



# OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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*"Learners Forever, Leading the Future"*

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Tēnā koutou katoa

Dear Parents and Caregivers

*"I orea te tuatara ka patu ki waho."*

A problem is solved by continuing to find solutions.

It really is amazing how quickly our world has changed! The whakatauki above refers to the need for creative thinking, adaptability and perseverance. In order to solve a problem, you need to have all of these. More pertinent now than probably ever before, this adaptability and creative thinking in the face of change is critical. The gradual creep of Covid-19 into our region has meant that we need to use all these attributes to continue to maintain a sense of normality. The last few weeks have been challenging for us as a school and amongst other things, we disappointingly needed to make the call to cancel camps that were to happen in Term 4. The teaching staff have been planning quickly and effectively to organise a range of local day trips that allow our students, who are missing out on camp, to participate in some awesome experiences. Class teachers will be in contact with you in the very near future to outline their plans. Fingers crossed Covid-19 stays away from the Eastern Bay of Plenty for at least the next few weeks, so we can move forward with these fun activities.

Thank you to everybody for being so respectful of the Covid protocols we have put in place across the school. We know it is not easy for all our whanau and at times you may be feeling a bit disconnected from our kura currently, but be assured things are ticking along nicely as we head towards the end of the year.

We have welcomed Catherine Thomas onto our teaching staff to support Mrs Attwood in Kiwi, as the numbers in our New Entrant Room have grown.

Ngā mihi nui

Mike Mokai



**TOMORROW - FRIDAY 19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

### School Organisation for 2022

A small number of children have told us they will not be back at Otakiri School in 2022 but we have not had confirmation from their parent or guardian. Please let us know if your child will be leaving at the end of this year as we are now looking at class setup for 2022.

### Dates and Reminders

19<sup>th</sup> November – **Teacher only Day, NO SCHOOL**; 20<sup>th</sup> November – Prince and Princess; 24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> November – Korimako Camp Activities; 26<sup>th</sup> November – Assembly 2pm, sorry no parents to attend at Level 2; 1<sup>st</sup> December – Blue Team Athletics; 30<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> December (TBC) – Ruru & Kākāpō Camp Activities; 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Junior Tough Guy and Gal; 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> December – Karearea & Tuī camp Activities; 9<sup>th</sup> December – **Learning Conversations, school finishes at 12pm**; 10<sup>th</sup> December – Assembly 2pm, sorry no parents to attend at Level 2; 13<sup>th</sup> December Learning Conversations; 14<sup>th</sup> December – 2022 class visit for children; 15<sup>th</sup> December – Last Day of School.

Year 8 Dinner and Final Assembly to be advised.

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