



WEEK 7 PRIDE CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS



ENVIRO TROPHY CLASS WINNERS  
WEEK 6: WHAEA SANDY & 7: WHAEA LAURA



MUSIC TROPHY WINNERS  
WEEK 7: NGA HUIARAU



WE HAVE A NEW WHARE  
IN THE PLAYGROUND

# ŌBS pitopitokōrero

EDITION 4  
23RD MARCH 2023

FREE FOR ALL - \$0.00  
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## Teachers go on STRIKE

WHAKAMANA KAIAKO, WHAKAMANA TAMARIKI



So on Thursday 16th of March week 7, as you all know the teachers went on strike and that means that the teachers went to protest at the Hub and us children had a day off school. So what the teachers did was they went and held up notes in the air all day. They did that all morning then the rest of the day they went and marched down the street. And the strike carried on at other schools!

-By Belle & Harper

Our tamariki need a quality education. And we want to give that to them. Unfortunately, the funding for our schools and kindergartens is not enough for us to give us the time we would like to support all our kids to thrive.

We need to attract and retain educators by ensuring that teaching is a valued and attractive profession. Principals and teachers in primary and area schools and kindergartens considered at length offers from the government to settle our respective

collective agreements. The offers did not meet our expectations, nor make sufficient steps towards the changes we need for our children to succeed.

You know we took industrial action on 16 March. It's the last thing we wanted to do. And the decision was not taken lightly. We felt that this was the only way the government would listen and recognise that when they



support our children to learn and succeed, we are supporting whānau and communities to thrive.

We look forward to another great year in 2023 – and together with your support, building the case for better investment in our tamariki.

-From NZEI Te Riu Roa

## Golfing Prodigies Compete at Ōhope

By Jetty & Sarah

Friday 10th of March we had a golf tournament and Matua John went with the kids. Here are some questions we had for them, which Marco Ganley answered for us.

**What did the course look like?** It was at Whakatāne Golf course, it is a very long course (like, very long). It's a lot harder than the Ōhope course.

**Did you have fun?** Yes - it was lots of fun, even when it rained. When it rained we hid under the trees.



**Were there any other schools there?** Yes, from all over Whakatāne!

**Who do you think was the best in your opinion?** Me! (Marco)

**Did you get a medal?** No medals but we did get golf balls as winners.

**How did you feel after?** Afterwards, I felt very tired.

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Marco placed 2nd in his group of 4 players, and Arabella placed 2nd overall.

## BOARD MATTERS

INTRODUCING PAUL WILSON, BOARD MEMBER



Tēnā koutou Ōhope Beach School Whānau,

Thank you for your votes making me one of your parent representatives on our board.

Our family moved from Ōtautahi (Christchurch) to Whakatāne, one year after I came to help out the local Police following the eruption of Whakaari / White Island. I'm a Detective and manage the EBOP's Criminal Investigation Branch as Area Manager Investigations.

Mila is 5 and after a few months in Mānuka last year is now in Kauri. Blake is two and my wife Sarah works in Finance for Te Puna Ora o Mataatua.

At this early stage on the board, it's been as much about learning as it has contributing. The formal nature is different than I'm used to, but we have good discussions, have a great team, and make many decisions every meeting that benefit the school. If what we do benefits the school, it benefits and supports the teachers, and therefore provides the best to our tamariki.

## IMPORTANT TERM DATES

**Term One:**  
Tuesday 31 January to Thursday 6 April

- Friday 7th April - Good Friday holiday

**Term Two:**  
Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June

- Monday 24 April - Teacher Development Day
- Tuesday 25th April - ANZAC Day holiday
- Monday 1 May - Teacher Development Day
- Monday 5th June - King's Birthday holiday

**Term Three:**  
Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

**Term Four:**  
Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

- Monday 23 October - Labour Day holiday

### MUSTER

Sunday 26th March, 2-4pm  
Bluett Park

Register  
Sausage sizzle  
Parents vs kids game  
Bootswap

Or you can register online  
[www.ohopecfootball.org.nz](http://www.ohopecfootball.org.nz)  
Registration-1/2023-season

I look forward to meeting a lot of our school parents, whether at a school event, drop off (occasionally), or pick up from Oasis.

Paul Wilson

## Tough Guy & Tough Gal Event

24th & 25 August 2023 - Rotorua

Those brave enough to enter will take on a 1.5km (Year 3 & 4) or 3km (Year 5 & 6) muddy obstacle course consisting of swamp crossings, a spider's web net climb, tunnels, hurdles, other obstacles and not to mention mud, mud and more MUD!



