



# OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Tena koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

At this time of the year, across New Zealand the celebration of Matariki begins. Matariki is the Māori name for a cluster of stars which is visible in our night sky at a specific time of the year. This year, Matariki will reappear in the dawn sky from 25 to 28 June. This signals the start of the Māori New Year. Matariki is a time to celebrate new life, to remember those who've passed and to plan for the future.

It is very much a time to spend with whanau and friends. Matariki has increasingly become a time that is special for all New Zealanders and I hope over the next few weeks, you get a chance to spend time with the people that are special to you. A reminder that we have a school Matariki Evening and Celebration on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> August.



Nga mihi koutou

Mike Mokai

### **Otakiri Primary School Board of Trustees** **Casual Vacancy for an elected Trustee**

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative.

The Board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten percent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the Board, within 28 days of this notice being published to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the Board to hold a by-election should write to:

The Chairperson  
Board of Trustees  
Otakiri Primary School,  
Otakiri  
RD 3 Whakatane  
3193

by: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

### **Cross Country**

Congratulations to all students who have recently represented our school, district and the Eastern Bay in the last three weeks. We have had some amazing results and have certainly 'punched' above our weight for a school our size. You have done yourselves, your whanau and our school proud. You guys and gals are awesome!!!

### **EBOP Schools Gymnastics Competition**

Good luck to all our students who are competing at the Eastern Bay of Plenty Schools Gymnastics Competition in Whakatane tomorrow. Special thanks, to Miriam Bleakley, Jaz Wratt, Lisa Harris and all the other parents who have helped with coaching and transport.

### **Learning Partnership Conversations**

Reminder LPC's are next week Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July. **School finishes at 12.30pm on Tuesday**, the school bus will leave promptly. **School finishes at the normal time on Thursday**. Please make arrangements for your child/ren for Tuesday afternoon.

### **Wood Chip**

There is still some wood chip left on the field if anyone would like it. Please collect it outside of school hours.

### **Mobile Dental Bus**

The Mobile Dental Bus will be at Otakiri School for the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 weeks of Term 3 and they will endeavour to see all the children at Otakiri School.

### **Message from the New Zealand Police**

NZ Police recently launched a new non-emergency number, 105. We've done this to make it easier to get hold of us in the event of non-urgent situations or 'Things which have Already Happened', which don't require Police assistance immediately.

You can call us on 105 for all non-emergencies, or you can go online at [105.police.govt.nz](https://www.105.police.govt.nz) to report things like:

- Lost property
- Theft for a public place or car
- Intentional property damage
- Or to get an update or add info to a previous report

In the event of an emergency, always call 111 - Things that are Happening Now.

### **Otakiri School Polo Shirts**

Parents have been asking to purchase school polo shirts for their child/ren. The school will order them once per term for a cost of \$25 each. Please let Michelle in the office know if you would like to order one

### **Country Fair AGM**

The Country Fair Committee will be holding their AGM on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 3.15pm in the school staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

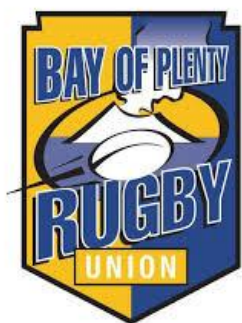
### **School Accounts**

Outstanding school accounts will be sent home with children today. Please check your child's bag. If you have any queries, please talk to Michelle in the office.



To celebrate the end of term we are having a Wheel's Day, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Bring your wheels to school and let's have some fun.

But please no electric wheels (remote control cars, electric scooters etc).



### **TERM 2 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Age – 6 to 12 years

Date – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 9am to 2.30pm

Where – Rugby Park, Whakatane

Cost – \$20

Register online at [www.boprugby.co.nz](http://www.boprugby.co.nz)

### **Whakatane Bird Club Show and Sale**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1.30 – 4.30pm

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 9.30am – 12pm

Adults \$3.00 Children \$1.00

Kawerau Town Hall

### **Dates and Reminders**

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; 22<sup>nd</sup> July – First day of Term 3; 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Dental bus here; 7<sup>th</sup> August – EBOP Rugby, Netball and Soccer 7's Tournament; 9<sup>th</sup> August – Rangitaiki Hockey and Soccer Tournament; 22<sup>nd</sup> August – Tough Guy and Gal Challenge; 8<sup>th</sup> September – AIMS Games; 18<sup>th</sup> September – EBOP Mini Ball; 19<sup>th</sup> September – EBOP Yr1 – 4 T-Ball Day; 25<sup>th</sup> September – School Photos.

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