



# OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou katoa

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Wow the last week has been ultra-busy and with the Country Fair on Saturday and the Junior Camp next week, there are no signs of it slowing down. Due to all this hectic activity we have decided to move the Learning Conversations that were to be held in Week 8 back one week to give teachers enough time to complete the Learning Conversation Sheets. The dates for the Learning Conversations will now be Tuesday the 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of March. School will close early at 12:30pm on the Tuesday. Keep an eye out for the online booking link in a couple of weeks time.

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend the School BBQ a couple of weeks ago. It was great to see all our students having a great time and parents taking the opportunity to mix and mingle and meet the parents of some of their children's friends. A special thanks to the BoT for providing and cooking our yummy kai and the teachers for organising some of the games.

Swimming for all classes begins in Week 8. A full timetable will be out soon with dates and swimming times for all classes. Swimming is an important part of our school curriculum and an essential life skill, therefore we look forward to the students taking a full part in the lessons.

To all our students and parents who are off to Blue Lake next Wednesday, have a great time, take every opportunity and don't forget to 'Dare to Dream'.

I look forward to seeing you all on Saturday for our Country Fair and Market. Thanks to all those who have helped with the planning and organisation and also those who have volunteered to help. Don't forget to put your name down, if you haven't already to help out on the day. I'm looking forward to a great day!!!

Nga mihi koutou

Mike Mokai



### COUNTRY FAIR UPDATE

**Only two days to go!!**

**Helpers:** Please fill out the Helpers notice that is online or ring Michelle ASAP as we cannot run the events without your help.

**Grocery items:** for the raffle –The raffle is looking good but still room for more. House points awarded. (Cans, Bottles, Jars, Packets) please check expiry dates and place in trolley in the foyer.

**Garage Sale:** Items for the Garage Sale – items to be in working order. Clean kids clothes only.

**Hangi:** Tickets can be purchased at school office \$10. Limited to 100 tickets.

**Raffles:** Great start to selling the raffles. Remember to return to school with money once sold. All tickets to be returned by **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

**Chilly bins:** We need large chilly bins for storing drinks, sausages and meat in at the fair.

**Plants:** Bring along your plants for the plant stall on Friday please.

**Baking:** Please send baking to School Friday so it can be priced.

This year we are fundraising for our school van. The school needs to fundraise about \$20,000 so let's all pitch in and help.



Kia ora, my name is Olly. I am 12 years old and I am ready to let all this hair go. I have had long hair as long as I can remember and I have decided to do shave for a cure because I think it is the right thing to do. Although I have to lose all this glorious hair, I am ready to lose it. Anyway it will grow back soon. I hope I can reach a good amount to donate and for anyone who donates I am greatly thankful and I'm sure the people in need are even more thankful. Anyway this is me and I hope everything goes well and once again thank you :) Olly will be having his head shaved on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April – watch this space for a possible Wacky Hair Day Student Council Event to help Olly raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation.

To support Olly and this great cause please visit;

<https://secure.leukaemia.net.nz/registrator/FundraisingPage.aspx?SID=934094&LangPref=en-CA&EID=49884>

**Pictures from the Community BBQ – a huge thank you to the Board of Trustees for putting together a great family night.**



**We would like to thank the following sponsors of the Country Fair**

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**Plains Junior Football Club 13th MARCH 2018**  
 At the Bluelight Building Edgecumbe Domain 5.30-6.30pm for players aged 4-13 and parents/coaches to come along and register your interest for the 2018 season.  
 2018 Football Muster Registration forms can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website [www.sporty.co.nz/PJFC](http://www.sporty.co.nz/PJFC). Registrations can be done online by following the links on our website.  
 Any queries feel free to contact Scott Holmes 0272245470 or email [scottholmes@xtra.co.nz](mailto:scottholmes@xtra.co.nz)

**DATES & REMINDERS**

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Country Fair; **14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Junior School Camp; **19<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Swimming starts;  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Top School; **26<sup>th</sup> Mar – 13<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Dental unit at school; **27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Learning Conversations;  
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