**Are you keen to take this on?**  
If so, you will need an adult to transport and supervise you for the event and \$30 for the entry fee.

**Still keen?**  
Please get your parent/caregiver to email [cherie@ohopecschool.nz](mailto:cherie@ohopecschool.nz) to express your interest by Friday 31st March 2023.

ŌBS would like to enter a team of 20 students if there is interest.

## Structured Literacy Open Afternoon

Would you like to find out what Structured Literacy looks like in our junior classrooms? Come along and learn about our Scope and Sequence, what heart words and decodable books are, and ways that you can support your child on their literacy journey.



Monday, 27 March  
1:30-2:30pm in Manuka.



## APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

\$6 per hour, per child. Casual bookings welcome. Please contact Vanessa for an enrolment form if your child has not previously attended OASIS.

OPENING HOURS: 8AM - 5:30PM

Please be at school before 9:30am for bus trips and walking adventures. Children will need to bring a packed lunch, afternoon tea will be supplied.

MONDAY 10 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	TUESDAY 11 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	WEDNESDAY 12 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	THURSDAY 13 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	FRIDAY 14 <sup>th</sup> APRIL
CLOSED FOR EASTER HOLIDAY	MAGGIE'S GARDEN IN EDGECLUMBE Please bring \$2 and footwear. Bus departs at 10am. If raining the trip will be cancelled.	GOLF GAMES With Sam from Bay of Plenty Golf. Starts at 10:30am. Please bring a donation for the club on the day.	MUSIC & ART 90 minute Music and Art lesson with Jonanna and Derby. Starts at 10:30am.	NERF GUN Bring your own gun and sunglasses. Vanessa will provide bullets.
Sorry WE'RE CLOSED	ADDITIONAL COST: \$2 + \$6 Bus	ADDITIONAL COST: \$ Donation to the club	ADDITIONAL COST: \$15 for the lesson	ADDITIONAL COST: FREE

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# The Principal Column

FROM THE DESK OF CATHRYN NAERA:

Kia ora koutou katoa

Thank you for the continued support you provide the school. Our recent fundraising for Wairoa schools was an excellent example of empathy and care for those who are impacted by the cyclone. The chocolate raffle raised \$3048.90. Thank you for your donations and congratulations to all who won a prize. The total of all fundraising by Ōhope Beach School was \$5034.30 and will be combined with our Kahui Ako schools to donate to Wairoa Schools.

## Cyber Safety:

On **Wednesday 5th April** we will host John Parsons at school. John works with education, health and private sectors, providing specialist advice and direction on the safe and ethical use of Digital Communication Technology. He will facilitate lessons with the students related to cyber safety, he will also facilitate a staff meeting for the teachers. He will host a parent information evening at 6.00pm that evening. You are encouraged to come along to this session so that you can support your child's digital and communication technology use. We will hold this in our Ngā Huiarau learning space.

## Playground Addition:

We have completed the addition of an outdoor classroom/whare in the playground. This will be used at break times and by staff during class times. It provides a quiet space for children to read, draw or meet with friends. The children are encouraged to use all our facilities with care and respect. It is great to see the diversity of play that the children have with the conversation swings, the extended senior adventure playground, the new sandpit, the stepping rounds and now the whare. During the holiday break outdoor seating will be installed in the playground so that families can enjoy a seat while their children enjoy the playground.

## House Groups:

It is great to see the children in their house group shirts each Friday. We have moved our house group time to the mornings, each Friday fortnight, after assembly so that children are in their own learning spaces at the end of the day. Our house captains and deputies are growing in their role as leaders of their houses and we look forward to their growth in confidence. On the last Thursday of the term we will have a house group competition and the winning house for term one will be named. Well done to all children who are earning house points in their class as they work or take part in school activities.

## EOTC:

The staff have been busy organising *education outside the classroom* activities to compliment the learning of their students. On Tuesday Ngā Peka classes (Kowhai and Kahikatea) took part in surfing lessons at West End. Next week Ngā Huiarau classes will experience an overnight marae stay at Ōhope marae. We are so fortunate to have these resources available in our community and it is great to be able to support our local area and learn about our local area.

## Swimming:

We are still using our school pool for swimming and water confidence and making the most of the fine, warm weather. Thank you to Val and Pete who ensure the pool is ready each day. We are fortunate to have solar heating for the pool which enables our swimming season to go longer. If you are in school please check the pool fence which has a range of lost property attached.

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

### Classes are now well underway with the iCoach4kids.

Your children may say some statements like "I am good enough, I don't need to compare myself to others" and "I'll be ok, these feelings will fade away, I choose to be brave". Positive self-talk can help to promote calming influences.

