

# EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

## Parents Newsletter

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*Special points of interest:*

### Important Dates

27th Sept Holiday  
30th Sept Holiday  
11th October In Service Day  
21st October School re-opens  
29th October S1 Enterprise Event  
7th November S1 Parents' Evening  
14th & 15th November S5 Mock Interviews  
20th Nov P7 Open Evening  
2nd December S4 Prelims begin  
12th December Junior Dance  
16th December Christmas Concert  
18th December Senior Dance  
20st December School Closes  
6th January School Re-opens

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Dear Parent

We have finally reached the day that many thought would never come - The New Eastwood High School is a reality. **"New Standards, New Expectations"** is the clear message to everyone associated with the school. If we all play our own small part, we will inhabit our new identity with pride and achieve our full potential. We have an awful lot to look forward to and be proud of - A world of new opportunities to embrace. We must now make the most of the opportunities that our new school presents.

If you are the parent of a new S1 pupil let me welcome you to Eastwood High. I know that your son/daughter will do well here, and you should know that we will do our very best to ensure that they achieve their full potential.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in ensuring that all pupils wear the **Eastwood HS uniform**. This is one way that we can all show our pride in ourselves and the new school. The standard of uniform has been wonderful to behold, a real positive statement that Eastwood is a force to be reckoned with! Other local schools are using Eastwood High as an example to spur their pupils on to emulate our uniform standards. Well done to everyone

I'm sure you will agree it is important that the school receives its full allocation of resources. As I mentioned in the summer mail, many parents entitled to receive a free school meal for their children do not apply, **OR RE- APPLY**, for one. Some aspects of the school's funding is allocated in relation to free meal uptake. The cashless catering system in the school means that no one knows who is in receipt of a free meal. It is therefore important that everyone entitled, **applies or re-applies for this year**. Application forms with the qualification criteria are available from the school office or East Renfrewshire Council Customer First. If you feel that you might be entitled to a free meal for your child **please apply** and help your child(ren) and all the others receive their fair share of resources.

*S Maxwell*

### Super Students

Congratulations to all our pupils who sat SQA exams in May this year. Eastwood High had its best ever set of results at both Intermediate 2 and Higher. The S4 (Now S5) worked incredibly hard and had their diligence rewarded beating the previous record for pupils gaining 5 or more Intermediate 2 passes by 6% (66% means that two thirds of S4 last year passed five or more exams at Intermediate 2). Records were also broken at Intermediate 1 in S4 and Higher in S5. The challenge now is for everyone to work hard from day one this session to convert 2013's excellent results into even better next year.

In addition to superb performances across the board, special mention should go to the following pupils who excelled gaining either 10 Intermediate 2 As in S4 or 5 Higher As in S5—a record number for the school.

#### 10 Intermediate 2 As

Danyal Afzal      Mohsi Maqsood  
Gillian Garbutt      Craig Smith  
Joyce Ling      Hannah Wilson



#### 5 Higher As

Sheyda Aston      Rehann Saeed  
Rebecca Baillie      Alistair Stables  
Fraser Brash      Emma Wilson  
Robbie Noble      Lauren Burns  
Hazel Currie      Bianca Deladia  
Rachel Montgomery  
Calum Philp



### Reaching New Heights

At the very end of last session Charity Committee members Nicole Dempster and Hazel Currie organised a "Teacher versus Pupils" softball match to raise money for Ronald McDonald House. The pupils managed to raise over £200 for the charity and as a result they were selected to take part in the 10,000ft. Zip Slide across the River Clyde on Saturday 17th August. Congratulations to Nicole and Hazel on raising the money for the charity and more importantly surviving the zip slide on such a wet and windy day!!!

### Dangerous Duo

Congratulations to twins Rachael and Chloe Boyd of S3 who achieved their black belts in Karate on the 24th of August. The girls have been participating in Karate since they were 10 and are members of the Barrhead Karate Club. At the same assessment Matthew Lickley of S1, also a member of the Barrhead club, was awarded his black belt. Well done to all.



### World Youth Netball Trip

On Wednesday 27th August Ms Lyons and forty girls from the school netball club attended the World Youth Netball Championships currently being held in Glasgow to see Fiji v Papua New Guinea and Scotland v N. Ireland. The girls all enjoyed the exciting action and gained some useful tips for the coming season.



### School Meals On-line Payment

A reminder that you can load money on to your child's account online to pay for school meals. You can access this by clicking the "Pay" logo on the school website. You will need your child's Scottish Candidate No. which is available from the Office.

### Sports News

Congratulations go to Erin Wallace (S2) for winning the Scottish Triathlon Championships on 22nd June. As a result Erin has been selected to represent Scotland at the UK Inter-Regional Championships at Eton Dornay (Olympic Venue) on 31st August. In addition to this Erin won the 800m title at the Scottish Track and Field Championships in Aberdeen on the 17th August. Erin, Ross Lipp, also of S2, and Rachel Tait of S1, will be representing Giffnock North Athletics Club at the Stornoway Triathlon in mid September. Well done, particularly to Erin on her busy and successful summer. Calvin McGrory, Ben Lockie and Scott Johnston have been selected to play for the Renfrew District U15s football for this season following strong performances for the school U14s last session. We wish the boys the best of luck. Eastwood High's **Junior Cricket Team** this year has again won the Glasgow Schools' Cricket Association Junior Final by defeating St Ninians HS in the final (49-0 in 9.1 overs to St Ninians 45-4 in 10 overs). Well done to everyone in the team.

