



OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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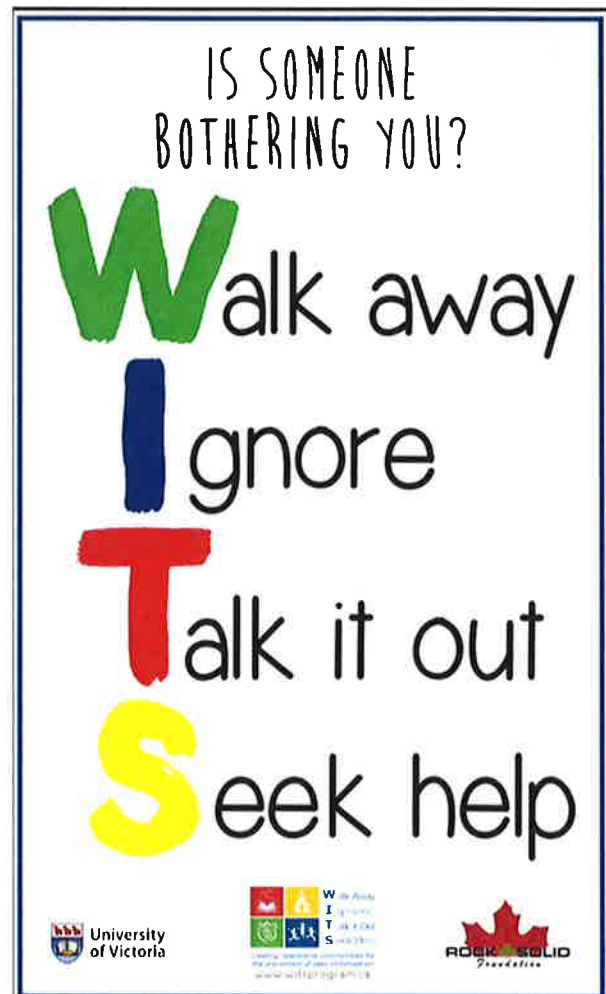
Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and caregivers who were able to attend their child Learning Partnership Conversation this week. These conversations are a crucial part of your child's learning journey and making the time to attend is certainly an investment in your child's future. I would also like to acknowledge the teachers for the time they spent preparing for these conversations. If you weren't able to make the times available, please feel free to make contact with your child's teacher to make a time to meet.

As a follow on from our last two weeks learning, how to **THINK** when we use our words, this week our **LEAD** focus has had students looking at and using the **WITS** acronym to help them to solve problems that may arise in class, in the playground and even outside of school. (A lot of acronyms I know, but they are helpful as reminders to use the strategies we are learning and practising.)

Your child can likely recite the WITS acronym but is likely to need ongoing support to help them put it into action. Below are some tips you can use at home with your child to explore how WITS can help with conflict situations.

- **Walk away:** Ask: What would happen if you walked away? Would it solve the problem? If not, try another strategy.
- **Ignore:** Discuss ways to ignore, like leaving the situation or withdrawing eye contact. Ask: What would happen if you ignored? Would it solve the problem? If not, try another strategy.
- **Talk it out:** Suggest statements to use to talk it out with the person bothering him or her. Sometimes saying "Stop" is enough. Ask: What would happen if you talked it out? Would it solve the problem? If not, try another strategy.
- **Seek help:** Suggest other adults your child could ask for help, like a teacher. Ask: What would happen if you asked another adult for help? Would it solve the problem? If not, who else could you seek help from?



We have booked for Marae visits at Iramoko Marae (on Braemar Road) for all students as part of our follow up to Matariki and implementation of the new Aotearoa New Zealand's histories draft curriculum. The visits will happen from the 13th to the 17th of September, which is also Māori Language Week. Students in Gold Team have been invited to stay overnight and students in Blue Team will visit for the day. We are just finalising which days each class will attend and will have this information to you early next week. We will also be inviting parents/caregivers of students in Gold Team to stay overnight with their child's class. As per the Board of Trustees guidelines, adults who stay overnight will need to have had a police vet in the last three years. If you would like to stay overnight and require a police vet, forms will be available early next week.

Ngā mihi nui

Mike Mokai

Ag Day

Otakiri School Ag Day will be Thursday 21st October and Group Day will be Tuesday 26th October. All animals (calves, kids and lambs) must be born after the 15th 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

Paula Mayne 027 820 5191 – kids \$40 to keep, pick up Military Road.

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



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 30th of August and Friday the 19th of November. Please put these days into your calendars as school will be closed on these days.

No Raro Sachets at School

We have had a number of senior children coming to school with raro sachets and jelly crystals and eating them or sharing them. This is not an appropriate food source for school, please do not send your child to school with either of these items.

Bike Punctures

We are looking for a parent or family member that has some time to fix some punctures to our school bike tyres. Can you please contact Michelle in the office if you can help.

WHEELS DAY FRIDAY 20th AUGUST

Next Friday 20th August the Student Council are having a Wheel's Day. Children can bring scooters, bikes, skateboards, remote control cars etc. to use during break times. Helmets must be worn while bike riding and are encouraged for scooters, skateboards etc.

There will be prizes for best decorated wheels.



Dates and Reminders

12th August – Learning Conversations 3.15pm to 7pm; 17th August – BoT meeting; 19th August – Tough Guy and Gal Challenge; 20th August – Wheels Day and Assembly 2pm; 30th August to 1st October – Dental Bus at School; 30th August – Teacher Only Day – **No School**; 3rd September – Assembly 2pm; 5th to 10th September – AIMS Games; 8th September – Wig Wednesday; 13th to 17th September – Iramoko Marae Visits; 17th September – Assembly 2pm; 22nd September – School Photos; 1st October – Student Mini Gala, Assembly 2pm and Last Day of Term 3; 18th October – First Day of Term 4; 21st October – Ag Day; 22nd and 23rd October – Otakiri School Centenary; 25th October – Labour Day; 26th October – Group Day Day.

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