



ŌBS pitopitokōrero

EDITION 1
9TH FEB 2023

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Sign Language Club Takes Off!

WHAEA KIRSTEN HAS BEEN SHARING HER KNOWLEDGE



ŌBS is super lucky to have Whaea Kirsten as one of our Teaching Aides, who is also a sign language expert and enjoys sharing her skills with the students of our school.

On Wednesday's during lunchtime, Whaea Kirsten hosts the Sign Language Club in Kahikatea, which is Matua Henry and Whaea Cherie's learning space for Ngā Peka students.

The students who attend the club have been learning some really cool sign language words, which we often see them practising again during class.

If you think you would like to learn some sign language, one of the three official languages of Aotearoa, you can join the Sign Language Club on Wednesday's at lunchtime in Kahikatea.

The Principal Column

FROM THE DESK OF CATHRYN NAERA:

Welcome to the first term of the 2023 school year. The classes are well underway and it is great to see the children all engaged in their learning. The learning spaces are all humming with children on task and getting to know their new routines and environments. Thank you to Ngā Huiarau, Dr Sarah's kaitiaki group, for hosting our first assembly of the year last week. It was great to present our first Pride Certificates and our welcome certificate to our new pupils. Thank you to the families who attended assembly, the children really enjoy seeing you there supporting them.

Attendance:
The Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) which we are a part of has had a media campaign aimed at returning to school for the new year. We have had a great start to the year with excellent attendance. We look forward to supporting the children with their learning and attendance as the year progresses.

2023 Curriculum Focus:
This year our overarching theme is "Connections" - Getting to know home and the wider Aotearoa community. The teams will have a focus each term in relation to this theme.

Term one looks at how they are connected to this place. The children will learn NZ history about the local area and purakau(stories) related to our area.

Union Meeting:
We have been notified that there will be a Union Meeting for the teaching staff on Wednesday 1st March from 1.30pm. As all staff will be involved in this we will end the day at 12.30pm. We will arrange for the Harbour Road Bus to do its run from 12.30pm. All other children will need to be picked up from 12.30pm. We do apologise for this disruption at the start of the year.

House Groups:
Our first house group sessions will take place on Friday 10th February. The house groups will be voting on house leaders for the year. Good luck to those senior pupils who are standing for election for these roles. We do encourage the children to wear their house shirts each Friday.

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 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. This URL will take you to the school shop:

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

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 in 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.

Our bank account details are as follows:

ASB – Whakatane
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A/c Name: Ōhope Beach School

Loud Shirt Day!
This is a national fundraising campaign to help provide essential lifetime services to more than 2,000 people, across New Zealand, who use cochlear implants to access sound.

On Friday 24th February the children can wear their brightest shirts/outfits to support loud shirt day. Bring along a gold coin donation which will go to *The Hearing House* and the *Southern Cochlear Implant Programme* who are two charities in NZ dedicated to helping children and adults with cochlear implants.

Message from the Board of Trustees

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou. The Ōhope Beach School Board welcomes all tamariki and whānau to Ōhope Beach School for 2023.

The Board is made up of parent electives: Sarah Evans (Presiding Member), Jasmyn Pearson, Paul Wilson, Sharnika Dowthwaite and Steve Franklin; the Principal Cathryn Naera and the staff elected representative Dr Sarah Morgan. The Board has two meetings a term and the first meeting of the year is on Tuesday 21st February, 5.30pm, anyone is welcome to come along and listen in at each meeting.

The Board's role is to oversee the governance of the school and to ensure that everything that needs to be done gets done - legally, ethically, and as well as possible in the best interests of all of our students. We undergo regular training and checking in to make sure we are doing what is required at a governance level.

We are hopeful for a wonderful 2023 with many exciting events to come, amongst changes to education and enjoying this amazing spot we are lucky to live in.

Board Contact:
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WHAKATĀNE WHEELS DAY
RIDE YOUR BIKE, SCOOTER, SKATEBOARD OR SKATES TO SCHOOL, GET A TREAT AND BE IN TO WIN AWESOME PRIZES!
WEDNESDAY, 15 FEBRUARY
All day at Whakatāne township primary schools

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New Teacher Joins ŌBS. Introducing Sam Walker!

OUR INTREPID JOURNALISTS INTERVIEWED MATUA SAM TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HIM.
BY DARCEY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM GEORGIA.

This year we have welcomed a new teacher into our school. We call him Matua Sam, but his real name is Sam Walker. When asked about where he grew up, he answered that he grew up in Tauranga.



When we asked him about why he teaches Seniors:

"I find the work interesting and there are lots of sports in seniors too."

We asked if he'd been enjoying OBS so far and he replied,

"Yes it's been a fantastic first couple of weeks."

Also, one of our questions was why he moved here?

"I like the ocean and the people."

What are some of your interests?

"My interests include running, tramping, surfing, and skiing."

And finally, we asked him where he came from.

"I recently returned to New Zealand from Shanghai, China."

So that is just some of the cool stuff about him, and you can always go and see him. His classroom is Mātai, in the West corner of Ngā Huiarau.



