Dear Parents/Caregivers

OUR FINAL WEEK
Thank you to everyone who has helped to make 2016 such a great year at East Taieri School. The end of the year has come around so quickly and although we are looking forward to the carol services and prize giving on Thursday, we are sad to be saying farewell to our wonderful group of Year 6 students. They have been excellent role models, contributing much to East Taieri. We wish them well in their future endeavours and will follow their progress with interest.

There are a number of families who end a long association with East Taieri and I would like to thank them for their involvement and contributions to our school over the years.

The support given by the Board of Trustees, Home and School Committee and parents has again this year been amazing. A special thank you to Robyn Kelly who has done a wonderful job in her role as Home & School President.

Our teaching team and support staff who consistently give more than 100% to our school are ready for a well-deserved break, having worked hard throughout the year making sure that they have provided the best possible learning environment for your children.

I wish everyone a happy Christmas and wonderful summer holidays.

Kind Regards - Jennifer

TERM FOUR EVENTS

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2017 JANUARY

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HELPERS’ MORNING TEA
So many parents, grandparents and members of our community help at school in a variety of ways. Last week’s Helpers’ Morning Tea was a small acknowledgment of the valuable contribution that these people make. Because of work and other commitments, many of our helpers were unable to make it. A huge thank you to all who have helped at school throughout the year.
CAROL SERVICES
The Carol Services this year take place on Wednesday at the East Taieri Presbyterian Church
- Junior Syndicate – Rooms 9,10,11,12 & 13 at 11am
- Middle Syndicate – Rooms 5,6,7,8 at 1.30pm
- Senior Syndicate – Rooms 1,2,3,4 at 7pm

NEW SCHOOL VISION
Thank you to those who contributed to our Vision survey. As a staff we have collated feedback from students, parents and staff and have come up with two options. During this week these will be on display in the office for all stakeholders to vote on. Once votes are counted, the preferred option will go to a graphic designer for a stylised version to be created for publication.

SCHOOL REPORTS
School reports will be sent home Wednesday. Your child’s class and teacher for next year is on the report.

SCHOOL STATIONERY
School stationery for 2017 is ready for you to order your child’s stationery. On your child’s school report will be their next year’s class. You will notice some classes have their room number and year level

VALUES STARS
- Emma Timney, O’Hara Couch & Amber Dawson – for volunteering to clean up PE shed

LIBRARY
There are still many library books to be returned. Please help your children look for missing books.

LOST PROPERTY
There is a bin full of lost property. Any items not claimed by Thursday will be given to charity. Amongst the pile are several unnamed uniform items. Lost property will be displayed throughout this week. Please check if you think that your child is missing clothing or shoes.

WANTED
Please return any reading or library books to school asap. Time to check bedrooms, look under beds etc!!

NETBALL SKIRTS
There are still a few East Taieri School netball skirts to be returned. If you have a netball skirt at home could you please return it to school this week.

HI VIS VESTS – Year 6 children please return your hi vis vests asap.
TALENT QUEST
Thank you to Sarah O’Neill, Lucy Morris and helpers for the great organisation of our annual Talent Quest, which once again showed us the amazing range of talents our students have – from drumming, dancing, singing, to a magic act and a range of other performances. A big thank you to the judges – Julia and Stephie Tay for giving up their time. They certainly had a challenging task. Thanks to the Home and School committee for providing the prizes.

TALENT QUEST RESULTS

Middle Groups:
1st - Asher Bowen & Aria Wilson - Singing
2nd - Tayla Brough & Charlotte Horne - Dance
3rd - Renee Lawson & Connie Daniell - Dance

Middle Individuals
1st – Mirethika Suresh Kumar - Traditional Dance
2nd - Amber Dawson - Tap Dance
3rd - Belle Berman - Drum and Guitar
VHC - Rebecca Duff - Card Tricks
VHC - Harper Conley - Singing

Junior Groups:
1st – Leo Hill, Blake Shrimpton, Toby O’Neill, Mace Hodge & Tokoi Tu Taia - Break Dance
2nd - Jakob Thom & Noah Bryson - Soccer Act
3rd - Jessie Olsen & Lily Ballantyne - Dance

Individuals
1st - Sophia Hannigan-Johnson - Jazz Dance
2nd - Jessie Roff - Recorder
3rd - Olivia Reid – Dance

Senior Groups
1st – Philippa & Chelsea King - Piano & Ballet
2nd - Jake Fowler, Charlie Kelly & Zac Cunningham - Parkour
3rd - Charlie Brough, Charlotte Va’afusuaga, Mya O’Connor, Georgia McHutchon - Guitar & Singing

Senior Individuals
1st - Poppy Jennings - Singing
2nd - Alexis Watt
3rd - Erika Reid - Hip Hop Dance

FAREWELL
Thank you to Anthony Breese who has been teaching in Room One on a Thursday during Leadership Team release time. Anthony’s expertise in music and IT has benefitted students in both Rooms One and Two.

