NEWSLETTER

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Vision

To work together in a positive, supportive environment, providing excellence in teaching and learning, where all people are respected and skills for life are developed.

Dear Parents/Caregivers

HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

A huge thank you to the outgoing Home & School Committee - Gina Brenssell, Sonia Thom, Nina Miller, Aroha Wylie, Kate Godkin, Sharon Miller, Annette Guilford and Paula Ward for the outstanding contribution they have made to East Taieri School during their time on the Committee. Special thanks to Aroha Wylie and Paula Ward who continued on the committee after their children had left East Taieri and to Gina Brenssell for stepping into the President's role, leading the team so well.

Welcome to the new Home & School Committee who have great ideas for fundraising ventures for the rest of the year. The big focus will be our Country Fair/Pet Day which will be held in November.

Thank you to the Home & School committee for their contributions towards science equipment, new sports equipment, a reading activities kit for the senior school, new netball skirts and two more octagonal picnic tables.

KIA KAHA & DARE PROGRAMMES

Our Kia Kaha and DARE programmes begin today. Kia Kaha is a programme developed by the New Zealand Police Youth Education and Specialist Education Services, designed to help schools create communities where everyone feels safe, respected and valued, and where bullying is not tolerated. The following broad themes are covered within the programme:

- Feelings of self-worth
- Respecting differences
- Acknowledging similarities
- Identifying bullying
- Strategies to overcome bullying
- Working co-operatively
- Building a safe, bully-free classroom and community
- Rights and Responsibilities

The DARE TO MAKE A CHOICE programme builds on the skills introduced through Kia Kaha, as well as working on developing effective communication and decision making skills.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

We have two helpers for our knitters' club so far – one mother and one grandmother. Knitters' Club will be held during Thursday lunchtimes. If there are any other mums or grandparents who could spend 45 minutes on aThursday lunchtime to help keen knitters please contact the office.

VALUES STARS

- Luke Williams, Ben Irvine and Leighton Hanrahan ~ for showing responsibility
- Emma Jackson ~ for holding the door open for adults
- Katarina van Rooyen ~ for caring for our environment
- Emma Elliman & Renee Horne for teaching younger students how to skip

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with certificates at Room 2's

assembly last Friday.

assembly last I II	KEY COMPETENCY	VALUES Respect	EXCELLENCE
Room 1	Taylor Medder - Thinking	Madison Clouston	Madison Thomson
Room 2	Sam Taylor - Thinking	Oliver Miller	Zara Forgie
Room 3	Ollie Cleland – Participating & Contributing	Jared Preston	Savanna Stent
Room 4	Jordan Summers – Thinking	Ben Horlock	Charlie Grey
Room 5	Campbell Baker - Relating to Others	Karli Colston	Ted Brenssell
Room 6	Briana Day - Participating & Contributing	Bailey Reid	Alex Wilson
Room 7	Riley Horne – Relating to Others	Katerina van Rooyen	Lily Brown
Room 8	Jayden Standring – Participating & Contributing	Kees van't Wout	Sam Galloway
Room 9	Myah Tasker – <i>Managing Self</i>	Harry Summers	Eli Bowen
Room 10	Jack Chalklin – <i>Managing Self</i>	Jonty Daniell	Daniel Joint
Room 11	Koby Hey – Relating to Others	Shaquita Johnson	Finn Hanrahan
Room 12	Josh Thom – Managing Self	Maleena Tia	Mitchell Thorn
Room 13	Liam Anderson – Participating & Contributing	Olivia Ellis	Max Stowell

INDOOR FOOTWEAR

With the grounds being so wet it would be a good idea for children to have alternative footwear for classroom use – eg slippers.

VALUES FOCUS

THINKING OF OTHERS

SCIENCE FUN

The Middle Syndicate was lucky enough to have Brenton Hackfath run a series of energy workshops on Friday. Brenton is a Science teacher at Taieri College and it was great to have a science expert furthering the children's understanding about 'What is Energy?.

The children were able to see how energy changes and the different forms it takes.





SCIENCE EVENING – Tuesday 24 May 6pm-7pm

Children would like to share science research and experiments related to their recent Inquiry topic "What is Energy?" Please mark this date on your calendar.

SPONSORS' PAGE

We are very fortunate to have several businesses who are going to sponsor programmes and events during the year. See sponsorship page below. Please support these businesses. If you would like to join our list of sponsors please contact Annette in the office for information.

GATES

Please make sure that gates are shut behind you as you enter or leave the school, as we have safety issues with some of our younger students.



ENVIRO GROUPS NEWS – TERM 1

As you may know, our school adopted Cemetery road as an area to keep litter free as part of Keep Dunedin Beautiful initiatives. At the end of Term 1 the Senior Enviro Group spent the afternoon picking up litter and rubbish. It was incredible to find so much rubbish and we filled more than 20 plastic bags! We will sort through the litter to see what can be recycled or reused.

OTAGO ENVIROSCHOOLS HUI

On May 6th I took Libby Blackwood, Sarah Johnstone & Ben Hackfath to the Otago Enviroschools Hui. This annual event saw 15 participating Enviroschools bus between Caversham, Macandrew Bay and NEV schools, to see what they are up to with their Enviroschools programmes.

Although rainy, it was a great day, and we really enjoyed talking with other students and teachers about Enviroschools. We brought back lots of ideas for our Envirogroup to consider, and the trip confirmed what we already know about East Taieri: that we have an amazing and beautiful environment for learning and growing, and that we are doing a great job here. Over the next few months the new middle school Envirogroup will be revisiting our Vision Map and Care Codes with input from all classes and staff. If any parents have any ideas or suggestions for our Envirogroup, their input is welcome. Email me on lisajan@xtra.co.nz.

