



OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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“Learners Forever, Leading the Future”

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Tena koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend the Student Led Conferences with their child/ren on Tuesday afternoon. As I wandered around the classes, it was great to see all the sharing and discussing of learning. I heard and saw many proud parents and grandparents hearing all about what our students have been learning this Term. Well done to our students who did such a fantastic job of articulating their learning journeys. You were awesome!!!!

Over the next two weeks our ‘Otakiri Way’ focus is *Using Appropriate Language at School*. This has a particular focus on the LEAD values of **Engaging with Kindness** and **Acting with Respect**. The goal for students is to use appropriate and polite language when speaking to peers, teachers and adults. We encourage them to stop and think about what they want to say and check if it is appropriate within that setting. Put downs and swearing are not acceptable at Otakiri School.

As citizens of Aotearoa, it is important our students go out into society knowing how to behave in certain environments and situations. We all know that the language we use in different situations can vary widely. How we speak with our friends at an informal social gathering is likely to differ (probably greatly) from how we speak at a job interview or at our Grandmother’s ninetieth birthday! We can’t expect children just to know this, as adults we need to teach this and model it.

It is a reality that we all have different rules and expectations for our children in a range of settings and it is a family’s prerogative what language they deem acceptable for themselves and their children in their home environments.

There are two things I ask of all our parents and whanau to support our School;

1. Please take opportunities to teach your children about the appropriate use of language in a wide variety of settings.
2. Please act as a great role model to all our students by refraining from swearing (especially within earshot of our students) when you are at school or at any school events.

We want all our students to live ‘The Otakiri Way’ and an ability to communicate appropriately with all ages and sectors of society is likely to put our students at a distinct advantage when it comes to long-term happiness and success. It is not ‘old-fashioned’ to know when to use socially acceptable language, it’s a life-skill that we can all learn.

Good luck to our Year 7/8 Quick Rip team who are representing our school at the AIMS Games in Tauranga next week. I know you have put a huge amount of effort into preparing for this event and hope you have a fantastic week. Congratulations for Daring to Dream. Have fun!!!

Nga mihi koutou

Mike Mokai

Kia tū rangatira ai: Learning, succeeding, and thriving in education

On Tuesday, a newsletter was sent home with information about the ‘Kia tū rangatira ai: Learning, succeeding, and thriving in education’ research project. We are hoping that all our student will take part in this research, but if you don’t want your child to participate, please ensure you fill in the opt out section on the newsletter and return it to school by Tuesday. We also hope that all our whanau are willing to participate and complete the questionnaire that will come home next week. If you have any questions, please contact Mike at School.



Rehearsals are on track school wide for the Core Cast and each class for our school production in Term 4 Week 2.

This is a great opportunity for whanau to be involved in what will be an exciting school event.

We are looking for whanau help for the following:

- Hair and Makeup
- Costumes for Core Cast and classes
- Prop and backdrop preparation

If you are able to assist in any way please email Heather at heather@otakiri.school.nz or let Michelle in the school office know.



The nutritional specs.:

- 25% protein
- 17% fat
- 46% sugars/lactose
- 19.6 MJ ME/kg powder

SCHOOL FUND RAISING PROJECT

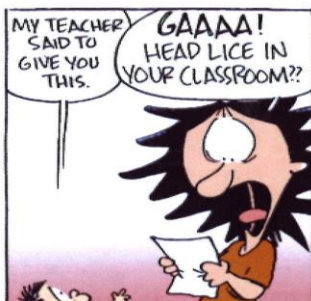
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Blossom Hi-Spec CMR pricing for our school is \$3495 + GST (Delivery is included)



Dates and Reminders

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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