



# OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

## Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020

*“Learners Forever, Leading the Future”*

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Kia ora koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

It has been an interesting journey coming back to school, and getting to know each other again, somewhat akin to the beginning of a school year. There has been lots of collaboration, resetting of expectations, and fun, built around the setting up of a strong and supportive culture within our classrooms and across the school.

As always we are driven by our **LEAD** expectations;



**THE OTAKIRI WAY**  
- Learners Forever,  
**LEAD**ing the Future -



**Learn with Purpose**  
**Engage with Kindness**  
**Act with Respect**  
**Dare to Dream**

This week we welcome Hayden to Ruru class, Jaxson to Karearea, and Huntah to Kokako class.

Ngā Mihi  
Sharon Theobald

### **BoT Meeting tonight 28th May 2020, 6.30pm**

*Kia ora tatou,*

*The Otakiri school Board of Trustees are holding our monthly meeting tonight 28th May at 6.30pm via online video conference. If you would like to attend please contact either the school office or Board Chairperson who will provide a link for access.*

*Nga mihi nui*  
Nick Hoete  
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### **WANTED**

House to rent in or close to  
Otakiri School  
Please contact Jess 022416268

## **SEESAW**

Seesaw is one of the best learning tools we are using to build home-school partnerships and provide students a platform to take ownership, record, share and comment on their learning. It was particularly useful during the lockdown period. Student learning journal posts capture the process of their learning and show progress over time. Teachers are able to comment on work and provide next steps forward. Seesaw will become one aspect of our reporting to parents. This term students will be using Seesaw to share their learning and progress during student-led conferences to be held in Week 10. If you haven't yet joined your child's class Seesaw please contact their teacher for a code. It's great to be able to peek into your child's school life and share in their learning journey.



## **PARKING**

While there are no yellow NO PARKING lines on the side of the road opposite the bus turnaround, we would appreciate families who are picking their children up after school to leave the area free. It greatly assists the bus driver in having enough space to turn safely in one move, rather than having to stop and back up before driving off.

## **SCHOOL BREAK TIMES**

Currently Blue Team junior classes and Gold Team senior classes are having different break times to accommodate physical distancing in the playground.

These are as follows;

**Blue Team** - Kiwi, Kōkako, Takahē and Korimako

**Gold Team** - Kārearea, Tūi, Kākāpō and Ruru

Morning break - 10.15-10.45am

Lunch - 11.45-12.00pm (in class)

Lunch break - 12.00-12.30pm

Afternoon break - 1.45-2.00pm

Morning break - 10.45-11.15am

Lunch - 12.15-12.30pm (in class)

Lunch break - 12.30-1.00pm

Afternoon break 2.00-2.15pm

## **GOLDEN TIME**

Fridays 2.15-2.55pm

Each Friday afternoon students get to choose an activity to attend during Golden Time. We have a variety of options - sports, hobbies, art, colouring in, bikes, board games etc.

We would like to broaden the range of options our students can choose from so if there are any community members who are available to help out during this time by providing a sports activity or a hobby they'd like to share please contact Michelle in the school office. It could be a one-off activity, a couple of Friday afternoons you are available, or a regular weekly activity. We look forward to hearing from you.

### **Dates and Reminders**

1<sup>st</sup> June – Queens Birthday; **Student Lead Conferences – Date TBC**; 2<sup>nd</sup> July - End of Term 2

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