

# EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

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# E O H S

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



Mr Rick Geerlofs - Principal

## Principal's Comment

19th August, 2011

### Interruptions to school week

In our first newsletter of this term I spoke about the bad weather in the holidays and how it was good to get this out of the way. Maybe I spoke too soon. The weather at the beginning of this week certainly caused great disruption throughout the country.

When weather like this comes along it leaves schools in a difficult situation of having to make decisions as to whether the school should remain open or be closed. On Monday that was easy as the snow covered the ground and made any form of travel treacherous. Tuesday was however a much more difficult decision. In the end it always boils down to safety. Could we provide a reliable and safe bus service? Could we provide sufficient staff in front of classes? Could we ensure that students, staff and families would not be affected by the forecast weather later that day. In all cases the answer was no and hence the decision to close. Please let me assure you these decisions are not made lightly. We will endeavour to catch students up on work missed as quickly as possible.

### Teacher Only Day

Few parents will be aware of the huge changes taking place at the moment with the re-alignment of NCEA. What this essentially means is that each level of NCEA is being completely revamped with new standards being written, new resources being developed and new assessment activities implemented. These changes are being put in place over the next three years starting with Level 1 which must be in place in 2012.

Such changes require a huge amount of preparation and development at a school level. Teachers find themselves in the position of having to completely rewrite their programs of study.

In July, the Minister of Education, Mrs Anne Tolley, after a lot of pressure from teachers and unions nationwide, announced that all secondary schools would be awarded two Teacher Only days to assist them in preparing for the re-alignment of the Level 1 NCEA achievement standards. These days are to be taken at the discretion of schools. The first of these Teacher Only days is to be taken on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August. Some may say, "Well why couldn't you do that on the snow days?" Simple really, not all staff could get to school and these teacher only days require significant planning and preparation.

On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August students will not be required at school. All teachers will be involved in professional development for the day. The second Teacher Only day will not be taken until after the seniors have left for examinations in Term 4.

Senior students are encouraged to make very wise choices about the best use of this Teacher Only day. Teachers will be asked to provide students with revision work for your school examinations that will take place some weeks after this date.



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

## School Formal

Over a number of years a disturbing tradition seems to have developed where students attending the school formal have not attended school that day. ALL students are expected to be at school on Friday 26th August. Those students who need to go in town to pick up suits or other bits and pieces may do so on Tuesday 23rd (teacher only day). The only exception would be for girls who may have had hair appointments in town. They may well be asked for evidence of this appointment.

For many parents and members of the community it has been customary for them to come along to the school and view students attending our school formal. Because this year the venue has changed to the Waikouaiti Events Centre, students will not be meeting in the school library as in the past. We have therefore had to consider an alternative.

All Year 11 – 13 parents/caregivers whose children are attending the formal are welcome to view students as they enter the formal at the Events Centre from 6.30pm onwards. A space will be made available to you on the right hand side of the complex foyer as you enter the main doors. We would ask that you confine your movements to this space. Those coming along to view the students as they arrive will be asked to vacate the premises by 7.15pm at the latest.

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**MUFTI DAY**

**Gold Coin Friday 19th August**



As part of its fundraising for the national finals of the Year 11 Geography competition we will be running a **Mufti Day** with a **sausage sizzle** on Friday 19th August. The team **Tom Lindsay, Michael Lister** and **Isaac Williamson** would really appreciate your support.

The national final is to be held in Wellington in three weeks and we will be competing over two days against top NZ schools including Auckland Grammar, Hamilton Boys High School, Fielding High School, Scots' College (Wellington) and Riccarton High School from Christchurch.

As the finalists from Otago/ Southland, the boys are keen to be great representatives from both their province and East Otago High School.

**Library Amnesty** for overdue books ends Friday 19th August. Next week bills will be sent out.

## Request Books

If you have heard of a book which you would like to see in our library, put it in our new 'Request Book' and we will endeavour to track it down

*Lyn Keen Library*



## Coming Events 2011

August 19	Mufti Day & Sausage Sizzle
August 22	BOT meeting 6.30pm
August 23	Teacher Only day
August 26-	Senior Formal
August 29	University of Otago Liaison Officer 9.50am
September 2	PTSA Mufti Day
September 5	Mid Term Break
September 9	Yr 7/8 Otago Cross Country
September 21-23	Senior Exams
October 4th	Extravaganza

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of our newsletter please email the school office at [mpl@eohs.school.nz](mailto:mpl@eohs.school.nz) or phone 03 4651 513. These will also be available on the school's website, [www.eohs.school.nz](http://www.eohs.school.nz) in a pdf format.



**EOHS**

## Term Dates 2011 & 2012

The term dates for 2011 and 2012 are set by the Ministry of Education and schools have no scope to reposition holiday breaks.

**2011**

Term 3: Monday 1 August - Friday 8 October  
Term 4: Tuesday 25 October - Wednesday 7 Dec

**2012**

Term 1: Monday 30 January - Thursday 5 April  
Term 2: Monday 23 April - Friday 29 June

**2011**

Mid term Break - Monday 5 September  
Labour Day - Monday 24 October

**2012**

Waitangi Day - Monday 6 February  
Good Friday - 6 April  
Easter Monday - 9 April  
Queen's Birthday - Monday 4 June

## Job Vacancy

EO Veterinary Services has a vacancy for a motivated person to share the role of day-to-day duties at their Palmerston Clinic. This position could be full or part time. Contact Kevin Kearney 03 4345666.

