



OTAKIRI COUNTRY SCHOOL

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"Learners Forever, Leading the Future"

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Kia ora koutou katoa whanau

As I write my last newsletter as Principal of Otakiri School, I have been reflecting firstly on the very 'interesting' year we have had this year and secondly on the last 6 years of my time here at Otakiri School.

I have been humbled by all the kind messages and conversations I have had over the last week. I appreciate all of you who have either called in or sent a message of support and kindness.

Students are the heart of any school and I would like to thank all the students for their contribution to my life journey. After teaching for so many years, I still remember my first class and to all the students who have made an impact on my life. You can be assured that Otakiri has left a wonderful lasting impression on me personally and I will always remember my time here with fondness. It is always such a privilege to be part of a child's life journey and I wish you all the best.

To all the students who are not returning to Otakiri in 2022, may the next steps on your learning journey be exciting and always remember to 'Dare to Dream.'

To all the staff, Board members, parents and whanau who I have gotten to know over the last 6 years, I have appreciated your support and your passion for Otakiri School.

As I have said previously, our school is a place where people get the opportunity to take risks, to grow, have fun and to learn. It is a place of community!

I leave knowing the school is in good hands and I know the continuing story of Otakiri School will be a positive and exciting one for all who are involved in creating it and telling it!

Ngaro atu he tētēkura, whakaeke mai he tētēkura.

When one chief disappears another is ready to appear.

I will leave my email address with Michelle in the office, so if you venture to Rarotonga in the next 3 years, please make contact.

Take care over the holiday season and have a joyous Christmas and happy New Year.

Arohanui

Mike Mokai

School Sports Shirts

If your child has a school sports shirt at home can they please return it to Mr Brown by lunch time on Wednesday 15th December.

Library Books

Please ensure all library books and school reading books are returned to school by lunch time on Wednesday 15th December.

Stationery for 2022

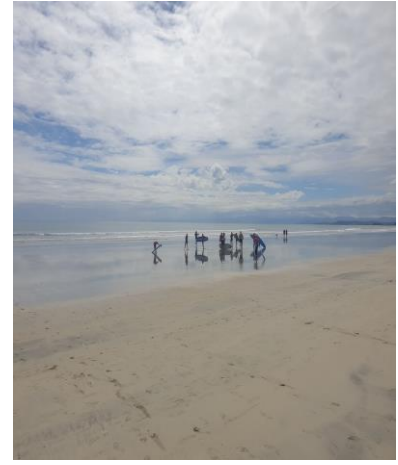
The stationery list for 2022 will be on Facebook, the App and emailed out to those who get the newsletter by email the week before school starts back. Michelle will have all stationery needed onsite from 24th January if you would like to purchase it from the school.

Board of Trustees Minute Secretary Position

The Otakiri School Board of Trustees has a vacant position in 2022 for a Minute Secretary. This would involve attending eight meetings per year, taking minutes at the meeting and preparing draft minutes for the following meeting. This is a paid position. If you are interested, please let Michelle in the office know and she will forward your interest to Julie Mees, the Board Chairperson.

**The last day
of school for
2021 is Wed
15th December
at 12pm.**





Although the year has had its challenges and things have changed along the way, Ruru has still managed to make the most of some opportunities in our community throughout Term 4!
 From exploring the Henman Farm, catching some waves in Ohope, running a market day for some great causes and getting to travel to Moutohora Island. We even got to swim with an Eagle Ray on our day!
 I am very proud of all of Ruru for the way they have got through to the end of the year!
 From all of us in the Year 7-8 Class, we wish everybody in our Otakiri and wider community a great Christmas and a happy New Year!

Dates and Reminders

9th December – **Learning Conversations, school finishes at 12pm**; 10th December – Assembly 2pm, sorry no parents to attend at Level 2; 13th December **Learning Conversations**; 14th December – 2022 class visit for children; 15th December – **Last Day of School**; 2nd February – First Day of School for 2022.

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