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



Mr Rick Geerlofs - Principal

Principal's Comment

8th July, 2011

The issue of alcohol and drug abuse is very much a relevant one for all parents of adolescents. It has received extensive media attention over the past month and continues to be a serious issue for New Zealand as a nation.

As a result of tragic deaths of students attending Kings' College, in Auckland, a booklet providing information and resources for parents on adolescent issues has been published and a copy sent to all schools. I have taken some time to read through this publication and believe it offers some very sound and practical advice

It would be wonderful to be able to provide a copy to all parents, but to do so could well be a breach of copyright laws, as well as being expensive in its production. If you are interested in looking through the whole document please do come in to the office to view the publication and we will be happy to provide copies of bits that are of interest to you.

This is a very important issue and one where we all need to show responsibility for keeping our young people safe and out of harms way. By allowing them to be completely free agents, we are doing them a disservice and may well regret the outcomes for many years to come.

“We need to rethink our whole approach to the prevention of adolescent alcohol abuse. The brain areas that encourage impulsivity and risk-taking develop early in adolescence. However, the areas that improve self-control don't develop until the early 20s. Adolescents can have limited ability to control themselves and so need parental help to stay alcohol free.”

Laurence Steinberg - Temple University

Reports and Parent/Teacher interviews

Over the past week I have had the opportunity of reading some student reports. I was impressed with the quality of teacher comments in these reports and the feedback provided for students and caregivers. Teachers have also taken the opportunity of providing some advice around the next steps. It is clear that a number of students are working very well and with attention to detail. Likewise it is also clear that some need to improve their work habits and adjust the priorities in their lives so that academic studies sit higher on that list. We would dearly love to see you taking an interest in your child's education by attending the interviews on Tuesday evening. These will be from 6.00 - 9.00pm. This is a change from last week's times. Special interviews for Years 7 & 8 students will be organised to discuss National Standards. Please call the office to make an appointment or have your son/daughter make one for you.



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

Make this a priority and mark this date on your calendar. Look forward to seeing you there.

NCEA information evening

May I pass on my thanks to those parents and students who attended this information evening. We were impressed by the turn out and hope that you found this useful. If you still have questions please do not hesitate to contact the school or even make an appointment with myself at the parent teacher interviews.

Central Coast Country Music Awards



Bridget Collins, Olivia McKean and Georgia Watson competed at the Central Coast Country Music Awards on Sunday they were all fantastic and placed as follows.

Bridget: 2nd- Junior Solo, 3rd- Junior Country Rock, 3rd- Junior Variety

Olivia: Best Intermediate Chord Charts

Georgia: Highly Commended: Junior Solo, 2nd- Junior Country Rock, Very Highly Commended- Junior Variety, Best Junior Chord Charts *Report by Maria Collins*

Sassenachs Rugby

Seven girls have been playing rugby for the Sassenach's rugby team in Dunedin on Wednesday nights.

This is a mixed team with girls from EOHS, Bayfield HS and Logan Park HS.

Paige Church, Sarah Lindsay and Courtney Martin have been selected to trial for the Otago Secondary Schools' rugby team.. Well done and good luck!



(L to R) Courtney Martin, Nicole O'Keefe, Holly Moir, Paige Church, Sarah Lindsay and Stacey Primmer (Absent Holly Ratahi, Violet Wyllie)



Coming Events 2011

- 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-First Day Term Three BOT meeting 6.30pm
- August 2-5 Yr 12 Cross Country Ski Trip
- August 17- Extravaganza
- August 26- Senior Formal



EOHS

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

Year 9 Spelling Quiz



(L to R) Holly Ratahi, Violet Wyllie and Jelica Ragasajo

OCEANAGOLD JULY HOLIDAY CAMP DATES and TIMES:

Nuggets/Gold Rush Youth Camps – Monday 25th – Thursday 28th July for ages 8 to 13. 9.30 – 2.30 at the Edgar Centre. \$110 pp (\$180 for two children from the same family)

Ball It Up Dribbling & Shooting Clinic – Tuesday 26th – Thursday 28th July for ages 12 to 18. 3.00-5.30pm at the Edgar Centre. \$65 pp

See Christine for registration forms

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 having 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 who are coaches or managers will be notified of approximate photo times nearer this date.

FORMAL CONDUCT PROCEDURE

Rationale/Purpose:

The following procedure is put into place in order to avoid any misunderstandings and ensure the smooth running of a successful event, which is often the highlight of the school calendar year for many students.

