

**Kia Ora Koutou Katoa  
Rāpare 7 Mahuru ~ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Since our last newsletter we have welcomed two new children to Ōhope Beach School. Welcome to Kahurangi in Kowhai and Nikora who has joined Manuka. We hope you have both settled into your new school and look forward to working with you.

Thank you to everyone who supported the calendar fundraiser. All the orders have been processed and sent away to be created. We will let you know when they are back at school.

***Daffodil Day:***

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August we held a dress up day, with a gold coin donation, in support of the Cancer Society. We thank you all for your support of this day and are pleased to let you know that we raised \$340 which will go to the Cancer Society.



***Enrolments for 2024:***

We will be starting our planning for the 2024 school year very soon. To enable us to plan for the new year we would like to get an indication of children who will be starting school with us during 2024. If you have a pre-school child, who is due to start school next year, please let us know and we will send you an enrolment form or you can email the office at: [office@ohopebeach.school.nz](mailto:office@ohopebeach.school.nz). You can also phone the office for an enrolment form on 07 3124617.

***Teacher Development Day:***

We have a Teacher Development Day next term, on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November. There will be no school for the children on this day.

***Break Time Clubs and Activities:***

This term we have had a number of clubs and sports taking place during break times which keep the children engaged. The choices include the science club, games with Matua Henry, choir, games with the PALS group, boot camp, kapa haka, music club, garden club, sign language club and the bikes are available each day.

We have our playground sports shed which senior pupils are responsible for. The children are rostered on the duty which involves issuing sports equipment to children and checking it back in at the end of the break. The children are very conscientious and diligent when they undertake this duty.

We have senior student library monitors who are responsible for the library which is open each morning tea. There are several children who appreciate having the library to go to at morning tea.

Big thank you to the staff who run the various clubs and games during your break times, you are appreciated.

***Health Curriculum Survey:***

Next week we will email out our Health Curriculum survey. We ask that you please complete this so that we have your feedback.

Ngā mihi Cathryn Naera



**Week 6 Pride Certificate Recipients**



**Week 7 Pride Certificate Recipients**

## JUNIOR TOUGH GUY & TOUGH GAL CHALLENGE 2023

On Friday the 25th of August, a group of 8 students from Ōhope Beach School went to Rotorua to compete in the Junior Tough Guy and Tough Gal Challenge. This is a fun mud run with some obstacles to add to the excitement. The Year 3 & 4's (George, Lachie & Mathew) ran 1.5 km while the Year 5 & 6 students (Kyran, Selena, Brianna, SJ and Charlee) had to run 3 km!

At one part George was going from the water, up the hill and he slipped, face planting into the ground, but he got straight back up and kept running until he got through the endless mud at the finish line. He says, "It was so fun, and I can't wait to do it again next year!"

Brianna and Selena say, "Our favourite part was running through all the mud and going over lots of obstacles like hurdles, the big cargo net, and the net wall. We were stuck up that for about 2 min! The hardest part was going up the big hill because it was so steep and slippery, so we had to use a rope to help us."

At the end of the run, they all got to have a quick cold shower and then jump into a hot pool to warm up. They all received a medal for completing the challenge too.

The girl suggested, "If you don't mind getting muddy, and being a bit stinky, we really think you should have a go!"

By Selena King, Brianna Evans & George Ford



## Aquabots

On Tuesday 29 August we worked with Jessica, in groups, and had the chance to build an underwater robot, an aquabot. The aquabot had to be able to pick up an object, bring it to us and then put it back.

We have a controller which makes the robot go up and down and forwards and backwards which we had to attach the batteries and wires to. We needed to measure lengths of plastic tubes, put them in a vice, and cut them with a saw. We used a drill to put holes in the elbows before joining them together.

We had to waterproof the monitors with tape and toilet wax so water would not get into the motor. "The toilet wax was extremely sticky and stuck my fingers together," said Sienna.

We also used a soldering iron to attach the wires and to protect the monitors.

We had to follow the instructions to create our aquabot and Jessica helped us when we needed it. We still have some work to do to complete our project and we need to carry out a test drive in water.

We learnt a lot about using equipment safely.

**Gus:** My favourite parts were the soldering and putting the toilet wax in the motor.

**Bonny:** My favourite part was cutting the tubes up.

**Malachi:** My favourite part was putting the aquabot altogether.

**Freya:** My favourite part was drilling the holes in the elbows.

**Sienna:** My favourite part was using a soldering iron because I have not used one before.





## MUSIC TROPHY:

Matua Dominic takes singing with each of our learning spaces each day. He also takes the choir with Matua Henry and the kapa haka group with Whaea Rowena and Whaea Alex.

The children get a lot of enjoyment out of these singing sessions. The children are currently learning a new waiata for the production, we are looking forward to hearing this at the show. Thank you, Matua Dominic.



