EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

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EOHS

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

Mr Rick Geerlofs - Principal

Principal's Comment

1st July, 2011

Farewell

Christopher Wu, our only international student at East Otago, arrived in the first week of the July holidays in 2010.

I can remember picking up a very well groomed young man who had impeccable manners and spoke reasonably good English. He had a violin tucked under one arm and was keen to see the countryside as we drove home from the Dunedin airport.

For those of you who are not aware, Chris spent the first six months of his home stay with my wife and I. When he first arrived he may well have thought he had moved into a 'Slave Labour Camp', because when we get to school holidays I always have a list of things that need to be done around the home. I was also trying to break in a section in a lead up to my daughter's wedding, six months later.

Very quickly we found Chris a pair of overalls and I put him to work painting a wardrobe. It was clear that this was something Chris had not done before. During those two weeks Chris did a lot of things that were new for him, including extensive use of a wheel barrow and the weeding of a large banked area. We are quite proud that we are sending him home as a sort of handyman.

During those first holidays Chris was keen to get to school (can't think why). When Term 3 finally started he fitted in beautifully, and I take my hat off to those students who befriended him and helped him to become accustomed to the 'NZ way'. I can recall asking him about school when I would get home, which teachers needed to be spoken to for not giving him homework. But the thing I think Chris enjoyed the most was the freedom we enjoy here at EOHS and the low demands on our time. Back home, his school day starts at 7.00am and finishes at 5.00pm. During that day he will have eight periods and will study 12 subjects. He then goes back to school on Saturdays and for most of his holidays. No wonder he found our system far less pressurised!

At the beginning of this year we recognized that Chris needed to be with a family with young children. This would allow him to experience another aspect of life in New Zealand, as well as further improving his spoken English. The Keen Family offered to take him in and we are very grateful to them for opening their home and accepting him as one of the family. This is a big undertaking and we are so grateful for the opportunities they have given him over the last six months.

At assembly on Monday, several people spoke with great fondness of Chris' time with us.

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

Chris, we have enjoyed the smile, the friendly helloooo's and the way that you have given things a go. We respect you for your willingness to share a little of yourself with us and for giving us a glimpse of life in Taiwan.

Chris leaves NZ on Monday 5th July, and we wish him all the very best in his studies, as he returns home. We are reasonably confident that we will see him again sometime in the future.

Reports

Over this past week I have had the chance to read through a few school reports. Many students can quite rightly be very proud of their achievements so far this year. Teachers have taken the opportunity of providing some thoughts about the next step. I would like students and caregivers to consider this advice with all seriousness and please do take the opportunity of attending parent/ teacher/student interviews on Tuesday 12th July. Please mark this date on your calendar. It is really important that you take an interest in your child's progress and hear about this first hand from the teacher.

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EO Community Pool Meeting

There will be a meeting of the Pool Committee on Tuesday July 5th at 7pm in the staffroom.

This meeting will discuss the replacement of heat pumps at a cost of approx $50,000. Committee members, pool users and community members are all encouraged to attend.

WANTED

Paint shirts for the Art classes. We would appreciate any old adult size shirts that you no longer need, for students to wear in art.

LADIES 'NITE'

In the Waikouaiti Events Centre on Thursday 14th July 7.30pm. Door prizes, raffles , beauty therapist and more. Details from Molly 4658 197.

YOUTHTOWN SHREDDING OHAU 26TH JUNE

A Day of Adrenalin Pumping Action
Up Early Shredding The Slopes At Ohau.
Ski Or Snowboard Your Choice.
Full Gear Hire And Lift Passes Included.
When: Sunday 26th June 7am – 7pm
Where: Youthtown Office 87 Thames St, Oamaru
30 Place's Available Cost: $80
Transport & Lift Pass Only $50
Transport $30
Contact Mike 4346473 / 0272299198 email
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Coming Events 2011

July 2 Junior Social/ Dance
July 4-8- Year 10 Workweek
July 5- Pool Meeting 7pm
July 10-12- Year 13 Geog Trip to Queenstown
July 12- Parent/teacher interviews
July 14-EOHS Sports Team & Cultural Photos at school
July 15 - S.I. Swimming Champs
Gateway Food and Safety Course
Mufti Day
Last day Term Two
August 1-BOT meeting 6.30pm
August 2-5 Yr 12 Cross Country Ski Trip
August 17- Extravanganza
August 26- Senior Formal

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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
Labour Day - Monday 24 October

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

BEGINNER PIANO & VIOLIN LESSONS

Alan Starrett is offering beginner piano lessons and violin lessons in the Waikouaiti coast area- he comes as far as Palmerston every second Saturday (starting 23rd July). He has 2 -3 teaching spaces left on this run. Text Ala 027 3459132 or email alanrayatarrat@hotmail.com $30 per lesson- Alan is a violin player in the Southern Sinfonia

