



OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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“Learners Forever, Leading the Future”

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Kia ora koutou Parents, caregivers and Whanau,

I am sure you were as pleased as I was to hear the Prime Minister’s announcement about moving to Alert Level 1. For us, there will be no major changes to what we are doing and our school continues to be safe to attend, including any staff and children who are considered more vulnerable to COVID. We have a good cleaning routine in place, people who are sick are staying at home and we continue to encourage good hygiene practices.

Parents are welcome to visit their child's class and move around the school without having to complete the visitors register in the school office however, we are continuing to support contact tracing by having all non-family visitors to our school continue to sign in.

What is changing is that we can now look forward to school assemblies, inter-school and community sport, cultural events and performances and to welcoming all of our school community on site for these activities. We can also plan class field trips and other excursions.

There are key public health measures - GOLDEN RULES - for everyone in New Zealand to follow. For schools this means:

- If people are sick, they should stay home (phone Healthline or their GP and get tested if they have cold or flu symptoms).
- Continue to regularly wash and dry hands, sneeze and cough into elbows.
- Soap, water and the ability to dry hands should be provided in bathrooms.
- Regularly disinfect shared surfaces.
- Support contact tracing efforts by having visitors sign in and out of school
- Stringent self-isolation of those who display relevant symptoms of COVID-19, test positive for COVID-19, have been in close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19, or have been overseas in the last 14 days

Ngā mihi

Sharon Theobald

Otakiri School Centenary

The Centenary Committee wishes to announce they have postponed the Otakiri School Centenary to Labour weekend 2021.



STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES - Wednesday 17th June 3.15-6.00pm

A reminder that next Wednesday 17th June we are holding student-led conferences. These conferences allow your child/ren to lead the conference, share and explain their learning and achievement to you, celebrate what they are proud of, and what their next steps in their learning are. The teacher is available in the classroom in a support role if needed.



School Bell Times

Thanks for the feedback we have received about eating in class. It was interesting that so many parents/caregivers have commented on how much their child/ren are now eating. We are still expecting children to take their lunch rubbish home.

With the move to COVID Level 1 we are resuming our pre-lockdown break times. They morning are as follows;

9.00 - 10.30 - class time

10.30 - 10.40 - brain break - eat in class

10.40 - 11.00 - play break

11.00 - 12.00 - in class

12.00 - 12.15 - lunch break - eat in class

12.15 – 12.45 - play break

12.45 - 1.45 - in class

1.45 - 1.50 - milk in class

1.50 - 2.00 - play break

2.00 - 2.55 - in class

3.00 - end of the day

School Assemblies

With the move to COVID Level 1 we are now able to have whole school assemblies each fortnight. Our next assembly will be held on Friday 19th June at 2.20pm in the hall. This means that Golden Time will move to 1.00-2.00pm on this day.

Golden Time Help

Thanks to those parents/caregivers who have donated time to provide an activity for Golden Time each Friday. We are very appreciative of the support and the variety of activities we are able to provide for our students. If you are able to share your time and expertise Golden Time is usually on Friday afternoons from 2.15-2.55pm. Let Michelle know if you are able to support us in any way. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mud Run

The Junior Tough Guy and Gal is being held in Rotorua over two days in August. If your child is interested in doing this event, please enter and pay for them for **Tuesday 25th August**. This event is in Week 6 of Term 3. Please register as soon as possible as there are limited numbers.

Dates and Reminders

17th June - Student Lead Conferences; 2nd July - End of Term 2; 20th July – Start of Term 3; 25th August – Junior Tough Guy and Girl Mud Run.

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