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Dear Parents/Caregivers

The sun did its best to shine for our Mother's Day lunch, which was a lovely time for children to share part of their school day with mothers, grandmothers, aunts and friends. We hope that all of our mothers had a special day yesterday.



TEACHER ONLY DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED NEXT MONDAY 22 MAY

The Board of Trustees has approved a Teacher Only Day to be taken on **Monday 22 May** to enable teaching staff to visit schools in Christchurch that have been successfully using a collaborative approach to teaching for a number of years. **SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED.**

WELCOME

We welcome six first year University of Otago teacher trainees to school for their first practicum.

Room 11 – Tamara Mitchell & Maia Curtis

Room 12 – Hannah Monk & Mackenzie Clearwater

Room 6 – Ruth Boardman & Ryan Hampton



CHURCH CONFERENCE

There is a conference being held at church tomorrow and Wednesday, which means that the carpark will not be able to be used by East Taieri School. Could everyone please park in the school carpark.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Entertainment books not paid for or returned by **THIS Friday 19 May** will be considered purchased. Accounts will be sent out for them.

HELP FOR THE MULDER FAMILY

Steph and Geoff have said that we can put an update on Geoff's condition in the newsletter. Geoff has Glioblastoma Multiforme, which is the most aggressive cancer that begins in the brain. Survival is usually 12 to 15 months. Without treatment survival is typically 3 months. Symptoms of the disease include seizure, nausea and vomiting, headache, and memory loss. For Geoff, the first symptoms were severe headaches with nausea and vomiting.

Over the past 18 months, Geoff has received both Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy. This appeared to have good results in regard to halting the tumours growth. But as 2017 came around, the effects of the tumour have become more pronounced. Geoff has now been told that there is nothing more that the medical profession can do for him. They have exhausted all options of treatment.

On the 2nd May, after 48 hours of head pain and other ailments, Geoff was diagnosed with a brain bleed around the tumour. Geoff is now unable to weight bear, and relies, a lot, on a wheelchair to be mobile. The decision has been made by Steph and Geoff, with the advice from their specialist, not to continue with any Chemotherapy or Radiotherapy as this is now a pointless exercise, that added more discomfort to Geoff. Steph and Geoff are now seeking a quality of life, not a quantity. With this in mind, they have recently been undergoing Vitamin C treatment to help Geoff feel better, and to also combat the tiredness and fatigue. This treatment can cost up to \$900 per week. The tumour has also put pressure on Geoff's eyes, which has dramatically distorted his vision, and produced the need for glasses to help with double vision. Geoff now needs a new set of lenses, as his vision has deteriorated further.

Steph and Geoff have chosen to keep Geoff at home until he can no longer remain at home, or until he passes away. To be able to achieve this, they have had to alter their home and install a Wet Shower in the main bathroom, and an ensuite toilet in their bedroom to make it easier and more practical for Steph to care for him.

Unfortunately, Steph and Geoff are not entitled to any financial aid to help them with these alterations to the home, or the equipment Jeff now needs.

All donations in the box in the office, or through Give A Little, will go towards the on-going costs that Geoff and Steph face, as they keep Jeff at home for as long as possible, with their two young children. These costs will include travel for medical appointments, alterations, and in-home equipment required for Geoff's care, and other assistance which will enable Steph more time to care for Geoff, and ensure family bonds and memories are made for the welfare of the children.

MATHS EVENING – ANOTHER CHANGE OF DATE!

We have discovered than a very important event is happening on the evening of 13th June – The Lions/Highlanders game at Forsythe Barr Stadium! With museum sleepovers, meetings, parent/teacher interviews and other staff commitments planned for this term, we have had to postpone our Maths Evening until early Term 3 – date to be confirmed. The evening, for parents and children, goes from 5:30-6:30pm and begins in the Owhiro Centre where we will present an explanation of how the maths evening will operate. Each team will have stations run by ‘expert’ children. These experts will help to explain what strategies your children are using or learning in class, as well as the knowledge required at each stage.

This night will be very informative and we encourage all parents to come along with their children.

Term 2 Dates	
MAY	
16	TSSA Duathlon – Year 4-6
18	TSSA Duathlon – Postponement Day
22	SCHOOL CLOSED
26	Room 9/10 Assembly
26	Chat Bus - Student Council Mufti Day fundraiser
JUNE	
9	Room 5 Assembly
12 – 30	Gymnastic Module
15 – 16	Year 4 Sleepover – Group 1
22 – 23	Year 4 Sleepover – Group 2
25 – 29	Year 4 Sleepover – Group 3
JULY	
4 & 5	School Interviews
7	Cultural Assembly Home & School BBQ Grandparents Day End of Term 2
Term 3	24 July – 29 September
Term 4	16 October – 18 December

EMAILING NEWSLETTERS

We are trialling emailing newsletters to parents/caregivers. Until our system is more streamlined, families with more than one child, may receive more than one copy.

TSSA DUATHLON

A reminder for children competing in the TSSA Duathlon tomorrow, that parents will need to have children at Peter Johnstone Park between 8.30am and 8.45am. Mr Thorn and Mrs Casey will be there. The children will travel back to school by bus.

BOOK CLUB - Book Club orders to be in by 23 May.

