching Social Studies field trip to Dunedin as part of their "Crime and Punishment" unit.

The trip provided an engaging, hands-on experience with visits to the Dunedin High District Court, Dunedin Central Police Station, and Toitū Otago Settlers Museum, where students explored various facets of law and order, both past and present.



We extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time to help make this trip possible. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Suicide Prevention Day Sian Downes — September, 2024

On Tuesday the 10th of September East Otago High School Student Council recognised Suicide Prevention Day. Many students chose to dress in blue and purple the colours that represent Suicide Prevention around the world. The donations from students went to the mental health charity Voices of Hope, who visited East Otago earlier this year.



SENCO **Rachael Fitzgerald — November, 2024**

It's been a busy 2024 for our wee department, from cooking up a storm to learning about financial literacy. There's been masterchef moments, book reviews, art and creativity and fun on the disc golf field. All in all we've had a successful year full of lots of learning and creating fun school memories.

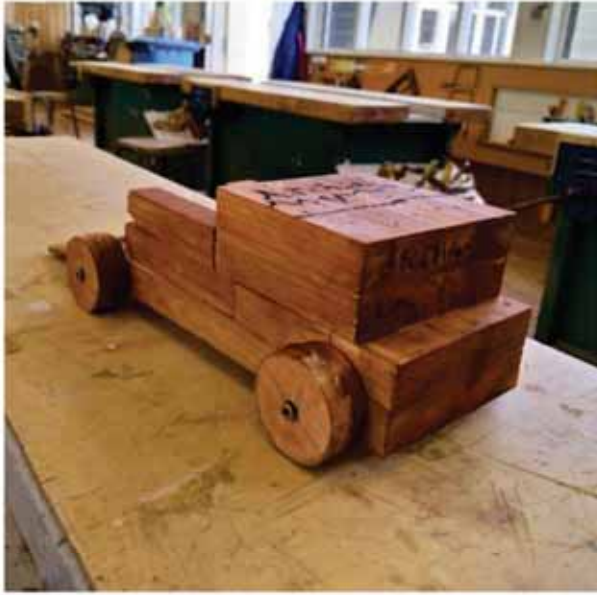


Home Economics Update **Erin Kempthorne — November, 2024**

It's been a busy semester in the Home Ec room with a new group of Year 7 and 8's venturing into D2 to take up the challenge of making a number of recipes including Banoffee Dessert Pizza's, Macaroni Cheese and Apple Strudel. Students work cooperatively together and work on basic cooking skills and time management. In Year 9 and 10 students have looked at different restaurant types and menu courses and are currently working to create a Halloween themed charity menu that provides an interesting and entertaining dining experience. We have looked at how the invention of the automobile led a couple of brothers with the last name of Michelin to create a guide for car owners to find a good place to eat on their travels that has since become the award that chefs strive to achieve in their careers. Developing skills in making food items successfully and safely is the aim of our department however it is also to instill a sense of pride and creativity and a give it a go mindset. It's been an enjoyable year in the Home Economics area and we look forward to seeing 2025 a continuation of this. The only thing left to do is wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season to come and a Happy New Year to come.



News from the Tech room Richard Cruice — November, 2024



As the year counts down for our Senior Students the workshop has been buzzing with activity. With Senior BCATS students taking every possible opportunity to get ahead (or catch up) on their cupboards and various projects. This has been a bonus for junior classes who have had opportunities to work alongside these leaders, watching bigger projects come together and often seeking hints, tips and advice from the more experienced woodworkers. Our final group of Year 7 and 8 students are well into their Wooden Toy unit with motivated students starting to complete their projects. There has been some interesting projects among this group with a number of highly detailed toy ute's under construction, the level of detail stands out here with plenty of Hilux's and Landcruisers. Year 9 and 10 are completing their Bone Jewellery unit with a range of designs attempted. Plenty of motivation and commitment has regularly led to students attending lunchtime sessions to complete extra carvings they want to gift to friends of family.

Semester 2 - East Otago High School - Careers Expo

In Semester 2, East Otago High School held a Careers Expo. Find Your Future aimed to introduce students to knowing what options are available and taking up opportunities that come your way.

A big thank you goes to our presenters for the support, time and energy they put into this event, together with the EOHS staff whose support on the day and in the weeks leading to the event has been invaluable.



Handball at EOHS

Handball is something we are very passionate about. This sport has helped grow our athletic skills and helped develop our characters. We started handball in Year 9 and have continued to play and love the sport since. When we started playing we were quite casual about the game but since then have become very competitive over the sport. Throughout our experience, we have learned valuable lessons in teamwork, perseverance, and self-discipline all while enjoying the fast-paced nature of the game, we also ended up winning the division last year.

We first discovered handball through a friend and joined the team to build numbers. We immediately found ourselves drawn to the sport after our first game. This sport contains elements of basketball and soccer while also being very unique. It is a fast paced and strategic game that always keeps you on your toes. As we continue our journey with handball, we remain committed to further developing our skills.

By Imogen and Ciara

(Missing from the photo Addisyn Lawrence)





EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

Year 7/8 MK 2024



Kurarua Otago Ki Whiti



Back Row: Ryan Fallow, Rowan Wornall, Sam Kearney, Oliver Colhoun, Crepa Wells, Abigail Foote, Ava Todd
 Middle Row: Francesca Fitzgerald, Jasmine Ahlbrandt, Sophie McWilliam, Neave O'Connell, Indy Kelly, Olivia Lee, Ms. K McLachlan
 Front Row: James McAra, Isabel Jackson, Nathan Du Preez, Mason Vince, Liam Blair, Ella Johnson, Ella Dippie Kolourcare



EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

Year 7/8 CW 2024



Kurarua Otago Ki Whiti



Back Row: Shayden Brown, Emily Scott, Hugh Copper, Robert Ahlbrandt, Isabella Connel, Alecander Saunderson, Harmony Cook
 Middle Row: Sienna Hewitt, Kane Kelly, Michael Gardyne, Jayda Craig-Skevington, Jack Smith, Indigo Olerenshaw, Sonny Browne, Mr. C Walker
 Front Row: Mariah Goldsmith, Carley Porter, Holly Bourne, Tony Sakajami-Murdoch, Autumn-Rose Fazakerley, Mateus Parker, Ruby O'Connell Kolourcare



EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

Year 7/8 SD 2024



Kurarua Otago Ki Whiti



Back Row: Addison Miller, Rafferty Cowing, Eva Peddie, Jademaree Bamberg-South, Ameliyah Brookie, Tyler Vickers, Aria Church
 Middle Row: Miss S Downes, Ruby Pullyn, Autumn Walker, Dattkumar Patel, Olivia Alsop, Jayden Olierenshaw
 Front Row: Tane Te Huiia, Hope Helm, Emily Howard, Lucy Rowland, Chariza Mpande, Paige Kearney, Oliver Hibbard-Larking
 Absent: Alex McAra, Rahin Stewart Kolourcare



EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

Peer Support 2024



Kurarua Otago Ki Whiti



Back Row: Miss E Kempthorne, Ella Farrant, Mr. C Walker, Ms. K McLachlan
 Front Row: Renee McKenzie, Brianna Hams, Piper McCaw, Maia Perry, Cassidy Bridger Kolourcare



EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

Year 9 2024



Kurarua Otago Ki Whiti



Back Row: Taumau Whaturira-Wereta, Kane Crowther, Jasper Bock, Kashray Michelle, William Newton, Maya Green
Middle Row: Caleb Ferguson, Chloe Flavell, Trevor Copland, Harlem George, Livana Skevington, Soraya Otley, Kody Lozell
Front Row: Declan Burns, Jennifer Fiata, Emily Rowland, Kylie Gardyne, Isabelle Snow, Monique Pullyn, Jackson Mitchell, Sam Blair
Absent: Trevor Hunt, Kody Lozell, Kerehama Stewart Kolourcare



EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

Year 10 2024



Kurarua Otago Ki Whiti



Back Row: Liam Thom, Ryan Howard, Lillian Otley, Caeryn Cadogan-Reid, Sylva Orlovski, Keano Evans, Fife Maire, Max Kemp, Anika Thomson, Yvanah Lawrence
Middle Row: Grace Jackson, Kayden Miller, Sophie Hutchison, Clara Clark, Caleb Todd, Arika Cook, Blake O'Brien, Kelsey Steel, Kaylen van Rooyen, Sian Hill, Ms. K. Arnold
Front Row: Jilienne Teves, Imogen Knox, Daniel Vler, Jolene Johnstone, Brody Cooper, Layla O'Connell, Bella Hagan, Bella Schultz, Ihaka Kennedy, Jamie Hall
Absent: Falco Hurrell, Cody McKean, Karsen White Kolourcare



EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

Year 11 2024



Kurarua Otago Ki Whiti



Back Row: Conrad McGhie, Tyler Eder, Steven Wereta, Ashley Te Hua, Tyler Washington, Rufus Gifford, Pakea Hunter, Oscar Dippie
 Middle Row: Chikusela Mpande, Tremorgan Ottley, Kalay Ramaka, Henry Buck, Ethan Te Raki, Riley Gillam, Emily Ferguson, Travis Roderique
 Front Row: Mackenzie Snow, Lily Kito, Molly Scott, Ella Thom, Juliet Clare, Lakalia Harris, Ella McGregor, Savannah-Lee Dennison
 Absent: Tafana Martin

Kolourcare



EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

Year 12 2024



Kurarua Otago Ki Whiti



Back Row: Lilly Kemp, Kayne Washington, Samuel Ottley, Baxter Mitchell, Jacob Butt, Andreis Fuatavai, Samuel Paton
 Middle Row: Greta McCaw, Addisyn Lawrence, Evelyn Ahlbrandt, Changala Mpande, Max Nimmo, Paige Walker
 Front Row: Kaiti Howard, Isabella Hurrell, Jayla Strong, Jada Hewitt, Kacey Clark, Ashley Howard, Ava Eddy
 Absent: Ajay Stephens

Kolourcare



EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

Year 13 2024



Kurarua Otago Ki Whiti



Back Row: Dr H McIntyre, Piper McCaw, Kassia Barrett-Garby, William Clare, Ella Farrant, Deegan Croucher, Summer Hunter
 Front Row: Renee McKenzie, Brianna Harris, Ashton Scott, Maia Perry, Laeme van Rooyen, Cassidy Bridger, Kolourcare



EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

Staff 2024



Kurarua Otago Ki Whiti



Back Row: Mr. N Hayes, Mr. J Herewini, Mr. G Johnston, Mr. R Cruise, Mr. B Strang, Mr. C Walker, Mr. B Smith, Mrs. K Scott
 Middle Row: Ms. K Mackay, Mrs. L McLeod, Mrs. B Clark, Mrs. R Fitzgerald, Ms. R Foster, Miss S Downes, Miss E McKenzie, Ms. K Arnold, Mrs. R Croucher
 Front Row: Mr. L Sharp, Ms. R Howland, Miss E Kempthorne, Dr H McIntyre, Mr. K Fleury, Mr. I Adamson, Mr. K Cummings, Ms. K McLachlan, Mrs. D Ford
 Absent: Ms. J Guile, Mrs. K O'Connell, Kolourcare



Prize-Giving 2023



(As ever, this year's Prize-Giving list won't be released until the 2024 Prize-Giving Ceremony.)

Year 7CW

Olivia Allsop (Diligence Home Economics, Merit Art, Merit Mathematics (Miss Goodman's Class), Merit Social Studies, First English, First Information Technology, First Music, Overall Merit), Shayden Brown (Merit Mathematics (Ms McLachlan's class)), Sonny Browne (Diligence Materials Technology, Merit English, Merit Mathematics, Merit Physical Education and Health, Merit Science, First Maori, First Social Studies), Harmony Cook (First Mathematics (Ms McLachlan's class)), Charlee Cooper (Diligence Information Technology, Diligence Materials Technology, Diligence Music, Merit Art, Merit Home Economics, Merit Maori, First Mathematics, First Physical Education, First Science, Citizenship Award, Overall Excellence), Alex McAra (Merit Information Technology, First Mathematics (Miss Goodman's class))

Year 8CW

Jayden Clarkson (Diligence Physical Education & Health, Citizenship Award), Trevor Copland (Diligence Materials Technology, First Music), Levi Downey (Merit English, First Information Technology, First Science, First Social Studies, Overall Excellence), Chloe Flavell (Diligence Music, Merit Information Technology, First English), Harlem George (Merit Science, First Maori, First Physical Education & Health), James Harvie (Diligence Information Technology, Merit Social Studies), Monique Pullyn (Diligence Home Economics, Merit Art), Livana Skevington (Diligence Materials Technology, Merit Home Economics, Merit Maori, Merit Physical Education & Health, First Art, First Mathematics (Miss Goodman's class), Overall Merit)

