



OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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“Learners Forever, Leading the Future”

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Tena koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

I am always heartened by the number of awesome learning experiences and events, both inside and outside the classroom, our students have the opportunity to be a part of. Our staff work really hard to not only organise all these opportunities, but also to keep families updated with what's happening. I'm sure you appreciate how much planning, form filling in and coordination is required to ensure our students are engaged in these experiences. As humans we don't always get our organisation 'perfect', but you can be assured we are trying our very best to make everything run smoothly. All the time and energy taken to plan and partake in these experiences are part of our Mission to develop, 'Learners Forever, LEADing the Future.'

Poipoia te kakano kia pauwai

Nurture the seed and it will blossom

As a school, we work really hard to communicate all this information clearly to our school whanau and community. Facebook, the school App, newsletters, Seesaw and the school website are the main forms of communication from school. You will find calendar dates for the majority of school events on the website or through the 'Events' button on the school app. Under the 'Links' button you will find links to the school calendar, website etc. We really appreciate whanau staying updated by checking the website and school app regularly and returning any permission slips by the due date.

Ngā mihi nui

Mike Mokai

Student and Staff Sickness

As we come into the cold season please note that we are still at Alert Level 1 and if your child is feeling unwell they must stay at home. If they are showing symptoms of one or more of the following:

- Cough
- Fever
- Sore Throat
- Runny Nose
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Temporary loss of smell

You are advised to ring Healthline on 0800 358 5453 or their GP. It is a timely reminder to continue to follow good hygiene practices and to act with caution

Unfortunately, our staff are not immune to these winter illnesses and we ask them also to stay home if they have any of the above symptoms. Currently we have quite a limited number of relievers available to cover classes and they are in 'hot demand' at the moment. I can assure you we do our utmost to ensure we can employ a reliever and if they are not available, Mrs Richmond and myself can sometimes help to cover any gaps. Very occasionally, and only as a last resort, we have to split a class and share students around to other classes. Thankfully we have only had to do this one half day so far this year. We appreciate your understanding.

Teacher Paid Union Meetings

Next Wednesday, 23rd June our teaching staff will be attending Paid Union Meetings. There are two meetings in Whakatane on this day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. To minimise disruption for parents and caregivers, half our teachers will attend the morning meeting and half will attend in the afternoon. With the support of our awesome Learning Assistants we have doubled up classes for this day, so that school will remain open. Students will have alternative learning programmes based on tuakana/teina relationships on this day.

Matariki Evening

A reminder that our School Matariki Celebration Evening is being held on Friday, July the 2nd from 5.30 until approximately 7.30pm. An RSVP sheet with further details will come out early next week for you to return to confirm your whanau attendance, which will help with catering.



The Developing Brain

Edgecumbe College - Whakatāne
Thurs 24 June 2021 : 7.30-9.00pm

Tickets at eventfinda.co.nz
(search 'Nathan Wallis Whakatāne')



WHAKATĀNE HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS
BACK TO THE 80'S
...THE TOTALLY AWESOME MUSICAL!

22-26 June 2021 at 7pm
in the Whakatāne High School Barclay Hall

Tickets on sale from the school office
\$15pp or \$45 per family (2 adults and 2 children)

School Accounts

School accounts for outstanding camp costs, tech fees, stationery etc are coming home today. Please check your child's bag/journal bag for these. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle.

Rangitaiki Cross Country



Dates and Reminders

25th June – Assembly 2pm; 25th June – EBOP Gymnastics; 2nd July – Matariki Dinner; 9th July – Assembly 2pm and End of Term 2; 26th July Start of Term 3; 3rd August – Jesse Savage Netball Tournament; 6th August – Assembly 2pm; 6th August – Learning Conversation Sheets Sent Home; **10th August – Learning Conversations, School Finishes at 12pm**; 12th August – Learning Conversations 3.15pm to 7pm.

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