

# EAST OTAGO HIGH SCHOOL

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# EOHS

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



Mr Rick Geerlofs - Principal

## Principal's Comment

25<sup>th</sup> November, 2011

### Being Yourself

Earlier this year I read the following reading to a whole school assembly. While it caused a few sniggers the message was clear to all.

#### On Being Yourself

You must learn that you cannot be loved by all people. You can be the finest apple in the world - ripe, juicy, sweet, succulent - and offer yourself to all. But you must remember that there will be people who do not like apples.

You must understand that if you are the world's finest apple, and someone you love does not like apples, you have the choice of becoming a banana. But you must be warned that if you choose to become a banana you will be a second-rate banana. But you can always be the finest apple.

You must realise that if you choose to be a second-rate banana, there will be people who do not like bananas.

Furthermore, you can spend your life trying to become the best banana - which is impossible if you are an apple - or you can seek again to be the finest apple.

Last week our Year 10 students attended an outdoor education camp up at Glenorchy. These camps are only made possible due to the good will of staff and one or two community members who provide additional support. I sometimes think that some misunderstand the responsibilities of teachers attending such camps. There are those who think it is a glorified holiday. I can assure you this is far from the case. Before you leave you will have set work for all of your other classes. You will have just finished writing reports and most likely have just completed a year long appraisal process. As a staff member on camp, you are on call 24 hours a day, rather than the usual work day. You must ensure the safety of everyone participating in activities that often carry some risk. You are most likely to be tired, yet are expected to make the absolutely right call 100% of the time. Thank you to those staff who have attended all overnight trips throughout the year.

### Teacher Only Day

On Monday 28th November the staff will all be engaged in a professional development day approved by the Ministry of education where the focus will be on changes to NCEA. Therefore, no staff will be available for the teaching of classes. Students are not to attend school on this day.

Teachers of Years 7 & 8 will be conducting three way conferences with parents/ caregivers and students about their progress as compared with the National Standards.



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

## Uniform for 2012

As I have previously stated in a newsletter school shoes have presented us with some issues this year. The Board and management team wish to make it very clear that ALL shoes from the beginning of 2012 must be entirely black, leather, and in boys cases this means lace up. For girls they may choose lace up or T-bar shoes.

The illustration below shows a typical boy or girls school shoe.



The illustration below shows an unacceptable girls school shoe.



If you are uncertain please contact the school before purchase.

## Strategic Plan

An insert showing an outline of the first draft of our new strategic plan has been included for your information. While some of the language used is in educational jargon, please feel free to ask any questions you may have, or provide valued feedback. We are very interested in your thoughts and are happy to explain the listed goals.

## School Houses

EOHS owns some houses which are used to attract staff to the district. There may couple of these may be available for rent in the new year. If you are interested in renting one of these houses for a longer term, please contact the school. We will require references and a bond will be charged. School contact: office 03 4651 513.

## CANTURBURY PANT SPECIAL

**One Week Special – orders to Virginia at the school office by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

<b>Stadium Track Pants</b>	<b>Adults</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>
	<b>Kids</b>	<b>\$52.00</b>

**Vast range of sizes available**



## Coming Events 2011

**EOHS**

November 28: Teacher Only Day (NCEA) Year 7/8 interviews for National Standards

November 30: Orientation for Year 6 students

December 5: Leavers Dinner

December 7: Prize Giving

## Term Dates 2012

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

### 2012

Term 1: Monday 30 January - Thursday 5 April

Term 2: Monday 23 April - Friday 29 June

Term 3: Monday 16 July - Friday 28 Sept

Term 4: Monday 15 Oct - Tuesday 11 Dec

### Public & School Holidays 2012

Waitangi Day - Monday 6 February

Otago Anniversary Day - Monday 26th March

Good Friday - 6 April

Easter Monday - 9 April

ANZAC Day - Wednesday 25 April

Queen's Birthday - Monday 4 June

Mid term Break - Monday 20 August

Labour Day Holiday - Monday 22 October

## Plunket Cookbook

EO Plunket has a cookbook packed full of real recipes for sale. \$25 or \$20 multi buys. Phone Catherine 4657 343 or Jo 4657 798.

## International Thanksgiving Pot Luck Dinner, BBQ & Games

Saturday 26th November

3pm games, 5.30pm international potluck meal incl BBQ for children, 7.30pm finish.

Please bring food from your country of origin, or favourite travel destination or kiwi favourites.

Join the fun and dress for the occasion, international dress or Kiwi bloke

Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Piñata, Games

Organised by St James, the Kids Friendly Church on Tiverton St, Palmerston

## Arrangements for the last day of school

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

All students, including Years 11 – 13, are expected to attend school on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> December. This is a very important school day and will begin with a full school assembly where we will farewell staff, present certificates and awards, and read out prize lists.

The day will begin with a form time at the normal time of 8.40am. At this form time, students will be told about the organization of the day. A school assembly will follow at 9.00am and parents/caregivers are most welcome to attend. At this assembly we will also read out the recipients of prizes for the evening's Prize-giving.

Tidy mufti may be worn to school that day, to ensure uniforms are kept tidy for the evening's Prize-giving. Students will be involved in rehearsal and practices for the evenings programme, and these will continue throughout the morning. Those Year 7 – 10 students not involved will be in normal time tabled classes for the morning. Year 11 – 13 students not involved in rehearsals or practices will be free to go. School magazines will also be distributed at some stage during the day. An alternative programme is organized for the Year 7 – 10 students for the afternoon.

