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# ŌBS pitopitokōrero

## PINK SHIRT DAY

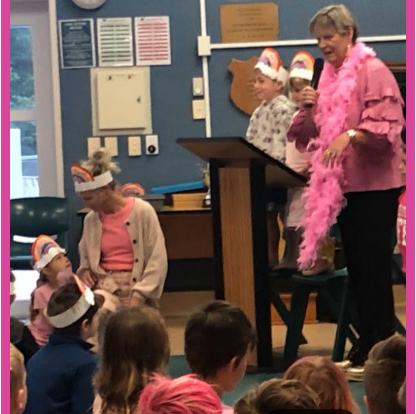
By Ivy, Kyran, Lili, & Cruz

On the 19th of May we had Pink Shirt Day where everyone wore pink shirts or costumes. Everyone looked great! By taking part you help to stamp out bullying by celebrating diversity and



promoting kindness and inclusiveness.

Pink Shirt Day fits really well with our Ōhope Pride Values, which are positivity, respect, integrity, diligence and empathy. We think all of the pride values are important when we celebrate diversity and promote kindness and inclusiveness.



Do you see someone being bullied? Be an upstander not a bystander. Stand with them, get help!

The campaign's slogan is "Korero mai, Korero Atu, Mauri Tu, Mauri Ora" and "speak up, stand together, stop bullying!"

## The Mighty ŌBS Cross Country

OUR ĀKONGA HAVE BEEN TRAINING ALL TERM TO GET READY FOR THE ŌBS CROSS COUNTRY. IT WAS AWESOME!



On Thursday we had our school cross country. We had a choice of doing either the individual race, the team race or both. The people that did the individual race had a chance of getting into interschools. And the team race was a fun run with your friends.

For the teams race you had four people in your team. They all waited at different points along the race course. If you were number one you started at the starting line, number two waited for number one at the first orange cone before the mud. Number two would run up to number three who would be waiting near the caves and before the grass up the hill. Number three would then run to number four who would be at the top of the hill. Once number three got to the top they would run back down



with number four then they would pick up number two then run to the bottom to collect number one, then run through to the finish all together as a team.

Some people did both team races and individual races. While the individual races recognised place getters, the teams race has certificates for showing the Ōhope Pride Values. The positivity award is for best dressed, for example. And there were teams dressed up as a picnic, some elements from the periodic table, scary clowns, and lots of bright colours - we think they all looked amazing!

Good luck to the people who are going to interschools this week! Karawhiua! (give it heaps). And thank you to Ngāti Awa who let us run the track on their farm!  
By Ivy & Lili



## BOARD MATTERS

INTRODUCING THE ŌBS FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL!



### ŌBS Friends of the School

Ōhope Beach School Friends of the School Fundraising group is a group of enthusiastic parents who are keen to be more involved with the school and help to support the students and staff of ŌBS by running events; either as fundraisers for resources, or community events to build the school community. We are super lucky to have Karen (Mrs England) as our staff lead, and Sharnika Dowthwaite as our Board of Trustees liaison.

If you've ever wanted to be more involved with the school and make their primary years an even better experience for your tamariki (like the amazing Disco last week!), we would love to have more parents join us! Have a chat with Karen England in Kowhai class or Sharnika the next time you see them around the school.

## IMPORTANT TERM DATES

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

- Monday 1st 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



The Board of Trustees currently funds the provision of Mathletics and Mathseeds for student use. These are both computer programmes designed to support Mathematics development. The children are able to access these resources both at school and at home. Ask your child's kaitiaki teacher for access codes if you don't have them already!

## SPECIAL NEWS REPORT: MATHS IS AWESOME!

On Wednesday last week our senior maths stars were visited by Tracey Webster, head of maths at Trident, and two of her year 9 pupils, to go over some statistics and probability work the ākongā had completed last term.

The group had carried out some probability experiments and got some super curious results! Tracey & her team helped the group to build their understanding, and the Trident students ran some games for the Ōhope tamariki to cement the learning.

"We thoroughly enjoyed our time with your fabulous Statisticians last Wednesday morning. We were impressed with your students curiosity and thinking skills, great attributes to have." - Tracey Webster

How lucky are we! Thank you so much, Tracey & team!



# The Principal Column

FROM THE DESK OF CATHRYN NAERA:

Kia ora koutou katoa

Thank you for your support of the union meeting for teachers yesterday afternoon. Negotiations have been ongoing for quite some time now and the teachers have a new offer, from the Government, to consider. Voting on this current offer will be from Wednesday 31st May to Tuesday 6th June. The outcome of the vote will be known on Wednesday 7th June. If the offer is accepted industrial action will end, however if the offer is rejected we may see further industrial action.

**Cross country:**

Last Thursday we held our school cross country in excellent weather conditions. The course offers a range of conditions which include the stream crossing, mud navigation, hill climbs and flat grassland. The children all competed with pride and gave their best in both the individual events and the team events. Thank you to Whaea Sandy and Matua Sam for their organisation of the event and the preparation of the course. Thank you to Ngati Awa who allow us to use the farmland for our cross country event.

The first eight children in the 8yrs, 9yrs, 10yrs and 11yrs qualified for the inter school cross country. This event is planned to be held at Ōhope Beach School on Thursday 1st June (today). Good luck to all our competitors. The next event will be the EBOP cross country event which is planned for Thursday 8th June.

