



OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Thank you to all the parents and caregivers who were able to attend the Learning Conversations over the past two afternoon/evenings. Teachers always appreciate these opportunities to meet with whanau and discuss ways to support the growth and development of your children (our students). They are always insightful and are learning opportunities for everyone who participates. The turnout was even more impressive given the exciting America's Cup Racing was on at the same time. If you were unable to attend please make contact with your child's teacher to arrange a time to have this important conversation. I would like to thank the teachers for their efforts in preparing for these meetings, I know how much thought and time you put in. Ka pai kaiako ma!

As you may have seen, we have builders on site currently. They are building an external deck on the back of the main block that will double as an exterior learning space and a place for us to gather in teams and/or as a school without needing to go into the hall. The entire work area is fenced off, but as always, please be mindful of your own and your child's safety, particularly when dropping off and picking up. In the next few weeks the builders will also be beginning the work on Takahē and Kōkako classes to rebuild the deck with a canopy and install slider doors. Once again our intention is to create nice exterior learning spaces for our students.

Good luck to our two Top School teams and Cheerleaders competing this Sunday at Awakeri School. Kia kaha teams, give it heaps!

Ngā mihi nui

Mike Mokai

School Sports Uniforms

If you have any school sports tops at home, can you please return them to school ASAP. We have quite a number not currently returned and at times are finding it difficult to outfit teams we have representing our school.

School Sweatshirts

We still have a number of second hand school sweatshirts we would like to give away. If you would like one for your child, please see Michelle in the office.

Top School

Congratulations to all the children who have been training for Top School this Sunday 21st March, we wish you well, give it your best and have fun. Can all the team members and the cheerleaders be at the Otakiri school gazebo at Awakeri School dressed and ready to go between 9am and 9.30am (at the latest). A notice will be coming home today for the team members, parents please look out for this.



Easter Weekend

This year Easter weekend does not fall in the school holidays, so we would like to remind all parents that Tuesday 6th April all schools are closed as this is a Ministry of Education directed day off.



Lost Property

We seem to have acquired a large amount of lost property already this year. This will be placed at the front of the school tomorrow for parents to check.



Otakiri School

Student Council Election 2021



Well done to all those children who Dared to Dream and delivered their Student Council speeches on Monday, it was wonderful to see so many children putting themselves forward to represent their peers at school.

Student Councilors will be announced at Assembly tomorrow, Friday 19th. All parents and whanau are welcome to attend.

Rangitaiki River Festival

Lovely to see some of our children attend the Rangitaiki River Festival on the weekend. Ruby, Tia, Myla-J, Claudia and Jimmaine came first in the team event for the Teddy race.



Dates and Reminders

19th March – Student Council Assembly 9am; 21st March – Top School; 24th March – School Swimming Starts; 6th April – Easter Tuesday, **NO SCHOOL**; 16th April – School Assembly 9am; 16th April – Last day of Term 1; 3rd May – First Day of Term 2

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