



OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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“Learners Forever, Leading the Future”

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Kia ora Whanau, Caregivers and Community members

Despite this term being the usual ten week term, it seems to be an unusually long one. Both students and staff are looking forward to the next holiday break!

We have a number of exciting events happening between now and the end of term.

We are really fortunate in having Sarah Walker coming to school next Wednesday 9th September to share her experiences with students - our school House Walker is named after her, acknowledging her as a local role model. On Tuesday 22nd September our school cross-country is being held. Although there are no wider inter-school cross-country events due to Covid-19, we want to acknowledge our students who excel in this sporting event, as well as providing everyone with the opportunity to achieve the personal goals they have set for themselves in training and to earn house points.

School photos are happening on Wednesday 23rd September and our last day this term is Thursday 24th September.

Nāku Noa

Ag Day Entry Forms and Trophies

Ag Day entry forms were given out earlier this week and are to be returned to the office by Friday 25th September. If your child has not received an entry form, please ask them to collect one from the office.

Please return all Ag Day trophies to the office as soon as possible.



Deer Fencing Required

We have a family looking for some deer fencing to keep their lamb safe from the neighbour's dog. If you have some they can have/buy, can you please contact Sarah on 027 395 7737.

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

Next Tuesday 8th September 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.



Bus Stop Etiquette

Please be mindful of children getting on and off the bus or waiting to cross the road when you are collecting your child/ren. There have been a few near misses especially at the Moller's end stop lately.

Cross-Country
Tuesday 22nd September
Starting 1.00pm



Parents/Caregivers and Whanau are welcome to attend
We look forward to seeing you.
(please exercise social distancing and wear a mask if possible)
Students can dress up in their house colours and earn 5 points for completing the run
Walker - Yellow
Blake - Red
Jackson - Green
McCaw - Black

Trident High School
2021 Enrolments



Open Day/Open Evening for Year 8 students and Parents/Caregivers
Monday 14 Sept. We would hope that your school can come to our tour from 12:40 - 2:30
Trident High School Open Evening will also be held on Monday 14th September. The presentations will begin in the school's Auditorium at 6.35pm with optional tours available from 5.30pm - 6.30pm.
Enrolments are being taken for the 2021 school year.
Enrolment interviews will be available from Tuesday 15 September.
Bookings can be made on line at schoolinterviews.co.nz the school event code is **bnxm4** or by contacting the school office on 07 3088159.
The school office opens for Term 4 on Monday 12 October.

Philip Gurney
Principal

Whakatane High School
2021 Enrolments



Open Day/Open Evening for Year 8 students and Parents/Caregivers
Tuesday, 15th September 2020 from 10.55am - 12.15pm.
Whakatane High School Open Evening will also be held on Tuesday 15th September. The presentations will begin in the school's Barclay Hall at 6.30pm with optional tours available from 5.30pm - 6.30pm.
Enrolments are being taken for the 2021 school year.
Enrolment interviews will be available from Wednesday 16 September.
Bookings can be made on line at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz the school event code is **rkw3e**, or by contacting the school office on 07 3088251.
The school office opens for Term 4 on Monday 12 October.

Martyn Knapton
Principal

Mr Brown is keen to hear from students who are interested in attending either of these open days.

Dates and Reminders

17th August to 18th September – Dental Bus at School;
8th September – Student Led Conferences; 23rd September – School Photos; 24th September – Last Day of Term 3; 25th September – **TEACHER ONLY DAY**; 12th October – First Day of Term 4; 15th October – Ag Day; 19th October – Group Day; 27th October – **TEACHER ONLY DAY**; 28th October (NEW DATE) – Junior Tough Guy and Girl Mud Run