



OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Tena koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Well done to our 29 students who are in Rotorua participating in the Junior Tough Guy and Gal. Thank you to Mrs Attwood for taking all the lunchtime practices and organising the Friday afternoon runs at Onepu. We look forward to hearing about your day and seeing the photos.

In the next couple of weeks, we will be sending home a parent survey as part of the **'Kia tū rangatira ai: Learning, succeeding, and thriving in education'** research project. Our school has decided to participate in this strengths-based research project about how students learn, succeed and thrive at school. Questionnaires will be filled in by students, teachers and whanau – either online or in hardcopy.

Completing this survey will help our school to find out more about how our students develop positive attitudes, engagement and aspirations towards school, and who their role-models for success are. Overall the questionnaires will help us to better understand the personal, teacher, whānau and community factors that positively impact our students learning and success at school. The survey results will help us in the development of our school strategic plan, for 2020 and beyond and therefore we encourage you to have your say by completing the questionnaire.

On Tuesday the 3rd of September, we will be having our second, and final Student Led Conferences for 2019. Student led conferences are meetings run by the student for his or her parents/whanau, entirely focused on the student's recent learning. During the conference the student presents work in different curriculum areas, discussing the process of learning and the progress made to date. SLCs are about developing students' ability to talk about their learning and their progress as we know this makes a difference to their learning. A SLC information booklet will come out next week.

Date: Tuesday

Time: You can arrive at any time between 3pm and 5:45pm - no appointment necessary.
(classes will be locked at 6.00 pm)

Where: In your child's classroom

Time: 20-30 minutes approximately
(No set time limit).

Nga mihi koutou

Mike Mokai

Otakiri School Ag Day

Now is the time to start having a chat with your child/ren as to whether or not they will be having a caged animal, lamb or kid for Ag Day. Enter forms will be coming home soon.

Looking for a kid?

Boy baby goats (kids) available immediately. Various colours.
Contact Cathy at Farmlands 306 0187.

Here's our kids before the Tough Guy and Gal



PJ Day Tomorrow

Don't forget to wear your pj's tomorrow and bring a gold coin for Kaan Hunter!

EDVENTURE SURVIVOR CAMP **sept 30 - oct 4**

8-13yr olds
OSCAR available
Pick ups Hamilton, Akl and BOP

Aongatete, Sept 30th - Oct 4th, \$495
We have an amazing week lined up with bush walks, archery, rock climbing, team building and confidence activities, orienteering & night activities. A typical "Kiwi Outdoors" camp with an emphasis on mountain safety and survival skills. Based at Aongatete Lodge- near Katikati.

High School Open Day/Evenings

A notice will be coming home today with all year 8 children about the High School open days and evenings coming up in September in preparation for 2020.

Kindling Available

Feed bags full of dry kindling \$10 per bag. All money donated to ALFA Trust Otakiri Charity. Contact Tina 021 0260 7457. If you would like to know more about ALFA Trust you can look them up on Facebook.

School Disco

Get out your dancing shoes because we're having a disco! The date to put in your diary is 19th September.



School Accounts

Children took home school accounts on Tuesday. Please check your oldest child's bag for these. Payment of accounts is important as it enables the school to offer fun activities for the children such as technology, swimming, visiting performers and so much more. Also special lunches are to fundraise for camp to help lower the cost to families. Please ensure these are paid. If you have any questions, please talk to Michelle in the office.

Daffodil Day

In memory of a loved one or just because you care, dress as a daffodil or wear your brightest yellow clothes on Friday 30th and bring a gold coin donation to help raise funds for The Cancer Foundation.



Dates and Reminders

3rd September – Student Led Conferences; 8th September – AIMS Games; 19th September – School Disco; 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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