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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make 2014 such a great year at East Taieri School. The end of the year has come around so quickly and although we are looking forward to the carol services and prize giving tomorrow, we are sad to be saying farewell to our wonderful group of Year 6 students. They have been excellent role models, contributing much to East Taieri. We wish them well in their future endeavours and will follow their progress with interest. There are again this year, a number of families who end a long association with East Taieri and I would like to thank them for their involvement and contributions to our school over the years.

The support given by the Board of Trustees, Home and School Committee and parents has been amazing. Our teaching team and support staff who consistently give more than 100% to our school are ready for a well-deserved break, having worked hard throughout the year making sure that they have provided the best possible learning environment for your children.

I wish everyone a happy Christmas and wonderful summer holidays.

FAREWELLS



We are very sad to be saying farewell to Elsie Boyens, an outstanding teacher who has contributed so much to East Taieri School over the past 12 years. As a New Entrant teacher Elsie has given so many children the best possible start to their education. She is passionate about children's learning, has a deep understanding of her students and is always looking into the best ways to 'hook' children into learning. Elsie is highly professional and has willingly shared her expertise with colleagues. In her leadership role of Maths Lead Teacher, Elsie has played a vital role in providing staff with professional development, ensuring that we have been up-to-date with the latest trends in maths teaching and resources.

Elsie and her husband John are moving back to Hawkes Bay to be closer to family and friends. Our best wishes go with them as they start a new chapter in their lives. A huge thanks you to Elsie for all that she has done for East Taieri.



We are also sorry to be saying goodbye to Robyn McGarry who has been fantastic in her role as librarian, adding her creative flair and sense of fun to our library. Robyn is taking up a permanent role at St Hilda's as Boarding Manager of the Junior Hostel. It has been great to have had Robyn reconnect with East Taieri and we thank her for willingly sharing her many talents with staff and students.

Paris Murphy, one of our highly valued Teacher Aides is also leaving to take up nursing training. Paris has been amazing in her role of working

with a special needs student and obviously has the skills to make a wonderful nurse. Thanks to Paris for her work at East Taieri and best wishes for her future career.



HELPERS' MORNING TEA

Last week we held a thank you morning tea to acknowledge the many people who have helped at school in so many ways throughout the year – our Bible in Schools teachers, Parent and Grandparent Reading Tutors, Discovery Time Helpers, our great Road Patrol parents, classroom helpers and all of the other parents who have given their time and skills. Because of other commitments, many couldn't make the morning tea, so a big thank you to those helpers as well.

Regards,
Jennifer

CAROL SERVICES

The Carol Services this year take place tomorrow Tuesday 16 December at the East Taieri Presbyterian Church

- Junior Syndicate – 11am
- Middle Syndicate – 1.30pm
- Senior Syndicate – 7pm

REMINDER – WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER

Wednesday morning will be a clean-up morning. School will close 12 NOON. NO BUS WILL BE RUNNING ON WEDNESDAY.

LOST PROPERTY

There is a bin full of lost property. Any items not claimed by Wednesday will be given to charity. Amongst the pile are several unnamed uniform items. Lost property will be displayed today and tomorrow. Please check if you think that your child is missing clothing or shoes.

SCHOOL REPORTS

School reports will be sent home today. Classes and teachers for next year will be put on the reports. We will not be putting class lists up this year.

STATIONERY 2015

Next year we are going to online buying of stationery with Office Max. See below. There will be limited stock available to purchase from the School Office the week of January 26 from 10am – 2pm. When purchasing online please make sure you know your child's class, which is on your child's school report. In the case of the Junior Syndicate it will either be Year 1 or Year 2. Also the New Entrant pack can be purchased. In the Middle Syndicate it will be their room number and the same for the Senior Syndicate.

You can now access www.myschool.co.nz/taierischool to place your order.

SCHOOL ACCOUNTS

We would appreciate payment by the end of the school year. If you have any problems with this payment please contact Annette. A reminder to parents who went on the Luge at the Year 6 camp, the cost for this is \$37.00 payable to Annette in the office.

LIBRARY BOOKS AND READING

BOOKS

It is time to have a check under the beds and in your child's room for any of our library books or reading books that children may have taken home. Please return to school asap.

