



[Junior Syndicate]



2018 PARENT INFORMATION

Introductions

- Natalie King
- Jo Hackfath
- Jess Hall
- Mel Cruickshank
- Karon Read

Teacher Aides - Rachel Stowell, Kate Cotter,
Christine Wright

Junior School Organisation

Year 0/1 - Room 9 Natalie king & Karon Read

Year 0/1 - Room 10 Jo Hackfath

Year 1/2 - Room 11 Jess Hall

Year 1/2 - Room 12 Mel Cruickshank

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Organisation

- 8:50 Bell time – class time
- 8.50 Whole school fitness- T,W,Th
- 10:00 Snack and Fitness
- 10.10 Class Time
- 11:00 Interval
- 11:20 Class Time
- 12:40 Lunch. Children remain seated for 15 minutes while eating
- 1:30 Class Time
- 2:50 Bus Bell
- 3:00 Home Time - children meet their families outside the classroom.



Curriculum Coverage

- **Essential Learning Areas**

- Mathematics
- English
- The Arts
- Science
- Technology
- Physical Education
- Health
- Social Sciences
- Māori

Literacy and Numeracy are integrated into everything we do.

The Ministry had National Standards for us to attain with your child on their 6th 7th and 8th birthdays, and from Year 4 onwards, at the end of the school year. We are in a transition phase this year.

Collaborative Teaching

As a reflective staff who aspire to continually improve and enhance our teaching practice we are all involved in collaborative teaching. This enables students to benefit from the strengths of more than just their home room teacher and interact with a wider range of students.

D.I.P. Time and Action Stations

The Junior Team provide environments where the children are encouraged to make their own decisions about what they want to investigate. To do this in a way that suits their learning styles and needs. As they progress through the Juniors, the children develop the necessary skills to become independent learners.

East Taieri School - Inquiry

At East Taieri School we encourage our learners to be inquisitive. Our Inquiry programme allows for children to develop skills and knowledge within a specific framework. Within this framework, children are able to develop learner agency and follow their passions and interests.



Our Inquiry model looks like this...

- **TUNING IN/TOPIC** - what do we know now, what do the children bring to the learning?
- **RESEARCH** - children gather information. they then sort out what they need to further their learning.
- **EXTEND** - reflecting and consolidating our learning.
- **EVALUATE** - What have I learnt? What else do I need to find out? How will I show my learning?
- **SHARE/SO WHAT?** - what links can I make to the wider world?

East Taieri School - Inquiry Concepts 2018

- Term 1 - Make and Do
- Term 2 - Play is the Way
- Term 3 - Tech smart kids
- Term 4 - The world is your oyster

Watch weekly notes and the school newsletter for events relating to these things.

Key Competencies and Values

At East Taieri School our programmes reflect the Key Competencies and our Values programme.

We have a value for a 2 week period of time.

Children are recognised for consistently demonstrating these values and competencies at Assembly.

Key Competencies

Key competencies are the capabilities people have, and need to develop, to live and learn today and in the future. (NZ Curriculum)

- Thinking
- Relating to others
- Using language, symbols and text
- Managing self
- Participating and Contributing

VALUES PROGRAMME

Doing Your Best

Fair Play & Self Control

**Caring for the
Environment**

Thinking of Others

Kindness & Helpfulness

Manners

Co-operation

Respect

Honesty

Responsibility

Funky

Friday



Funky Friday is an opportunity for children to develop key competencies through activity based, child directed learning.

The children are encouraged to participate in a wide variety of child led activities -

- Designing, Arts, Cooking, Numeracy, Science, Literacy, Physical Activity, Inquiry related activities

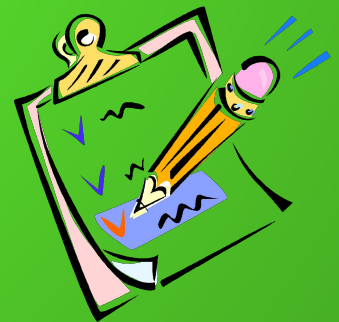
They also develop skills in:

- Co-operative learning
- Leadership within the Syndicate group
- Independence, risk taking and reflecting on their learning
- Questioning and social conversations
- Relating to others

Children who lead an activity come to school, prepared with everything they need.

