



# OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

As the first term of 2019 draws to a close, I would like to thank all members of the Otakiri School Community for doing their bit to make our school a special place. This Term has certainly whizzed by with so many highlights and well done to all our students who have taken the multitude of opportunities to learn and grow. So many of you have daily showed the LEAD values.

I recently had the privilege to join students, whanau and staff at two awesome camps. Thank you to students from Ruru and our Junior Classes for allowing me to be part of your amazing experiences. I know I still remember the school camps I attended and it was wonderful to see you all creating lasting memories for you to reflect on through your lives.

Once again thank you for all you do to make Otakiri School a great place to learn. A special thanks to the teachers and support staff who often go 'the extra mile' for the students in our care.

Have a great break and I will see you all at the beginning of Term 2, which promises just as many great learning opportunities!

Nga mihi koutou

Mike Mokai

### **Jubilee Meeting**

In 2020, our school reaches the significant milestone of being continuously open for 100 years. Quite the achievement, Otakiri School!!!!

We would like to invite all current and former students, staff, BOT members, and families to come along and join in the planning for the 100<sup>th</sup> Jubilee in 2020. At the meeting, a Jubilee Committee will be formed to lead the planning and organisation efforts.

The meeting will take place in the school staffroom at 6pm on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> May.

Please come along and share your ideas and expertise.



### **Year 7 and 8 Technology**

Technology for the Year 7 and 8 students starts on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April (1<sup>st</sup> day of Term 2). Please ensure your child has covered in shoes every Monday. The fees for Technology are \$75, please pay this as soon as possible.

### **Bike Safety**

At the beginning of Term 2 all children will be taking part in bike safety. Please check your child's bike and helmet over the holidays, making sure all tyres are pumped up and brakes are working.

### **Board of Trustees Triennial Elections**

Board elections for Otakiri School are being held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Being a school trustee is an important role that needs people with a range of skills and experiences, who believe in making a positive difference to our children's learning. Step forward and take up the challenge or nominate someone you know. Further information will be available early next Term.

If you are interested in finding out more now check out the New Zealand School Trustees Association (NZSTA) election website <https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/>

NZSTA is also running a session of interest to people who may be thinking of standing in the upcoming triennial elections and would like more information about what it means to be a trustee called Kōrari. This is being run at Tarawera High School at 5:30pm on the 9<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Kōrari**

Are you interested in becoming a board member? Want to know more?

NZSTA would like to encourage parent and whanau participation on school boards in order to help shape and support the education of their children. To that end, they will be rolling out the Korari Programme for anyone interested in finding out about standing for the school board elections and having a say in the education of their children.

<http://www.otakiri.school.nz/>

### **Dental Clinic for the Holidays**

If you need the dental clinic over the holidays, please contact Whakatane Intermediate on 307 1548.



**Eastern Bay Of Plenty**  
**New Zealand Riding for the Disabled**

## **ARENA OPENING DAY & GALA**

**Awatapu Drive, Saturday 13th April 10am to 3pm.**  
**Heaps of stalls, food and rides.**



#### **Kittens needing a home**

4 weeks old about to start solids. They have been flea treated and dewormed.

2 x White with patches (boys)

1 x Tabby stripes (boy)

1 x ginger tabby (girl) runt of litter.

All child friendly and handled every day.

Welcome to come view. \$10 donation appreciated but not a must. Just want them to go to good happy homes. Mamma cat real character she thinks she's a dog. Plays with kids and goes in the car on long journey's. A real part of the family.

Please contact Mel 022 5087285

**TERM ONE**  
**BAY OF PLENTY RUGBY  
HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

**WHAKATANE**  
WEDNESDAY 17TH APRIL  
RUGBY PARK, WHAKATANE

**ROTORUA**  
THURSDAY 18 APRIL  
PUARENGA PARK, ROTORUA

**FOR AGES 6-12 | 9.00AM - 3.00PM**  
**\$20.00 PER DAY**



Ruru class reached out to a class in Christchurch following the Mosque tragedy a couple of weeks ago. Their teacher Johanna Motram explained that her children, though not directly involved, had been really shaken by the events.

We sent a care package, including letters and friendship bracelets. Ms Motram said by far, the letters were the most precious taonga.

Ruru class are very excited about receiving letters back early next term.



### **Fun 4 U Day, what a blast!**



### **Dates and Reminders**

12<sup>th</sup> Apr- Last Day of Term 1; 29<sup>th</sup> Apr – First Day of Term 2; 29<sup>th</sup> Apr – Kārearea start Technology; 15<sup>th</sup> May – Rangitaiki Netball & Rugby Day; 13<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Bike Ready & Cycle Skills.

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## Rangitaiki Touch

This year we entered six teams in the Rangitaiki Touch day which was held at Awakeri School. The focus of the day was participation and learning to play the game. It was great to see our students from Year 3-8 having a fun time and working as a team. Scoring a try was a real bonus. Many thanks to the parents who helped manage and ref teams! Your help was very much appreciated. We all had a great day!



Blue Year 3 and 4 Team  
Coaches: Anthea Shattock/Debbie Chapman



Gold Year 3 and 4 Team  
Coach - Elsie Powell



Year 5 and 6 Teams  
Coaches: Mel Hughes/Scott Holmes



Year 7 and 8 Teams  
Coaches: Matt Brown/Sam Penning

