



# OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Tena koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Firstly, congratulations to our huge team of runners who represented us last week at the Rangitaiki Interschool Cross Country. We had some outstanding results and 24 students qualified for the Eastern Bay of Plenty Cross Country to be held in Opotiki next Tuesday. Eastern Bay of Plenty Cross Country is only for 8 Year Olds up. Good luck to all our competitors. Keep Daring to Dream!!!

In the last week of school this term, we have our second round of Learning Partnership Conversations for 2019. A separate newsletter will come home next week with booking details, etc. Please remember these are different from the Student Led Conferences that were held earlier this term. SLCs are about the students sharing their learning and the Learning Partnership Conversations are an opportunity for you and your child to discuss with the teacher your child's learning progress and achievement. I strongly encourage you to take this opportunity and book a time with your child's teacher.

Due to the busyness of this term we have decided to hold our annual Matariki Evening in the second week of next term. The date we have set is the evening of Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August. Put this date in your diaries now and we'll get more details out before the end of term.

New Golden Time options have been made available for students to choose this week. There are some great sport, art and digital options. Golden Time happens each Friday afternoon for students who have earned their Golden Time. Students do not automatically get their Golden Time and receiving Golden Time should be celebrated as it means they have had a great week at school. Please remember to talk with your children about Golden Time each week and reinforce for them that they have done really well.

The Mobile Dental Unit is due at school for the first three weeks of Term 3. The Dental Nurses will check every child's teeth.

Nga mihi koutou

Mike Mokai

### **Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge**

This is a chance for primary and intermediate aged kids to get involved in New Zealand's biggest mud run series in a version tailored especially for them! The Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge will include many of the same amazing perks along with all competitors receiving a stunning Finishers medal, Hell Pizza voucher and the chance to experience the challenging obstacles, incredible venues, hot showers and spot prizes.

The event is located at Lakes Ranch, an outdoor pursuit / equestrian centre 15 minutes east of Rotorua on SH30. Just follow the signs to Hells Gate and Lakes Ranch is located directly opposite. This venue provides a magnificent course with spectacular scenery for the ultimate experience.

1.5km Course Option – For school Years 3 – 4

3km Course Option – For school Years 5 – 8

Otakiri School will be attending the challenge on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. Please go to <https://eventpromotions.co.nz/tough-guy-gal-challenge/rotorua/> to enter.



# PHOTOS FROM THE PAST FEW WEEKS



## Dates and Reminders

18<sup>th</sup> June EBOP Cross Country; 25<sup>th</sup> June – BOP Cross Country; 28<sup>th</sup> June – EBOP Inter School Gymnastics Competition; 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> July – Learning Partnership Conversations; 5<sup>th</sup> July – Last day of Term 2.

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