

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa
Rātū 31 Kohitātea ~ Tuesday 31 January 2023

Welcome back for the 2023 school year. We are happy to see the children back at school and ready to engage in their learning. Welcome to the new children who have joined our school and our community. We look forward to getting to know you.

This year we welcome a new staff member to the school. Sam Walker is teaching year 5 & 6 in Ngā Huiarau. Jenny Jones is on leave this year and the rest of the staff have returned ready for the new year.

Our 2023 teaching teams.

Te Tiwai:

Our Te Tiwai team consists of the staff and children in Manuka and Kauri. Kauri is the name for the three rooms upstairs in the older part of the school. Alex Hanlen is the team leader of Te Tiwai and the Deputy Principal of the school.

Manuka:

Emma Gibson (Whaea Emma) and Meg Broadhurst (Whaea Meg) are the teachers of our year 1 children in Manuka. These are the children who have just started school this year. Whaea Meg is responsible for the before school visits and liaising with new children and their families. Whaea Emma will work each Monday and Tuesday and Whaea Meg will work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week. Manuka is located on the ground floor closest to the entrance to the school.



Whaea Emma



Whaea Meg

Kauri:

Alex Hanlen (Whaea Alex), Laura McCarthy (Whaea Laura) and Merrissa Shipton (Whaea Merrissa) are the teachers of our Kauri learning space which is located upstairs. Our year 1 & 2 children are in this learning space.



Whaea Alex



Whaea Laura



Whaea Merrissa

Ngā Peka:

Our two learning spaces which make up Ngā Peka are Kahikatea and Kowhai. Our year 3 & 4 children are in these learning spaces. Whaea Cherie is the team leader of Ngā Peka.

Kahikatea:

Cherie Walker (Whaea Cherie) and Henry Garfitt (Matua Henry) are the teachers who will work in Kahikatea. Kahikatea is located upstairs.



Whaea Cherie



Matua Henry

Kowhai:

Karen England (Mrs England) and Dana White (Whaea Dana) are the teachers in Kowhai this year. The class is located on the ground floor opposite Manuka.



Mrs England



Whaea Dana

Ngā Huiarau:

The large upstairs learning space at the front of the school makes up Ngā Huiarau and consists of three kaitiaki groups. These are our year 5 and 6 children. Whaea Sandy is the team leader of Ngā Huiarau and the Deputy Principal of the school.

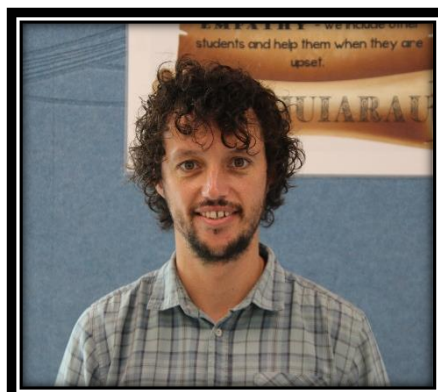
Sandy Jones (Whaea Sandy), Dr. Sarah Morgan (Dr. Sarah), and Sam Walker (Matua Sam) are the teachers in this team.



Whaea Sandy



Dr. Sarah



Matua Sam



Learning Support:

Angela Gouk is the school Learning Support Co-ordinator. Her office is located opposite the school office. She is also the reading recovery teacher.

Regular teachers in the school:

Whaea Rowena will work with Whaea Alex two days a week. She will also work with our kapa haka children.

Whaea Lynda will work in Ngā Huiarau and Kahikatea this year. She will be at school each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Eileen McQuade will work in Kahikatea each Thursday. Whaea Eileen is still on holiday and will be with us next week.



Whaea Rowena

Whaea Lynda



Office Staff:

Jenny McKenzie and Julie Staniland are our Office Managers. The office is open from 8.00am to 3.00pm each day.

These are the staff members who will phone you if your child is absent, and we have not had a message, or if your child is unwell.

Julie is also the school librarian and looks after our IT equipment.



