

EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

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Ahakoia he iti, he pounamu - *SMALL BUT PRECIOUS*



Mr Rick Geerlofs - Principal

Principal's Comment

10th June, 2011

School Reports

Over the next few weeks teachers will begin writing up mid-year reports. These reports will be posted out on Tuesday 5th July with a report evening the following week. Mid-year reports will give caregivers a very good indication of where students are at in terms of their studies. We encourage you to attend the interviews (Tuesday 12th July) as they are a very important opportunity for you to meet with the teachers to identify what the next step may be for your child's learning. We would love to see as many of you there as possible, so please mark this on your calendars.

As I have previously mentioned, over the past month we have also spent some time preparing material for a new prospectus due to go to the printers this week. A letterbox drop will also take place at the same time advertising our OPEN DAY on June 23rd. It can at times be frustrating that we even need to go through this exercise but, unfortunately, in our current political environment, students have the option of going to a school of their choice. The other side of this coin, however, is that whilst preparing this documentation you focus on the strengths of the school and there are plenty.

So what are the strengths of EAST OTAGO HIGH?

- ✓ **Small classes.** Instead of classes of 30, EOHS has senior classes ranging from 5 - 15 students. This means more individual attention, as well as the opportunity to shine and be recognised. It is one of the strengths students most commonly speak about.
- ✓ **Subject choice.** All mainstream NCEA subjects from Levels 1 - 3 are offered at EOHS. If numbers get too small, other high performance options are explored to deliver that subject.
- ✓ **Academic Performance.** 89% of students gained their Level 1 NCEA and 93% gained Level 2. You will find it difficult to see this matched by any other school in Otago.
- ✓ **Facilities.** Come and look for yourself! EOHS offers extremely high quality facilities, including modern computer suites, a superb swimming pool, gymnasium complex and a video conferencing suite. An extensive modernisation programme of classroom spaces is being undertaken.
- ✓ **Staff.** At EOHS staff take a keen interest in the students, creating a family atmosphere built around empathy, caring and respect. This is the strength the students identify with the most. Staff have close, well established connections with the community which is also a strength of the school.



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

✓ **Outdoor Education.** A strong outdoor education programme looks to build skills and qualities outside the classroom. This includes trips to the Glenorchy Lodge, a facility owned by the school. The school also has a high percentage of participation in Duke of Edinburgh in Otago and Southland.

✓ **Participation.** Students become involved in a very wide range of activities, both sporting and cultural, where they are often recognised with representation at a provincial level.

✓ **Leadership.** Opportunities are numerous and encouraged. Students develop skills that are recognised by prospective employers, tertiary institutes and in scholarship applications. Opportunities include: Head students, House Leaders, Sports Captains, Peer Support and many, many more.

✓ **Scholarships.** EOHS has a wonderful track record, with a high percentage of students receiving scholarships for tertiary study.

✓ **Halls of Residence.** Every student applying for a university Hall of Residence in 2010 was accepted, with many being offered several positions. This is not the case at other schools.

✓ **Careers, Gateway & Work Experience.** Students are given the opportunity to begin working towards qualifications in their chosen career paths while having the advantages of still being at school.

✓ **Travel.** Why make your son or daughter travel up to 2 hours every day when EOHS can offer more and it is right on your doorstep, and it's cheaper!

Homework Club

Following the success of past years and back by popular demand **Homework Support** is again now being offered on a Wednesday afternoons from 3.15 till 4.00. This is being held in the school library and it is completely up to individual students as to how long they stay and what subject they work on. Ms Oldham and Mr Murray will be there to help out and support. We have a number of computers available in the library for students' use. Students will need to find their own way home.

Ms Oldham
P. Murray

Year 9

Adolescents are entitled to free basic dental care from year 9 until their 18th birthday.