CLASSES FOR NEXT YEAR

SENIOR SCHOOL

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MIDDLE/JUNIOR SCHOOL
Room 5  Year 2/3  Ms Bronwyn Holgate
           Mrs Belinda Duff (Release Teacher)
Room 6  Year 2/3  Mrs Rae Parker
Room 7  Year 3/4  Mr Garth Powell
           Mrs Catherine McRae (Release Teacher)
Room 8  Year 3/4  Mrs Sarah O’Neill
           Mrs Belinda Duff (Release Teacher)

JUNIOR SCHOOL
Room 9  New Entrants/Year 1  Mrs Karon Read
           Mrs Jo Hackfath (Release Teacher)
Room 10 New Entrants/Year 1  Miss Natalie King
           Mrs Jo Hackfath (Release Teacher)
Room 11 Year 1/2  Miss Lucy Morris
Room 12 Year 1/2  Miss Rachel Ovens
Room 13 Year 1  Mrs Vicki Thorburn
           Mrs Jo Hackfath (Release Teacher)

Specialist Teacher Roles
Special Education Needs  Miss Sarah Lewis
Reading Recovery  Mrs Sarah Lewis
Specialist PE Teacher  Mrs Jolene Casey
Specialist Music Teacher  Mrs Alison Tay
Gifted &Talented  Miss Natalie King

VISIT TO THE MODEL TRAIN & BOAT PARK
Last Thursday Daryl, Nate and Mollie visited the model train and
boat park in St Kilda. We loved watching the tiny model trains
go round their tracks and then we all managed to have a train
ride on the track! After that we went to see the model boats in
the mini lake. Nate and Mollie had a go at using
the remote control to move a miniature yacht
round the course. As part of this learning unit, we
have built our own boats and tomorrow we plan
to launch our boats that we have made into our
school creek. We are going to call it  the "Bridge
to Bridge Boat Race" - We wonder who will win?
By:  Sarah Lewis

ENVIROSCHOOLS HUI
On Friday 2 December Ollie, Henry, Phoebe and Aria
joined Mrs Hackfath for an Enviroschools Hui with 8
other schools at the Pirates Rugby Club in South
Dunedin. The introduction was about how Climate
Changing emissions can lead to sea levels rising and
the effect it can have on low lying areas like South
Dunedin. Our group then visited one of four ORC bores that help monitor the underground water table. (It was fun travelling there by bus). Scientists explained to us that we need to reduce emissions by doing such things as using public transport, riding bikes or walking, insulating houses, burning less coal and buying fresh local produce instead of imported fruit. They also suggested creating more permeable areas in our gardens that absorb water instead of concrete and paving. They said that even though we are children we are ‘Citizens with Muscles’ and we can have a say about looking after our environment.

In the afternoon we created a poster to share our information with the other schools. Then we had some fun in the park before returning to school.

**DESCRIPTIVE WRITING - DORMS AT BANNOCKBURN**

By Hunter Henderson – Room 1

Opening my private dorm I try out the lights and they shine like a star in the night. Loud noises come flying through the dorm doors. I look around the corner and see everyone pour in to start a tip. Camp has begun! I sneak as quietly as a ninja back to my dorm and neatly put my sleeping bag on my bunk.

The wall is the only barrier between me and the noise trying to infiltrate from the next dorm. The whistle blows, the noise retreats, I see bags open on the bitter, cold floor. Silence has now filled the dorms in an instant. The dorm turns into summer but when the door opens, the cold stealthily jumps in and conquers the room. Tiredly walking to my private dorm a shiver goes up my spine.

**THE WAVE - By Jessica Hanna Room 7**

It looks like seaweed scattering all over the sea
It sounds like mumbling wind pushing the waves to shore
It tastes like salt refreshing my mouth
It smells like stinky oysters sitting on the rock
It feels like tiny bits of sugar on my fingers

To our School community

We have a very private family who are undergoing an extremely stressful time at present due to a member of the family being seriously ill and undergoing treatment. No-one in the family is able to work, the planned family holiday has had to be cancelled, Christmas will not be as happy a time as hoped for.

