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## Dear Parents/Caregivers

Welcome to East Taieri School for the start of the 2017 school year. A special welcome to new families. I hope that your summer holidays have been happy and restful and that you have enjoyed great times with family and friends.

## WELCOME

This year we have two third year student teachers from the University of Otago College of Education who will be completing their teaching practicums with us as well as spending each Tuesday here.

We welcome Isabelle Mullan to Room 9 and Brittney Townsend to Room 10. Isabelle completed a posting in Room 12 last year.

A warm welcome to our new students starting today. We wish them happy times at East Taieri.



**Room 1** Kate Aitken and Angus Crosby-Kaye  
**Room 3** Denley Read  
**Room 4** Chelsea Cross  
**Room 7** Hamish Casey

**Room 9** Madina Cuthbert, Caeli Hollis, Colter Grant, Claudia Hinds, Chase Joss-Callaghan, Lola Couch and Luca Conley

**Room 10** Jack McGrath, Elzanne Hamman, Paige Clucas, Alexis Young, Cooper Patrick, Tom Taylor, Matilda Compton and Hannah Jay

## **Staff ~ 2017**

Our leadership team consists of three Deans, with overall responsibility for their team, or area of the school. Within their team Deans will have responsibility for student welfare, behaviour management, co-ordination of curriculum planning, delivery, assessment and reporting, tracking student achievement, overseeing support programmes and liaising with Principal and staff. The Team Co-ordinator's role is to support the Deans.



Principal

Mrs Jennifer Horgan

Dean of Junior School  
Dean of Middle School  
Dean of Senior School

Mrs Karon Read  
Mr Garth Powell  
Miss Janine Clague

### **Classroom Teachers**

Room 1 Yr 5/6	Miss Janine Clague/ Jolene Casey (Release Teacher)
Room 2 Yr 5/6	Miss Lisa Agnew
Room 3 Yr 4	Mr Peter Thorn – Senior School Co-ordinator
Room 4 Yr 4/5	Ms Joanne Bryson
Room 8 Yr 3/4	Mrs Sarah O'Neill (Middle School Co-ordinator) / Mrs Belinda Duff (Job Share)
Room 7 Yr 3/4	Mr Garth Powell/Mrs Catherine McRae (Release Teacher)
Room 6 Yr 2/3	Mrs Rae Parker
Room 5 Yr 2/3	Miss Bronwyn Holgate / Mrs Belinda Duff (Job share)
Room 11 Yr 1/2	Miss Lucy Morris
Room 12 Y1/2	Miss Rachel Ovens
Room 13 Y1	Mrs Vicki Thorburn
Room 9 Yr 0/1	Mrs Karon Read / Mrs Jo Hackfath (Release Teacher)
Room 10 Yr 0/1	Miss Natalie King (Junior School Co-ordinator) / Mrs Jo Hackfath (Release Teacher)

## **Specialist Teachers**

Sarah Lewis	Reading Recovery Teacher
Jolene Casey	PE Specialist
Alison Tay	Music Specialist

Office Administrator	Annette MacRae
Librarian	Di Hyslop
Caretaker	Ross Ballantyne

Teacher Aides	Di Hyslop Christine Wright Jaimee Rangi Ilze Livesey Kate Cotter Michelle Day Rachel Stowell Susan Irvine Tracy Ruddenklau Sarah Esplin
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## **SCHOOL STRUCTURE**

Middle/Senior School:	Rooms 1,2,3,4
Junior/Middle School:	Rooms 5,6,7,8
Junior School:	Rooms 9,10,11,12

There will be times when the Year 2s will be involved in activities and programmes specifically for the Junior School.

The Junior School will be known as the Kumanu Team (to care for, foster, cherish).

The Middle School will be known as Kaitoro (explorers)

The Senior School will be known as Kaiarahi (guides, leaders)

## **THE SCHOOL DAY**

- 8.50am – 9.00-Fitness
- 9.00-11.00am - Session 1 (2hrs)
- 10.00-10.10am – Snack Attack (10 mins)
- 11.00am-11.20am – Interval (20mins)
- 11.20-12.40pm – Session 2 (1hr 20mins)
- 12.40-1.30pm – Lunchtime (50 mins)
- 1.30-3.00pm – Session 4 (1hr 30mins)

The school day ends at 3.00pm. Could parents please wait until after 3.00pm to visit classrooms, as the final teaching and reflecting part of the day is important for both students and teachers.