The Adolescent Oral Health Co-ordinator will be visiting the school on Wednesday 15th of June to speak with the Year 9 students about oral health and to check if they are enrolled with a dentist. If you have not already done so, please take this opportunity to enrol your child with a dentist. Enrolment forms will be available at the school office or call:

Sharleen Szavay

03 476 9834 or 0800 TALK TEETH/0800 825 583



Coming Events 2011

- June 23 - Open Day
- 12-13 June- Otago SS Netball Tournament at Edgar Centre
- June 15 - Year 9 Oral Health Talk
- June 24- Tokomairiro Sports Exchange at Edgar Centre
- June 27 - BOT Meeting 6.30pm (please note correction to date)
- June 30- Y9 7!0 Extra Spelling Quiz
- July 4-8- Year 10 Workweek
- July 14-EOHS Sports Team & Cultural Photos at school
- July 15 - Last day Term Two



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Term Dates

2011

The term dates for 2011 are set by the Ministry of Education and schools have no scope to reposition holiday breaks. They have been changed to align with the Rugby World Cup.

Term 2: Monday 2 May - Friday 15 July

Term 3: Monday 1 August - Friday 8 October

Term 4: Tuesday 25 October - Wednesday 7 Dec

Mid term Break - Monday 5 September

Burns Memorial Art Exhibition

15 students from East Otago High School have had their work selected to be exhibited in the Burns Memorial Art Exhibition which is running from Saturday 18th of June to Sunday the 17th of July at the Forrester Gallery in Oamaru. Schools from the North Otago area are asked to submit work from each year level to exhibit. This is the first time for a few years we have put work into this exhibition so if you are in Oamaru call into the Forrester and have a look

EOHS Success at Gold Guitars 2011

Queens Birthday can be a quiet weekend for many, however it was anything but for a handful of EOHS students. **Olivia McKean, Georgia Watson and Bridget Collins** competed against a total of 655 entrants in this year's Gold Guitar Awards in Gore. I joined the EOHS contingent this year, singing in the senior sections.

This year, EOHS was fortunate to see country music success with Georgia reaching the junior finals with her junior vocal solo, Bridget for her junior gospel, and I made the finals for male solo and senior country rock. In addition to these finalist spots, Bridget Collins received a highly commended award for her junior solo.

To have four spots in the finals is an outstanding achievement as the calibre of talent in New Zealand's biggest country music competition, is good enough to rival any international entertainer.



Georgia Watson & Kelvin Cummings



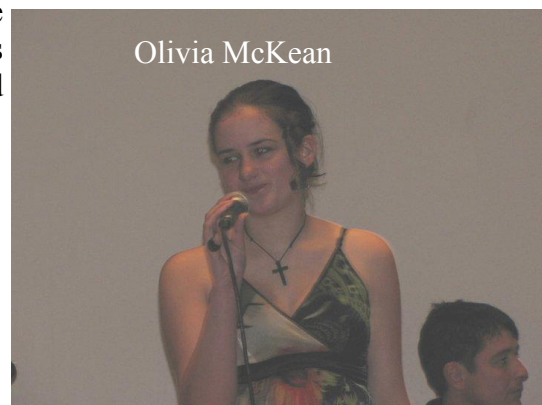
Georgia Watson



Bridget Collins

Videos and photos of the weekend are available at the EOHS music department's website (eohsmusic.wikispaces.com) and our Facebook page.

Kelvin Cummings HOD Music



Olivia McKean

Up and coming Senior Assessments/Deadlines

Yr 11 Mathematics	91026 - Apply numeric reasoning	June 9th
Y13 Biology	90713 - Investigate organisms ecological niches	June 10th
Y12 Chemistry	90763 - Solve quantitative chemical problem	June 10th
Y12 Physical Education	90438 - Explore leadership strategies	June 10th
Y13 Physical Education	90740 - Activity programme and its effectiveness	June 17th
Y11 Science	90945 - Carbon compounds	June 17th
Y12 Geography	90335 - Research	June 20th
Yr 12 English	90376 - Formal writing	June 21st
Y11 Ag/Hort	90156 - Practical investigate	June 24th
Y12 Ag/Hort	7082 - Nutritional husbandry practice	June 24th
Yr 11 History	91002 - Historical event of significance to NZ	June 27th
Yr 13 History	90655 - Understanding of a historical situation	June 27th
Yr 13 Mathematics	90639 - Conics	June 24th
Yr 11 Technology	12927 - Hand tools	June 27th
Yr 12 Technology	25920 - Joints	June 27th
Yr 11 English	90053 - Formal writing	June 28th
Y12 Biology	90457 - Practical biological investigation	July 1st
Y13 Geography	90703 - Planning and decision making	July 4th
Y11 Geography	90206 - Geographic issue	July 15th
Y12 Ag/Hort	7081 - Principles of environmental control	July 15th