Ōhope Beach School Donations:

The school donation for 2023 remains the same as 2022. The donation is used to cover shows, Life Education, Transport, Science Expo, Athletics/Maths Seeds, Reading Eggs and sports subsidies. We appreciate your donation.

Number of children in family attending Ōhope Beach School	Payment per term for the family	TOTAL payment for the year for the family
1 child	\$25.00	\$100.00
2 children	\$47.50	\$190.00
3 children	\$60.00	\$240.00

You can either pay the full amount or pay on a term-by-term basis.

You can pay your donation using internet banking – please use “School Donation” as the reference and include your child’s name.

Our bank account details are as follows:

ASB – Whakatane
123253 0057930 00
A/c Name: Ōhope Beach School

Contact Information:

As we start the new year, we would appreciate you updating any contact information we have for you and your family. Next week a form will come home which has the current contact details and health information. Please review this, make any changes and return to the school office.

iCoach4kids:

This year we will be introducing a well-being programme to our classes. This is a programme designed to grow strong and confident children. The children Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 will have a booklet to compliment the programme. This can be paid for in the school office or as an online payment. The cost of the booklet is \$10.00. The programme will start week three of this term.

Bus Information:

This year the Blue bus (town bus) is free for the children to ride on. However, each child will still need to have a Bee Card but there is no charge.

Whaea Sandy will send a bus contract home with those children who do use the bus service. Please return this to school as soon as possible. This also confirms your child is using the service and we are able to add them to our bus registers.

Swimming:

Our pool is ready for swimming and your child can bring their togs and towel for their swimming sessions. **Please name togs and towels** as they often end up in the lost property. Your child's teacher will be able to tell you which days your child has swimming. Thank you to our caretakers, Pete and Val, for ensuring the pool was ready for us this term.

Pitopito Korero:

Each day we have senior students who present our Pitopito Korero (morning news) over the sound system to all classes. The presenters always introduce themselves when they start their broadcast. Other items include the karakia, our fortnightly whakatauki, our Te Reo phrase for the week, notices for students, a weather report and they often have a joke or interesting fact to share.

The children present for a week and all year 6 children will have the opportunity to present throughout the year.

This week we welcome Cleve and Tavishi who have started the year for us. Well done to the two of you for being the first to take up this responsibly for our first week at school.



This week the whakataukī we are sharing is: **I ore ate tuatara ka patu ki waho**

This whakatauki means: A problem is solved by continuing to find solutions. This whakatauki refers to the need for creative thinking, adaptability, and perseverance. In order to solve a problem you need to use all of these skills.

Our Te Reo phrase for the week is: **Kei te pēhea koe? How are you?**

Lost Property:

We would like to work on having less lost property this year. You can help with this by ensuring all items are named. This includes drink bottles and lunch boxes which sometimes end up in the lost property as well.

Stationery:

Thank you for getting your child's stationery ready for the new year. Stationery lists are available from the office or on the school website. Paper plus also have the stationery lists available in their store.

Library:

The school library is open and children will be able to bring library books home to enjoy. A book bag is a good idea for these so they do not get damaged while in your child's bag.

Wheels Wednesday:

We continue with Wheels Wednesday this year. Children can bring their bike, scooter, skateboard etc. to use on the courts. They will need shoes and a helmet as well please.

Sports Uniforms:

We have partnered with Osprey Sports to offer a range of products for the school. The online shop has a number of clothing items which you can purchase for your child to wear at school or for future sporting events. We will not be stocking the blue shirts anymore.



The online shop also have stocks of our House shirts.

All children are issued with a house shirt, free, on enrolment thanks to the generosity of our sponsors: Ray White Real Estate, Holland Beckett, Ōhope Medical Centre and New World. As your child grows you may want to purchase a bigger size shirt.

The online shop is now open and orders will close on the 20th February. Once the shop closes it will take about 7 weeks for the shirts to arrive.

There is a shirt on display in the office if you wish to see what they are like.

Click on the link which will take you to the school shop.

<https://ospreysports.com/club-shops/104/>

House Groups:

All children will be in a house group with siblings are in the same house group. All new children to the school will be given a house shirt which can be worn each Friday when we have house group activities. If your child needs a new house shirt they can be ordered online in the Osprey Shop.