Year 7MG

Jayda Craig-Skevington (Merit English, Merit Music, First Art), Sam Kearney (Diligence Maori, Diligence Materials Technology, Merit Home Economics, Merit Information Technology, Merit

Physical Education & Health, Merit Social Studies, First Music, First Science, Citizenship Award, Overall Merit), Addison Miller (Diligence Information Technology, Diligence Materials Technology, Diligence Physical Education & Health), Neave O'Connell (Merit Maori, Merit Physical Education & Health, First English, First Information Technology, First Social Studies, Overall Excellence), Tyler Vickers (Diligence Art, Merit Science)

Year 8MG

Kane Crowther (Merit Music), Maiya Green (First Art), Maddison McAra (Diligence English, Diligence Maori, Diligence Materials Technology, Diligence Social Studies, Merit Home Economics, Merit Physical Education & Health, First Information Technology), William Newton (Merit Information Technology, First Equal Science, First Mathematics, Citizenship Award, Overall Merit), Hamish Smith (Diligence Information Technology, Merit Home Economics, Merit Materials Technology, Merit Mathematics, Merit Physical Education & Health, First English, First Equal Science, Overall Excellence) Isabelle Snow (Merit Art, First Music, First Social Studies), Jay T Te Raki (Merit Physical Education & Health, First Maori)

Year 7MK

Ryan Fallow (Merit English, Merit Science), Abigail Foote (Diligence Materials Technology, Merit Home Economics, Merit Mathematics (Mr Walker's class), Merit Physical Education & Health, First Art, First English, First Music, First Social Studies, Overall Excellence), Mariah Goldsmith (Merit Art, Merit Information Technology), Ava Todd (Diligence Physical Education & Health, Merit Home Economics), Orepa Wells (Diligence Maori, Diligence Materials Technology, First Science, Citizenship Award, Overall Merit), Rowan Wornall (Diligence Information Technology, Merit Music, Merit Social Studies)

Year 8MK

Jasper Buck (Diligence Information Technology, Merit English, First Social Studies), Declan Burns (Diligence Art), Caleb Ferguson (Merit Social Studies), Ruby Kennedy (Diligence Mathematics (Miss Goodman's class)), Kody Lozell (Diligence Maori, Merit Home Economics, Merit Materials Technology, First Art, First Music, First Science, Citizenship Award, Overall Excellence), Lucy Mackenzie (Diligence Materials Technology, Diligence Physical Education & Health, Merit Information Technology, Merit Music, Merit Science, First English, First Maori, Overall Merit), Logan Te Huia (Merit Physical Education & Health)

Year 9 Class Prizes

Imogen Knox (Diligence From Hill to Sea, Merit Life's a Stage), Tai Oneroa (Merit Te Ao Māori TIKANGA), Maddison Cooper (Merit Human Machine, Merit Myth Busters, First Equal Maths in Space, First Giving Back, First Skills for Living, First Train like a Pro), Sophie Hutcheson (Diligence English; Dystopian Days, Diligence Maori Games and Pastimes, Merit English; Survival of the Fittest, Merit From Hill to Sea, Merit Who Dunit? Forensic Science, First Around the World in Flavours, First Equal Maths in Space, First Giving Back, First New and Improved or Flawed and Fabulous, First Train like a Pro, Citizenship Award), Caelyn Cadogan-Reid (Merit Maths and Digital Technology, First Clean and Green, First Digital Mania, First Equal English; Survival of the Fittest, First Equal English; Travel Broadens the Mind, First Equal Painting; A Themed Approach, First Equal Photography / Graphic Design, First From Hill to Sea, First Making a Difference, Overall Merit), Kelsea Steel (Diligence English; Dystopian Days, Diligence English; The Fact of Fiction, Diligence Myth Busters, Diligence Skills for Living, First Equal Painting; A Themed Approach), Ciara Clark (Merit Agriculture: Paddock to Plate, Merit English; Dystopian Days, Merit English; The Fact of Fiction, First Equal English; Survival of the Fittest, First Equal Puzzles, Patterns and Money), Dominic Free (First Equal Photography / Graphic Design, First Flying away with Maths), Falco Hurrell (Diligence From Hill to Sea, Diligence

Maths and Digital Technology, First School of Rock), Grace Jackson (Merit Around the World in Flavours, Merit Flying away with Maths, Merit Skills for Living, First All about Me, First English; Dystopian Days, First English; The Fact of Fiction, First Equal Puzzles, Patterns and Money, First Human Machine, First Life's a Stage, First Myth Busters, First Who Dunit? Forensic Science, Overall Excellence), Yvanah Lawrence (Diligence Flying away with Maths, Diligence Forked up Figurines, Diligence Myth Busters, Merit Clean and Green, Merit English; Dystopian Days, Merit English; The Fact of Fiction), Layla O'Connell (Diligence Making a Difference, Diligence Skills for Living, Merit English; The Fact of Fiction, First Equal English; Travel Broadens the Mind), Jillienne Teves (Diligence English; Travel Broadens the Mind, Diligence Making a Difference, Merit School of Rock, First Agriculture: Paddock to Plate), Liam Thom (Diligence Wax and Wood), Caleb Todd (Merit Digital Mania), Fipe Maire (Diligence From Hill to Sea, Merit All about Me, Merit Making a Difference, Merit Maori Games and Pastimes, Merit My Team and I), Kaylen van Rooyen (Diligence English; The Fact of Fiction, Diligence Forked up Figurines, Diligence Skills for Living)



