



# OTAKIRI SCHOOL

## Newsletter 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020

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Kia ora koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

It seems we are now entering the home straight, having December looming on the horizon and only two full weeks of school left.

It hasn't been all plain sailing and I am extremely grateful in my role as Acting Principal for all the support that I have personally received from the staff, the Board of Trustees and the community this year. What an amazing community to be a part of!

Mike and his family return to New Zealand this weekend, so after their two weeks in isolation there is every chance they'll reconnect with the school before we finish on the 15th December.

We wish Lesa Lafaelle and Verbena McCauley-Walker all the best as they embark on their next learning journeys with the students and staff at Deanwell school in Hamilton next year. Both have contributed so much to our school community and we have been blessed to have them.

Nga mihi koutou  
Sharon Theobald

### Santa Mail

Well it's that time of year again, the school Christmas card mailbox will be outside the library from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November for children to post cards to their friends and teachers. Please remember no lollies or candy canes etc., just cards.



### Dates for 2021

#### Term 1

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Open Day 9.00am-12.00pm  
Term 1 begins  
Term 1 ends

#### Term 2

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Term 2 begins  
Term 2 ends

#### Term 3

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Term 3 begins  
Term 3 ends

#### Term 4

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Term 4 begins  
Term 4 ends

### School Library Books

There are still well over 100 library books checked out to children from the school library. Please check with your child if they have a book in their room or bag or somewhere at home that they need to return and ask them to return it as soon as possible.



### Important Dates for the rest of the term

**December (Date TBC)** – All garden projects and maps need to be returned to school

**December (Date TBC)** – Garden judging is being held (please secure any dogs on the property)

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Volunteers Morning Tea RSVP due

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – End of Term Assembly – 2pm

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December** – Volunteers Morning Tea – 10.30am

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 8 Leavers Dinner

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – Junior School Pool Fun Day – 9am to 12pm, all juniors bring your togs!!

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – School Disco – Juniors – 5pm to 6.30pm, Seniors 6.30pm to 8.30pm

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Senior School Pool Fun Day – 9am to 12pm, all seniors bring your togs!!

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of term. Prizing Giving 10.30am to 12pm, school finishes at 12pm

### 2021 Classes

At present there are two advertised positions for teachers for 2021 and you will have noticed on your child's report their Year level and class name only. Class lists are still being finalised. We will be able to provide you with staff names once the appointment process has been completed by the BoT appointments committee.

Currently we can provide you with the following information;

Kiwi class	Year 0/1
Kokako class	Year 1/2
Takahe class	Year 2/3
Korimako class	Year 3
Karearea class	Year 4/5
Tui class	Year 5/6
Kakapo class	Year 7/8
Ruru class	Year 7/8

### Prize giving 2020

Prize giving will take place at 10.30am on the last day of school, Tuesday the 15<sup>th</sup> December in the Hall.

Everyone is welcome, as we acknowledge and farewell our Year 8 students. School will finish at the conclusion of the Prize Giving, which we expect to be at approximately 12.00pm on this day. Staff would appreciate children being taken home promptly at this time. Buses will leave at approximately 12:15pm. This is the last day of school

### Dates and Reminders

27<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; 15<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of school – school finishes at 12pm.

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