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Dear Parents/Caregivers



AN EVENTFUL WEEKEND

The All Blacks' and Silver Ferns' games and yacht race weren't the only exciting weekend events. One of our school ewes had triplets and the other had twins. All of our concerned parents who have been keeping a watchful eye on the very uncomfortable looking sheep over the past week will be relieved!



WELCOME

We welcome Rebecca Duff into Room 9 and Emily Clements into Room 10. We wish them happy times at East Taieri.



ENVIROCHOOLS SILVER AWARD

East Taieri received an Enviroschools' Silver Award last week – a goal that Lisa Morrison, our Enviroschools Lead Teacher had set for East Taieri this year. Lisa has had the vision, passion and drive to lead the school through the process leading up to the assessment for the Silver award. This is an excellent achievement for East

Taieri School, building on the work that Christina King started over ten years ago. Thanks to Lisa for her dedication and work culminating in the Silver Award.

MINIBALL FINAL GAMES

It was exciting to watch some of the final miniball games last week.

Congratulations to all teams for their successful season and many thanks to coaches.

Reminder Miniball prize giving tomorrow at 3.45pm at the Memorial Park Stadium.

TERM 3 DATES	
SEPTEMBER	
Wednesday 18	Cultural Assembly – 1.30pm
Thursday 19	Polyfest – 11.30am
26-27 September	East Taieri School Art Exhibition
Friday 27 September	End of Term 3
Monday 14 October	Start of Term 4
END OF YEAR DATE	Thursday 19 December

MATHS EVENING – THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

This Wednesday the 18th of September from 5:30 until 6:30pm we are holding a maths information evening for parents. This evening is for children to demonstrate to their parents what they have been learning in maths in their classes, and the different strategies they use to solve problems. The evening will begin with an introduction by Garth Powell outlining key aspects of maths at East Taieri School, and then will continue with stations run by teachers and students that will give parents and their children an opportunity to gain an understanding of what is being taught in classes. We encourage parents to bring their children, and children to bring their parents to this event as it will be of benefit to all. The stations will cover all the maths stages from Stage 0-1 to Stage 6-7, as well as the Knowledge component of maths and apps that can be used on iPads.

CULTURAL ASSEMBLY

All parents are invited to our cultural assembly this Wednesday at 1.30pm. Along with a Kapa Haka performance, the marimba band, ukulele orchestra, recorder ensemble and choir will be performing. There will be items from each syndicate as well. Our cultural assemblies are an excellent opportunity to showcase the work of our talented students.

POLYFEST

Our Kapa Haka group is one of 100 groups performing at the 2013 Polyfest. East Taieri performs this Thursday at the Edgar centre at approximately 11.30am. Everyone welcome. Entry fee \$2.00.

ART EXHIBITION – 26 & 27 SEPTEMBER

All students will have artwork displayed at next week's Art Exhibition. Make sure that you set aside a time to come and have a look. There will be a great children's art raffle at the exhibition so bring your gold coins!

ENTRY: Gold coin

RAFFLE: \$2

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council would like to support SPCA by asking children to bring cans of pet food to school on Friday. SPCA have told us that they have lots of abandoned kittens at the moment, so cat food would be greatly appreciated.

In addition to this event Brooke Williams and friends would like to have their own fundraising event on Wednesday after school to raise money for an operation for Storm (see below).

One day I was watching TV with my sister and there was a dog called Storm who had a hole in his heart. The cost of the operation was thousands of dollars and I thought I would like to help. Some of you may have seen the documentary on TV. So my friends and I are doing baking and making sweets and selling kindling on Wednesday after school. Bring your money along and support Storm and the Dunedin Dog Shelter.

By: Brooke Williams

BOT MEETING

Tonight – 5.30pm in the staffroom.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

CONSERVATION WEEK

If you are in the office, stop and have a look at the wonderful Conservation posters that our middle and senior children have created. Our children at East Taieri certainly care a lot about their environment, sustainability and the future of our earth. **A big congratulations to Mitchell Ballantyne who was 1st in the Middle competition, and Jemima Anderson & Ella Williams who were 1st equal in the Senior competition.** Congratulations also to the following children whose posters achieved Very Highly Commended:

Julian Hamilton	Caitlin Facer
Meg Kennelly	Alicia de Bono
Ben Hackfath	Alex Cockerill
Kyran Miller-Bowler	Bailey Reid
Harrison Ballantyne	Philippa King
Baxter Stephens	Blake Carter
Erin Hancock	

ROOM 8 MUSEUM SLEEPOVER

Room 8 had a fantastic time on their sleepover at the Otago Museum last week. We explored the museum and enjoyed taking on the role of Sir Edmund Hilary as he scaled Mount Everest. The next day we had a great time at the Edgar Sports Centre and Moana pool - there were certainly a lot of tired children and adults by the end of the day! A big thank you to all those parents who attended.

DISCOVERY TIME STARS

These students were identified by staff, parents and student leaders as Discovery Time Stars displaying strengths in the key competency of managing self.

