



# OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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*“Learners Forever, Leading the Future”*

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Kia ora koutou katoa

Dear Parents and Caregivers

HAPPY NEW YEAR to everyone and welcome back to another wonderful year of learning at Otakiri School in 2018.

I trust you all have had a relaxing and enjoyable break. The school year has begun with the normal hustle and bustle of school life. A special welcome to all new students and their families. Best of luck to all our learners as they face challenges and achieve success throughout the year.

The weather has certainly been pretty hot to start the year and we are thankful that the Board of Trustees had the foresight to install heatpumps in all the classes last year. We are all very appreciative.

Next week, we have school on Monday and there is a holiday on Tuesday for Waitangi Day. Please let us know as early as possible if there is a reason why your child won't be at school on Monday or any given day throughout the year.

To our new families – our school prides itself on its friendliness. If you are not sure about anything, big or small, please do not hesitate to ask one of our staff or any of our parents you see on your journeys around the school.

We have begun the year with a special focus on living 'The Otakiri Way' at school this year, with students exploring the ways that we can all live the values that are important to us as a school. In 2017 the school began the PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) journey.

***'PB4L School-Wide looks at behaviour and learning from a whole-of-school as well as an individual child perspective. The framework is based on international evidence.***

***It's not about changing the students; it's about changing the environment, systems and practices you have in place to support them to make positive behaviour choices.'***

Last year we worked with the students and staff and also surveyed our parent community as to what are the values that we believe are important.

Once we collated all this information a number of trends came through and we used these to develop our '***Otakiri Way***'. We used our mission statement as a starting point, '***Learners forever, LEADing the Future***' and developed our values statement around LEAD.

Learn with Purpose

Engage with Kindness

Act with Respect

Dare to Dream

We have put in place a range of systems that support positive relationships and behaviour and look forward to developing these further throughout the year. We will provide you with regular updates and if you have any questions please talk with your child's teacher.

Nga mihi koutou

Mike Mokai

### **Contact details**

With the start of a new year it is a great time to check we have your correct contact details.

Also we highly recommend you download the school app and like our Facebook page to stay in the loop with what's happening at school. Have a chat with Michelle for more info.

### **Stationery**

Families opting for the 'Pukeko Scheme' will have their books delivered to the class teacher immediately. Huge thanks to everyone who has already organised this. If you require a Pukeko Scheme notice or stationery list please contact the school office. Please come and see Michelle or myself if you have any questions regarding payments because we do have flexible options. All children are expected to have their books and equipment by the start of Week 2 at the latest.

### **School details**

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Website: [www.otakiri.school.nz](http://www.otakiri.school.nz)

### **COUNTRY FAIR DATE**

The Country Fair is set to be held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March. There will be more information to come soon.

### **Term Calendar**

The school calendar is available on the school website or through the school App.

### **Sunsmart**

A wee reminder that all students are required to wear school regulation sunhats in Term 1. Hats are available for purchase from the school office. No hat means play in the shade.

### **Welcome to our World Little Grace**

Mr and Mrs Saunders have had little baby Grace Wendy. Congratulations and best wishes to Chloe, Maurie and Izzy.

### **Bootcamp**

Adults bootcamp starts this Friday 2 February 4pm – 5pm \$88 for term one.

Kids bootcamp starts this Friday 2 February 3.15 – 3.45pm \$44 for term one.

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## **THE OTAKIRI WAY** **- Learners Forever, LEADing the Future-**



### ***Learn with Purpose***

- *Be a self-manager*
- *Have a growth mindset*
- *Collaborate and learn with others*

### ***Engage with Kindness***

- *Use kind words and actions*
  - *Be empathetic*
  - *Support others*

### ***Act with Respect***

- *Respect myself*
- *Respect others*
- *Respect our environment*

### ***Dare to Dream***

- *Believe in yourself*
- *Set goals and plan steps for success*
  - *Take risks*