



OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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“Learners Forever, Leading the Future”

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Kia ora Whanau/Parents, Caregivers and Community members

Term 4 has burst onto the scene in bustling fashion as always, as our students (and whanau in the background) prepare for Ag Day. Many thanks to Miss G and everyone on the Ag Day committee, as well as volunteers, for their time and dedication in making this event such a success.

Students have been preparing their calves, lambs, kids and pets in preparation for the big day and school has been a hive of art activity with art on display, flower and nature creations, and all the creating completed at home.

This year has certainly been one out of the box, and I have been impressed with the way staff and students have got on with learning. Learning conversations are planned for later in the term, where parents, caregivers and whanau will have an opportunity to share in their child’s learning and achievement with the class teacher. While achievement is key, it’s important to consider the year we have had, so every milestone - no matter how small, needs to be celebrated. The key competency of resilience is vital in building positive and contributing citizens, those who are capable of returning to normal and recovering quickly. We are proud of our students for adjusting as well as they have in these ever-changing times.

Nāku Noa
Sharon Theobald

School Organisation 2021

We have received our 2021 provisional staffing from the Ministry of Education and are already looking towards next year, organising classes and the staff for them. Edgecumbe College would also like an indication of our Year 7 and 8 students who will be attending Technology classes.

We would appreciate parents/caregivers, particularly those of our Year 6 students contacting either Sharon or Michelle to indicate whether their child will be attending Otakiri School next year.

If you have a preschool child who will be attending next year or if you know of someone who has a preschool child who will be attending Otakiri next year, please let Sharon or Michelle know.

Hats

As part of our sun safety, a reminder that royal blue hats are expected to be worn again this term. These are available at the school office at a cost of \$10.00. Students can wear a hat of their choosing but it must be royal blue, without any slang or alcohol promotion displayed on it.



Hangi

The senior school will be selling hangi on 30th October, tickets are \$16 and include pudding and all the trimmings. Tickets go on sale next week from the school office.

The Board of Trustees are looking forward to welcoming back our Principal Mr Michael Mokai at the start of 2021.

Mr Mokai has been on leave with his whanau since the start of this year and despite the crazy times of COVID-19 has made the most of the opportunity to spend time with his whanau in the COVID free beauty of the Cook Islands. Safe travels home Mike and whanau.

We would also like to acknowledge the professionalism and wonderful commitment Whaea Sharon Theobald continues to exude during her opportunity to be our principal for 2020. Thank you Whaea Sharon.

Nick Hoete
Board Chairperson

Book Amnesty

We were saddened to find that a rather large book bag of school books was left at the Salvation Army shop in Whakatane recently. Literacy in all its forms is a key component in curriculum and we value the collection of resources we have.

PLEASE, have a hunt around at home for any school resources you may have. We would appreciate their return - NO QUESTIONS asked!

Lunch Orders

Special lunches will be happening again this term to fundraise for different things for the children at school. They are happening weeks 2, 4, 6 & 8 and are usually between \$6 and \$8. If you pay for the lunches via internet banking the account number is 12 3253 0069149 00, please ensure you pay prior the lunch order day

Awakeri Scout Group

Is looking for 8-10 year olds to join
their cub section on

Monday Nights at 6pm-7.30pm
Please phone Karen 0210740848



Have Fun, Do What is Right and Be Positive

Teacher Only Day

Tuesday 27th October (the day after Labour day) is a Teacher Only Day.
This is the last Teacher Only Day for the year.

School Accounts

There are quite a number of outstanding school accounts for stationery given to students at the beginning of the year, technology fees for our year 7 and 8 students and school lunch orders. The school relies on these things being paid for as they enable the students to learn and to have fun, especially with technology and camps coming up. Please ensure you have paid your child/ren's account or you have spoken to Michelle about paying them off.

Dates and Reminders

19th October – Group Day; 27th October – **TEACHER ONLY DAY**; 28th October (NEW DATE) – Junior Tough Guy and Girl Mud Run; 29th October – Girl's Rugby 7's; 30th October – Hangi Camp Fundraiser; 31st October – Prince & Princess of the Mountain Race; BOP Girl's Rugby 7's; 4th November – Gold Team (Seniors) Athletics; 4th November - BoT Meeting; BOP Girl's Rugby 7's Day 2; 18th November – Gold Team Camp Parents Meeting; 24th November – EBOP Athletics; 24th & 25th November – Learning Conversations, **SCHOOL FINISHES EARLY ON 24th**; 26th November - Blue Team (Juniors) Athletics; 30th Nov to 4th Dec – Gold Team (Seniors) Camp; 10th December – Blue Team (Juniors) Pool Fun Day; 11th December – Gold Team (Senior) Pool Fun Day.

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