Lisa Morrison

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART DAY

On Thursday Tim Chirnside, Olivia Fowler, Holly Nicholls and myself attended a day at the Edgar Centre hosted by the Heart Foundation. World Champion Peter Nestler from America taught us all to skip many different ways. We learnt backward, crisscross, under over, a flick back and many more tricks we hope to be able to share with the pupils for the Jump Rope for Heart Programme we are having at school soon. Peter talked about what makes a world champion, his experience and demonstrated his extraordinary jump rope moves. We also learnt about healthy eating and ways to look after our heart, especially the importance of eating a good breakfast and lunch to be able to do well at school.

By: Luke Martin - Room 1

<u>Speech Badge for Year 6 Children – Private tuition</u>

Private tuition in Oral Communication is being offered within the school day during Terms 2 & 3, for eight weeks of each term. Mrs Claire Paterson has been associated with the annual Speech Competitions at East Taieri School for many years and has Trinity College Teaching qualifications and experience. The purpose is to improve confidence and oral skills including speech making, poetry, mime, improvisation and reading.

The children will work in small groups, preferably 3 or 4, towards their Speech Badge over these weeks. Cost - \$160 for the two terms. Please return the slip below to the office.

Speech Sessions:-

I would like my child to take part in these sessions with Claire Paterson.

Child's Name:-

Signed:-

Home Phone Number:-

Home & School Committee Update

The Home & School Committee for this year has now been confirmed. I am thrilled to announce that the following have been duly elected:

President: Jo HackfathVice President: Catherine McRaeTreasurer: Janine LittleSecretary: Stacey Stanley

Members: Gabrielle Campbell, Tracey Stephens, Sarah Barnett, Katy Falcous and Cherie Burnard

I wish to thank each of you for becoming part of such a great Committee, for which you will all find very rewarding. I wish you all the very best for the coming year. We can all look forward to upcoming events such as the School Disco, and our Country Fair Day, which is very exciting!

Also, it is with great pleasure that we can advise of the following purchases that the Home and School have made recently:

Total	\$8,600
SRA Kit (Reading Activity)	800
Netball Skirts	200
Sports Equipment	2,600
Science Equipment	500
Picnic Tables	1,000
Buses for Swimming	3,500

This is an outstanding amount of money that has gone back to our school and our children and we should all feel very proud of our efforts as a school community. As I have mentioned on numerous occasions the support from the children, parents, teachers and the wider school community has just been amazing, so a huge THANK YOU, and keep up the fantastic work everyone!

Gína Brenssell Former H&S President



TERM TWO DATES		
MAY		
Mon 16 May – Fri 27	Kia Kaha Programme	
May		
Tues 17 May	Choir/Ukulele group performing at	
	Mosgiel Library 12.30pm	
Mon 23- Fri 27 May	St John Safe Kids	
Tuesday 24 May	Science Night 6pm-7pm	
Friday 27 May	Assembly Room 6	
Mon 30 May	Young Leaders' Day	
JUNE		
Thurs 2 June	NZ Playhouse 'The Great Rugby	
	Robbery' 1.45pm	
Tuesday 7 June	TSSA Cross Country	
Fri 10 June	Life Education Bus	
Friday 10 June	Assembly Room 13	
Mon 13 – Fri 17 June	Life Education Bus	
Fri 24 June	Jump Rope for Heart	
JULY		
Friday July 8	Assembly Room 1	
Week 11	Parent Teacher Interviews	
Friday 15 July	End of Term 2	
1 AUGUST	TERM 3 Starts	



Programme at East Taieri School

Regards ~ Jennifer

GARAGE SALE

This Saturday May 21 Tainui Miller is having a garage sale at 24 Soper Road, Wingatui. Great bargains. For more information ring 489 4896



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East Taieri School Ski Trips 2011

July 9th and 10th (off peak prices) When:

Aug 13th and 14th (peak prices)

September 3rd and 4th (off peak prices)

Cardona Ski Resort, Wanaka Where:

Who: Family Members of East Taieri School pupils ONLY

What: CHEAP Ski and Snowboarding FUN for the whole family

How Much: Off Peak Peak Lift, Lesson & Ski Hire \$69 \$65 Lift, Lesson & SB Hire \$70 \$75 \$50 \$55 Lift & Lesson (Own gear)

Under 6 ski free, pay only for lesson and gear hire

\$40 \$42

(All prices are per person / per day. Normal cost to ski without the school would cost over \$200 per adult / per day. Prices are approx, and yet to be confirmed with cadrona, will finalise definite prices next term) Other options available on request, eg. jackets, helmets etc. Lessons are a compulsory part of

the schools' deal. Families organise their own accommodation and transport. Register your interest with Nicky, first in with money, first served, we have limited spaces.

PLACES FOR THE JULY TRIP WILL CLOSE MID JUNE

For all those that indicate their interest, there will be a letter with further information given to your child/ren next term.

For further information please feel free to contact Nicky Taylor Ph 4847650 or cell 0276307574 or huntahr@xtra.co.nz

Kelly Sports Programmes at East Taieri School

Kelly Sports is offering an 8-week Winter Mighty Multisport Programme (Year 1-4 after school) and Go for Gold Sports Academy (Year 4-6 before school) at East Taieri School on Wednesdays starting 11^h May. With a focus on four Winter sports; Football (Soccer), Hockey, Rugby, and Basketball in addition to fitness and other fun games each session, the programmes are aimed to improve basic sporting skills and also confidence with sports while having fun. Contact Andrew James on 021853559 or aj@kellysports.co.nz for more info.



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