Monitoring of Children's Progress

Children are monitored very closely in all areas of literacy and numeracy using a number of assessment tools. Based on information gathered teachers plan for future learning.



Reporting to parents

- Meet the teacher/ getting to know your child - 28th of February
- Term 2 - written report and parent interview (mid year)
- Term 4 - written report at end of year

School Support Programmes And Agencies available at East Taieri School

- Reading recovery – 4 children are selected for 20 weeks of instruction in reading and writing
- Teacher Aide Support within the classroom
- Kiwiana - Gifted and Talented programme
- Resource Teacher of Learning and Behaviour
- Group Special Education
- Speech Language Therapy
- Perceptual Motor Programme PMP
- Public Health Nurse
- Vision and Hearing
- Various outside agencies (e.g. Police Educator, Life Education...)



Other programmes/ resources available at East Taieri School

- Specialist Teachers – Alison Tay (music), Jolene Casey (specialist PE Teacher)
- Swimming- Jill Clarke
- Library - Each class attends the library for 1 session a week. Check with your class teacher when this is.
- Syndicate Whanau Hui - every second Friday morning
- Syndicate Sport - Thursday afternoon. This won't start until after swimming
- Syndicate singing - every second Friday morning

GENERAL

•**Road Safety:** If your child is on the bus, walking, scootering or biking to school, they are required to wear a high viz vest. You can get these at the office for a \$5.00 bond. You can also wear your own one from home if you have one. Please use the crossings at the designated sites. These are clearly marked by cones.

•**School drop off zones:** Due to the large volume of traffic we encourage students to walk or wheel to school or utilise our drop off zones from which children can safely walk to school.

•**Appointments:** If you have any issues regarding your child, please make an appointment with the class teacher in the first instance. If you require further support, contact the Junior Dean. If necessary, the Principal will then become involved.

•**Newsletters:** The school newsletter comes out every Monday. Please check your child's book bag daily for additional notes. Most of our correspondence will be through e-mail.

•**Absentees:** It is important that you contact the school office if your child is going to be late for school or away for the day. If you are running late after school, please let the school know so alternative arrangements can be made.

GENERAL - continued

- **Assembly:** Assemblies are usually held every 2 weeks on a Friday afternoon at 2pm. Each class runs 1 assembly a year. Due to the lack of space, parents are invited to their child's assembly.
- **Belongings:** Please name all uniforms, drink bottles, lunch boxes, sunhats, library bags, school bags, shoes. East Taieri School sunhats must be worn during Terms 1 and 4. They can be purchased at the school office.
- **Snack attack:** Each class has a healthy snack at 10.00am every day. Children are encouraged to have fruit, vegetables or nuts at this time. Can snack containers please be named. the children are able to drink water when they need to. Please note - we are a water school only.
- **Homework:** It is important that your child reads, practises letters and sounds, and is read to every night. If reading does not come home, please read a favourite book, poems or a library book. This is also an opportune time to spend chatting with your child. As the year progresses, some children may receive spelling, basic facts or other activities to complete. We celebrate home learning

GENERAL - continued

- **Wheelie Day:** The children are allowed to ride their scooters in the school carpark at lunchtime. The gates are closed and children from the Senior School act as monitors. Wearing of helmets is encouraged. The Junior children park their scooters at the back of Room 10.
- **B.O.T:** This is an elected group of parents who work alongside the Principal to govern the school. Board of Trustee elections take place every 3 years.
- **Home and School Committee:** This is a group of dedicated parents who provide social gatherings and fundraising activities [DOathlon, fair, BBQ's], to provide the school with extra resources in many areas.

DROP OFF ZONES

Due to the large volume of traffic we encourage students to walk or wheel to school or utilise our drop off zones from which children can safely walk to school. See the map to locate your nearest drop off zone.





We aim to provide a solid foundation of skill acquisition, and to develop a range of thinking and research skills in order to learn how to learn.

We provide learning environments that offer opportunities to practise how to make decisions, initiate ideas, persist, find out, try again, take risks, explore and research in a range of ways that relate to children's own interests and ideas.

We aim to teach foundation skills that are transferable and adaptable for whatever the future holds.

