



OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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“Learners Forever, Leading the Future”

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Tena koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that you have managed to rest, have fun and make the most of the better weather in the first week.

A special welcome to new students and new families to our school. I trust the Otakiri welcome has been a warm one and you are already feeling a part of the Otakiri School Community. On the first day of this term, Mrs Attwood opened Kiwi Class for the year with a few students who have moved from Kōkako and a group of brand new students who have just turned 5.



At the end of last term, we had a huge amount of sickness and we certainly appreciated when families kept their child home when they were unwell. Unfortunately, along with the winter weather; colds, flu's and bugs are also persisting within our community (including our staff). We will continue to follow the Ministry of Health's recommendations of sending students home if they are unwell. We recommend that students stay at home at the first sign of illness and remain home if they continue to be unwell. Please do not “wait and see” if you think your child may be ill. Common sense prevails: being watchful if your child has other health problems and making arrangements (if your child seems unwell) to stay away from others, and good hygiene practices being high on the list of actions we should take.

Nga mihi koutou

Mike Mokai

Guide Dog Biscuit Fundraiser

Blind Foundation Guide Dogs give people who are blind or have low vision freedom and independence. They help people to get around safely and confidently.

It takes 2 years to train a guide dog and they can work with their person for up to 9 years.

Initial cost for guide dog = \$50,000. Ongoing cost = \$1,200 a year. Estimated working span = 8 years. Total cost a for a guide dog = \$59,600.

On average, the waiting list for getting a guide dog is around six months, which is a surprisingly short time, but the Guide Dog Association does breed in the region of a thousand puppies every year.



So with that in mind we would like to do our part. Miss van Beek has kindly donated over 500 biscuits, we will be selling these from the office at 2 for \$1. You will be able to buy them from tomorrow morning at the school office.



Matariki Dinner

A reminder that we have a school Matariki Evening and Celebration next Thursday the 1st August.

Please rsvp by Monday 29th July.

Bluelight Edgecumbe After School Care

After School Care opening Term 3 2019, at the Edgecumbe Bluelight building, 2.45pm to 5.30pm, term time only. There will be a school pick up service from Otakiri School and they are WINZ subsidised. Limited numbers, find them on Facebook or email

edgecumbeafterschoolcare@gmail.com.

AG Day

There will be a Group Ag Day meeting next Wednesday where there will be a discussion around calves and also the date of birth for lambs. Kids need to be born after 15th July. We have two contacts for kids, they are Paula, 027 820 5191 and Bev 0275 788 823. Contacts for lambs will be in the next newsletter.

Health and PE Survey

As part of our school review cycle we are reviewing our Health and PE

Curriculum. If you would like to provide feedback, please follow the

link [Health & PE Survey](#).

If you would like a 'hard' copy or emailed link please contact Michelle in the Office.



Country Fair AGM

The Country Fair Committee have their AGM this Friday, 26th July at 3.15pm in the school Staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

Jubilee Meeting

There will be a Jubilee meeting on Tuesday 30th July at 6.30pm in the school Staffroom, all are welcome to attend.



School Production



Otakiri School is 'world famous' for its school productions! This term, as part of our learning in The Arts, the Core Cast and each class will be preparing for their part in The Search for S.O.A.P.!

The Search for S.O.A.P. will be performed in Term 4 Week 2.

At the moment 40 excited students are preparing for their audition; these will take place next week. Information about the production will be available on the school app and also in newsletters.

This is a great opportunity for whanau to be involved in what will be an exciting school event. If you are able to assist in any way, please let Michelle or Heather know.

Late School Arrivals

When students arrive late for class in the morning it can be extremely disruptive for classes and some students find it awkward entering once the rest of the class has started. Students should be at school and in class by the 8.55am bell. A huge thank you to all parents and students who do get to school at the right time. It is definitely appreciated by staff and other students.

If for any reason your child is late to school, please ensure that they check in with Michelle in the office.

Are these your Glasses



Found in the school carpark on Monday. They are in the office.

Fundraising event

Manawahe Mayhem Adventure Race

Family friendly - 2 hour race on foot

Sunday 4th August 2019

www.soakedinadventure.co.nz



BluezTouch

Junior Muster / Trial Days

Sunday 28 July 2019

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

AND

Friday 2 August 2019

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Edgecumbe Sports Club

College Road, EDGECUMBE

Players and whānau must be committed to the revive of BluezTouch, to develop players for BOP Touch trials in October.

Eligibility

- ♦ Girls and boys aged 8 to 13, as at 31 December 2019.

Bring

- ♦ Appropriate footwear / NO sprigs.
- ♦ Water bottle.



All enquiries to:

T: 027 741 5266

E: BluezTouchPresident@gmail.com



Nau mai, haere mai

COAST CARE COMMUNITY WORKING BEES PLANTING THE DUNES

Greetings Coast Carers

Please join us for an upcoming Working Bee at Matata.

WHEN AND WHERE:

Sunday 28th July at 1pm – 3pm.

Meet past the camp ground.

Look for the Coast Care flag

Light refreshments will be provided. Bring a friend or three and a smile.

Planting equipment will be supplied, but feel free to bring your favourite spade.
Please wear covered footwear and bring your gardening gloves.

Look forward to seeing you there!

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Visit www.boprc.govt.nz/coastcarevents



Dates and Reminders

26th July – Country Fair AGM; 1st August – Matariki Dinner; 9th August – Rangitaiki Hockey and Soccer Tournament; 22nd August – Tough Guy and Gal Challenge; 29th August – School Disco; 3rd September – Student Led Conferences; 8th September – AIMS Games; 25th September – School Photos; 27th - Last Day of Term 3; 14th October – First Day of Term 4; 16th October – Shake Out Day; 17th Otakiri School Ag; 18th October – Group Day; 23rd and 24th October – School Production.

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