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Dear Parents/Caregivers

I hope that everyone enjoyed Waitangi weekend, making the most of the sunshine and extra day with family and friends.

DOathalon

Less than two weeks to go until the Taieri Plains DOathlon at Memorial Park on Friday 17th February. Early bird registrations close tomorrow (8th) so be sure to get your forms in or register online (<http://plainsjt.wixsite.com/plainsjt>) asap to be in the draw for an extra spot prize. Remember: you can enter on your own or as part of a team or in both events! Also, get all the family involved with the preschool run/scooter/sprint race and the whanau race.

DARE/KIA KAHA

PARENT MEETING – TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 3.15PM

As part of our Health Curriculum, our biennial DARE and Kia Kaha programmes are scheduled to take place over the next two weeks. Constable Ross Greer who will be assisting in the delivery of both programmes will be at school at 3.15pm tomorrow afternoon, February 8 to outline the programmes and answer any questions parents may have.

DARE PROGRAMME – Years 5 & 6

The DARE to make a choice programme prepares young people to make responsible choices and decisions, helping them to develop healthy lifestyles and fulfil their potential as individuals. It deals with issues such as building self-esteem, making safe and sensible decisions, understanding the consequence of making wrong choices, resisting peer pressure, solving problems and the influence of the media. It is delivered by Police Education Officers and teachers, and is managed by the NZ Police.

KIA KAHA PROGRAMME – Years 0-4

The Kia Kaha programme is a series of programmes designed to help schools create communities where everyone feels safe, respected and valued, and where bullying is not tolerated. The programmes have been developed by the Youth Education Service (YES) of the New Zealand Police, working in close association with the Specialist Education Services (SES).

PALS – PHYSICAL ACTIVITY LEADERS

Congratulations to the following students who are taking the role of Physical Activity Leaders for 2016:



Back Row: Pippa Earl, Micah Simpson, Aidan Seyb, Charlie Brough, William Samuels, Finn Wilson, Ewan Beadell, Tyler Adams, Jack Cloynes and Erika Reid

Front Row: Caleb Ford, Rosie Falcous, Emma Timney, Edelle Berman, O'Hara Couch, Alexis Watt, Louise Lawson and Lewis Divers

Absent: Hannah Hopkins and Myah Tasker

STUDENT COUNCIL

Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 Student Council members who were elected by their classmates to take on this role of responsibility for the first two terms of 2017.



Back Row: Phoebe McEwan, Amber Dawson, Charlie Brough, Finn Wilson, William Samuels, Micah Simpson

Front Row: Aidan Rivett, Aria Wilson, Keisha Little, Rosie Falcous, Amelia Thorburn, and Abby Samuels

Absent: Ella Aitken

USING GOOGLE APPS WITH STUDENTS IN YEARS 3 TO 6

Google Apps are exciting tools that children and teachers can use in the classroom to create, share and collaborate with. After the success of Google Apps last year we have decided to continue using them with students in Years 3 to 6 (and some Junior school children). Each child will have a school email address which is linked to our school's email account, as well as access to their own Google Drive and a selection of Google Apps and a blog. The children will be able to log in to their Google account on any device and parents will be able to view their child's work using the parent portal - which will be set up during the year. To help us successfully manage and protect the use of Google Apps with so many students we will continue to use a management system called Hapara. This allows each teacher to view what is in their child's drive and to also monitor incoming, outgoing and deleted emails, as well as what is being posted on their blogs. For us to use this system there is a cost of \$1 per term per student for the year. So \$4 will be added to your child's term account for this year. If you have any questions regarding the use of Google Apps please see your child's teacher.

Seesaw

Last year a few classes began trialling an APP called Seesaw. This is an online portfolio of the children's work. Each child has their own folder and they submit work to be uploaded to their portfolio. Once this has been checked by their teacher it is posted into their folders and if you download the APP and connect to your child, you will be able to see what your child is sharing/learning about and make a comment or provide feedback. You will need to link to your child for this to happen (instructions for how to do this will be given out by your child's teacher).

