



# OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Kia ora koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Wow, Term 1 is certainly zooming by. It's hard to believe that today is the 1<sup>st</sup> of April and there are only two weeks of Term left! As you will see in the important dates section of this newsletter, there is still a lot of learning and fun before the term finishes. Easter has come at a good time as we can all get a bit of extra rest to give us the boost we need for the final couple of weeks.

Thank you again to all the family members who volunteer their time to transport students to events and generally help out at school to make it a better and more exciting place for our learners. We are very lucky to have such a great team of people who are able to find time in their busy schedules.

I hope you all have a really lovely Easter and get some time to spend with friends and family. Take care and have some fun together!

Ngā mihi nui

Mike Mokai

### **Important events for the next two weeks**

Tuesday 6th - No School

Wednesday 7th - Takahe and Korimako Manawahe Trip

Thursday 8th - Ruru and Kakapo Manawahe Trip

Thursday 8th - Blue Team (Juniors) Fun 4 U Day at Edgecumbe Domain

Wednesday 14th - Gold Team (Seniors) Swimming Sports

Thursday 15th – Rangitaiki Touch Tournament (Years 3 -8)

Thursday 15th - Blue Team (Juniors) Swimming Display

Friday 16th - Last Day of School



### **Term 2 Teacher Only Day**

The Board of Trustees have approved Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June as a Term 2 Teacher Only Day. This is the Friday that leads into Queen's Birthday Weekend. Teachers will be using this day to prepare mid-year assessments and continue their planning and development of our school's curriculum.

### **Toys at School**

At times we have students who bring toys (or precious items to them) along to school. It can be very difficult, often impossible, and hugely time consuming for staff, to unravel the story behind a toy being lost, borrowed, traded or stolen. Therefore, as a school we ask that all toys etc are kept at home. We will take no responsibility if any of these items go missing or are broken. We appreciate your support in this matter.

## Easter Weekend

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



## Year 3/4 Hockey

Do you have a year 3/4 child who would like to play hockey this year? Please contact Debbie Croad on 021 0239 1486 by Friday 9th April.



Congratulations to Alexis Mellor and Payton Turner-Brown who won Judy Thompson's Easter colouring competition.



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## Photos of Dynamo's Leadership Course for Otakiri School Councilors



## Dates and Reminders

6<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Tuesday, **NO SCHOOL**; 7<sup>th</sup> April – Takahe & Korimako Manawahe Trip; 8<sup>th</sup> April – Ruru & Kakapo Manawahe Trip; 8<sup>th</sup> April – Blue Team – Fun 4 U Day; 14<sup>th</sup> April – Gold Team Swimming Sports; 15<sup>th</sup> April – Rangitaiki Touch Tournament; 15<sup>th</sup> April – Blue Team Swimming Display; 16<sup>th</sup> April – School Assembly 9am; 16<sup>th</sup> April – Last day of Term 1; 3<sup>rd</sup> May – First Day of Term 2

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