



OTAKIRI SCHOOL

Newsletter 28th November 2019

"Learners Forever, Leading the Future"

Newsletters come home weekly on Thursdays
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Kia ora koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Congratulations to our athletes who competed at the recent EBOP athletics championships. Our team represented Otakiri School with pride and had some excellent results. Well done to the six of you who have made the team to represent Otakiri (and the Eastern Bay) at the Bay of Plenty champs next Tuesday.

With this newsletter you will also receive a newsletter about the Learning Partnership Conversations being held over the next two weeks. This is an invite to all parents and whanau to come and speak with your child and their teacher about their school learning in 2019. Learning Conversations Sheets will be sent home with all student this coming Monday the 2nd of December.

We are currently in the process of appointing two new teachers to the Otakiri Team. These appointments have not currently been made, therefore we are unable to confirm student classroom placements for 2020. For the last few years this information has been included in the end of year Learning Conversation Sheets, but this year we will provide the information to families once all appointments for 2020 are complete. We are expecting this to be before the end of the school year.

Nga mihi koutou
Mike Mokai

Prize giving 2019

Prize giving will take place at 10.30am on the last day of school, Thursday the 12th December in the Hall.

Unfortunately, not all our students will be able to attend this year. With the recent renovations to the Otakiri Community Hall, we have been informed that the Fire Plan that has been developed, only allows 202 people in the hall. Due to this change, Kiwi, Kōkako and Takahē classes will not attend the Prize giving, thus allowing parents still to attend. These three classes will continue to be supervised as per normal and their school day will also still end at 12pm.

The Whakatane District Council are aware of the impact the New Fire plan is having on our school and have committed to rectifying it. I have discussed with them our concerns and they agree the current number is too low and are planning to add another fire escape which will increase the number allowed into the hall considerably. Unfortunately, this won't be completed in time for our Prize giving.

Santa Mail

Well it's that time of year again, the school Christmas card mailbox will be outside the library from Monday 2nd December for children to post cards to their friends and teachers. Please remember no lollies or candy canes etc, just cards.



Centenary Sponsorship

Thank you very much to Riteway Rigging & Scaffolding for your generous sponsorship for the 100 Year Centenary that is being held in October 2020. If you wish to sponsor the centenary in some way, please contact Michelle in the school office.

School Library Books

There are still well over 100 library books checked out to children from the school library. Please check with your child if they have a book in their room or bag or somewhere at home that they need to return and ask them to return it as soon as possible.



Learning Conversations

Information about the next Learning Conversation is coming home today. If you like to book a Learning Conversation please log on to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> and use the code jp7w5 or contact Michelle in the office and she will help you set one up. Please note Amy Lye will only be holding Learning Conversation on Thursday 5th December.

Yr 8 Leavers Dinner

An invitation to the Yr 8 leavers dinner went home with students yesterday. Please return this to the office Friday 6th December if you wish to attend.

Important Dates for the rest of the term

Monday 2nd December - Learning Conversation Sheets go home (book conversations at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz code jp7w5)

Tuesday 3rd December – All garden projects and maps need to be returned to school

Wednesday 4th December – Garden judging is being held (please secure any dogs on the property)

Thursday 5th December – Learning Conversations – **school finishes at 12.30pm**

Thursday 5th December – Volunteers Morning Tea RSVP due

Friday 6th December – End of Term Assembly – 2pm

Monday 9th December – Volunteers Morning Tea – 10.30am

Monday 9th December – All children are visiting their 2019 class

Monday 9th December – Korimako children surfing day

Tuesday 10th December – Senior School Pool Fun Day – 9am to 12pm, all seniors bring your togs!!

Tuesday 10th December – Learning Conversations – 3.15pm onwards

Wednesday 11th December – Junior School Pool Fun Day – 9am to 12pm, all juniors bring your togs!!

Wednesday 11th December – Year 8 Leavers Dinner

Thursday 12th December – Last day of term. Prizing Giving 10.30am to 12pm, school finishes at 12pm

Dates and Reminders

3rd December – BOP Athletics; 5th December – Learning Partnership Conversations – **School finishes at 12.30pm**; 6th December – Final Assembly; 10th December – Learning Partnership Conversations; 10th December – Gold Team Pool Fun Day; 11th December – Blue Team Pool Fun Day; 11th December – Y8 Dinner; 12th December – Prize Giving and Last Day of School.

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