## **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](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)

### **SCHOOL BUS**

If your child is eligible for the school bus - ie live in Allanton or Gladstone Road North, and you would like your child to go home on the bus, please contact Annette in the office. 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.

### **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.

**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.

### **VALUE STARS**

- Luke Ritchie – for helping a child who wasn't sure about which room he was in
- Zac Cunningham – for helping a Junior child tie up his shoe laces



### **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](mailto:philandscott@hotmail.com)

## **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.

## **COLLABORATIVE TEACHING**

Over the past three years staff have been involved in research and professional learning involving collaborative practice which is our main focus for 2017, along with development of learner agency. Our goal is for teachers to work together to increase student achievement through collaborative practice. I shall include information on collaborative teaching and learner agency in newsletters throughout the year.

## **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

### **Term 1 Dates**

#### **FEBRUARY**

6	Waitangi Day (observed)
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
<b>Term 2</b>	1 May – 7 July
<b>Term 3</b>	24 July – 29 September
<b>Term 4</b>	16 October – 15 December

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.

<b>FOCUS VALUE ~ RESPONSIBILITY</b>
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Kind regards  
Jennifer

## **HOME AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE NEWS**

Kia ora koutou

Welcome back to the 2017 school year – where did those summer holidays go!

This year is going to be a busy one for the Home and School Committee as we will be organising the Bi-annual School Fair at the end of the year. This is on top of other activities running throughout the year which include: school discos; barbeques; Taieri Plains DOathlon; fundraisers; Family Picnic Tea etc.

To give you an idea of what the hardworking members of the Home and School Committee do along with the help of the Friends of the Committee and, of course, the support of the school and wider community, here is a breakdown of our fundraising activities in 2016 and a list of the all the monies given back to the school from these events.

<b>Event</b>	<b>Profit made</b>
Taieri Plains DOathlon	\$3124.26
Term 1 BBQ	\$560.33
Entertainment Book	\$1155.00
Grandparents BBQ	\$976.79
Disco	\$921.50

Hot Cross Buns	\$308.00
Mothers Day Raffle	\$3038.64
Fathers Day Raffle	\$3337.88
Term 4 BBQ	\$721.45
Small Fundraisers	\$501.00
Art Auction	\$7000 approx. (TBC)
Calendar Art	\$1095.00

Thank you for supporting these events. We very much appreciate your help in making these events a success. I hope you will agree that the time, effort and financial support put into these events is well worth it when you consider what monies the school received from Home and School raised funds.

<b>Event/Activity/Equipment</b>	<b>Amount Given</b>
Swimming Buses	\$3000
Talent Quest Prizes	\$300
Year 6 Leavers Book	\$1000
IT devices	\$20000
Reading Books	\$3000
Innovative Learning Environments	\$6500 (\$500 given to each classroom teacher)
Junior Playground	\$5000
Tennis Game	\$119.94
Swing Ball	\$43.50
Ball Bag	\$17.35
Tennis Kit	\$346.96
Softball	\$429.00
Touch rugby balls	\$198.00
Hockey	\$180.00
Hockey gear	\$862.10
Ukulele stand	\$250.00
Electric piano	\$1682.89

We also ran other events that were not about raising funds but were instead about supporting our school community. These included the Family Picnic Tea and also the setting up of the second-hand school uniform shop.

We will continue to keep you updated about our activities throughout the year. We are always looking for new members, either to the H&S Committee or to the Friends of the Committee, so please have a think about joining us. Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2017. At this meeting, we will be asking for people to stand for election for the roles of President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer and we will also be looking for new members to join us either at this meeting or, even better, before.

Our next big event is the **Taieri Plains DOathlon** to be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Please see flyer in the newsletter.