SPORTS CORNER with Christine Week 6, Term 2

OTAGO SS CROSS COUNTRY

The Otago SS Cross Country was held at Wingatui Race Course last Thursday 2nd June. The Senior Boys, **Matt McLelland** and **Josh Sprague** had a massive 6km run. **Matt** was holding 7th place but with a massive sprint at the end, finished in 5th place. **Josh** ran a powerful race and ended up 8th. Great effort. **Sam Porter and Oliver McLelland** ran 4km in the Under 15 boys race, with **Oliver** placed 5th. The junior runners: **Jack Laney, James Bungard, Brooklyn Clearwater, Bridget Collins, Jas Neilson and Olivia Ollerenshaw** all ran 3km in their races. Year 7/8 students **Jack, James, Bridget and Brooklyn** can all be very proud of their races, finishing in the middle of the field in a secondary school race. **Olivia** had a great run, placing 3rd.

Matt, Oliver and Olivia are heading off to the National SS Cross Country Champs in Ashburton next Saturday 18th June. Good luck to them.

OFF TO CARISBROOK

The Year 7/8 Rippa Rugby team of **Sam Church, Liam McKenzie, James Bungard, Alec Hewison, Bob Martin, Anthony Fraser, Henry Bell, Heidi Wright, Jessie Scurr and Ali Adams** had a great game against Kaikorai Valley High School, (winners of the Dunedin North Zone Section), yesterday, beating them 22-14. Captain **Anthony Fraser** and **Ali Adams** lead by example and the whole team played well with no weak links. This team has now qualified for the regional finals at Carisbrook on Saturday 6th August.

RESULTS

Rugby

The *Under 18 Colts* had a bye. The *Under 15* team were up against Taieri and had a loss 26-0. POD was **Austyn Templeton**. The *Under 13* team had a cherished win over OBHS beating them 25-7, POD **Anthony Fraser**. *Under 12's* were up against table topping Dunedin, and battled courageously but lost 36-14. POD went to **Michael Hunter**. A selection of 10 players from the *Under 12* team also entered in the Taieri Sevens on Sunday. They won 3 out of 4 games in post section, played and beat Green Island in the semi final 27-12, battled hard against Alex in the final, losing 14-5. There was some brilliant running rugby and some very sore little bodies but they were all very proud of their efforts. The *girls* had a really tough game against table topping Taieri, it was like playing against a team that was 'massive'. Although they kept their heads up they did have a loss.

Hockey

The *Senior team* worked well throughout the game to secure a 1 all draw against King's 1st 11. Some great attacking plays saw **Liam Park** score the first goal of the game. Some tough defence meant we could not capitalise on other scoring opportunities. **Liam Park** was named player of the day for setting up various attacking opportunities and always being in a position to support his teammates.

Netball

Yr 7/8 Green team played Kavanagh 7B and lost 9-6. POD's were **Bridget Collins and Heidi Wright**. The *Gold team* played DNI and won 17-6. POD was **Ali Adams**.

Basketball

There was no basketball or miniball due to the long weekend.

SPORTS DRAWS

Yr 7/8 Green Netball vs Tahuna on court 11 at 4.30

Gold Netball vs Tahuna on court 17 at 4.30

Hockey vs Balmacewen at 6pm on the far turf

Junior Boys Basketball vs Taieri at KHS at 5pm. Transport leaves at 4pm

Senior Boys Basketball vs Taieri at JMC at 7pm. Van leaves at 5.45

Senior Girls Basketball vs Columba at Edgar court 5 at 7pm.

Duty at 6pm, van leaves at 5pm.

Under 12 & 13 Rugby games are at Waikouaiti at 10am

Under 15 Rugby team are at Waikouaiti, kick off at 11.15

Under 18's vs KVC 1st XV at Montecillo at 1pm

Senior A Netball play OGHs Jnr A's at 11.10, Court 14

Senior B Netball play KVC Snr C at 1.55 court 16.