Year 10

Tyler Eder (Diligence English; Survival of the Fittest, Diligence Giving Back, Diligence Making a Difference, Diligence Who Dunit? Forensic Science, Merit Around the World in Flavours, Merit Maths and Digital Technology, Citizenship Award), Molly Scott (Diligence Wax and Wood, Merit Flying away with Maths, First Making a Difference), Steven Wereta (Diligence Hills to Sea), Lakaia Harris (Merit All about Me, Merit My Team and I, First Maori Games and Pastimes, First Te Ao Māori TIKANGA), Chikusela Mpande (Diligence Painting; A Themed Approach) Juliet Clare (First Around the World in Flavours, First Clean and Green, First English; Dystopian Days, First English; The Fact of Fiction, First Maths in Space, First Myth Busters, First New and Improved or Flawed and Fabulous, First Painting; A Themed Approach, First Puzzles, Patterns and Money, First School of Rock, First Skills for Living, Overall Excellence), Avalea Fallows (Diligence Life's a Stage, Diligence Myth Busters, Diligence Skills for Living) Emily Ferguson (Diligence Maths and Digital Technology, Merit English; The Fact of Fiction, Merit Making a Difference, Merit School of Rock, First Agriculture: Paddock to Plate, First English; Travel Broadens the Mind, First Life's a Stage, Overall Merit) Lilly Kitto (Diligence Human Machine, Diligence Making a Difference) Savannah-Lee Dennison (Diligence English; Dystopian Days, Diligence Human Machine, Merit From Hill to Sea, Merit Skills for Living), Ella McGregor (Diligence English; Survival of the Fittest, Diligence Maori Games and Pastimes, Merit Te Ao Māori TIKANGA, First All about Me, First My Team and I), Kalay Rameka (Diligence Forked up Figurines), Henry Buck (Merit Clean and Green, Merit Maths in Space, Merit Myth Busters, First Digital Mania, First From Hill to Sea), Travis Roderique (Diligence From Hill to Sea, Diligence Giving Back), Mackenzie Snow (Diligence Agriculture: Paddock to Plate), Ella Thom (Diligence Wax and Wood), Conrad McGhie (Diligence Flying away with Maths, Diligence From Hill to Sea, Diligence Travel Broadens the Mind, Merit Puzzles, Patterns and Money), Ella Murphy (Diligence Skills for Living, First Photography / Graphic Design), Ethan Te

Raki (Diligence All about Me, Diligence My Team and I, Merit English; Survival of the Fittest, First Flying away with Maths, First Train like a Pro, First Who Dunit? Forensic Science), Tremorgan Ottley (Diligence Myth Busters, Merit English; Dystopian Days, Merit English; The Fact of Fiction, Merit Photography / Graphic Design).

Year 11

Andreis Fuatavai (Diligence Physical Education), Ava Eddy (Merit Foundation Studies, First Art), Greta McCaw (Diligence English, Merit Art, First Music), Jacob Butt (Merit Digital Technology), Ashley Howard (Diligence Business Studies, Diligence English, Merit Agricultural Science), Changala Mpande (Diligence Humanities), Lilly Kemp (Diligence Building, Construction and Allied Trades, Merit Mathematics (Mr Sharp's class), Merit Physical Education), Kacey Clark (Diligence Digital Technology, Diligence English, Citizenship Award), Addisyn Lawrence (Merit Mathematics, Merit Business Studies, Merit English, First Humanities, First Science, First Physical Education, Overall Merit), Max Nimmo (Merit Building, Construction and Allied Trades, First Digital Technology), Paige Walker (Diligence Art, Diligence English, Diligence Humanities, First Physical Education), Baxter Mitchell (Merit Music) Samuel Paton (Merit Humanities, Merit Science, First Agricultural Science, First Business Studies, First English, First Mathematics, Overall Excellence), Samuel Ottley (Merit Mathematics)

Year 12

Cassidy Bridger (Diligence Biology, Diligence English, First Physical Education), Piper McCaw (Diligence Chemistry, Diligence English, Diligence Mathematics, First Art, Citizenship Award), Ashton Scott (Merit English), Brianne Harris (Diligence Gateway), William Clare (First Humanities, First Music, Overall Merit), Ella Farrant (Merit Humanities, First Biology, First English, Overall Excellence), Deegan Croucher (Diligence Building, Construction and Allied Trades, First Gateway), Laeme van Rooyen (Diligence English, Merit Mathematics), Camryn Sharpe (Diligence Humanities)

Year 13

Ashley Robinson (Diligence Building, Construction and Allied Trades, Diligence English, Merit Art), Hannah Du Preez (Diligence English, First Art), Trisha Datt (Diligence Mathematics with Calculus and Statistics, Merit Geography), Katie Nimmo (Merit English, First Music), Gabriella Cowie (Diligence English, Diligence History, First Biology, First History, Overall Merit), Bella Flavell (Diligence Biology, Diligence English, Merit History), Nicola Allan-Chalmers (Merit Music), Abigail Paton (First Chemistry, First English, First Mathematics with Calculus and Statistics, First Physical Education, First Physics, Citizenship Award, Overall Excellence).

Sports Awards:

Cross Country: Livana Skevington, Ollie O'Connell, Kayden Miller, Grace Jackson, Paige Walker, Camryn Sharpe. Swimming: Jayden Clarkson, Livana Skevington, Keano Evans, Sophie Hutcheson, Toa Cook, Deegan Croucher. Athletics: Neave O'Connell, Ollie O'Connell, Matt Ledua, Paikea Hunter, William Clare, Abigail Paton, Rugby Abigail Paton, Netball Addisyn Lawrence, Basketball Ella McGregor, Koru Games Mixed Touch (team of the year), Sophie Hutcheson (Spirit Award), Addisyn Lawrence (Contribution to Sport), Deegan Croucher (Māori Sportsperson of the Year, All-round Sportsperson of the Year), Abigail Paton (Female Sportsperson of the Year, OVERALL Sportsperson of the Year, Sports' Blue – Rugby)

Music and arts awards trophies

Tai Oneroa (Effort in Bass Guitar), Juliet Clare (Effort in Drums), Emily Ferguson (Effort in Piano), William Clare (Effort in Guitar), , Ethan Te Raki (performance in the Arts), Greta McCaw, (Contribution to Music), Katie Nimmo (best vocal performance)

Special Subject Awards

Speech: Charlee Cooper, Fipe Maire, Abigail Paton, Fipe Maire (Public Speaking), Juliet Clare (Promising

Writer), Max Nimmo (excellence BCATS), Samuel Paton (effort Geography), Brianne Harris (Gateway Diligence), Deegan Croucher (gateway), Hannah Du Preez (contribution to Visual Arts), Abigail Paton (senior English)

Special Awards

Sam Kearney (outdoor education Junior), Kacey Clark (contribution to the school and community in an educational sense), Cassidy Bridger (all round effort), Hannah Du Preez (outdoor education Senior), Abigail Paton (Initiative in Leadership, demonstrating and fostering School Spirit, excellence for academic, sporting and music)

Principal's Awards for School Leadership

Ella McGregor (best all round academic, sporting and cultural achievement by a Year 9/10 student, effort in Junior School), Livana Skevington (all-round ability). Maia Perry (excellence te reo Maori students), Summer Hunter (Contribution to Māori Culture), Hannah Du Preez (effort in Senior School).