- Edelle Berman, Renee Pitchers, Xavier du Toit, Josh Thom, Grace Cotter, Arna Irvine, Lily Brown, Hunter Jolly, Ted Brensell, Meagan Christensen

VALUES STARS

- All members of the Enviroschools team ~ for their input into the judging for our Enviroschools Silver Award
- All members of our Kapa Haka group ~ for their commitment to practices leading up to Polyfest

JUNIOR SYNDICATE

On Friday the Junior Syndicate continued their tour around the world with Charlie Brough sharing his research about Australia. He had a special guest play the Didgeridoo. Kriss Godkin showed the children how to play the didgeridoo and the history behind it. The children then continued on to Japan with Erika Reid. A huge thank you to Kris for coming along.

NETBALL RESULTS

Congratulations to the following teams:

1st – section 4 ET Aces

4th – section 5 ET Breakers

4th – section 7 ET Comets

A great finish to the season and all teams achieved great results. Thank you to all coaches, managers and umpires.



DUNEDIN BMX SCHOOL TEAM CHALLENGE

Team:

5yr category: Lily Falcous,

7yr category: Rosie Falcous, Daniel Joint,

9yr category: Devin Colston,

10yr: Max Chirnside, Harrison Ballantyne, Michael Cooper-Gale, Harvey Stephens



We were placed 5th out of 12 school teams overall, which was a great result considering so many were new to BMX racing. Particular mention to Daniel Joint who got 2 first places and 3 seconds in the 7yr olds, Devin who got a string of first places and overcame a mechanical problem (a slipped chain) and forced bike change to win his final race, and Harvey who also raced hard and was right up there in his age category. A mention also to Rosie and Lily Falcous who were the only girls in their category. Rider of the day was Devin in my judgement.

By: Mark Falcous

DISCOVERY TIME BIKING

Children had a great time mountain biking on Friday. The highlight was biking through the ford and of course getting wet!



VALUES FOCUS ~ ~

Responsibility

SCHOOL NEWS

TUI GARDEN CHALLENGE

Buy any Tui branded products from a participating garden centre and give the receipt to School and we could be in to win a garden shed. We will be putting a photo on the Tui website www.tuigarden.co.nz/school-garden-challenge. The school with the most votes will win the People's Choice Award.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

All book club orders to be in by tomorrow Tuesday 17 September. This is to enable us to have them back by the end of term.

CONJUNCTIVITIS

There have been several children in the Junior Syndicate with conjunctivitis. Symptoms are red, itchy eyes with a discharge. Conjunctivitis is very contagious and must be treated before children come back to school.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We now have bigger sizes in the double knee trackpants – size 4-10. See Annette in the office.

COUNTRY FAIR – Sunday 10 November

Preparation has started already for the fair. One way you can help at this stage is to hunt out pre-loved second hand goods and books. These can be brought to the school office or Jo Hackfath's office. Thank you



TOMBOLA

Room 4 needs items for the Tombola at the school fair - eg cans of food, bottles of wine, shampoo, conditioner, soaps etc. Please send to Room 4. We also need brown paper bags to put these items in. Thank you for supporting the school. - Sarah Lewis

MEADOWFRESH STICKERS

We are collecting the meadowfresh stickers that appear on all meadowfresh products. We have copies of the collection sheet in the office. We hope to collect as many as possible to go into a draw for sports and art equipment.

TEE BALL

Tee Ball starts on 19 October. If you would like your child to play Tee Ball please put your name down with Annette in the office. We are looking for a volunteer to take this team. Please see Annette in the office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS:

Jayden Standring won the Thorby Whitson Trophy for the Most Promising Player in the Mosgiel Thunder Football team.



Sophie Day – won the trophy for the Impromptu Under 12 Dunedin Tap Dancing competition.

Hunter Jolly – 2nd place in the Intermediate Parkour competition at the Dunedin Gymnastic Academy.



THIS FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER

Pie & Ice Cream Fridays

To place an order for a Pie & Ice Cream lunch, simply write your child's name and room number on an envelope, enclose **\$5.00** and leave in the box in the office by Wednesday morning.

Hot Pies and cold Ice Cream can then be collected at Friday lunchtime from Teachers Room

A Year 6 Camp Fundraiser.

BMX CLINICS

Two BMX skills clinics will be run on Weds 2nd and Weds 9th Oct at Mosgiel BMX track.

Mosgiel BMX track, Seddon Park.

Weds 2nd and 9th Oct 3.00pm – 4.00pm

Contact: mark.falcous@otago.ac.nz

Big relocation garage sale

Saturday 21th Sep 9am to 2pm No early birds please!

Continuing Sunday 22nd Sep 9am to 2pm

88 Main South Road, East Taieri

Loads of soft toys, Baby toys, cot blankets, mattress protector

Heaps of girls clothing size 0000 through to 4 some size 5 and 6 + shoes, loads of knitted cardigan as well.

Leap frog Tag pin reading system, Baby Tad educational toy, Fisher-Price Digital arts & craft studio, queen bed frame and loads more.

Last weekend to come and have a look, there will be something you would want.

Uniform for sale

Only worn for 3 terms all in great condition,

1 Thermals size 4/6 \$5

New never worn

1 Polo top size 4/6 \$30

1 Skort size 4/6 \$36

1 Hat size S \$10

1 Thermals size 4/6 \$10

Can be dropped off or picked up from the 21st to 23rd September,

If interested contact Michelle on 021424078.



Sell with Confidence, with Sandra Clark

Having lived in the area, with my kids going through the school, I know and appreciate the community. I would love to be able to work closer with you all, and am offering the school \$500 for every completed listing and sale generated from this advert.

Contact me today for an informal discussion on what is happening in the market!

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