**The Refreshed New Zealand Curriculum - Te Mātaiaho:**

The Ministry of Education has been working on the refresh of the NZ Curriculum and its supporting documents for some time. The document contains eight learning areas each being developed and due for release between now and 2025. The eight learning areas are: English, Social Sciences, Technology, The Arts, Mathematics and Statistics, Science, Health and Physical Education and Learning Languages. We have begun to unpack the English and Mathematics and Statistics documents so we can plan for any changes that are included in these documents.

**Maths:** We have been working with Charlotte Wilkinson, a maths facilitator, to ensure we are covering all of the maths curriculum. We use an assessment screen at the start of the year to ascertain aspects of maths that the children are confident in and what areas are incorporated into planning and teaching for the year. It is important to note that maths is part of daily life and children develop maths skills through a range of activities both inside and outside the classroom.

**English:** We are in the process of reviewing our English Curriculum Plan for the school which will incorporate our structured literacy practices and the work we have been carrying out on oral language, spelling and writing. We have been working with a facilitator from Cognition Education who has worked with the leadership team and literacy team to ensure we are incorporating all aspects into our planning and teaching.

**DISCO:**

Thank you to everyone who supported the DISCO last Thursday. We thank the team who organised the event, helped with mask making, carried out sausage cooking and were present on the night in the hall. The children really enjoyed the evening, especially after a day of cross country. Thank you to all the staff who assisted on the night, you are appreciated for your dedication to the students and families of the school. The funds raised will be going towards our musical garden plans for the playground.

**Student Led Conferences:**

At the end of this term we will hold our student led conferences. These are planned for Tuesday 27th June 1.00pm to 6.30pm and Wednesday 28th June 3.00pm to 6.30pm. Bookings for these will be made available closer to the dates.

**King's Birthday - Monday 5 June:**

Enjoy the long weekend this weekend and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday.

# Spotlight on Kahikatea Matua Henry's Class!

THE REPORTING TEAM VISITED ONE OF OUR SUNNY YEAR 3 & 4 LEARNING SPACES, TO INTERVIEW SOME ĀKONGA. BY IVY, KYRAN, LILI & CRUZ



In this issue we are talking about Matua Henry's class. Matua Henry teaches students in year three and four in the Kahikatea learning space with Whaea Cherie. We have thought of five questions to ask Matua Henry and his class.

**What have you been learning in the past week for maths?**

Jaxon and Zoe: times tables, groups of.

**What have you been using this past week for art?**

Gus and Rein: mixing colours and using different tools like toothbrushes and cardboard.

**What is your favourite thing to do on a rainy lunchtime in your classroom?**

Jack and Bonnie: play army, friends, and guess who.

**What do you like most about teaching your class, Matua Henry?**

Everyone has really awesome dad jokes!

**What have you been writing about in the past week?**

Keiran: cross country.



# School Events in Term 2

ALL WELCOME, COME ALONG, GET INVOLVED!

**Term 2**

**Week 6:**

- Friday 2 June - Assembly Kowhai - Mrs England

**Week 7:**

- Monday 5 June - King's Birthday Holiday
- Thursday 8 June - EBOP cross country
- Friday 8 June - Assembly Kauri - Whaea Alex

**Week 8:**

- Friday 16 June - Assembly Ngā Huiarau - Whaea Sandy

**Week 9:**

- Tuesday 20 June - BOP cross country
- Tuesday 20 June - BoT Meeting 5.30pm
- Friday 23 June - Gymnastics Competition
- Friday 23 June - Assembly Kauri - Whaea Merrissa

**Week 10:**

- Tuesday 27th June - Student Led Conferences - 1.00pm to 6.30pm
- Wednesday 28th June - Student Led Conferences - 3.00pm to 6.30pm.
- Friday 30 June - Assembly Kahikatea - Whaea Cherie
- Friday 30 June - Term 2 ends

**PITOPITO KŌRERO ANNOUNCERS FOR THE FORTNIGHT: SOPHIA & PRECIOUS, DARCEY & MARAEA**

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 5 presenters were Sophia & Precious. This week Darcey & Maraea 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.

The presenters share the pride value for the week. In week 5 and 6 we have Integrity as our focus, and some associated wisdom. They also share the whakataukī for the fortnight, any notices for the ākonga, and sometimes a joke or an interesting fact.

The whakataukī shared this fortnight is:

**Titiro whakamuri, kokiri whakamua**

This whakataukī means: Look back and reflect so you can move forward.



ŌBS FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL PRESENTS:

# ANIMAL DISCO

On Thursday we had a school disco which was animal themed. The year 1s, 2s and 3s had theirs at 5:00 to 6:00 and the year 4s, 5s and 6s, had theirs at 6:15 to 7:15. When you walked in there were streamers and rainbow lights flashing everywhere. There was a stall selling amazing animal balloons, slap bands, emoji lights, finger lights and light up cups for three dollars - all to raise money for our sensory garden.

On the other side another stall was selling chocolates, chips and popcorn. At the front was DJ Henry and everyone was dancing like mad!

There were prizes for best moves. There were some people who dressed up like animals, there were people in animal onesies and there was a mysterious black thing! Everyone was wearing their masks which looked GREAT! A big thanks to Jenn for designing our disco, we are so grateful to you, and we had such a great time!  
*By Kyran, Cruz and a little bit of Ivy and Lili!*