Week 6: Kauri

Week 7: Kahikatea

## ENVIRONMENT TROPHY



Week 6: Kauri Whaea Merrissa



Week 7: Ngā Huiarau Dr. Sarah



Congratulations to Kauri, Whaea Merrissa's kaitiaki, and Ngā Huiarau, Dr Sarah's kaitiaki, who were awarded the environment trophy for week 6 & 7. Keep up the good work, looking after your class environment – both inside and outside.

## PITOPITO KORERO:

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 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 ākonga, and sometimes a joke or an interesting fact.

The whakataukī shared this fortnight is: **"He kai kei aku ringa" – There is food at the end of my hands. Said by a person who can use their basic abilities and resources to create success.**



Week 7: Liam & Toula



Week 8: Quinn & Lachie

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### TERM 3:

#### Week 8:

**Friday 8 September**  
Assembly Kauri Whaea Alex.

#### Week 9:

**Te wiki o te reo Māori**  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**  
Te Tiwai Farm Trip

**Wednesday 13 September**  
Winter Sports for Year 5 & 6

**Friday 15 September**  
Assembly Ngā Huiarau Whaea Sandy  
Winter Sports for Year 3 & 4

#### Week 10:

**Monday 18 September**  
Maths team competition

**Wednesday 20 September**  
Production performances  
Matinee – 12.00pm  
Evening – 6.00pm

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
Production performance  
Evening – 6.00pm

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**  
Assembly Kauri Whaea Merrissa

House groups meet.

### TERM 3 ENDS

### TERM 4 STARTS

#### Week 1:

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**  
Term 4 starts

**Friday 13 October**  
Assembly Kahikatea Whaea Cherie

## TERM DATES: 2023

### Term Three:

Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

### Term Four

Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

Monday 23 October - Labour Day holiday

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November –  
**Teacher Development Day**

## ***Term Dates: 2024 – Teacher Development dates yet to be confirmed.***

**Term One:** Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Term Two:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Term Three:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Term Four:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 – This end date is yet to be confirmed as we are awaiting the Teacher Development dates from the Ministry of Education

## ***Absence from School:***

We have started the term with a number of children unwell as the winter season continues. If your child is going to be away from school or will be late due to an appointment, please contact the school office.

This can be done in a number of ways:

- The school app has an absentee function which allows you to phone the office, text the office or email the office.
- You can text the office on 027 750 3515
- You can phone the office on 07 312 4617
- You can call into the office, if you are dropping off siblings, and let the office staff know.
- You can email the office at [office@ohopebeach.school.nz](mailto:office@ohopebeach.school.nz)

## ***Production Poster Competition:***

Thank you to all the children who entered the production poster competition this year. It was great to see the creativity of the children around the theme “The Sky’s the Limit”.

The winning art works have been used to create the tickets for the show. We look forward to sharing the creativity of the children and the staff at the performances during week 10.

***Congratulations to the Poster Competition Winners  
Aiden, Brianna & Caleb***



## ***Production Updates:***

- Tickets are now on sale at the office, be sure to pop in to secure your seat for the performance as we have had a great response so far.
- Please keep a check on your See Saw posts, which will have information about the production items, from your child’s production teacher.
- We would really appreciate some volunteers to assist with the set up of the seating in the hall on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September. This will be at about 9.00am and should take about an hour (approximately). Please leave your name at the office with Whaea Julie or Whaea Jenny if you are able to help us out.
- On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> all the children will walk to the Ōhope Hall for a day of rehearsal. This will finish around 2.00pm at which time the children will walk back to school, unless they are catching the Harbour Road bus or the Town bus. These buses will collect the children from the Ōhope Hall at their normal times and a duty teacher will stay with the children while they wait for the bus.
- Just a reminder to bring a pillow to the show so that your seat is a little more comfortable.

**P**ositivity **R**espect **I**ntegrity **D**iligence **E**mpathy



Lots of activity and creativity during term three.





## Children's Athletics

Registrations are now open for the 2023/24 season of Children's Athletics for 5–14-year-olds.

Athletics runs from October 10th, 2023, to approx. April 2nd, 2024 (with a break over the school holidays).  
It's on Tuesdays 5.30 to 7pm

To register, follow the linked post on our Facebook Page "Whakatane Children's Athletics".  
Please note the terms and conditions of sign up, including expected conduct.



## International HOST FAMILIES Required.

Are you interested in opening your home to a teenager from another country, who is eager to get to know our Kiwi way of life?

Whakatane High School is expecting a number of new arrivals for Term 1 & Term 3, 2024 and we need more homestay families. Students pay board & other expenses.

Short Term - 1 Term, or on-call - emergency. Long term - 6, 9, or 12 months.

We would love to have more Families on our books. You do not have to have a student attending WHS to host a student.

If you would like more information.

Please contact our Homestay Coordinator Michelle Cossey either by email on [michelle.cossey@whs.co.nz](mailto:michelle.cossey@whs.co.nz) or by phone #0272876570