Special Trophies

Ashley Robinson and Abigail Paton leadership, Grace Jackson (Academic Achievement in Year 9), Juliet Clare (Academic Achievement in Year 10), Samuel Paton (Academic Achievement in Year 11), Ella Farrant (Academic Achievement in Year 12). Muir house sports' shield.

Scholarships

Harlem George, Livana Skevington (John Macdonald Scholarship), Ethan Te Raki (Mana Pounamu Teina Award) , Summer Hunter (Mana Pounamu Tuakana Award), Greta McCaw (John Campbell Thomas Cultural Scholarship) Deegan Croucher (Prime Minister's Vocational Award), Trisha Datt (Otago Polytechnic Principal's Scholarship), Abigail Paton (John Campbell Thomas Academic Scholarship).

**Proxime Accessit for 2023
was: Hannah Du Preez**



**Dux for 2023 was:
Abigail Paton**



AW Familton Awards

Ashley Howard, Ella Farrant, Piper McCaw, Addisyn Lawrence, Greta McCaw, Alex Familton, Paige Walker, Samuel Paton, Kacey Clark



Summer Hockey

Back Row (L to R): Brody Cooper, William Newton, Lilly Kemp, Conrad McGhie, Trevor Copland

Front Row (L to R): Kylie Gardyne, Max Kemp, William Clare, Cassidy Bridger, Kayden Miller, Lilly Kitto

Absent: Lillian Ottley



6 Aside Hockey

Back Row (L to R): Lilly Kemp (Coach), William Newton, Trevor Copland

Front Row (L to R): Kayden Miller, Jolene Johnstone, Brody Cooper, Livana Skevington, Kylie Gardyne

Absent: Emily Rowland



Hockey 1st XI

Back Row (L to R): Trevor Copland, Conrad McGhie, Lilly Kemp, William Newton, Brody Cooper

Middle Row (L to R): Mr Deon Bridger (Coach), Ciara Clark, Max Kemp, Ryan Howard, Jolene Johnstone, Kayden Miller, Mrs Peggy Bridger (Coach)

Front Row (L to R): Lilly Kitto, Livana Skevington, William Clare, Cassidy Bridger, Ashley Howard, Kylie Gardyne, Kate Howard

Absent: Emily Rowland



SISS Hockey

Back Row (L to R): Trevor Copland, Conrad McGhie, William Newton, Brody Cooper, Kayden Miller

Middle Row (L to R): Mr Deon Bridger (Coach), Ciara Clark, Max Kemp, Ryan Howard, Jolene Johnstone, Mrs Peggy Bridger (Coach)

Front Row (L to R): Lilly Kitto, Livana Skevington, William Clare, Cassidy Bridger, Ashley Howard, Kylie Gardyne, Kate Howard

Absent: Emily Rowland



Co-ed Tournament Hockey

Back Row (L to R): Mr Deon Bridger (Coach), Kayden Miller, Conrad McGhie, Lilly Kemp, William Newton, Trevor Copland, Brody Cooper, Mrs Peggy Bridger (Coach)

Front Row (L to R): Ryan Howard, Jolene Johnstone, William Clare, Cassidy Bridger, Ashley Howard, Kyle Gardyne, Max Kemp



Challenge Wanaka

Back Row (L to R): Sophie Hutcheson, Sam Kearney

Front Row (L to R): Frankie Fitzgerald, Sophie McWilliam, Neave O'Connell, Paige Kearney



Year 9/10 Netball/Otago SS – 9/10 Netball/Co-ed Tournament – 9/10 Netball
Back Row (L to R): Addisyn Lawrence (Referee), Kaylen van Rooyen, Yvanah Lawrence, Kelsea Steel, Sophie Hutcheson, Mrs Jocelyn Curtis (Coach)
Front Row (L to R): Livana Skevington, Ciara Clark, Arabella Hagan, Layla O'Connell, Chloe Flavell
Absent: Emily Rowland



SISS – Senior A Netball
Back Row (L to R): Mrs Jodie Kemp (Coach), Maia Perry, Deegan Croucher, Lilly Kemp, Addisyn Lawrence, Samuel Paton (Referee)
Front Row (L to R): Ella McGregor, Lakaia Harris, Brianne Harris, Paige Walker, Kacey Clark
Absent: Jada Hewitt



Netball - Wildcats/Dunedin Netball Festival - Wildcats

Back Row (L to R): Mrs Sara McWilliam (Coach), Abigail Foote, Oliver Colhoun, Emily Scott, Sophie McWilliam, Maia Perry (Coach)

Front Row (L to R): Frankie Fitzgerald, Aria Church, Neave O'Connell, Jasmine Ahlbrandt, Sienna Hewitt



Dunedin Netball Festival - Tigers/Netball - Tigers

Back Row (L to R): Ms Stephanie Maindonald (Coach), Ruby Pullyn, Indy Kelly, Orepa Wells, Ameliyah Brockie, Indigo Ollerenshaw, Paige Walker (Coach)

Front Row (L to R): Mariah Goldsmith, Ella Johnson, Paige Kearney, Liv Lee, Carley Porter

Absent: Autumn Walker, Jada Hewitt (Coach)



Handball Term 1

Back Row (L to R): Max Kemp, Andreis Fuatavai, William Clare, Lilly Kemp
Front Row (L to R): Kacey Clark, Yvannah Lawrence, Addisyn Lawrence, Ciara Clark, Imogen Knox
Absent: Mr Brett Smith (Coach)



Metro Rugby Rippa Day

Back Row (L to R): Shayden Brown, Hugh Cooper, Sam Kearney
Middle Row (L to R): Addison Miller, Aria Church, Evie Peddie, Micheal Gardyne, Sophie McWilliam, Neave O'Connell
Front Row (L to R): Mateus Parker, Paige Kearney, Sonny Browne, Frankie Fitzgerald, Alex McAra, Hope Helm, Tane Te Huia
Absent: Joshua Bani, Mrs Kate O'Connell (Coach)



