



OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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“Learners Forever, Leading the Future”

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Kia ora Whanau/Parents, Caregivers and Community members,

Otakiri School End of Year Learning Conversations 2020

Learning Conversations for you and your child will take place on Tuesday 24th November and Wednesday 25th November for all classes.

This is an opportunity to celebrate your child’s success over the year and to discuss their progress with their teacher.

We are encouraging all parents/caregivers to book a time to discuss your child’s learning with their teacher. These 15 minute meetings will be held in your child’s classroom.

The emphasis of these discussions is on your child’s learning journey and the progress they have made. It is preferable that siblings are not present and supervision for siblings will be available in the Library.

Please allow teachers time to prepare for your child’s conversation by booking the time you wish as soon as possible. Bookings for each day will close 30 minutes before the commencement of conversations for that day. Requests after these times will be passed on to the teacher who will be in contact about a suitable time for the conversation to take place.

A Learning Conversation report will be sent home with students on Friday 20th November. This will provide you with much of the information that will be discussed. Please take the opportunity to read through it and come to the Learning Conversation with any questions you may have.

Conversations are being held on:

Tuesday 24th November 1:00 – 6.00pm

Wednesday 25th November 3:15 – 7:00pm

School will end at 12:30pm on Tuesday 24th November

We ask that you make alternative arrangements for your child/ren on this afternoon.

Buses will leave immediately after the bell goes. Non-bus children will wait outside the Library for collection.

We are continuing with the online booking system. To make a booking go to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> and enter the code 63s28 . This link is also available via the school website and school app. Once your booking is made you will receive a confirmation email from School Interviews.

If you are unable to make an online booking please contact Michelle, in the office via email, phone or text.

Bring Your Own Device 2021

It's that time of year again and we are looking towards 2021 and supporting our learners to be the best they can be. With that in mind we have completed an audit of our digital devices available for our senior classes. While many students share the devices in their class, there are also many students who bring their own.

In seeking the best value for our school we are also able to offer parents/caregivers and whanau the opportunity to buy at the same value. We have sourced chromebooks for \$345.00+GST. If you are interested in purchasing a chromebook for your child next year through the school, please let Michelle know and we can place an order either before Christmas or early in the New Year.

Zero Waste Education

Next week we are lucky enough to have Rachel Wilson visit us again to share her very important message about caring for our environment. All classes will be spending time with her focussing on the following;

Litterless Lunchboxes - Kiwi, Riroriro and Kokako

Reuse - Takahe and Korimako

Rural Recycling - Karearea and Tui

Water - Kakapo and Ruru

Year 8 Leavers Dinner

The Year 8 leavers dinner will be held at the New Hong Kong Restaurant on Wednesday 9th December at 6pm. There will be more information coming home in the next week.

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.



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

13th November – Hangi Camp Fundraiser; 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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