SCHOOL VESTS

Children who have school hi vis vests and are not using them please return to the office.

Also Year 6 children will need to return them by Tuesday 16 December.

ORANGE PARADE

On Friday all the Road Patrollers took part in the Orange Parade. First we paraded through the main street of Dunedin. Then a bus took us to Moana Pool. We had such a fun day.

By: Kate Earl



TERM 4 DATES	
DECEMBER	
Mon 15	Reports sent out
Tues 16	Carol Services
Wed 17	Half day – SCHOOL CLOSED 12 NOON – NO BUS RUNNING
2015	
Office Open	January 26 – 30 – 10am -2pm
FEBRUARY	
Monday 2	Term 1 starts
Friday 6	Waitangi Day

SPORTS NEWS



TEE BALL

Great game on Saturday and we had a win. Player of Day – Tom Cunningham for helping his team and great batting and fielding.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jemma Wilson who competed in the otago Swimming Championships in the weekend. She came 2nd in the final of the Under 10 Breastroke and 2nd in the 50m freestyle. Well done Jemma.



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A photograph of a grey backpack with orange accents, filled with various school supplies such as notebooks, pens, and a ruler.

SITUATION VACANT

JOB SHARE CARER position available for disabled 8-year-old girl in Allanton. Teacher Aide job share position in Mosgiel also available for same girl. Applicants must be physically fit as heavy lifting is required. No experience needed but interest in childcare, teaching or therapies/ medical a bonus. — Contact Janine 0274-762-546 or janine.bolton@gmail.com for further info.



Taieri Plains Tryathlon Friday 20th February.

The Home and School Committee is looking for sponsorship to financially assist us with the running of our annual tryathlon, which attracts families from throughout the Otago region. Contact Energy has kindly agreed again this year to be Principle GOLD sponsor of the triathlon. To run the event successfully we also need Silver \$500.00 and Bronze under \$500.00 sponsors.

The sponsor's will get acknowledgement on the PA system during the event and business logos at the event. This is a fantastic opportunity to advertise your business while assisting your children and our School.

Please contact Robyn Kelly steverobyn.k@xtra.co.nz or 0274401332 hm 4898337. For further details or interest.

Mosgiel West Community Pool
Argyle Street

Keys available from Elmgrove School Office
\$60.00 per key
Open daily from 9.00am – 8.00pm
Season October – April 2015

The 2015 Trolley Derby is on Sunday March 22nd from 1pm

Start creating your trolleys now!

For an entry form and more information, please visit www.dunedintrolleyderby.com

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Walk through the Christmas Story

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Come and follow the
'star' of Bethlehem.

St. Luke's on the Taieri

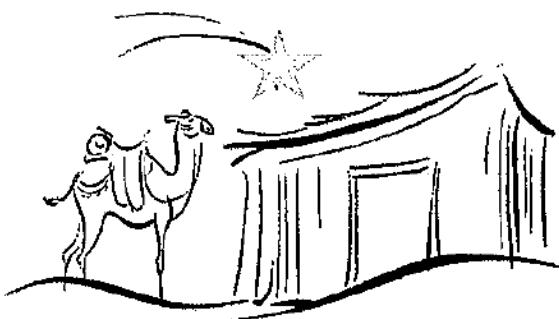
67 Gordon Road, Mosgiel

Tues 16 December, open between 6:30-8:30pm

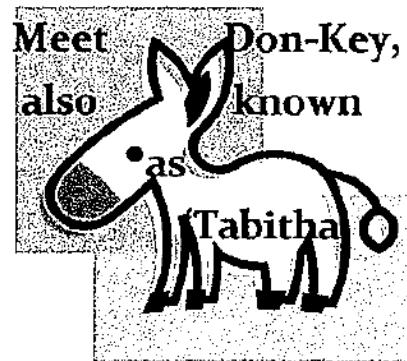
Wed 17 December, open between 6:30-8:30pm

St 20 December, open between 2-4pm

[Please allow 15 minutes to 'walk through']



Cost: FREE!



Children, please bring an adult with you.

The story of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem 'retold' through a mix of tableaux and interactive scenes.