## *Up and coming Senior Assessments/Deadlines*

Subject	Standard/Title	Due date/Assessment date
Yr12 Alt Eng	US 12905 Wide Reading	7/9/11
Yr12 Alt Eng	US 12419 Poetic Text	9/9/11
Yr12 Alt Eng	AS 90374 Speeches	7/10/11
Yr11 Alt Eng	AS 90854 Independent Reading	7/10/11
Yr11 Alt Eng	AS 90857 Speech	7/10/11
Yr11 Alt Eng	AS 90856 Visual Image	18/8/11
Yr 11 PE	AS 90962 Assessment	Week 4 Term 3

### NZQA Fees

**Fees \$76.70 or \$20 if you have a Community Services Card.**

NZQA fees and application forms for Financial Assistance have been sent out with reports. If you have a Community Services Card you will be entitled to a large reduction in fees.

Please return Financial Assistance Forms to Lynn Murphy at the school office as soon as possible so the application can be lodged with NZQA. These need to be lodged urgently.

**NCEA fees are due by 9th September.** After that date fees will need to be paid direct to NZQA in Wellington and will incur a \$50 late fee.

## SPORTS CORNER with Christine Week 3, Term 3

### SPORTS: RESULTS

TEAM	OPPOSITION	WIN/LOSS	SCORE	POD
Yr7/8 Green Netball	Tahuna 7B Teal	Win	23-1	<b>Brianna Clulee &amp; Hayley Jenkinson</b>
Yr7/8 Gold Netball	Kavanagh 7A	Win	12-6	<b>Nicole Bungard</b>
Yr7/8 Hockey	Columba	Loss	3-2	<b>Breeshyn Witheira</b>
Jnr Boys Basketball	John McGlashan	Loss	41-22	<b>Sam Porter</b>
Snr Boys Basketball	Logan Park	Win	73-29	<b>Daniel Oldham</b>
Snr Girls Basketball	Queens High	Loss	32-29	
Senior A Netball	Kavanagh Snr B	Loss	28-25	<b>Sarah Lindsay</b>
Senior B Netball	Kaikorai Valley	Win		
Green Miniball	Bye			
Gold Miniball	Bye			
Senior Hockey	Kings 1sts	Postponed	Until	<b>30<sup>th</sup> August</b>

### SPORTS DRAWS

TEAM	OPPOSITION	TIME	PLACE	
Yr7/8 Green Netball	DNI 7 Green	4.30	Court 12	Final Section 9
Yr 7/8 Hockey	Taieri College	6.45	Pav Turf	
Senior A Netball	St Hilda's Snr D	4.00	Court 6	Playoff for 3/4 <sup>th</sup> Senior A Section 1
Senior B Netball	Otago Girls Snr Silver	10.15	Court 12	Final for Senior A Section 4

Those players whose winter sports season has finished, please hand your clean sports uniform in to the school office or hand it into Christine.

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### Athletics Club

We are starting an official athletics club at EOHS. This will be for all ages, including primary and secondary students and adults. Anyone who wants to give it a go.

Firstly we need to form a committee to establish the club. Anyone interested in being on this committee, coaching events or joining the club to contact the school office.

# SPORTS CORNER with Christine Week 3, Term 3

## UPCOMING EVENTS

South Island SS Netball Tournament 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2011

Otago Primary Cross Country @ Balmacewen Intermediate, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Sports Breakfast, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September

North Otago Intermediate Cross Country, Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September

## GOOD LUCK

We have another student off to compete at an international level next week. **Paige Church** is off to Rockhampton, Australia to compete for the NZ High School Rodeo Team in the Trans Tasman High School Rodeo Champs. **Paige** will be competing in the barrel racing. Give it heaps Paige, good luck!



The Senior A Netball team is heading off to Nelson this Saturday to compete in the South Island Secondary Schools' Netball Champs which run from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August to Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> August. The team consists of the following players:

<b>Sarah Lindsay</b>	<b>Jasmine Fraser</b>	<b>Stacey Primmer</b>	<b>Sarah Prescott</b>
<b>Emilee Oldham</b>	<b>Ida Keith</b>	<b>Ashley Knox</b>	<b>Brooke Roberts</b>
<b>Jasmine Neilson</b>	<b>Rhylee Aitcheson</b>	<b>Olivia Ollerenshaw</b>	

Unfortunately Sarah Prescott is not able to attend the tournament now. You will be sorely missed Sarah.

Jessica Richards (coach), Karen Oldham (Manager), Jan Lindsay and Sarah Neilson will be accompanying the team to Nelson.

The team would like to thank all those who have supported their fundraising efforts, including the following: Otago Transport, SCL Contracting, RSL Engineering, Taylors Lime, Rural Livestock.

## CROSS COUNTRY & ORIENTEERING

Unfortunately, due to the “lovely” weather earlier this week, the 3 Peaks Cross Country and Orienteering has been postponed indefinitely. We do have the regional cross country events coming up in September.

## SPORTS AWARDS

We will be looking at the sports' awards very shortly. Coaches and Managers will need to be thinking about team awards for Most Valuable Player and Most Improved.

## SPORT UNIFORM ORDERS



The school office has supplies of the new PE uniforms. Shorts, singlets and t-shirts are all \$35 each.

Anyone wishing to order the new school tracksuit pants or jacket (which can be worn as a school jacket), or the new micro fleece warm up top (which can be worn to sporting events and PE only) please contact the school office. Payment must be made with orders. Tracksuit bottoms are \$70, Jacket is \$95 and Warm-up top \$60. Sizes are available to try on at the school office.

**The school office will be sending the order away this Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August. There won't another order until Term 4.**