ELWING DISOVERIES ADVENTURE

On Sunday the 19th of June I left the South Island and headed to Stewart Island to embark on a four day journey. This journey was to help me receive my Day Skipper's certificate and also sail on a yacht for four days.
On this journey I encountered many cold showers (which was a quick dip in the sea every morning at 7.30a.m!) snorkelling, learning how to sail, team building and making new friends. I had an action packed week and if you are ever given the opportunity to go on an Elwing Discoveries yacht, I would highly recommend it.
by Regan Watson

TOKOMAIRIRO INTERSCHOOL

Last Friday 70 of our students, five girls and five boys from each year level, travelled to the Edgar Centre for our annual sports exchange against Toko. Every team played a game of basketball, netball, volleyball and touch against its corresponding team from Toko. We had a very successful day with our Year 8 and Year 9 teams going through unbeaten. Overall, out of the 28 games played, East Otago won 20 and drew two and Toko won 6 and drew two. This is the first year we have come away with the interschool trophy and it just proves how strong our sport has become. Thank you to all the referees and parents that attended and supported this event.

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Subject	Standard/Title	Due date/Assessment date
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
Yr 11 Home Ec	90956 Nutritional Needs	July 11th

SPORTS CORNER with Christine Week 9, Term 2

Some up and coming events:
Wow! Only 2½ weeks of school until the holidays!
Rugby game against Chevalier College, Australia @ EOHS 7th July, 2.30 kick-off
EOHS Sports Team & Cultural Photos at school Thurs 14th July
Glossary: SS is Secondary School, POD is player of the day.

CONGRATULATIONS
Jessie Scurr has made it through the first cut of trialalists for Collier (Under 13 Girls Otago) Hockey. A great achievement as this is her first year playing hockey.

TRANS-TASMAN INTERSCHOOL
Next Thursday 7th July we will be hosting Chevalier College 1st XV for a game of rugby. Chevalier College is in Bowral, half way between Sydney and Canberra. The game is being played at East Otago High School with kick-off at 2.30. Students will be let out of class to support this event. We would like a good representation from the school and the community, so all are welcome. The Senior A Netball team will also be running a BBQ to raise funds to attend the South Island Secondary Schools Tournament. Obviously, those students wishing to stay and watch the entire game will need to make arrangements to get home.

WINTER SPORTS FEES
These are now overdue. Please pay or make arrangements to pay off immediately or your child will be stood down from their team.

SPORTS TEAMS AND CULTURAL PHOTOS
Our school sports teams will be getting their photos taken on Thursday 14th July. Your child will require all their sports' uniforms at school for these photos, i.e. hockey uniform, netball uniform etc Any parents that are coaches or managers will be notified of approximate photo times nearer this date.

RESULTS

TEAM	OPPOSITION	WIN/LOSS	SCORE	POD
Yr7/8 Green Netball	DNI Green	Win	25-11	**Bridget Collins**
Yr7/8 Gold Netball	Taieri 7A	Loss	11-10	**Georgia Watson**
Yr7/8 Hockey	Kaikorai Valley	Draw	2-2	**Jessie Scurr**
Jnr Boys Basketball	Kings High	Loss	30-28	**Kawana Tokona**
Snr Boys Basketball	Taieri	Win	94-16	**Nil**
Snr Girls Basketball	Logan Park	Draw	35-35	**Nicole O'Keefe**
Under 12 Rugby	Kaikorai	Loss	49-15	**Regan Kennedy**
Under 13 Rugby	Southern	Win	77-7	**Callum Quested**
Under 15 Rugby	Dunstan	Loss	26-17	**Andrew Grubb**
Under 18 Rugby	Wakatipu	Loss	27-25	**Great game!!!**
Senior A Netball	Kavanagh Snr B	Loss	33-19	**Sarah Lindsay**
Senior B Netball	Kaikorai Snr B	Win	19-12	**Tegan Tokona**
Green Miniball	Liberton	Win	34-6	**Liam McKenzie**
Gold Miniball	Abbotsford	Win	46-16	**Ali Adams**
Senior Hockey	Logan Park	Loss	2-1	**Daniel Oldham**

SPORTS DRAWS

TEAM	OPPOSITION	TIME	PLACE
Yr7/8 Green Netball	Tahuna	4.30	Court 7
Yr 7/8 Gold Netball	Tahuna	4.30	Court 8
Junior Hockey	Columba	5.00	Far Turf
Jnr Boys Basketball	John McGlashan	5.00 Duty @ 6	Edgar Ct 5
Snr Boys Basketball	Otago Boys High	7.00	JMC
Snr Girls Basketball	Columba	5.00	Edgar Ct 3
Under 15 Rugby	St Kevins	11.15	St Kevins
Under 18 Rugby	Bayfield	11.15 (may change)	Waikouaiti
Senior A Netball	Kavanagh Snr Gold	1.00pm	Court 11
Senior B Netball	Taieri Opals	11.10	Court 11