Your child may talk about the "Happy Train" song they have been learning as well.

As part of the lessons the children have been learning to say - "Stop - 5 4 3 2 1 - Switch!" This is one way of changing the train of thought or mood a child may have. Other strategies may include: take 5; taking a few deep breaths or having a state change from what they are doing.

Talk with your child to find out more about what has been covered so far. There's more to come - watch this space!!!

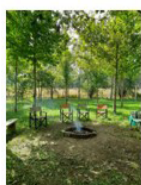
### Little Moments Forest Holiday Programme

Rewatu Road, Poroporo, Whakatane

Where free play within nature's playground is our main focus and could include collecting vegetables and fruit from the gardens, preparing, and cooking over the fire, building huts, natural arts and crafts, weaving with harakeke and just BEING in nature.



April school holidays for 5 to 10 year-olds  
Monday to Friday - 8:30am to 2:30pm - Closed Easter Monday  
\$50 per day - WINZ subsidies available  
Transport from Whakatane if needed  
Limited spaces



Contact Yvonne 02108832809 for more information

# Spotlight on Kauri Laura!

THE REPORTING TEAM VISITED ONE OF OUR VIBRANT YEAR 1 AND 2 LEARNING SPACES, TO INTERVIEW SOME TAUIRA.

BY SARAH, JETTY, BELLE & HARPER

"Do you have any favourite subjects?" We asked them. Caleb answered by saying his favourite subject is writing.

"Would you like to do sports when you're older?" Aly answered by saying she would like to play basketball.

"What job do you want when you're an adult?" Kahu said he wanted to build machines.

"Which subject do you hate the most?" We asked them, Marlie said they dislike netball.

"Who's your favourite teacher?" Hannah replied by saying her favourite teacher is

Whaea Laura!

"Who are your friends?" Bailey replied and said her friend is Ella.

"Do you like coming to school?" We asked them, and Greyson said he likes School a lot!

"What do you do during break?" Lincoln said he plays with Caleb.

"Do you have siblings at school?" We asked them, Darcie said her sister is Lolly!

"What's your favourite colour?" Amelia's favourite colour is Blue!



# COOL NEW WHARE IS READY IN OUR SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

BY SARAH, JETTY, BELLE, HARPER

There is a new play area in the school! Everyone is welcome to come and relax and draw with your friends, perhaps take a rest from the loud children on the field playing soccer, there will be plenty of fun activities to enjoy with your friend or by yourself it doesn't matter as long as you have great fun of course. Some people have been climbing on the roof of our new building which is unfortunate because this is a very new building and we don't want it getting damaged. But on the good side you (teachers) can bring your class to work down there possibly if they're good. We greatly appreciate the kind builders for all their hard work and making this possible and our principal for allowing this to happen!



## PITOPITO KŌRERO ANNOUNCERS FOR THE FORTNIGHT: GEORGIA & QUINN, TOULA & ISAAC.

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. The week 7 presenters were Georgia and Quinn. This week Toula and Isaac have been sharing the panui with us in the mornings. Well done to all the children and to the volunteers who step in when someone is absent.

"It's a challenge to get the whakataukī right but then you feel good when you do get it right!" - Georgia

The presenters share the pride value for the week. In week 7 and 8 we have Diligence as our focus, 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 "Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei" which means "Pursue excellence - should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain"

"The best part about doing the PK in the morning is learning more Māori and being more confident to speak in front of people" - Toula



# School Events in Term 1

ALL WELCOME, COME ALONG, GET INVOLVED

## Week 8:

- Friday 24th March - Surfing Festival (Year 5 & 6)
- Friday 24th March - Assembly Ngā Huiarau Whaea Sandy

## Week 9:

- Wednesday 29th to Friday 31st March - Marae Camp for Ngā Huiarau
- Friday 31st March - Assembly Kowhai Whaea Dana
- Sunday 2nd April - Daylight Saving ends

## Week 10:

- Tuesday 4th April - BOT Meeting 5.30pm
- Wednesday 5th April - Cyber Safety Parent Evening with John Parsons 6.00pm
- Thursday 6th April - Term One ends
- Friday 7th April - Good Friday

## Term 2:

### Week 1:

- Monday 24th April - Teacher Development Day - School Closed
- Tuesday 25th April - ANZAC Day holiday
- Wednesday 26th April - Term two starts
- Friday 28th April - Assembly Kauri Whaea Laura

### Week 2:

- Monday 1st May - Teacher Development Day - School Closed
- Tuesday 2nd May - Life Education Lessons start