Many thanks for your support - Katy Falcous (Acting President)

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

# TAIERI PLAINS DOathlon

FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> February *(no entries on the day)*  
**COST:** \$15 per individual or \$10 each if more than one sibling  
\$10 per team member

<b>AGE CATEGORIES:</b>	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](http://www.plainsjt.wix.com/plainsjt)

THE EAST TAIERI HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE PRESENTS THE

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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**

**5 – 7 Years**

**8 – 10 Years**

**11 – 14 Years**

**Whānau**

**50m run / 100m scooter / 30m sprint**

**500m run / 500m bike / 100m sprint**

**1km run / 1km bike / 100m sprint**

**1km run / 2km bike / 100m sprint**

**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 15<sup>th</sup> 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).

## Kelly Club East Taieri Weekly Activities Plan







**Theme:** Welcome Back!

**Term:** 1

**Week:** 1

**Dates:** 30/01/17-03/02/17

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7.30am	<b>NO PROGRAMME TODAY!</b>	Giant Mural Art & Structured Free Time	Giant Mural Art & Structured Free Time	Giant Mural Art & Structured Free Time	Giant Mural Art & Structured Free Time
8.15am-8.30am		Human- Paper Scissors Rock	Captains coming	Balloon Stomp	Mexican Kick Ball
3.00pm		Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time
3.10pm		Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit
3.30pm		Warm Up Game Seaweed	Warm Up Game Hospital Tag	Warm Up Game Mad hatter says	Warm Up Game Red Light Green Light
3.45pm		<b>GAMES</b>  <i>Welcome back fun and meet the new kids on the block!</i>	<b>DISCOVERY TIME</b>  <i>Fact or Fiction Quiz &amp; Design your own Monster!</i>	<b>CRAFT</b> <i>Picture Frames (younger kids) &amp; Tic-tac-toe Toe (older Kids)</i> 	<b>SPORT</b>  <b>Our Favorite Sports!</b> <i>Kids will vote on their favorite sports at the start of the week, and we will play their top 2!</i>
4.30pm		Pack Up	Pack Up	Pack Up	Pack Up
4.35pm		Snack Time Rice Crackers	Snack Time Muesli bars	Snack Time Carrots and Hummus	Snack Time Fruit bars
4.50pm		Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
5.15pm - 6.00pm		Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time	Structured Free Time

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[www.kellyclub.co.nz](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz)

Supervisor (Rochelle): 021 168 4722



## at East Taieri School

MusiqHub *Guitar / Ukulele / Singing* is looking forward to welcoming new students in 2017. The lessons feature:

- small group learning [max of 4 per group]
- conveniently located at the school
- exclusive access to MusiqHub lessons online
- quality sequential teaching manuals
- end of year concert backed by a live band
- tuition from MusiqHub registered tutors

For more information please visit our website at  
[www.musiqhub.co.nz](http://www.musiqhub.co.nz) or  
call / text Tim Davis on 027 4895957

## Singing Lessons

Are you wanting to learn to sing or develop your existing skills?

Do you write music and need some creative guidance?

Are you wanting to build your confidence?

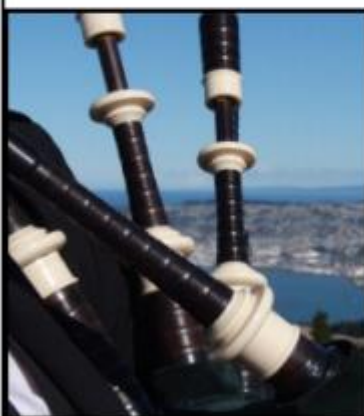
I graduated from Otago University with a Bachelor of Music Hons in contemporary performance music. I regularly perform in Dunedin and I am a contemporary vocal teacher/coach.

Contact me for information about lessons at:  
[danielleerickson2010@hotmail.com](mailto:danielleerickson2010@hotmail.com)

For more information about myself or my teaching visit:  
[www.ellecontemporaryvocalist.com](http://www.ellecontemporaryvocalist.com)

**First Lesson Free**

## 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](http://www.ospd.org.nz)  
or contact Mark on  
0275 314 875 for details



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