As a school we would like to support this family and make their holiday time as special as we can. We would like to make up a Christmas hamper for the family - a six-year old girl, an intermediate age boy and their parents. Any donations would be appreciated, eg food items, toy vouchers, petrol vouchers, monetary donations, etc.

Donations can be left at the office.

Many thanks
East Taieri School Staff
Kia ora koutou. The Home & School Committee would like to thank the school community for all their help and support with the various activities and fundraising ventures that have been taken place throughout 2016. The recent Art Auction is an excellent example of the wonderful work done by this group of hardworking parents. Marie Reid and her helpers showcased an impressive collection of artwork by Taieri artists. More than $23,000 worth of art was sold on the night resulting in a profit of $7500 for the Home & School funds.

Many thanks to all the parents who have served on the committee this year: Carolyn Campbell, Glenda Bateup, Jennifer Eckhold, Robyn Kelly, Andrea Roulston, Jennifer Horgan, Janna Begley, Natasha Harvey, Derelle Ferguson, Lydia Quirey, Megan Jones, Renee Hodge, Tracy McGee, Katy Falcous and Keryn Wilson.

We are sad to farewell both our president Robyn Kelly and vice-president Lydia Quirey at the end of this year. Robyn is moving to Christchurch with her family and Lydia’s youngest child, Caroline, will be moving on to Taieri College next year. Both Robyn and Lydia have been invaluable members of the committee. Robyn has been an extremely hardworking, dedicated and effective President and we will miss her leadership and positive energy. Similarly, Lydia has been an enthusiastic and hardworking member of the committee who has brought fresh ideas and energy to the group. We wish them and their families well as they move on to their next adventures! Katy Falcous has been nominated as the next president of the committee alongside Derelle Ferguson as vice-president.

We are looking to welcome new members to the committee next year. All parents are encouraged to come along to one of our meetings and see what we are about. We meet once a month – most usually on a Wednesday evening in the school staffroom. We understand that people’s time and energy is often limited so we only ask that you give what you can – you are certainly not expected to be involved in everything! Our AGM will be on March 22nd 2017 and you are again invited to attend this meeting and consider joining the group.

Second-Hand School Uniform Shop
Thank you to Denise Tasker, Kelli Najafi, Katy Falcous and Susan Hopkins for all their hard work in getting the second-hand school uniform shop up and running this year. Another one or two helpers are needed next year in order to have the shop opening at least twice a week. Please contact Denise Tasker if you
can help out running the shop (approx. ½ hour before or after school). Denise can be contacted on 0274 838 379 or via email at sdtasker@xtra.co.nz

**Taieri Plains DOathlon**

Our next event will be the Taieri Plains DOathlon (run / bike / sprint ) to be held on Friday 17th February 2017 at Memorial Park. Plenty of options for the whole family to take part including individual and team age-group races as well as the preschool scooter race and the whānau race. Get your entries in early to be in for the early-bird spot prize!

Once again, many thanks for all your support throughout the year. Have a happy and safe holiday! Merry Christmas!

**T/BALL REPORT**

The T/Ball team lost - Player of the Day was Sam Jones

The softball team had 2 games. Won 27-15 v Cardinals. Player of the Day was Kayla McLeman


**CONGRATULATIONS**

A huge congrats to East Taieri pupils and Taieri Swim club swimmers Harry Summers, Finn Wilson and Lewis Divers who competed in the Otago Swim Champs in the weekend. Swimmers from Timaru, Christchurch and Invercargill also attended this meet.

Harry (10) won 8 golds from 8 races

Both Finn and Lewis competed in the 10 and under age group also but are only 9, so watch out next year!

Finn -three 4ths and two 5ths

Lewis - placed 4th and a 7th

Lots of pbs and lots of fun.

Well done boys!

**TOUCH**

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 ET Black team. Unbeaten and winners of the final. Well done boys.
TAIERI PLAINS DOathlon

FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2017
(No postponement date. Event on: rain or shine)

Hey kids! Come and DO it!