**ALL** students are expected to attend the school's Prize-giving. This is perhaps the most important event on the school's calendar and is compulsory for all students. If for some very important reason a student cannot attend, a formal letter is to be written to the Principal, signed by parents, seeking permission to be absent. This letter must be received no later than Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Prize-giving arrangements

This year's Prize-giving is to be held in the DG Murray Hall at 7.00pm. ALL students are to attend and are asked to report to their form classes by 6.45pm, in full tidy school uniform. Year 13 students are to wear formal attire. We would ask that students, parents/caregivers pay particular attention to uniform, ensuring that it has been washed (and repaired if necessary) and shoes have been polished. Students in non-regulation uniform may well be prevented from going up to receive prizes. This is a formal occasion and we wish students to represent the school well.

Boys – Black shorts, regulation grey polo shirt, grey socks, black leather lace up shoes

Girls - regulation green/white checked cotton skirt, white polo shirt, white ankle socks, black leather shoes.

*Note:* other school tops may be worn to and from the Prize-giving but will not be worn during the ceremony.

Winners of special prizes and school honours awards will be announced at the evening's ceremony.

Deputy Principal – Mr Lennox Sharp

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## SPORTS'S NEWS Cont.

### JUNIOR TOURNAMENT WEEK

This week we have had Year 9/10 tournament week with our cricket team, which has a couple of Year 8's also, playing Kings High on Tuesday at Bayfield and John McGlashan on Wednesday at the Oval, in 50 over games. Four volleyball teams played at the Edgar Centre on Tuesday from 10am, and 5 touch teams played at the Kensington Oval on Thursday from 10am. Results will be in next weeks Newsletter.

### YEAR 9 CRICKET COMPETITION

Last Wednesday our Year 9 cricket team consisting of several Year 8's and 7's went to Oamaru and played St Kevins Year 9 team. The winner from this game goes on to play the winner of the Dunedin Year 9 competition (this year being OBHS). St Kevins batted getting 120 for 7 after 30 overs. Bowling figures – **James Bungard** 3 wickets for 21, **Ethan Simpson** 2 wickets for 18. Our boy's were all out for 112. **Brad Primmer** 20 (with a big 6) **James Bungard** 15, **Henry Bell** 11 and **Bob Martin** 11.

### SPORTS UNIFORMS

Please have a scout around at home and check for sports uniforms. All uniforms including Eastern Rugby jerseys should be returned to the school office (except for the girls junior volleyball team). Thanks

# SPORTS CORNER with Christine Week 5 Term 4

## UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 4

North Otago Athletics Champs Yr7/8 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December

### NORTH ZONE ATHLETICS CHAMPS

On the 8<sup>th</sup> November we had 23 students compete at the North Zone Athletics Champs along with several North Dunedin Schools. Our students did very well with the following results:

Boys 12&over shot put- **Rommar Miranda 1<sup>st</sup>, James Bungard 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 Boys 12&over discus – **James Bungard 5<sup>th</sup>, Sam Church 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 Girls 12&over discus - **Kate Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ali Adams 3<sup>rd</sup>, Leah Billyard 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 Girls 12&over shot put – **Hannah Jones 2<sup>nd</sup> =, Jessie Scurr 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 Boys U12 shot put – **Bob Martin 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 Boys U12 discus – **Bob Martin 2<sup>nd</sup>, Josh Ollerenshaw 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 Girls U12 discus – **Hayley Jenkinson 6<sup>th</sup>**  
 Boys U13 75m – **Michael Hunter 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 Girls U13 75m – **Ali Adams 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 Boys Yr 7/8 800m – **James Bungard 4<sup>th</sup>**



All of the above students have now qualified for the Otago Athletics being held this coming Tuesday at the Caledonian.

### OTAGO ATHLETICS CHAMPS

Tuesday of this week we took 12 students to the Otago Intermediate Athletics Champs. Everyone competed well with the following top 5 results:

Boys 12&over shot put- **Rommar Miranda 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 Boys 12&over discus – **Sam Church 5<sup>th</sup>**  
 Girls 12&over shot put – **Hannah Jones 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 Boys U12 shot put – **Bob Martin 1<sup>st</sup>**  
 Boys U12 discus – **Bob Martin 4<sup>th</sup>**  
 Boys Yr 7/8 800m – **James Bungard 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Congratulations to all these students. What a great achievement competing against all Otago students. They were a pleasure to take to this event. Thank you to the parents who attended and to **Maihi Douglas** for marshalling and supporting these students.



### SPORTS RESULTS LAST WEEK

TEAM	OPPOSITION	WIN/LOSS	SCORE	POD
Jnr Girls Vball	St Hildas	Loss	3-0	<b>Violet Wyllie</b>
Yr 7/8 Cricket	Waitaki Boys	Rained Off		
Yr 9 Cricket	BYE			
Year 7/8 Green Summer Hockey	EOHS GOLD	Win	10-2	<b>Roebie Page</b>

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Jnr Girls Vball	Taieri Gold	Defaulted to		
Yr 7/8 Cricket	BYE			
Yr 9 Cricket	Defaulted to			
Year 7/8 Green Summer Hockey	Balmacewen	Win	11-1	<b>Jakob McNicol</b>
Year 7/8 Gold Summer Hockey	Arthur St	Win	7-4	<b>Nick O'Reilly</b>

### SPORTS DRAWS

DATE	TEAM	OPPOSITION	PLACE	TIME
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Girls Vball	Queens Red	Edgar	5.45
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Yr 7/8 Cricket	Kurow	St Kevins	EOHS@7.50

### Holiday Swimming Programme

Stacey Turner Is running a block holiday programme at the EO pool for the week 16th - 20th of January 2012. Adult and private lessons also available please ring Liz Turner 4651 539 after 3pm to express your interest. Cost will be \$40 for 5 25min lessons (school age) or \$35 for 5 20 minute lesson (pre-school age).