



# OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Tena koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Welcome back to the start of Term 4. This is going to be an unbelievably busy term with some of our traditional events such as Ag Day, Group Day and Production all happening in the first half of the term. Throw in Athletics Days, three Class Camps and a visit from Harold and the Life Education caravan, you can see we have a lot to fit in to the next nine weeks. Full on, but also full of exciting learning opportunities.

For many of these activities and learning experiences we need volunteers, so please if at any time you can help out please let us know.

A very special welcome to our new students and families.

I look forward to catching up with you all as the term progresses.

Nga mihi koutou

Mike Mokai

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

Earlier this week, a 'Kia tū rangatira ai: Learning, succeeding, and thriving in education' survey was sent home in hard copy and on the App. We are hoping that you will take part in this research and complete the questionnaire. Hard copy questionnaires are to be returned to the office. A big thank you to those who have already completed the survey.

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. The questionnaires will also help us to better understand the personal, teacher, whānau and community factors that positively impact our students learning and success at school, which in turn will allow us to better plan to meet student needs.



### School Hats

With the beginning of Term 4 comes the warmer weather especially as we head for Christmas. Please make sure from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October your child brings their school hat every day. If your child does not have a hat they will need to play in the shade.



### Beautiful Beeswax Wraps

A group of children from Korimako have made their own Bees Wax Wraps in the hope of reducing the amount of plastic in our community. They are selling them tomorrow at Group Day for \$4 each. The group has made the label/wraps themselves and any profit made will be going to community projects!



### Jubilee Sponsorship

We're looking for sponsors to help with some of the costs for the School Jubilee in October 2020 for billboards, advertising, printing, a courtesy van for elderly, a band and a photographer. If you are able to help with sponsorship, please contact Michelle.



Our school production, The Search for SOAP will be performed next Wednesday (23rd October) and Thursday (24th October), starting at 7pm. The children have worked really hard to put together a show we know you will enjoy.

Tickets are available at the school office for \$5 and there will also be door sales at each performance from 6:15pm. We have a limited number of tickets for each performance so make sure you don't miss out!



Teachers would like their students at their class to prepare for each performance by:

- Kiwi & Kokako (In Kiwi class) - 6:30pm
  - Kiwi & Kokako also need 1 parent to help with supervision while the children are waiting to go on stage on Thursday night. If you are able to help please contact Eraina at [eraina@otakiri.school.nz](mailto:eraina@otakiri.school.nz) or let Michelle know at the office.
- Takahe - 6:30pm
- Tui - 6:15pm for face painting
- Ruru - 6:30pm
- Karearea - 6:30pm
- Korimako - 6:30pm

**It is important everyone is on time as the show will start promptly at 7pm.**

It is important the children bring a water bottle.

After each performance parents/caregivers need to let their child's teacher know they are leaving so they can be checked off. The children will be ready for pick up at 8:45pm.

Children can be picked up from the following places after the performance:

- Kiwi & Kokako from Kiwi class
- Takahe, Tui, Karearea & Korimako from the Library
- Ruru from Ruru class
- Core Cast from the Supper Room at the back of the hall

### Dates and Reminders

18<sup>th</sup> October – Group Day; 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Centenary Meeting; 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October – School Production; 29<sup>th</sup> October – 8<sup>th</sup> November – Ed Life Van; 30<sup>th</sup> October – 1<sup>st</sup> November – Korimako Camp; 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November – Karearea Camp; 13<sup>th</sup> November – Rangitaiki Athletics; 19<sup>th</sup> November – Blue Team Athletics; 26<sup>th</sup> November EBOP Athletics; 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – Tui Camp; 3<sup>rd</sup> December – BOP Athletics; 5<sup>th</sup> December – Learning Partnership Conversations; 6<sup>th</sup> December – Final Assembly; 10<sup>th</sup> December – Learning Partnership Conversations; 10<sup>th</sup> December – Gold Team Pool Fun Day; 11<sup>th</sup> December – Blue Team Pool Fun Day; 11<sup>th</sup> December – Y8 Dinner; 12<sup>th</sup> December – Final Assembly and Last Day of School .