North Otago Rugby League

Back Row (L to R): Micheal Gardyne, Hugh Cooper, Shayden Brown

Middle Row (L to R): Neave O'Connell, Jack Smith, Kane Kelly, Aria Church

Front Row (L to R): Sonny Browne, Addison Miller, Sam Kearney, Alex McAra, Tane Te Huia

Absent: Mrs Kate O'Connell (Coach)



Year 7/8 Hockey

Back Row (L to R): Micheal Gardyne, Oliver Colhoun, Evie Peddie

Middle Row (L to R): Cassidy Bridger (Coach), Jack Smith, Sophie McWilliam, Alex McAra

Front Row (L to R): Tane Te Huia, Frankie Fitzgerald, Sam Kearney, Neave O'Connell, Paige Kearney, Mateus Parker

Absent: Mrs Kate O'Connell (Coach)



3 Peaks Cross Country

Back Row (L to R): Ava Todd, Evie Peddie, Sam Kearney, Abigail Foote, Kane Kelly, Sophie McWilliam

Middle Row (L to R): Jayden Ollerenshaw, Neave O'Connell, Indy Kelly, Alex McAra, Hope Helm

Front Row (L to R): Mateus Parker, Ella Dippie, Tane Te Huia, Sonny Browne, Paige Kearney, Isabel Jackson

Absent: Shayden Brown



Otago Primary Cross Country

Back Row (L to R): Sophie McWilliam, Sam Kearney, Kane Kelly

Front Row (L to R): Isabel Jackson, Alex McAra, Indy Kelly, Hope Helm, Mateus Parker

Absent: Shayden Brown



Year 7/8 Futsal Term 1 2024

(L to R): Oliver Larking, Tony Sakagami-Murdoch, Oliver Colhoun, Chanza Mpande, Mr Ian Adamson (Coach)

Absent: Mason Vince



Basketball 7/8

Back Row (L to R): Jack Smith, Oliver Colhoun, Andreis Fuatavai (Coach)

Front Row (L to R): James McAra, Alex McAra, Sonny Browne, Tane Te Huia, Mateus Parker

Absent: Aleczander Saunderson, Hugh Cooper, Ashley Te Huia (Coach)



Volleyball 7/8 Gold – Term 1

Back Row (L to R): Maia Perry (Coach), Sam Kearney, Orepa Wells, Abigail Foote, Kacey Clark (Coach)

Front Row (L to R): Sonny Browne, Aria Church, Addison Miller, Alex McAra, Paige Kearney

Absent: Mason Vince



Volleyball 7/8 Green – Term 1

Back Row (L to R): Addisyn Lawrence (Coach), Lucy Rowland

Front Row (L to R): James McAra, Micheal Gardyne, Hope Helm, Isabel Jackson

Absent: Jasmine Ahlbrandt, Robert Ahlbrandt, Jademaree Bamby-South



Senior Boys Basketball

Back Row (L to R): William Clare, Mr Gary Johnston (Coach)

Front Row (L to R): Changala Mpande, Rufus Gifford, Andreis Fuatavai, Tyler Eder, Ethan Te Raki

Absent: Ashley Te Huia, Steven Wereta, Taumuri Whatuira-Wereta



Senior Girls Basketball

Back Row (L to R): Ciara Clark, Deegan Croucher, Lilly Kemp, Paikea Hunter, Kelsea Steel, Mr Johnny Herewini (Coach)

Front Row (L to R): Ella McGregor, Livana Skevington, Maia Perry, Paige Walker, Kacey Clark

Absent: Emily Rowland



Swimming 3 Peaks

Back Row (L to R): Tyler Vickers, Abigail Foote, Oliver Colhoun, Sam Kearney, Evie Peddie

Middle Row (L to R): Frankie Fitzgerald, Neave O'Connell, Jack Smith, Sophie McWilliam, Lucy Rowland, Hope Helm

Front Row (L to R): Isabel Jackson, Paige Kearney, Sonny Browne, James McAra, Mateus Parker

Absent: Mason Vince



Swimming North Otago Primary

Back Row (L to R): Deegan Croucher (Coach), Abigail Foote, Oliver Colhoun, Sam Kearney, Tyler Vickers

Front Row (L to R): Paige Kearney, Neave O'Connell, Sophie McWilliam, Lucy Rowland, Isabel Jackson



Touch 7/8 Green Boys – Term 1

Back Row (L to R): Alex McAra, Kane Kelly, Hugh Cooper, Jack Smith

Front Row (L to R): James McAra, Sonny McAra, Sam Kearney, Tane Te Huia, Mateus Parker

Absent: Shayden Brown, Raff Gowing



Touch 7/8 Gold Girls – Term 1

Back Row (L to R): Aria Church, Evie Peddie, Sophie McWilliam, Lucy Rowland

Front Row (L to R): Hope Helm, Frankie Fitzgerald, Neave O'Connell, Addison Miller, Paige Kearney

Absent: Autumn Walker, Ella McGregor (Coach), Paige Walker (Coach)



Touch Koru Games

Back Row (L to R): Aria Church, Jack Smith, Evie Peddie, Kane Kelly, Sophie McWilliam

Middle Row (L to R): Mr Johnny Herewini (Coach), Alex McAra, Frankie Fitzgerald, Lucy Rowland, Addison Miller, Hope Helm

Front Row (L to R): Mateus Parker, Paige Kearney, Sam Kearney, Neave O'Connell, Tane Te Huia

Absent: Paige Walker (Coach)



Volleyball 9/10 - Term 1

Front Row (L to R): Arabella Hagan, Kelsea Steel, Livana Skevington, Ciara Clark

Absent: Harlem George, Falco Hurrell, Jolene Johnstone, Fipe Maire, Emily Rowland



Volleyball Senior - Term 1

Back Row (L to R): Ethan Te Raki, William Clare

Front Row (L to R): Kacey Clark, Paige Walker, Maia Perry, Ella McGregor

Absent: Isabella Hurrell, Lilly Kitto, Kalay Rameka



Futsal - Terms 1, 3 and 4

Back Row (L to R): Mr Brian Strang (Coach), Falco Hurrell, Caleb Todd

Front Row (L to R): Kody Lozell, Conrad McGhie, Changala Mpande, Chikusela Mpande (Year 9/10 Coach), Jackson Mitchell

Absent: Ariki Cook, Andreis Fuatavai, Harlem George, Riley Gillam, Jolene Johnstone



