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## Dear Parents/Caregivers

What a fabulous day we had at Tirohanga last Friday. Our Year 6 leaders were fantastic - encouraging, helping and being great role models. Thank you to the many parent helpers who joined us for the day and a big thank you to Peter Thorn for organising the day for us.



## WELCOME

We welcome the Starey family to East Taieri School. Colin has joined Room 6, Samantha - Room 12 and Jack - Room 10. We also welcome Aria Strydom into Room 9 and wish our new students happy times on their learning journey at East Taieri.

## VALUES STARS

- Lewis Divers ~ for stepping in to do road patrol
- All Year 6 students ~ for being fantastic leaders on our Tirohanga Outdoor Education Day.

## TEACHER ONLY DAY

**!** 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.**



## MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH

Mothers, (grandmothers, aunts – if mothers can't make it) are invited to bring their lunch and share it with their children as a Mother's Day celebration this Friday 12 May at 12.30pm.

## **MATHS EVENING – CHANGE OF DATE (NOW TUESDAY 13 JUNE)**

Staff have been given the opportunity to attend a Professional Development session on Collaborative Teaching Practice on Wednesday 7 June, which unfortunately clashes with the date for our proposed Maths Evening. We have therefore changed the date for the Maths night to **TUESDAY 13 JUNE**. 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.

<b>Term 2 Dates</b>	
<b>MAY</b>	
5	Tirohanga Day- whole School
8	BOT Meeting – 5pm
12	Mother’s Day Lunch Room 13 Assembly
16	TSSA Duathlon – Year 4-6
18	TSSA Duathlon – Postponement Day
22	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
26	Room 9/10 Assembly
26	Chat Bus - Student Council Mufti Day fundraiser
<b>JUNE</b>	
9	Room 5 Assembly
13	MATHS EVENING
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
<b>JULY</b>	
4 & 5	School Interviews
7	Cultural Assembly Home & School BBQ Grandparents Day <b>End of Term 2</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	24 July – 29 September
<b>Term 4</b>	16 October – 18 December

### **HELP FOR THE MULDER FAMILY**

Over the past 18 months Geoff Mulder, one of our Dads, has been undergoing chemo treatment. The Mulder family is trying to fund new medical treatment for Geoff, which is putting them under considerable financial pressure. As a school community, we would like to help in any way we can.

If you would like to donate petrol vouchers, grocery vouchers, or any form of financial assistance, please drop into the ‘Mulder Family’ box in the office. Thank you to the families for their generous contributions during the last week of term.

### **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. Hard copies will be sent home today as well.

**FOCUS VALUE ~ HONESTY**



## TIROHANGA DAY

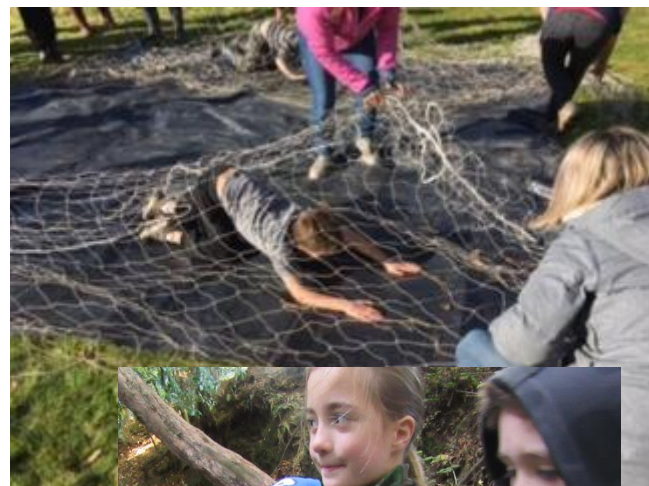
On a slightly chilly, but sunny, Tirohanga day the first class proudly lead the excited school to the crowd of buses, out to the not so excited bus drivers. The singing bus, full of buzzing noise arrives up beside the rocky gravel path. The path asked them to come for a walk, and what a long walk it was. Not long after, the cabins were in sight.

When everyone arrived, bags were dumped on the decks of cabins and a small alarm was raised by Mr Thorn for the day to start. Lines of children followed behind a rainbow of yellow and orange with flags floating above them. This year I was a leader.

As the day started, my very talkative group did dayline, enviro art, the climbing wall and, my favourite of all activities, bivvy building. The day was almost at a close. Heading to our last activity, my group walked through the grass. The ditch filled to the top with mud, we scampered through the damp bush and pine needles for bivvy building. Our bivvy got higher and higher and the complaints about pine cones going down backs got louder. Luckily at the end no one got wet.

I am sure everyone in my group had had a great day. It was now time to get on the bus and go back to school.

By Louise Lawson







## **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](mailto:sarah@east-taieri.school.nz)

Thank you for your support!

Regards

Discovery Time Team

**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		

### READING BOOKS PURCHASED THROUGH HOME & SCHOOL

FUNDRAISING  
Staff are delighted with the sets of new instructional reading books purchased through Home & School fundraising.



### MARRZIPAN DRAMA GROUP

*Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need dedicated time per week to just be CRAZY?! Come and join the revolutionary self-confidence programme - **Marrzipan!** We run awesome drama classes at school, which focus on key life skills and public speaking ability. We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. You can sign your child up for a **Trial Lesson** via our website [www.marrzipandrama.co.nz](http://www.marrzipandrama.co.nz) (we have contact numbers on there too, should you prefer to talk to a human!)*

# 2017/18 Otago Girls Under 13 Softball



## **OTAGO SOFTBALL ASSN**

### **WINTER SKILLS TRAINING FOR FEMALES AGED 9 – 12 YEARS**

#### **QUERIES AND INFORMATION**

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Sessions will cover fundamentals of softball to build confidence and capability leading up to trials for the Otago Girls Under 13 2017/18 season\*

\*Age eligibility, under 13 years at 31/12/2017



Join us to swing a bat,

throw a ball

& run some bases



**When:** June 18<sup>th</sup> and June 25<sup>th</sup>  
**Where:** The Edgar Centre 1.30pm – 2.30pm  
**Cost:** \$2.50 Entry Fee





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**5.10-6.10 (9+YRS)**

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