



# OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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*“Learners Forever, Leading the Future”*

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Kia ora koutou parents and caregivers

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The weather in the last week has certainly been up and down. Some days it feels like summer has arrived and other days, it's a bit wet and even a bit chilly. At these times students arrive at school in nice warm sweatshirts, but as the day warms up the students take them off and we often find them lying around. Please name these items (and all other clothing too) so they can be returned to the owners.

While it seems that there is much to accomplish in what is left of 2018, time is disappearing very quickly and before we know it, the end of the school year and Christmas will be upon us.

The second half of Term 4 is always an extremely busy time for everyone. Students are currently working through end of year assessments and teachers are preparing Learning Conversation Sheets. On top of this, teachers have been busy organising a variety of events for their students, including end of year trips, and athletics days. A huge thank you to Ms Shattock who organised our Senior Athletics last week and the Rangitaiki Interschool Athletics being held today in Whakatane. A massive shout out to all the parents who helped out at these two events. You certainly help the days run very smoothly.

Nga mihi koutou  
Mike Mokai

### School Lunches

After further exploration about possible options for school lunches, the Board of Trustees, has decided that from the beginning of 2019, no school lunches will be provided on Fridays. We will continue to have Lunch Specials as part of our fundraising efforts. This will mean that students will still be able to buy a lunch every second Friday during term time.

### Term Dates 2019

The Board of Trustees have set the following Term dates for 2019

**Term 1:** Tuesday 29 January - Friday 12 April

**Term 2:** Monday 29 April - Friday 5 July

**Term 3:** Monday 22 July - Friday 27 September

**Term 4:** Monday 14 October – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December (TBC)



### Readers & Library Books

With the end of year fast approaching its time for school readers and library books to be returned. If you have any floating around at home, please send them back to school.



### Silage Cover

Melanie is still looking for a silage cover, if you have one at home that is not being used (even if it has a few rips). It would be greatly appreciated. Please call or txt Melanie on 022 508 7285.




### Garden Trophies

Please return all Garden Trophies to Miss G or the office as soon as possible.



### Wanted to borrow

Do you have a cot/portacot, highchair, pushchair and toys for a 5 year old girl and boy and 18 month old girl that Helen could borrow/hire for 2 weeks from 16<sup>th</sup> December? She has grandbabies coming to visit from Australia.  Please see or call Helen on 322 8211.

### Dance Fun Studio End of Year Show

16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> 5.30pm and 18<sup>th</sup> November 2pm at The Little Theatre.

From our tiny 3yr old Ballerinas twirling around on stage through to our Senior Girls' captivating Sequences. Lyrical Dances telling stories and getting messages across. A showcase of our talented dancers' work. Tickets from The Good Life. Adults \$15 Kids \$8 and Sunday Matinee \$10 per person.

### Stage Door End of Year Musical Theatre Showcase

Come along to support our local young folk. Showcasing more than 100 of the EBOP's most exciting up and coming young talent on stage and featuring 20+ songs from popular musicals, movies and pop charts - Stage Door's End of Year Musical Theatre Showcase is guaranteed to be an all singing, all dancing, all acting extravaganza!

TWO PERFORMANCES ONLY: 24<sup>th</sup> November, 1:30pm and 6pm. Tickets just \$15 per person.

### Edventure Summer Camps

Based in the BOP, we have 3 awesome camps geared to get kids excited about the outdoors. With a focus on water safety, we have planned a range of activities including surfing, SUP, water safety lessons, as well as tramping, rock climbing, confidence courses, bush survival skills, hot pools, orienteering, team building, camp cooking and heaps more.

- January 14th - 18th - Aongatete Lodge
- January 21st - 25th - Aongatete Lodge
- Jan 29th - Feb 1st - Redwood Valley Farm

OSCAR available

8-14 yr olds

Pick up/drop off points in Auckland, Waikato, Tauranga, Whakatane and Rotorua.

For more information or to book now visit

[www.edventure.co.nz](http://www.edventure.co.nz) email

[mark@edventure.co.nz](mailto:mark@edventure.co.nz) or phone 02102241576

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SPF 30

### Dates and Reminders

25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Karearea Class Camp; 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Junior Athletics; 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Learning Conversations, **School finishes at 12.30pm**; 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Learning Conversations; 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Leavers Dinner, 14<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of School, Including Prize Giving.

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