Senior Girls Touch - Term 1

Back Row (L to R): Maia Perry, Evelyn Ahlbrandt, Brianne Harris

Middle Row (L to R): Lakaia Harris, Sophie Hutcheson, Livana Skevington, Ella McGregor

Front Row (L to R): Lucy Rowland, Molly Scott, Paige Walker, Neave O'Connell, Autumn Walker

Absent: Jada Hewitt, Emily Rowland



Otago Secondary Schools Athletics

Front Row (L to R): Noni Callander (Coach), Samuel Paton, William Clare, Cassidy Bridger, Kelsea Steel

Absent: Brody Cooper, Fipe Maire, Emily Rowland, Caleb Todd, Steven Wereta, Jim Blair (Coach)



South Island Secondary School Athletics

Front Row (L to R): Noni Callander (Coach), Samuel Paton, William Clare
Absent: Brody Cooper, Fipe Maire, Jim Blair (Coach)



Kapa Haka Polyfest Group

Back Row (L to R): Kacey Clark, Paige Walker, Livana Skevington, Liam Thom, Lilly Kitto, Chloe Flavell, Ella McGregor
Middle Row (L to R): Miss Sian Downes, Autumn Walker, Addison Miller, Aria Church, Kane Kelly, Lucy Rowland, Alex McAra, Maia Perry
Front Row (L to R): Tane Te Huia, Sonny Browne, Paikea Hunter, Ethan Te Raki, Greta McCaw, Lakaia Harris, Paige Kearney
Absent: Jada Hewitt, Kalay Rameka, Ashley Te Huia



Music Lessons – Keyboard

Back Row (L to R): Orepa Wells, Mr Kelvin Cummings

Front Row (L to R): Liv Lee, Indigo Ollerenshaw, Abigail Foote, Alex McAra, Sonny Browne



Music Lessons – Guitar

Back Row (L to R): Evie Peddie, Ameliyah Brockie, Aleczauder Saunderson, Shayden Brown, Sophie McWilliam, Neave O'Connell

Middle Row (L to R): Ruby Pullynn, Frankie Fitzgerald, Aria Church, Ava Todd, Lucy Rowland, Mr Kelvin Cummings

Front Row (L to R): Ella Dippie, Hope Helm, Sonny Browne, Sienna Hewitt, Paige Kearney, Isabel Jackson

Absent: Jacob Butt, Kane Crowther



Music Lessons – Drums

Back Row (L to R): Neave O'Connell, Evie Peddie, Ava Todd

Middle Row (L to R): Jayda Craig-Skevington, Lucy Rowland, Frankie Fitzgerald, Mr Kelvin Cummings

Front Row: Isabel Jackson, Paige Kearney, Jayden Ollerenshaw, Sonny Brown, Ella Dippie

Absent: Holly Bourne, Odin Wardle, Ava Todd



Music Lessons – Vocals

Back Row (L to R): Mr Kelvin Cummings, Orepa Wells, Abigail Foote

Front Row (L to R): Indigo Ollerenshaw, Indy Kelly, Ava Todd, Imogen Knox, Liv Lee



Music Lessons – Strings

Back Row (L to R): Ruby Pullyn, Orepa Wells, Mr Kelvin Cummings

Front Row (L to R): Jayden Ollerenshaw, Ava Todd, Olivia Allsop, Chanza Mpande, Emily Howard

Absent: Autumn Walker, Sian Hill, Jolene Johnstone, Robert Ahlbrandt



Choir

Back Row (L to R): Paige Walker, Greta McCaw, Orepa Wells, Addisyn Lawrence, Ciara Clark

Middle Row (L to R): Mr Kelvin Cummings, Abigail Foote, Ella McGregor, Ameliyah Brockie, Kacey Clark, Ava Eddy

Front Row: Sienna Hewitt, Imogen Knox, Grace Jackson, Ava Todd, Liv Lee

Absent: Autumn-Rose Fazakerley, Jada Hewitt, Autumn Walker



Student Council

Back Row (L to R): Miss Sian Downes, Juliet Clare, Cassidy Bridger, Addisyn Lawrence, Samuel Paton, Maia Perry, Sam Kearney

Front Row (L to R): Paige Kearney, Neave O'Connell, Lakaia Harris, Emily Scott, Aria Church, Sonny Browne

Absent: Max Nimmo, Ashley Te Huia



Librarians

Back Row (L to R): Ciara Clark, Kelsea Steel, Caelyn Cadogen-Reid, Orepia Wells, Kacey Clark

Middle Row (L to R): Ms Rae Howland, Jennifer Fiala, Ava Todd, Emily Scott, Abigail Foote, Grace Jackson

Front Row (L to R): Aakasha Pope, Sienna Hewitt, Oliva Allsop, Indigo Ollerenshaw, Liv Lee, Mariah Goldsmith

Absent: Jolene Johnstone, Ruby Pullynn, Sian Hill, Autumn-Rose Fazakerley



PB4L & Wellbeing Committee

Back Row (L to R): Abigail Foote, Ethan Te Raki, Samuel Paton, Greta McCaw, Sophie McWilliam

Front Row (L to R): Hope Helm, Olivia Allsop, Grace Jackson, Indigo Ollerenshaw, Sienna Hewitt

Absent: Mr Ian Adamson



Kapa Haka

Forth Row (L to R): Abigail Foote, Evie Peddie, Orepa Wells, Ameliyah Brockie, Emily Scott

Third Row (L to R): Hope Helm, Sienna Hewitt, Sonny Browne, Neave O'Connell, Sophie McWilliam, Aria Church, Addison Miller, Indy Kelly, Indigo Ollerenshaw, Alex McAra

Second Row (L to R): Mr Johnny Herewini, Mateus Parker, Tane Te Huia, Ella Dippie, Emily Howard, Ava Todd, Frankie Fitzgerald, Lucy Rowland, Autumn Walker, Liv Lee, Paige Kearney, Miss Sian Downes

Front Row (L to R): Ella McGregor, Kacey Clark, Lilly Kitto, Greta McCaw, Ethan Te Raki, Paikea Hunter, Lakaia Harris, Paige Walker, Maia Perry

Absent: Jademaree Bambry-South, Kane Kelly, Chloe Flavell, Livana Skevington, Liam Thom, Kalay Rameka, Ashley Te Huia, Jada Hewitt

From the Staffroom 2024

Oh 2024. You little roller coaster you. The twist and turns, the ups and downs have been as fast and furious as a Top Gun remake where they actually let Tom Cruise fly the jet for realzzzs. So let's just couch jump our way through this year's round of Hatch, Match and Dispatch so this ride can stop and we can all get off it and buy the overpriced picture at the end and move onto a calm and relaxing Christmas....not!