Last year we were using the free trial version, however this year we have upgraded to the paid version - this allows the children's work to move with them as they change classes and well as a number of other features. The cost for this will be \$5 per child for the year and will be added to their account.

From feedback from parents last year whose children used Seesaw, we believe that this is an incredibly powerful tool which provides parents with a real time view of their children's learning and motivates children to share their learning with their parents.

TERM ONE INQUIRY

Our Term One inquiry is 'Healthy Mind, Healthy Body' focusing on what the brain and body need in order to be happy and healthy.

SCHOOL CAR PARK DROP OFF ZONE – Please do not leave your car if you are dropping your children off in this area. This is a drop off zone only.



PARENTS REQUIRED FOR GLADSTONE ROAD CROSSING

As the Gladstone Road crossing is now mainly supervised by year 6 and ex pupil parents we are in desperate need of new parent helpers. We don't ask for much ... just 20 minutes either 8.30-8.50am or 2.55 to 3.15pm Monday to Friday. You can choose your time slot and day. There is always cover available if you are unable to do your day.

Please contact me if you can give up 20 minutes of your week to help the children safely cross at Gladstone Road.

Philippa Wilson

021828706

philandscott@hotmail.com

SWIMMING

Junior Syndicate – Year 1 and 2 children will be having swimming lessons at the Fairfield Pool from 20 February until 3 March.

Year 3 to 6 children will be swimming at the Mosgiel Pool from 27 February until 10 March. All classes will have half hour lessons with a tutor from the Jill Clarke Swim School. This will be charged to the term account.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Following feedback from parents and caregivers on our start-of-year information evenings, we have decided to send out the powerpoints outlining the organisation, programmes and expectations for each area of the school, rather than holding evening sessions at school.

STUDENTS' ARRIVAL TIME AT SCHOOL

Preparation time before school is a vitally important part of the school day for teachers. Could parents please make sure that children arrive at school **after 8.30am**. Teachers are often away preparing resources and cannot be responsible for supervising children. **Children who have to be at school early will need to be enrolled in Kelly Club. You can book online at www.kellyclub.co.nz**

SCHOOL BUS

If there is any change for this year to your child's travel on our buses after school, please let the office know immediately. Please remember to let Annette know if there is to be any change on a particular day, for example if your child is to be picked up instead of going on the bus. If your child is absent from school, please ask Annette to take them off the bus list when you phone in the absence. We appreciate your assistance in this.

FOCUS VALUE ~ RESPONSIBILITY

UNIFORM

The wearing of our school uniform is compulsory. The uniform guidelines are on the school website or in the Office. Children not wearing the correct uniform must supply a note explaining the reason for this. **School** sunhats are compulsory for Terms 1 and 4.

NAMING OF CLOTHING

PLEASE make sure that clothes are named. It is impossible for staff to help children find clothes unless they are named. Clothing marker pens are available from Paper Plus and the Warehouse. Found items will be placed in the lost property bin which is located in the office foyer.

HATCH INFO

Are your kids going to be future ready with the skills needed to be creative problem solvers who can shape their careers around their passions?

We can help with our creative and innovative after school and Saturday classes.

Check out our new look website and our new offerings at Hatch for 2017.

We have an Open Day on Saturday, February 11th. For more details go into their webpage - <http://www.hatch.education/>

Classes start Monday, February 13th.

Term 1 Dates	
FEBRUARY	
10	DOathlon practice
17	East Taieri DOathlon
20 Feb – 3 March	Junior Swimming @ Fairfield Pool
24	Room 1 Assembly
27 Feb – 10 March	Middle/Senior Swimming
27 Feb – 3 March	Walk N Wheel Week
MARCH	
10	Room 8 Assembly
15	Dunedin Triathlon @ Port Chalmers
17	TSSA Swimming
Friday 18	Rooms 9 & 10 Assembly
20	Otago Anniversary Day
23/24	Year 5 Camp at Tirohanga
24	Room 11 & 12 Assembly
29	Maths Evening
APRIL	
7	Junior School Athletics
13	Last Day of Term 1
Term 2	1 May – 7 July
Term 3	24 July – 29 September
Term 4	16 October – 15 December

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See you at breakfast!

