

**Kia Ora Koutou Katoa
Rāpare 30 Whiringa - ā - rangi ~ Thursday 30th November 2023**

The end of the term is only two weeks away and it has been a very busy time at school. The children and teachers are enjoying having the swimming pool for the end of term. Thank you to Pete and Val who ensure the pool is ready each day. The pool does have solar heating which takes the chill off for the children.

Athletics:

We have had a busy athletics season to end the term. We had a team of 18 students represent the school at the recent EBOP athletics. Unfortunately, the high jump had to be excluded due to the wet ground. Congratulations to all the children who competed and who placed in the various events.

We have also had the opportunity to see our future athletes at the Ngā Peka athletic sports and the Te Tiwai exhibition. It is great to see the children take part in the various run, jump, and throw events.

Grand Parents Day:

Last Wednesday Te Tiwai hosted their Te Ra o Ngā Kaumataua – Grandparents Day. They had an amazing number of grandparents come to share the school with their grandchildren. The children were so excited to welcome and host their special visitors. Congratulations to James and Luca who spoke to the group and welcomed them to the school. Both students spoke clearly and confidently and with pride. The children performed a number of waiata which impressed us all and then concluded the welcome with our production finale dance “Reach for the Stars”. The children then took their visitors to their rooms where they shared their learning with them. The morning concluded with morning tea in the hall and the opportunity to meet and catch up with other visitors. Thank you for the morning tea food donations, the group had a beautiful morning tea. Tino pai to all the tamariki and the Kaiako for the work that went into this successful morning.

Cram the Van:

Thank you so much for your generosity on Monday. Cram the Van is an annual event now and we are always impressed with the donations that are received. This event allows us to model our value of Empathy as we think of those who may be in need at this time of year. Thank you to the senior students who helped packed boxes and transport them to the van. The children were great ambassadors for the school and completed the radio interview with pride in their school.



Student Progress Reports:

As the end of the year approaches the staff have been busy reviewing the progress of their students. A report of progress and achievement will be included in the student’s portfolio at the end of the year.

Ngā mihi Cathryn Naera

Week 6 - Pride Certificates



Week 7 - Pride Certificates



Road Patrol Students 2023:

Whaea Sandy and the road patrol students had their celebration day out on Friday 24th November. The children who have carried out road patrol this year are to be commended for their dedication and commitment to the role. They have been an awesome group who have always helped each other out and have willingly carried out extra duties if needed. The children have never complained about the weather conditions and have been a real credit to the school.



Thank you to the adults who have volunteered each morning, to support the students, we really appreciate your support and commitment.

Thank you to Dr. Sarah who has had the responsibility of organising the road patrol students this year, we appreciate the work that has gone into ensuring the safety of the students as they arrive and leave school each day.

Grandparents Day Recounts

On Raapa my Nana came to Ōhope Beach School for Grandparents Day. She was so impressed with my mahi. She loved the children's singing.
Bran

On Grandparents Day my mums Mum came. First Nana went in the Hall. Next nana came to my classroom. Later Nan went to Sebastian's class. I felt Miharo.
Helen

On Raapa we saw some grandparents. It was so much fun. I had a great time. Some grandparents had wheelchairs and some others did not look old like others.
Charli

On Grandparents Day my neighbours came, we showed them our portfolios, writing books, art work and the playground. It was a big surprise that they came. I did an amazing speech to welcome them,
Luca

At Ōhope Beach School we had Grandparents Day. We showed them around our class. We had Grandparents Day yesterday. We introduced our Grandparents. We showed our Grandparents our writing books, artwork, our calendar, family corner and portfolios. We had a big surprise because we had a lot of food.
Olive.

On Raapa I saw Libby, my NZ Nana. I showed Libby the toys. I had a delicious cookie. Two grandparents had wheelchairs. I felt harikoa.
Floris.

Thank you for sharing your writing with us, it certainly was a lovely morning.

Sports Uniforms:

As the end of year approaches, we are collecting in all sports uniforms which have been issued this year. We want to carry out our stocktake in preparation for 2024. The touch season is the last event to be completed. Please check at home for any uniforms and return them to school please.

Library Stocktake:

Julie is in the process of getting the library ready for its annual stocktake. Julie does a great job making sure the children have access to quality resources. We ask that you have a hunt at home for any library books which need to be returned. The children are still able to use the library, but we are not issuing any more books at this time of year.

Next year the library will be moving to a new refurbished location. We look forward to the new layout and being able to continue to share a love of books with the children.

MUSIC TROPHY:

Singing remains a strong feature of the school and it is great to hear the children singing with a lot of passion and enthusiasm. Matua Dominic works with each learning space each week and the children appreciate this time to express themselves in song.