Holland Beckett
Aihe



Ray White Real Estate
Mangōpare



New World
Paea



Ōhope Medical Centre
Tohorā

Family Picnic – Meet the Teachers:

Next Wednesday we will hold a family picnic and meet the teacher evening for the community. We will start around 5.30pm and encourage you to bring along a picnic dinner and have the opportunity to meet our school community. At 6.15pm staff will move to their learning spaces where they will meet with you informally. A free sausage sizzle will be available on the night as well thanks to our Friends of the School group.

Hopefully the weather is a bit more settled by next week.

Information Booklet:

We have updated our school information Booklet and this can be found on the School Website.

School App:

Currently there are a number of communication tools available. We have set up a school app which you will be able to download and gives you access to school information on your mobile phone.

You can download the app by searching for SchoolAppsNZ.

Once you have downloaded this app you will be prompted to search for the School. You will be able to notify the school of student absences via the app either by phone or email. Other features will evolve over time.

We look forward to keeping our communication with parents as accessible as possible.



Term Dates for 2023:

- Term 1: Tuesday 31st January to Thursday 6th April
- Term 2: Wednesday 26th April to Friday 30th June
- Term 3: Monday 17th July to Friday 22nd September
- Term 4: Monday 9th October to Friday 15th December

Teacher Development Days 2023:

Monday 24th April

Monday 1st May

Ngā mihi

Cathryn Naera

PHONE IN PUPIL ABSENCES

If for some reason your children are going to be absent from school, please telephone the school BEFORE 9.30am. As the school phone is busy during that first hour, we have a system in place where you can leave a message and details of the absence without having to talk to Jenny. Please let the office know even if you have told the teacher.

- Dial 312 4617 – When it answers with a pre-recorded message, dial 1 to be put straight through to the answer phone.
- Leave the details of the absence (Child's name, room name & reason for absence i.e. sickness, bereavement etc.). Alternatively, txt to 027 750 3515.

HATS AND SUNSCREEN

Reminder about school hats and that Term 1 is one of our two compulsory hat wearing terms. All children must wear a hat when outside. The hat can be any colour bucket style hat (without a string) The school has emergency sunblock available in all classes, and in the medical room (in the office) for children to use. We also have various sunshade sails around the school for added outside protection. Parents are expected to provide sunblock each day for their own child. Teachers back this up at school reminding children about 'SLIP SLOP SLAP' before moving into the sun. We also expect parents to discuss the need to apply sunscreen often during the day especially on sunny days, and at special outside events. We encourage children to become responsible for their own sun protection, and expect that parents are doing the same from home - this is especially important for school trips and other activities where they are not in the normal school environment, and not always under the direct supervision of their classroom teacher. We also encourage parents to follow advice of the Cancer Society to provide children who are ultra-sensitive sun protective clothing (long sleeved clothing, and or UV clothing – a parental choice).

CHILDREN LATE FOR SCHOOL

This is a real problem for some children. We are recording all children arriving late to school each morning, this is recorded against their name in our attendance register. The definition of late arriving after the school bell has rung at 8.30am. It is extremely important that children arrive early to school i.e. at least 10 minutes i.e. 8.20am before the start bell at 8.30am. Lateness causes many problems and issues for the child who is late; it also disrupts other children in the class, along with the teacher. Continual or regular lateness can cause on-going problems for the child who is late – ranging from loss of self-confidence, becoming self-conscious, lack of the vital start of day instructions and the feeling of being inadequately prepared for the academic day. Children arriving late also cause lots of disruption and distraction for others in the class and teacher who have settled into their day. On top of all this being punctual is a life skill that we should be trying to model for children – supporting lateness for whatever reason can be sending the wrong message.

Subway Orders - Subway can be ordered for Friday lunches. You order via the Subway App. Please ensure you type in the correct classroom so that we can ensure the lunch is delivered to the correct class. The options are Manuka, Kauri, Kowhai, Kahikatea or Nga Huiarau. (ask your child if you are not sure)