— Back to school —

For every New World receipt dropped into the in-store collection box showing the purchase of two participating Kellogg's products your school will be able to redeem 1 free book. Promotional Period 1 Jan – 31 Mar 2017. Max 20 books per school. For full list of participating Kellogg products and Terms & Conditions visit www.kelloggs.com/freebooks



La Petite Académie

It's French for Fun!

Fun French Beginners' Classes Years 2-6: An 8 session taster French course is being offered at East Taieri this term, and beyond. The major emphasis is on communicating orally through the interactive use of fun games, song, role-play and 'real life' activities. For more information, please email admin@Lpa.co.nz or contact us on 022 358 2211. C'est si bon!

MOSGIEL CODE CLUB

Attention boys **AND** girls aged 9-12. Are you interested in making computer games, websites and animations?

Mosgiel Code club offers you the opportunity to learn the coding skills that are required to make interesting computer projects.

The club runs 'free to attend' weekly coding sessions that you can join in term 1 or term 3. For more information contact Bernadette Hay
Mobile: 027 479-3251 Email: mosgielcodeclub@gmail.com Facebook: Mosgiel Code Club

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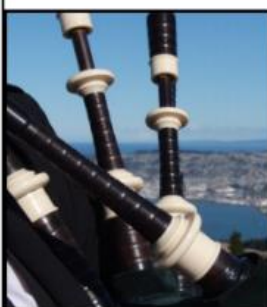
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www.dunedinschoolofmusic.nz

ENROL FOR 2017!



BAGPIPES

Beginner Classes Start:
Thurs, 16th Feb 2017
4-30pm - 5-30pm



SNARE DRUMMING

Beginner Classes Start:
Wed, 15th Feb 2017
5-30pm - 6-30pm

TENOR DRUMMING

Beginner Classes Start:
Wed, 15th Feb 2017
6pm - 7pm

See www.ospd.org.nz
or contact Mark on
0275 314 875 for details



**The Otago School of
Piping and Drumming Inc.**

 **contact.** AND THE EAST TAIERI HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENT THE

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 15 th February <i>(no entries on the day)</i>	
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

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ENTRY FORM

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COST: *\$15 per individual OR \$10 each if more than one sibling in family*
\$10 each per team member
(Whānau race is free if child has already entered an event – otherwise it is \$20 for the team)

NAME: _____ M / F
(First Name) (Surname)

ADDRESS: _____
(No.) (Street)

(Suburb)

CONTACT NAME & PHONE: _____

EMERGENCY PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ AGE ON RACE DAY: _____

RACE CATEGORY (please circle): **Individual / Team** SCHOOL: _____

TEAM MEMBERS' NAMES: Runner: _____ Biker: _____ Sprinter: _____

Team Name: _____ All team members (including adults in Whānau race) must complete an entry form.
AGE CATEGORY (please circle): 5 and 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

INDEMNITY

(You must read and agree with this section and sign below)

I agree, the organisers, sponsors and other parties associated with the event shall not have responsibility for any liability, (financial or otherwise), whether or not caused by negligence, for any direct or indirect loss, injury or death which might be sustained by me or any other party, directly or indirectly associated with me, from my intended or actual participation in the event and its related activities.

- All participants' bikes and helmets must be checked by a skilled person prior to the event.
- I will advise of any existing medical conditions and, if so, I will be available at the event to administer medication/treatment.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Please send your entry form along with payment by Wednesday 15th February to
Home and School Committee, c/- East Taieri School, Cemetery Road, Mosgiel 9024

(Cheques payable to East Taieri Home & School Committee / Pay online: East Taieri Home and School Committee: 12-3485-0004707-00)

Please circle payment option used: cash; cheque; online banking (use participant's initial & surname as reference).