CHILDREN ARRIVING BEFORE 8.30AM

A reminder about procedure for children arriving at school before 8.30am - Kelly Club provides supervision for children from 7.30am – see information sheet from the office for costs/times/occasional bookings, etc. Children who are not booked in at Kelly Club, but arrive at school before 8.30am will need to wait on the courts, as they are not permitted into classes before then. This is a valuable time for teachers as they prepare for the day. Your support in this matter is appreciated.

CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with certificates at Room 13's Assembly last Friday.

	KEY COMPETENCY	VALUES <u>Honesty</u>	EXCELLENCE
Room 1	Jonty Daniel– <i>Participating & Contributing</i>	Tyler Adams	Finn Wilson
Room 2	Lewis Divers – <i>Thinking</i>	Myah Tasker	Harrison Thode
Room 3	Aria Wilson - <i>Managing Self</i>	Tayla Brough	Hunter Compton
Room 4	Daryl-Ann Fehsenfeld – <i>Participating & Contributing</i>	Michaela Hinks	Summer Darling
Room 5	Jessie Olsen– <i>Participating & Contributing</i>	Georgia Taylor	Lila Taylor
Room 6	Harris Bishop - <i>Thinking</i>	Mbali Zuba	Rhys Lewis
Room 7	Hamish Casey- <i>Relating to Others</i>	Poppy Scott	Cohen Bain
Room 8	Meeya Stanley – <i>Managing Self</i>	Jamie Bradfield	Belle Berman
Room 9	Felix Thomson <i>Managing Self</i>	Madina Cuthbert	Lola Couch
Room 10	Heidi Kerr– <i>Relating to Others</i>	Dakota Fuataga	Levi Holgate
Room 11	Oliver Wang – <i>Participating & Contributing</i>	Indee Ager	Noa Dar
Room 12	Kahlan Tamati – <i>Relating to Others</i>	Jae Roome	Connor Stanley
Room 13	London Hodge – <i>Managing Self</i>	Cameron Wallace	Jake Eckhold

VALUES STARS

- Ollie Elliot – for holding the door open for an adult
- Abigail Anderson – for great manners
- Emma Timney – for helpfulness
- Tayla Brough – for being a great team leader at Discovery Time

DISCOVERY TIME

We had a great start to Discovery Time today, with student leaders taking some fabulous sessions, ranging from gymnastics to cupcake decorating.

DISCOVERY TIME STARS

- Jesakah Thom, Joel Bain, Ollie Esplin, Phoebe McEwan, Emily Brensell, Sophie Macdonald, Ewan Takser, Layla Simpson, Rachel Waters, Dawn Winikoff – for Managing Self, and Klæ Eckhold – for using his initiative.



DISCOVERY TIME

This term we are very excited to be starting **‘Discovery Time’** again on a Friday between playtime and lunchtime for the Year 3 to 6 children (11:20-12:30). ‘Discovery Time’ is a fantastic opportunity to develop the wonderful child leaders we have at East Taieri School and help students to develop the competencies to become lifelong learners and competent citizens.



Discovery Time provides opportunities to help scaffold and extend students’ learning through a variety of different learning experiences, ranging from science and technology, to building and the arts.

Children will lead and plan activity sessions but it is a great opportunity to come and work alongside your child as a leader and provide them with support. We would also love grandparents and parents to come and take small groups as well.

If you are available to come along, **even once**, and take a small group for an activity it would be hugely appreciated. Examples of activities you might like to take are cooking, art, craft, woodwork, sports skills, board game sessions, photography.....anything you like! There can be remuneration of costs of materials if necessary.

Please fill in the form on the back of this document and return it to your child’s teacher or contact Sarah O’Neill - sarah@east-taieri.school.nz

Thank you for your support!

Regards

Discovery Time Team

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Name:

Contact phone number:

E-mail address:

Date (11:20-12:30)	I am available to come (Please tick)	Activity I will take and maximum number of children.
Friday 19 May		
Friday 26 May		
Friday 2 June		
Friday 9 June		
Friday 16 June		
Friday 22 June		
Friday 29 June		



STUDENT COUNCIL MUFTI FUNDRAISER - Friday 26 May

ChatBus sees more and more children every year (2016 was 555) and the demand for the service continues to grow, with schools wanting ChatBus for more hours, and others wanting to access the service. This is great, but with no increase in funding, it leaves ChatBus in a vulnerable position. An extra \$50,000 is needed this year to maintain

the service to the children of Dunedin and Mosgiel.

The Student Council is holding a gold coin Mufti Day Fundraiser **for ChatBus on Friday 26 May**. The Student Council would like the theme to be 'What I would like to be when I grow up.' Children can choose to dress up according to the theme, or just wear mufti if they prefer. Gold coin donation.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM SHOP

The second hand uniform shop unfortunately won't be open this Friday as advertised, but will be open again **NEXT WEEK Thursday 25th May** after school 3.00pm-3.15pm in the Resource Room beside room 4.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Ewan Beadell who competed yesterday with Neptune in Balclutha at the Otago Winter Series #1 (Inter Club swim meet). He achieved Personal Best's in all 5 events he entered and managed to take 11 seconds off his 50m butterfly time.

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QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY
20th May 7pm
Doors open 6.30pm
Tickets available on request

- * Teams of 6 \$30
- * Blind Bottle Auction
- * Raffles/Prizes
- * Supper provided
- * Courtesy Coach

WEST TAIER JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB
Contact: Barb Cuthill
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