How to help your tamariki at home

OUR LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR, ANGELA GOUK, SHARES SOME TIPS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR LEARNER AT KURA AND AT HOME.

Welcome back to a new year at Ōhope Beach School.

Next week we start some Seasons for Growth programmes within the school. These programmes are designed to help children cope with change, grief and/or loss. If you think this might be suitable for your child, text me on 027 259 3200 or email me on [angela@ohopebeach.school.nz] for more information.

Next week the next Incredible Years Parenting course starts. These offer valuable, positive techniques you can use at home and you get to meet other parents/caregivers in

similar situations.

This starts on Tuesday 14 Feb and runs for 8 weeks, with an option of either 9.30-11.30am or in the evenings at 6.30-8.30pm, at Coastlands Preschool Cafe. Please contact Tonia MacRae 022 470 0657 or [toniamacrae@gmail.com].



Spotlight on Manuka!

THE REPORTING TEAM VISITED OUR MOST EXCITING PLACE - THE NEW ENTRANT LEARNING SPACE
BY AZELLE & SOPHIA

Manuka is the new entrants class for kids that have just turned five and have just made a big step toward becoming bright sparks.

They have been learning about numbers 2 and 5 as well as letters M and S. We have interviewed the teachers and kids in Manuka and would like to share our findings with you.

Iris's favourite things are playing in the kitchen and working on the letter m. They love playing with their big sister and brother at break.

Braxton's favourite things include drawing the letter S like a snake.

And when asked about what their favourite things were, Sam replied **"I like working on my numbers, especially number 5."**

We also interviewed Whaea Meg, who shares the Manuka teaching job with Whaea Emma.

Why do you teach 5 yr olds?
"I chose to teach 5 yr olds because it's a special time when kids are excited to start school. They learn so much in such a short amount of time. And it's



When asked about their favourite things, Haleina said **"I love the Doll house. I most enjoy working on the letter S. My mum is Whaea Dana"**.

Samatha's favourite things include playing with Haleina and working on the letter M.

When asked what their favourite things are, Sonny replied **"I love working on the colours and singing them in te reo Māori"**

also extremely nice that Whaea Emma and I are both parents so we both understand what it's like for parents when their children start school."

What makes a great learning environment?
"A fun space with lots of chatter and learning. A place where everyone feels safe and happy!"

Thank you Manuka for being our very first learning space highlight for the ŌBS newspaper!

School Events in Term 1

ALL WELCOME, COME ALONG, GET INVOLVED

- Week 2:** Friday 10 February - Assembly hosted by Kowhai, Mrs England
- Week 3:** Friday 17 February - Assembly hosted by Kauri Whaea Alex
- Week 4:** Monday 20th February - Sports Uniform Shop Closes for online orders
Tuesday 21st February - BOT Meeting 5.30pm
Thursday 23rd February - EBOP Touch
Friday 24th February - Assembly Ngā Huiarau Whaea Sandy
- Week 5:** Monday 27th February - Ngā Huiarau Swimming Sports
Wednesday 1st March - Union Meeting - School closes 12.30pm
Thursday 2nd March - Fun 4 U Day for Year 1 & 2 children
Friday 3rd March - Assembly Kahikatea Whaea Cherie
- Week 6:** Friday 10th March - Assembly Kauri Whaea Merrissa
- Week 7:** Wednesday 15th March - Interschool Swimming Sports
Thursday 16th March - EBOP Swimming Sports
Friday 17th March - Assembly Ngā Huiarau Matua Sam
- Week 8:** Friday 24th March - Surfing Festival
Friday 24th March - Assembly Kowhai Whaea Dana
- Week 9:** Tuesday 28th March - BOT Meeting 5.30pm
Friday 31st March - Assembly Kauri Whaea Laura
- Week 10:** Wednesday 5th April - Cyber Safety Parent Evening with John Parsons (Time TBC)
Thursday 6th April - Term One ends
Friday 7th April - Good Friday

PITOPITO KŌRERO ANNOUNCERS FOR THE FORTNIGHT: CLEVE & TAVISHI, ANDEMMIE & PHOENIX B.

Every morning at 8:30am a pair of Year 6 students read out our Pitopito Kōrero, the morning news broadcast via the school intercom system. In week one our first presenters for the year were Cleve and Tavishi, who did a stellar job starting off the year. This week Emmie and Phoenix have been sharing the panui with us in the mornings.

"I felt nervous but in a good way for the whole week. Talking in front of the whole school at assembly was awesome!" - Tavishi

The presenters share the pride value for the week. In week 1 we had Positivity and in week 2 we have Respect, and some associated wisdom. They also share the whakataukī for the fortnight, any notices for the taura, and sometimes a joke or an interesting fact.

The whakataukī shared this fortnight is:
I orea te tuatara ka patu ki waho
which means that a problem is solved by continuing to try and find solutions. This whakataukī refers to the need for creative thinking, adaptability and perseverance.



"Doing the PK is nerve-racking but also calming, because you feel relief when it is done and everyone is congratulating you" - Emmie