



31st March
Term 1
Week 9



Kia ora koutou!

Finally, an almost normal week. We welcomed back two teachers and quite a few students from covid related isolation this week. The school felt busy again. There are still cases in the community and we still remain cautious, following the regulations, especially mask wearing. However it feels like we are over the peak. The office may be unattended in the afternoons due to a scarcity of relievers meaning that I will need to be the reliever. I will check the messages on the school phone before 3pm in case of bus or other plan changes that you may ring through.

This week we have had Netball Otago delivering coaching to those who were interested in playing next term and Basketball Otago promoting girls' basketball (happen on Friday). We have also expressed an interest in some hockey coaching however this has still to come to fruition.

Daylight saving ends on Sunday morning so hopefully everyone will enjoy the lighter mornings again - at least for a short while.

Room 6's new teacher (Megan Kerr) came for a visit this week to start the process of getting to know the children and transitioning from one teacher to another. We will welcome her with a mihi whakatau on Monday 2 May at around 10am.

We will definitely be holding an outside farewell for Megan Gallagher on the last day of term - Thursday 14 April at 2:15pm, either outside the Activity Centre or under the canopy. All are welcome. It will run a little like an assembly with the odd speech thrown in. The Easter raffle winners will be told at the end of the assembly and their prizes hopefully making it home.

Thank you to Waitaki Covid Community Care Welfare Group for their donation of hand sanitiser, tissues and anti bacterial wipes.

With the return of cooler mornings children are wearing warmer jackets over their school uniform. Please make sure that all clothing is named so it can be returned to the rightful owner.

Hei kona mai I roto I nga mihi,
Goodbye for now and thanks - John Goulstone, PRINCIPAL

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon 11 April	Home & School AGM 3.15pm library	Mon 6 June	Queens Birthday
Thu 14 April	Farewell Assembly for Mrs G	Thu 23 June	Matariki Breakfast
	Last day of Term 1		Creek Opening
Fri 15 April	Good Friday	Fri 24 June	Matariki Holiday
Mon 2 May	First day Term 2	Fri 8 July	Last day Term 2
Wed 11 May	BOT Meeting @ 6.30pm		

FRIDAY LUNCH FUNDRAISER – on the menu tomorrow is **NACHOS** for \$4.
Please have orders and money in by 9am tomorrow.



NETBALL SKILLS – On Wednesday Maigan Fright came to teach our kids netball skills as part of the East Otago Development project from Netball Otago. Thank you Maigan – our students really appreciated it.

We had to practice passes and then we did a little game to practice what we had learnt. We had to do the lightning bolt pass - when you are passing you point your hands in the direction of the other persons chest and pretend you are giving them a electric shock. The little kids had twinkle fingers instead. We played a game of netball but could go anywhere on the court. Ruby found this a bit hard as she is used to playing positions in netball and kept stopping at the line. Alec's favourite part was when they learnt the stop-go skill. Ruby's favourite part was playing the game. **by Ruby & Alec - Room 6**





The school roll is 105. We welcome Sam Prebble (Y1) to our school and hope you enjoy your time with us.

HOME & SCHOOL



OTAGO CAR RALLY VOLUNTEERS - A huge thank you to the Parents and Teachers who have volunteered to be Marshalls at the Car Rally on the 9th of April. We still need a few more so please email homeandschool@palmerston.school.nz or let us know if you can help.

EASTER RAFFLE - It's Easter raffle time, tickets will be on sale at the school office – only 50 cents a ticket. Open to PPS students only please.

AGM - our rescheduled AGM and meeting will be on Monday the 11th of April at 3:15pm in the school library, please let me know if you can attend, we would love to see you.

Nga mihi nui Sarah-Jane Kelly Home & School President



COMMUNITY NOTICES



LJ HOOKER EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

Mandy Elliot from LJ Hooker is running the Easter Colouring Competition again this year. Please have all the entries back to the office by 9am on Wednesday 13th April, winners will be drawn on Thursday 14th April. Spare copies are at the school office. This will be judged on each age group, prizes are:

1st prize Easter Egg basket

2nd prize Easter Egg

GIRL GUIDING NZ

We have a long and successful history of teaching girls' skills like confidence and resilience, while they make new friends.

We have space for Pippins (5-6yrs), Brownies (7-9.5yrs), and Guides (9-12.5yrs) to join us in Term 2 - come meet your team today, with groups in: Ōpoho, Waverly, Halfway Bush, Mosgiel, Palmerston and Port Chalmers there is a new group of friends waiting to meet you.

<https://girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/>



**Brainwave**
Early Years Last Forever
Adolescent Seminar

Unravelling the Adolescent Brain

VENUE East Otago High School Library

TIME & DATE Monday 4th April 6-8pm

COST Free RSVP numbers to mcooper@eohs.school.nz

Topics include:

- Recognising and enhancing adolescents' strengths
- Positive and negative aspects of risk-taking
- The increased importance of peers
- Changes in sleep patterns
- Exploring the potential influence of alcohol use
- Benefits and risks associated with social media use

Note: Depending on numbers attending, vaccine passes may be required

For more information visit www.brainwave.org.nz

2022

**Eastern Jr Rugby Club**

Saturday morning kids rugby,
Great community family culture

- Nippers (3-5years olds) through to Year 8
- Season begins Saturday 7th May 2022

Any queries email briar.scott202@gmail.com or contact us through Facebook

Register online at : <https://www.sporty.co.nz/easternrjc/registration-junior/junior-2019>