Guidelines:

1. Entry to the East Otago High School Formal shall be by ticket only. Any person leaving the venue may not return to the Formal.
2. Entry is limited to Year 11 to 13 students only, including partners from other identified schools and approved school leavers.
3. It is completely up to the discretion of the management team of the school as to whether an outside partner will be allowed to attend the formal.
4. Where there are extenuating circumstances, students with a less than satisfactory attendance record may not be granted permission to attend. This shall be at the discretion of the EOHS Senior Management Team.
5. Usual school standards and rules of conduct apply to students **and partners** attending the Formal. It is the responsibility of any East Otago High School student bringing an outside partner to the Formal, to ensure that the partner is aware of the rules and standard expected of them, including those pertaining to alcohol.
6. No alcohol or illegal substances are to be consumed before or during the Formal by anyone attending. This includes outside partners.
7. Students or partners suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances will be asked to leave. (The ticket is non-refundable).
8. No alcohol or any other substance e.g. cigarettes, drugs etc. are to be brought to the venue.
9. The school reserves the right to remove any person or persons whose behaviour we deem to be inappropriate. (The ticket is non-refundable).
10. Students are expected to introduce themselves and their partners in a formal manner to the greeting party at the venue.
11. Any breach of the above rules may well result in a student being placed before the Board, and them not being allowed to participate in future formals.

Photos taken at the Formal may be used for publicity purposes.

Up and coming Senior Assessments/Deadlines

Subject	Standard/Title	Due date/Assessment date
Yr 11 Home Ec	90956 Nutritional Needs	July 11th
Yr 12 Eng	90855 Visual Image	July 14th
Yr12 Eng	12424 Read Moving Images Closely	July 14th
Y11 Geography	90206 - Geographic issue	July 15th
Y12 Ag/Hort	7081 - Principles of environmental control	July 15th

SPORTS CORNER with Christine Week 10, Term 2

Some up and coming events:

Rugby game against Chevalier College, Australia @ EOHS 7th July, 2.30 kick-off

CONGRATULATIONS

James Bungard and **Sam Church** have been selected for the Otago Under 65kg rugby team. Well done to all our students that trialed on Sunday, it was a huge day with some great rugby.

SQUASH COACHING

Are you interested in completing the new Squash New Zealand Coaching modules? The modules are designed so you can pick and choose which ones you would like to attend. The 'Get Started' Coaching Course is for those people that have never coached before.

– Getting Started Coaching Course in Dunedin @ Pirates Squash Club on Thursday 14th July from 6.30-9.00pm

- Small Nix, 5-8years Module 2 in Dunedin @ Pirates Squash Club on Thursday 28th July from 6.00-8.45pm.

- Small Nix 5-8years Module 2a in Dunedin @ Pirates Squash Club on Thursday 4th August from 6.30-9.00pm

See Christine if you are interested

RESULTS

TEAM	OPPOSITION	WIN/LOSS	SCORE	POD
Yr7/8 Green Netball	Tahuna	Win	21-11	Leah Billyard
Yr7/8 Gold Netball	Tahuna	Win	13-8	Anna Lindsay
Yr7/8 Hockey	Columba	Win	4-2	Kaydee Ball
Jnr Boys Basketball	John McGlashan	Loss	32-25	Liam Park
Snr Boys Basketball	OBHS	Win	101-12	Renmark Ragasajo
Snr Girls Basketball	Columba	Loss	30-33	
Under 12 Rugby	Green Island	Win	53-29	Great Team Effort
Under 13 Rugby	Dunedin	Win	40-28	Henry Bell
Under 15 Rugby	St Kevins	Draw	43-43	Logan Howard
Under 18 Rugby	Bayfield	Win	41-5	Whole Team!
Senior A Netball	Kavanagh	Win	20-19	Whole Team!
Senior B Netball	Taieri Opals	Win	22-6	Zach Elliott
Green Miniball	KVC Red	Win	27-6	Paolo Querubin
Gold Miniball	TNI Allsorts	Loss	26-24	Bob Martin
Senior Hockey	Kings	Win	1-0	Liam Park

SPORTS DRAWS

TEAM	OPPOSITION	TIME	PLACE
Yr7/8 Green Netball	Tahuna 7B	4.30	Court 17
Yr 7/8 Gold Netball	St Hildas A	4.30	Court 8
Junior Hockey	Outram	5.00pm	Far Turf
Jnr Boys Basketball	BYE		
Snr Boys Basketball	Kings High D	5.00pm	Edgar Ct 4
Snr Girls Basketball	Bayfield High	6.00pm	Edgar Ct 4
Under 15 Rugby	South Otago High School	1pm	Waikouaiti
Under 18 Rugby	South Otago High School	1pm	Balclutha
Senior A Netball	Columba Snr C	12.05	Court 12
Senior B Netball	OGHS Snr Silver	9.20	Court 14