



OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

It is wonderful to see all of our pupils returning to school having had a safe and hopefully enjoyable holiday. It has been a lovely start to the year so far, with many smiley faces. Everyone seems to have had a great holiday, thanks in some part to the great weather. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to welcome the new staff, families and students into our school community. Miss Lucy has returned after a year on maternity leave and is teaching in Korimako, and we welcome Whaea Sharon who is working alongside Ms Shattock and the students in Ruru Class. We also welcome Karen Musgrave as a Learning Assistant and Whaea Jess into Takahē Class.

Please find attached a full staff list for 2019. I look forward to catching up with you all and working with you throughout the year.

Nga mihi nui
Mike Mokai

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 playing in the shade.

COUNTRY FAIR DATE

A Country Fair Meeting will be held Friday 1st Feb 3.15pm in the Staffroom.

Our Country Fair this year is being held on March 9th. The Country Fair is our major school fundraising effort. Over the years funds raised from the Country Fair Day have gone towards things like

- School Van
- Confidence Course
- Turf
- Hard Court
- Learning resources – Maths, Reading books

This year the funds raised will go towards a bike track around the school field.

We have lots of activities on the day and we need people to help at these events.

We welcome new parents to come along to the meeting with ideas. If you are unable to come to the meeting but you have some ideas please let me know vera@otakiri.school.nz or come and see me in Kokako room.

Stationery

Families opting for the ‘Pukeko Scheme’ will have their stationery delivered to the class this week (there are a few things on back order). Huge thanks to everyone who has already organised this. If you require a Pukeko Scheme notice/stationery list, please contact the school office. If you have any questions regarding payments, please talk to Michelle 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.

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.

Staff 2019

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| Principal | Michael Mokai |
| Deputy Principal | Heather Richmond |
| Assistant Principal | Eraina Attwood |
| Kiwi | Eraina Attwood |
| Kōkako | Vera Pawson |
| Takahē | Maria van Beek |
| Tūi | Jacqui Graham |
| Ruru | Anthea Shattock |
| Ruru | Sharon Theobald |
| Korimako | Lucy Dickinson |
| Kārearea | Matt Brown |
| Te Reo & Release Teacher | Whaea Poihaere Knight |
| School Administrator | Michelle Jordan |
| Caretaker | Jeff Bosher |
| Cleaner | Helen Candy |
| Library/Learning Assistant | Margaret Hamilton |
| Learning Assistant | Jenni Gibbons |
| Learning Assistant | Margaret Hamilton |
| Learning Assistant | Karen Musgrave |
| Student Teacher | Whaea Jess Andrew |

Hot Weather

It certainly has been a very hot start to the year. Thankfully all our classrooms have heat pumps so the students learning environments have been very pleasant places to be. We are also extremely lucky to have some awesome shade trees for the break times. In an effort to keep cool (and have fun), we have decided to set up the slippery slide and sprinkler for students to have water play during lunchtime. We have set up a timetable for classes. If students would like to take part in the water play (on their allocated day) they will need togs or clothes to get wet in. All students will be required to wear a rash shirt or t-shirt that covers their shoulders. We will have sunblock available and students will be required to apply before playing. We will be starting tomorrow. This activity will be supervised by the Duty Teacher.

Water play class roster for tomorrow and next week.

| Monday | Tuesday | Thursday | Friday (1st & 8th) |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---|
| Kārearea | Tūi | Takahē | Ruru |
| Korimako | | Kōkako | |

Ruru Camp Packs

Ruru camp packs will be sent home tomorrow – Friday 1st February. Please check your child's bag.

Dates and Reminders

6th Feb – Waitangi Day; 15th Feb – Community BBQ; 9th Mar – Country Fair; 26th to 28th Mar – Ruru Camp; 27th to 29th Kōkako and Takahē camp.

Newsletter by e-mail contact office@otakiri.school.nz. School account number for donations and payments: 12 3253 0069149 00
Website: www.otakiri.school.nz

Otakiri School Community BBQ

All students and their families are warmly welcome to a beginning of the school year BBQ to be held on Friday the 15th February. Bring your family anytime from 5:30pm. This is an opportunity to come along, have some fun, connect with other families, meet your child/ren's teacher, have a look around the classes and ask any questions you may have. Put this date in your diaries.

Programme (All times are approximate)

5:30-6:30pm Arrive and join in the games

6:30-7:30pm Sausage sizzle and burgers (provided by the school)

7:30ish Visit classrooms for an informal chat

For catering purposes please indicate your likely attendance on the cut off section below and return to the office by 3pm on Monday 11th Feb, or leave a message with Michelle.

Yes, we will be attending the Otakiri School Community BBQ

Number of Adults:

Number of Children:

Family Name:

For catering purposes please return by 3pm Monday 11th February.

The Cleaning Fairy

House cleaning, contact Liga on 027 9785 834 or like The Cleaning Fairy on Facebook for more details.



Small Jars

Do you have small jam type jars floating around at home that you don't need? If so, could you please drop them in to the office or to Jenni.