



# OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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Tena koutou katoa

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you all had a lovely holiday and had the opportunity to spend some quality time with your children. A very special welcome to all our new students and their whanau. We look forward to getting to know you all during your time here at Otakiri.

Term 3 promises to be as busy as ever and we all look forward to continuing the learning journeys with all our Otakiri students. Class newsletters will be out tomorrow and they will highlight the range of learning opportunities for your child and their class this term.

We are looking forward to catching up with many of our parents/whanau in Week 3, on Tuesday and Thursday during Learning Partnership Conversations. This is an opportunity for parents/caregivers to check in with teachers about how their children's learning is progressing and if there are ways you can support further at home. The bookings will be available online early next week.

Our 'Otakiri Way' focus for the first two weeks of this term is '**Engaging with Kindness**' and particularly working on using kind words. All the classes have been reflecting on how words impact upon others. We've been exploring how words have the power to inspire people and to make them feel part of a community and also better about themselves. The flip side is that we all know that words have the power to make people feel upset, sad, or lonely. This includes the words we use face to face, online or in written form, also the words that are said behind someone's back. The Acronym we have been learning about is THINK. THINK is a filter we can use to help us to decide whether we should say the words before we use them.

Ngā mihi nui

Mike Mokai

Before you speak:

**THINK**

**T** = Is it True?

**H** = Is it Helpful?

**I** = Is it Inspiring?

**N** = Is it Necessary?

**K** = Is it Kind?

### 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.

### Chocolate Fundraiser money

We hope your chocolate fundraiser selling is going well. Please have all money returned to school by next week, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August. If you are having any problems selling your chocolates, please contact Michelle in the office as we have had some parents offer to help sell any unsold chocolates.

### 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. If you would like a lamb or kid for your child, please contact;

Lambs:

Sharon Cheeseman on 027 5377 157 - lambs are free to raise for Ag Day then return, pick up from Rotoma end of Manawahe Road

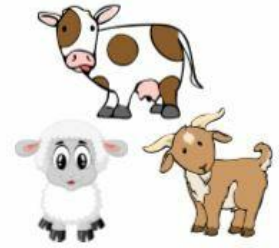
Lesley Ford on 027 7560 617 – lambs are \$30 to keep, pick up from Stanley Road

Kids:

Kelly Rothwell – kids are \$40 to keep, pick up from Awakeri. Please contact Michelle for Kelly's phone number

Guinea Pigs and Rabbits:

Liz Henman has 2 guinea pigs and 3 rabbits to give away for the caged animal section, please contact her on 027 4304 902



### Ag Day and Group Day Trophies

If your child has an Ag Day or Group Day trophy at home can they please be returned to the office by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August.



### Otakiri School Māori Whānau Consultation

Thank you to our Māori Whānau who have already completed the Consultation questionnaire. This is the first step in the Board of Trustees Strategic Plan Review.

We would really like further responses to ensure we are capturing as many thoughts and ideas as possible. The link is <https://forms.gle/mskv4oF5Q2FoSqhcA>.

If you would prefer a hard copy of the Questionnaire, please contact Michelle in the office

Nāku iti noa,

nā the Otakiri School Board of Trustees.

### Some Photo's from Today's Year 6 – 8 Girls Self Defense Workshop



### Dates and Reminders

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; 13<sup>th</sup> August – Rangitaiki soccer and hockey; 17<sup>th</sup> August – BoT meeting; 19<sup>th</sup> August – Tough Guy and Gal Challenge; 20<sup>th</sup> August – Wheels Day and Assembly 2pm; 30<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> October – Dental Bus at School; 30<sup>th</sup> August – Teacher Only Day – **No School**; 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Assembly 2pm; 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September – AIMS Games; 8<sup>th</sup> September – Wig Wednesday; 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> September – Iramoko Marae Visits; 17<sup>th</sup> September – Assembly 2pm; 22<sup>nd</sup> September – School Photos; 1<sup>st</sup> October – Student Mini Gala, Assembly 2pm and Last Day of Term 3; 18<sup>th</sup> October – First Day of Term 4; 21<sup>st</sup> October – Ag Day; 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Otakiri School Centenary; 25<sup>th</sup> October – Labour Day; 26<sup>th</sup> October – Group Day Day.

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