Week 6: Manuka



Week 7: Te Tiwai



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ENVIRONMENT TROPHY

Congratulations to Manuka and Kahikatea who were awarded the environment trophy for week 6 and week 7 of this term.

Keep up the good work, looking after your class environment, both inside and outside.



Week 7: Kahikatea

Week 7: Cleve & Ivy

PITOPITO KORERO:

Every morning, at 8:30am, a pair of Year 6 students read out our Pitopito Kōrero, the morning news. During week 7 & 8 we have **Diligence** as our focus, and some associated wisdom. They also share the whakataukī for the fortnight and any notices for the ākongā.



The whakataukī shared this fortnight is: **“Kāore te kumara e kōrero mō tōna ake reka”**
The kumara (sweet potato) does not say how sweet it is. This proverb reminds us of the value of humbleness.



Week 8: Nirja & Liam

UPCOMING EVENTS:

TERM 4

Week 8:

Thursday 30 November

Year 5 Surf Day Out

T-Ball Sports Day Y1-Y4

Friday 1 December:

Assembly – Kowhai Mrs England

Week 9:

Tuesday 5 December

BoT Meeting 5.30pm

Wednesday 6 December:

Te Tiwai day trip

Thursday 7 December:

Year 6 Waimarino trip

Friday 8 December:

Assembly – Kauri Whaea Alex

House Group Morning

Week 10:

Tuesday 12 December:

Year 6 Leaver's Dinner

Friday 15 December:

11.00am Final Assembly
12.00pm School Ends

TERM 1 - 2024:

School Office Open

9.00am to 12.00pm

Thursday 25 January

Tuesday 30th January

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Teacher Development Day

Friday 26th January:

Transition morning for new students starting in Manuka

Week 1:

Monday 29th January:

Auckland Anniversary holiday

Wednesday 31st January:

Term one starts.

Friday 2nd February:

Assembly – Ngā Huiarau Jones

Week 2:

Tuesday 6th February:

Waitangi Day holiday

Planning for 2024:

We are in the process of confirming our staffing for 2024. We have three staff who are moving on to new positions in 2024.

- Matua Sam will be taking up a teaching position at Otumoetai Intermediate in Tauranga.
- Dr Sarah will be taking up a teaching position at Whakatāne Intermediate.
- Matua Henry will be taking up a teaching position at Tauriko School in Tauranga.

All three staff members have made valuable contributions to Ōhope Beach School, and we wish them all the best with this new stage of their teaching careers.

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

Term One: Wednesday 31st January 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024

Term Two: Monday 29th April 2024 to Friday 5th July 2024

Term Three: Monday 22nd July 2024 to Friday 27th September 2024

Term Four: Monday 14th October 2024 to Tuesday 17th December 2024

Absence from School:

If your child is going to be away from school, 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

Gift Parcels for our Bus Drivers:

Next week we will be accepting donations to go in our gift boxes for the bus drivers. Each day the drivers transport the children to and from school safely. The children are very respectful to the drivers and appreciate the service they provide.

We thank you for your generosity and look forward to thanking our drivers.



LOOKING FOR A YEAR-ROUND SPORTING PROGRAMME FOR YOUR CHILD?

Our junior aquatic programme bridges the gap between learn-to-swim and squad swimming with an emphasis on;

- water safety knowledge
- learning and refining stroke mechanics and putting these into practice with consistency
- having fun, working in a group setting, forming new friendships

Enrolments are OPEN ahead of the 2024 weekly Junior Programme kicking off from the 15th January.

Visit our website www.whakataneswimmingclub.co.nz for more information or email coach.whakatanesc@gmail.com to enrol.

Positivity **R**espect **I**ntegrity **D**iligence **E**mpathy










DECEMBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

OASIS will be based at **Port Ōhope Playcentre**

An additional \$5 venue fee per child per day. Hourly rate of \$6 per child. Enrolment forms required for new enrolments only.

OPENING HOURS: 8AM – 5:30PM

Please pack lunch, hats, togs and towels everyday.

MONDAY 18 th DECEMBER	TUESDAY 19 th DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 20 th DECEMBER	THURSDAY 21 st DECEMBER	FRIDAY 22 nd DECEMBER
MITRE 10 CRAFT 'Build your own crafts' donated from Mitre 10.	SANDCASTLE COMP/ BOMB COMP Jumping off the wharf (optional).	TROLLS BAND TOGETHER MOVIE	PADDLEBOARDS MEGALADONS We will paddleboard at 10am.	FISHING OFF THE WHARF Please bring your own rods Bait supplied.
				
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