Our first Hatch this year was **Miss Emily McKenzie**. Emily joined EOHS as the new math's teacher and quickly found that Maths was everyone's favourite subject....except in that weird alternative dimension in the Marvel universe. Sporting an impressive Aussie, Aussie, Aussie, Oi, Oi, Oi accent Emily settled into A16 for a percentage of the year before finding the square root of pi to her permanent home in the freshly squeezed orange room of C11. Emily also saw red when she joined Clark House Rawhiti group and learned that to be able to be a part of Clark house you have to be able to spell Clark correctly. This means you have to sing it again and again and again and again. Emily also made the 'Match' part of Hatch, Match and Dispatch by marrying her fiancé Jono over a weekend and letting everyone know by flashing some new bling bling in the staffroom.

Congratulations Emily and welcome to the team.

Our next Hatcher was **Mr Neil Hayes**. Neil joined the Science Department and quickly made B2 a cozy little School house Rawhiti room and Science Experiment all in one. Neil quickly proved that not all Englishman break the sound barrier when they talk and settled into teaching an array of scientific concepts, facts and theories to an array of atoms and cells ranging from year 7 to 11. Neil's wealth of knowledge and overseas teaching experience saw him face all challenges including his biggest being the opening act of the infamous 2024 Staff Extravaganza item. Here Neil showed his acting talents by shaking his tail feathers and, like a Phoenix /Morepork hybrid rising from the ashes, Neil set the bar high for all the other staff farm life to follow in the performance. Neil you did us proud and we look forward to another great year in 2025



Joining the Hatchers was **Mr Richard Cruice** who hit the ground running, hammering home the importance of DIY and chiseling out his place as Muir House Rawhiti teacher. Richard easily stepped in to the role of tallest staff member and set about making the Materials Tech room his own. With his seemingly endless array of check shirts and his stompy kick butt boots, Richard laid down the foundations, put the grinder into overdrive and chiseled out a path of discovery for students to hone their skills in the practical art of building 'stuff'.

Richard also makes the list of Hatch for a real-life hatching. On Wednesday the 22nd of May Richard and his lovely wife Eden welcomed their beautiful baby daughter Maggie into the world. Maggie arrived quicker than interval and proceeded to be a wee ray of sunshine to brighten every day. Congratulations you two and welcome to the team Richard.

Contending for the shortest and coldest member on staff saw the arrival of **Miss Sian Downes**. Sian quickly settled quickly into A14 ensuring the heat pump was always set to the max even in summer. Sian took on Kapahaka, Student Council and Clark House like she had been born to do it...or had been punished for being bad in a former life. Sian showed her gangster side when she performed in the Clarks House dance number and showed her needlework talent with the creating of new uniforms for this years Polyfest group. Sian has the smile to an artist to make a new version of the Mona Lisa and the laugh to match any supersonic jet. Sian....you are a breath of fresh air wrapped in an oodie and topped off with ugg boots. Lets hope the sun thaws you out before February hits and we are back to school before you know it.



Now onto the dispatches...and this is the part I don't want to write about because I don't want it to be real. Leaving us after 18 years is **Mrs Dyanne Ford**. Dyanne started her journey here first as a student, then as a parent and finally in Term 4 of 2006 joined as a staff member after leaving Flag Swamp School and coming to work here as a Teacher Aid for a number of students. Since that time Dyanne has a number of roles including as part of Remedial Reading under Donna Dixon then as Canteen Manager when the Canteen still existed where the storage space is now opposite the gym. Dyanne also carried out the role as International Liaison person and organiser of Home Stays when East Otago High School hosted several groups visiting for 3 weeks at a time from Japan in the early to mid 2000's. This role also saw Mrs Ford host a number of international students along with her family at the family home of Glenlurgen. Dyanne also held the role of SENCO for a couple of years and has also been part of the very hardworking Gateway area alongside Ms Guile for the past 15 years. From Muir House to Hockey Coaching, School Camps to Hampden Mini Van Run Rally Driver in the old Grey Van Mrs Ford has a long association and history with this school. We are grateful to her for the many years of service and dedication and the huge number of students she has helped over her time here. Dyanne is leaving the area along with her husband Iain to take up residency in Mosgiel and to spend time with her two sons and their respective partners and her gorgeous grand babies. Thank you for all you have done Dyanne. We will miss those tap tap tappy feet and enthusiastic presence you have always maintained regardless of the challenges faced. Take care and know the staffroom door is always open for a visit...anytime.



The last to be flying off into the sunset is **Ms Kirsty McLachlan**. Kirsty is another former pupil turned prisoner...I mean staff member who was educated here (which is some classes consisted of eating an aniseed wheels while reading a book and occasionally moving the carriage of the typewriter back to start another line of typing...aahhh the good old days). Kirsty then left to train as a teacher and taught in numerous places as diverse as Rarotonga to Waipiata and then finally ending up at East Otago High School sometime in the mid 1990's. Kirsty has been a keystone of the school in the 7 and 8 area and has taught thousands of students who will all say the same thing. She was scary but she was great. From Year 7 teacher to Year 7 and 8 teacher, from Head of Social Studies to a term of Junior Dean. From Peer Support coordinator to Specialist Classroom Teacher Kirsty has done it all. Numerous Camp Iona's and Peer Support training days, athletics long jump boss to even a cow Kirsty has always stepped up and just got on with it. From her favourite sayings like 'You dopey dormouse' to 'tell someone who cares' Kirsty's time here will be remembered by all with fondness and appreciation. They will be hard flowery jandals to fill but if anyone can step up to the plate Megan will. Kirsty we wish you and Nevis all the best for all the adventures to come. I have always said I wanted to be just like you when I grow up and if I end up being $\frac{1}{4}$ of the teacher you are that would still be an amazing accomplishment. Keep in touch, stop in anytime and listen to Nev when he says Erin needs you for relief. Enjoy your gardening, your reading and all of the things you want to do as your well-deserved retirement kicks in as you skip out of here to your little yellow car and drive off to freedom. We will miss ya!

by **Erin Kempthorne**



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