



# OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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*"Learners Forever, Leading the Future"*

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Tena koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

The first school began providing education for young children in New Zealand more than 200 years ago. Last year our school celebrated 100 years of education in the Otakiri area (with the centenary being held this October). The purpose of New Zealand schools has always been to educate the young people of Aotearoa. Schools were once seen as places that simply provided academic learning for those who attended or to reinforce the doctrine of a particular religion. Schools in the 21<sup>st</sup> century are now tasked with providing a much wider educational experience. Nowadays schools are very much about supporting children in developing the skills, knowledge, and the dispositions that will allow them to be responsible, contributing members of their community.

Helping the children of Otakiri School to learn and grow is definitely a rewarding challenge. A significant part (and growing element) of this education at Otakiri is to help develop a child's pro-social behaviours. Schools are a micro society where students get the opportunity to learn and practice these pro-social behaviours. This is important so that one day they can manage themselves safely and appropriately as functioning adults in wider society. At Otakiri School we call this 'The Otakiri Way'. This is underpinned by our LEAD values; Learning with Purpose, Engaging with Kindness, Acting with Respect and Daring to Dream.

Every child arrives at school each day with a history of both positive and negative experiences which has shaped them into the young people that they are. As a school we then provide learning experiences that help them to continue to learn and grow. Every experience as an opportunity for growth. Positive relationships and experiences build a foundation for a child's future learning, behaviour and health. This helps children to do well at school, have successful friendships, and be able to manage their emotions and behaviours. Negative experiences can obviously impact in harmful ways. However, they also provide opportunities to build resilience and help us to learn to overcome adversity. Mistakes are often viewed as a negative experience but mistakes are one of the most powerful learning tools we have.

We all make mistakes—and when we do, it is a great opportunity for the brain to adjust what it is doing in order to learn. For this to happen we must create an environment where making mistakes is acceptable and students are supported to effectively learn from their own and others mistakes. So, let us embrace mistakes and support our children to learn from them, truly Dare to Dream.

All the Otakiri staff look forward to continuing to support the learning journeys of all your children, our students and learners.

Ngā mihi nui

Mike Mokai

### Teacher Only Days for 2021

The Board of Trustees has set the dates for the final two Teacher Only Days for 2021. These dates are Monday the 30<sup>th</sup> of August and Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November. Please put these days into your calendars as school will be closed on these days.

### Matariki Evening

A reminder that our School Matariki Celebration Evening is being held tomorrow evening, beginning at 5.30pm. See you there!

### Housework wanted

House work and light gardening available, in the Otakiri – Edgecumbe area. Available Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday until filled. \$25 per hour with a minimum of 2 hours. Experienced, with references available. Please

### Ag Day

Otakiri School Ag Day will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Group Day will be Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October. All animals (calves, kids and lambs) must be born after the 15<sup>th</sup> July. More information will be available early next term. Ag Day committee meeting will be held Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm. New members are welcome.



### **FREE TREATMENT FOR SKIN INFECTIONS AND HEADLICE:**

Some local pharmacies can now help your children with free treatments for headlice (kutus), scabies, boils, infected bites, and school sores thanks to funding from the BOPDHB. This new **Pharmacy Kiri Ora** project is a FREE service with no appointment necessary. Just walk into your pharmacy and consult with the pharmacist to see if we can help you with a free skin assessment, treatment advice, and the medicine you need. If your child has scabies or headlice pharmacists may also be able provide free treatment and advice to affected household members to help eliminate these conditions. It is important to take care of our skin to keep us healthy.

#### **The following pharmacies are providing this service in your local community:**

Adamsons Pharmacy	52 King St, Whakatane
Life Pharmacy Whakatane	183 The Strand, Whakatane
Unichem Total Health Pharmacy	252 The Strand, Whakatane
Kope Pharmacy	78 King St, Whakatane
Opotiki Pharmacy	110 Church St, Opotiki
Kerry Nott Pharmacy	114 Church St, Opotiki
Kawerau Pharmacy	2 Tarawera Court, Islington St, Kawerau
Edgecumbe Pharmacy	Riverslea Mall, 26 College Rd, Edgecumbe
Life Pharmacy Te Puke	61 Jellicoe St, Te Puke
My Pharmacy Te Puke	96 Jellicoe St, Te Puke

**Congratulations Molly, Taimana, Niamh and Ellie for competing in the Bay of Plenty Cross Country.**

### Dates and Reminders

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

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