



OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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"Learners Forever, Leading the Future"

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Kia ora koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Welcome back to the beginning of Term 2. A special welcome to our new students and whanau. I trust you are settling in to Otakiri School life.

During the holidays workers have been busy on a number of projects around the school. The new deck at the back of the main block has been completed and we look forward to using this space as an additional learning space, a place for us to gather as a school and even as an outdoor stage area. Mr Alloway has nearly completed the new retaining wall around the junior playground and the builders continue to work on Takāhe and Kōkako. These two classes should be completed sometime during this term. School was certainly a busy place even without students. We had good news in that Grassroots Trust approved a grant application for new netball uniforms for our teams. It's been a long time since we have updated our uniforms and I know the students are really looking forward to these arriving so they can wear them for at least part of the season. Thank you Julie Mees for the work you do on preparing these applications.

As some of you know, my father passed away unexpectedly during the school holidays. Whilst this was a really sad time for our whanau, we had amazing support from our family, friends and colleagues. Dad had a great sendoff and I have appreciated all the kind words and heartfelt thoughts of the staff, BoT and community. They have definitely provided me with comfort over the last couple of weeks.

Term 2 promises to be another one filled with activities and learning opportunities. I look forward to this journey with you all.

Ngā mihi nui

Mike Mokai

Term 2 Teacher Only Day

The Board of Trustees have approved Friday the 4th 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.

Kiwifruit Work Available

Kiwifruit winter pruning staff needed to join our small team on a local orchard, flexible hours, no experience necessary. Contact Leanne Blackwood 027 319 5451.

Head Lice

Well with the new term comes the return of dreaded head lice. These horrible little creatures are causing so much discomfort for our children. Please, if you notice your child has head lice treat them straight away. If you take your child into the chemist in Kawerau they will give you some treatment to take home and use.

PHOTOS FROM END OF TERM ASSEM BLY



Ash & Oak Arborists and Whakatane Chainsaws and Mowers presenting the school with a leaf blower.



Ms. Shattock presenting Ellie Mees and Molly Fenwick with this year's Senior Swimming Trophy.



Ms. Shattock presenting Jimmaine Savage-Fidow with this year's Junior Swimming Trophy.



2021 House Captains

Some for the contestants for "The chocolate Fish or the Envelope" game.



Happy mothers to all our mum's, nana's, and dad's pulling the double shift, we hope you have a lovely day.

Dates and Reminders

9th to 14th May – Junior Camp; 14th May – School Assembly 2pm; 19th May – Rangitaiki Rugby and Netball Year 3 -8; 20th May – BoT Meeting at 6.30pm in the Staffroom; 27th May – Centenary Meeting at 5pm in the Staffroom; 28th May – School Assembly 2pm; 4th June – TEACHER ONLY DAY; 10th June – Rangitaiki Cross Country; 11th June – School Assembly 2pm; 25th June – School Assembly 2pm; 2nd July – Matariki Dinner at 5.30pm in the School Hall; 9th July – School Assembly 2pm; 9th July – Last Day of Term 2; 26th July – First Day of Term 3.

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STUDENT COUNCIL 2021

- **Senior Leader – Molly Fenwick**
- **Senior Leader – Anika Sharma**
- **Deputy Senior Leader – Daniel Handley-Elder**
- **Deputy Senior Leader – Ellie Mees**
 - **Cultural Leader – Myla-J Henman**
 - **Technician – Roslyn Eustace**
 - **Technician – Molly Wratt**
 - **Events Manager – Ameera Kadhum**
 - **Events Manager – Evan Morris**
 - **Events Manager – Tia Henman**
 - **Class Reps & Events Supporters**
 - **Korimako – Payton Turner-Brown**
 - **Kārearea – Hayden Hedderwick**
 - **Tui – Sophia Hall**
 - **Kakapo - Olivia Fraser**
 - **Ruru – Shaun Morris**

House Heroes & House Captains

Blake	Walker	Jackson	McCaw
Cerys Hoete Tigo Glerum	Mansimer Singh Ruby Ruiter	Hone Tamatea Connor Fraser	Rubirose Rusell Lani Brown
Whaea Sharon Whaea Liga Mrs Richmond Mr Brown	Ms Shattock Margaret Whaea Katie Mrs Pawson	Miss Gibbons Mrs Attwood Miss van Beek Miss Durbin	Mr Ballantyne Miss Graham Mrs Jensen Michelle
Meeting in.. Kākāpō	Meeting in.. Kārearea	Meeting in.. Library	Meeting in.. Tui

