



# OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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*“Learners Forever, Leading the Future”*

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Kia ora Whanau/Parents, Caregivers and Community members

Wow- what a year and haven't we learned so much!

One of the hardest parts of forced change is that you have a choice to step up and embrace the new ways or feel stuck in the constant change. We see our students reflecting the broad spectrum of these aspects of thinking and ways of being.

It's not easy, real learning never is but, as Robin Sharma says, "Change is hard at first, messy in the middle and gorgeous at the end". It's about recognising that if we are in the hard or messy stage, to keep going because there is growth and strength at the end of the tunnel (as well as light).

Nāku Noa

Sharon Theobald

### **BoT Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2020, 6pm**

*Kia ora tatou,*

*The Otakiri school Board of Trustees are holding our monthly meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6pm in the school Staff Room. Please feel free to attend.*

*Nga mihi nui*

*Nick Hoete*

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### **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 are selling hangi on 13<sup>th</sup> November, pick up from Ruru/Kakapo class 3pm to 5pm. Tickets are \$16 and include 3 different meats, pudding and all the trimmings. Tickets are on in the school office.

# Otakiri School Board of Trustees Election

Kia ora koutou

Nominations are now open for the election of parent representatives to the Board of Trustees.

All eligible voters will receive a nomination form and a notice calling for nominations – you can use this form to nominate yourself or someone in your community.

These will be sent by email. If the school does not have your email, please provide it to them ASAP so you can receive a nomination form. If you do not have an email address and need a hard copy delivered, please text 0279614505 explaining this and including your name and address.

If you need more nomination forms, these will be at the school office.

Nominations close at noon on 20.11.2020. You may provide a signed candidate statement and photograph with your nomination.

The electoral roll is held at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

As nominations are received, there will be a list of candidates' names kept at the school up until election day, which you can view.

Voting closes at 4pm on 23.12.2020

Nga manaakitanga

Signed Cathy Cooper  
Returning Officer

## 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.

## Otakiri School is very Proud of...

Ella Fenwick has been chosen as a Prefect at Whakatane High School for 2021. Congratulations Ella, we wish you all the best for next year!!

## Ag Day Raffle

Congratulations to Kris Bryne who won the Ag Day Raffle. Thank you very much to everyone who bought a ticket and supported our Ag Day.

## 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

31<sup>st</sup> October – Prince & Princess of the Mountain Race; BOP Girl's Rugby 7's; 4<sup>th</sup> November – Gold Team (Seniors) Athletics; 4<sup>th</sup> November - BoT Meeting; 13<sup>th</sup> November – Hangi Camp Fundraiser; 18<sup>th</sup> November – Gold Team Camp Parents Meeting; 24<sup>th</sup> November – EBOP Athletics; 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> November – Learning Conversations, SCHOOL FINISHES EARLY ON 24th; 26<sup>th</sup> November - Blue Team (Juniors) Athletics; 30<sup>th</sup> Nov to 4<sup>th</sup> Dec – Gold Team (Seniors) Camp; 10<sup>th</sup> December – Blue Team (Juniors) Pool Fun Day; 11<sup>th</sup> December – Gold Team (Senior) Pool Fun Day.

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