VENUE: Memorial Park, Mosgiel
REPORT TIME: 5.00 pm – First Race Starts at 6.00 pm
ENTRIES CLOSE: Wednesday 15th February (no entries on the day)
COST: $15 per individual or $10 each if more than one sibling
$10 per team member

AGE CATEGORIES:
5 years & under  50m run / 100m scooter / 30m sprint
5 – 7 Years  500m run / 500m bike / 100m sprint
8 – 10 Years  1km run / 1km bike / 100m sprint
11 – 14 Years  1km run / 2km bike / 100m sprint
Whānau  500m run / 500m bike / 100m sprint

DO it on your own! DO it in a team! DO it in both!
JUST DO IT!

Great SPOT PRIZES to be drawn at the Prizegiving:
Mountain bike, 3 Fabulous Tablets, Popcorn Machines, Swingball sets and more!
Plus our ever popular BBQ & Jonathan Usher as MC!

Register online at www.plainsjt.wix.com/plainsjt
**FUNDRAISER**

Matt Hanrahan is fundraising for Kings High School European football tour. Once again he is selling Fishers Christmas Hams. Half ham (min 4.7 kg) $50 and whole ham (min 9.5 kg) $85.

Final orders and payment on 8 December delivery 16 December. Contact/tx Megan on 0273315364. Thank you for your support.

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**WANTED**

Ice cream containers with lids.

Scrap bits of material to provide different surfaces for children to feel. Please drop off to the office.

Many Thanks

Sarah Lewis
Join us For
A Crafty Christmas Afternoon

A Crafty Christmas Afternoon
For Children
(School children years 2-6)
Thursday 22nd December
1.30—4.30pm
St Luke’s Anglican Church
67 Gordon Road, Mosgiel

A fun crafty time for children - and for Parents/Caregivers who need more time for last minute Christmas preparations without the children!

Afternoon tea provided
Entry: Gold Coin per child

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OTAGO CRICKET’S COACHING TEAM WILL AGAIN BE OFFERING A CRICKET PROGRAMME IN THE UPCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

These programs always prove extremely popular as boys and girls make the most of the chance to extend their skills. Through game based activities and scenarios we work on all skills of cricket.

Drop the kids off and get that last minute Christmas shopping done

Thursday 22 and Friday 23 December 2016
Years 2 to 6 from 9am to 12pm
Years 7 to 8 from 1pm to 4pm
Where: Edgar Centre, Portsmouth Drive, Dunedin

Register at
www.otagocricket.co.nz
under Coaching Professional Coaching
For all enquiries contact
Carla Butchers
carla@otagocricket.co.nz

The cost for this two day programme is $65 per child or $120 for two.

2016/17 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Mon 19th – Tues 20th Dec
9am – 12pm $60 per child

Mon 16th Jan – Wed 18th Jan
9am – 12pm $90 per child

Mon 23rd Jan - Wed 25th Jan
9am – 12pm $90 per child

12 kids max / Ages 8 and over

For further information please contact the golf shop pro@stclairgolf.co.nz or telephone (03) 487-7076

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The All Blacks Camps for Kids (ABC4KIDS) holiday programme is the New Zealand Rugby Union’s fundamental skills programme for primary school-aged children. “The All Blacks Camp for Kids’ philosophy is to provide a fundamental skills environment with an emphasis on fun for all participants”.

Numbers are limited so get in quick and register either online (www.abc4kids.co.nz) or by using the contact details below. Registrations close 23rd Dec 2016. If you do miss out, don’t worry we will be running after school camps throughout 2017.

Dates: Wed 4th, Thurs 5th & Fri 6th January 2017

Times: 9am – 12 noon daily (on Fri between 12 and 1pm there will be a sausage sizzle & awards presentation – family welcome)

Venue: Bathgate Park, Forbury

Cost: $40.00 per day $40.00 deposit due by 23/12

Payment: 03-0883-0015838-000 T T Walden

Please include your child’s full name in reference

Ages:

- BEGINNING
  - U7
  - YEARS 1 & 2
- LEARNING
  - U10
  - YEARS 3, 4 & 5
- PLAYING
  - U13
  - YEARS 6, 7 & 8

The package includes:

- NZRU accredited instructors
- Coaching from Otago Rugby stars and a special guest appearance
- Free All Blacks Camp for Kids (ABC4KIDS) certificate and medallion
- Development of fundamental skills, running, ball handling, tackling, evasion, space awareness, kicking, nutrition, communication, team challenges and rugby education
- Special prizes awarded for performance, presentation, punctuality and discipline
- Opportunity to purchase ACB4KIDS merchandise including T shirt and rugby ball
- LOTS OF FUN

For more information contact the team at: ABC4KIDSOTAGO@hotmail.com or 0273178392