

## **Kia Ora Koutou Katoa** **Rāpare 14 Hakihea ~ Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

We are well into the last week of the year and had the pleasure of farewelling our year six students on Tuesday night. The students all had a meal together, with their teachers, which was followed by presentations in the hall with their families. We have 36 students who will be moving onto Intermediate School, and we wish them all the very best with this next stage of schooling. We are sure they will take up the many challenges and opportunities that are on offer to them.

To the students who are leaving Ōhope Beach School at the end of the year we wish you all the very best. Some are off to different parts of New Zealand while some are heading overseas. We wish you safe travels and a smooth transition into your new learning environments.

### **Staffing for 2024:**

We have a few staff leaving at the end of the year and a number of new staff joining the school next year.

### **Leaving Staff:**

Whaea Jude has made the decision to resign from her teacher aide position after many years of service to the school. Jude has worked with many staff, many students and in many rooms during her time here and has also kept our book room up to date. We wish her all the very best as she takes time to enjoy her garden and her family.

Dr Sarah is taking up a teaching position at Whakatāne Intermediate. I am sure our children will enjoy catching up with her when they start at the intermediate.

Matua Henry is giving up his daily commute from Papamoa to take up a teaching position at Tauriko School in Tauranga. Henry celebrated his wedding two weeks ago and I am sure he will appreciate being much closer to home next year.

Matua Sam will be taking up a teaching position at Otumoetai Intermediate, in his hometown of Tauranga, next year. I am sure Sam will appreciate being closer to his whanau.

We thank all these staff members for the contributions they have made to the students at Ōhope Beach School. We wish you all the best with your future adventures.

### **New Staff:**

We have three new teachers joining our team next year. Robyn Galbraith, Holly Simonsen and Zoe Webb will start working at Ōhope Beach School in 2024. We look forward to welcoming them to the school and to the contributions each of them will make here.

### **Classes for 2024:**

Our **Year 5 & 6** students will be in our Ngā Huiarau learning space next year. We have been able to set up four class groups for this team next year. The staff will be Sandy Jones (Team Leader), Holly Simonsen, Merrissa Shipton and Robyn Galbraith.

Our **Year 3 & 4** students will be in our Kowhai and Kahikatea learning spaces next year. Kowhai staff will be Karen England and Dana White. Kahikatea staff will be Cherie Walker (Team Leader) and Zoe Webb.

Our **Year 1 & 2** students will be in our Kauri learning spaces upstairs. The staff will be Alex Hanlen (Team Leader) and Laura McCarthy.

Our **new Year 1** students will be in the Manuka learning space with Meg Broadhurst and Emma Gibson who job share the teaching role. These will be our children starting school for the first time.

Lynda Wylie, Rowena Findlater and Jenny Jones will work part time in the school next year.

### **Meet the Teacher:**

The students will visit their 2024 learning space this afternoon and most will meet their new teacher. Unfortunately, Zoe is not able to be with us this afternoon as she is working in her current school.

### **Class Lists:**

The class list will be sent out today. A lot of time and discussion has gone into the placement of students for 2024. We have worked to keep our class sizes as low as possible which does benefit the children.

### **Manuka - Meet the Teacher:**

Meg and Emma will have an open morning, at school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January, for the new children and their whanau to come in for a visit. This will be from 9.00am to 11.30am. and will provide an opportunity for the new children to familiarise themselves with the environment and meet the other children and their teachers.

### **Board of Trustees:**

Sarah Evans completed her term on the board at our meeting this week. We thank Sarah for her commitment to the role of Presiding Member (Board Chair) and to the students at the school.

Sharnika Dowthwaite has been elected as the Presiding Member (Board Chair) for the interim period until the first Board meeting of 2024. The first board meeting is planned for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Holiday Work:**

During the holiday break there will be a few building projects being carried out around the school. Please take care if you are coming into the grounds as builders will be on site.

### **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 do not have an huge supply of shirt sizes so it can be beneficial for the children to have their own. There are also jackets which a number of the children have purchased.

The online shop also have stocks of our House shirts.

All children are issued with a house shirt, free, on enrolment thanks to the generosity of our sponsors: Ray White Real Estate, Holland Beckett, Ōhope Medical Centre and Ōhope Beach Four Square.

As your child grows you may want to purchase a bigger size shirt.

The online shop is now open and orders will close on the **28th December**. Delivery is planned for **12 February 2024**.

Here is the link to the online shop <https://ospreysports.com/club-shops/>

Thank you for all the support you have given the school this year. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Stay safe and enjoy the time with your families.

We look forward to seeing the children back at school in 2024.

Ngā mihi Cathryn Naera



### **SPORTS UNIFORMS:**

We still need some of our sports uniforms to be returned please. We do not want to be chasing up uniforms at the start of the new year. These are all new uniforms this year and we look forward to seeing the children compete in them in the new year.

### **LIBRARY BOOKS:**

Julie is working to have her stocktake of the library complete by the end of the year. Please have a check at home for any library books or student readers. We appreciate having these returned so we can use them again in the new year.



## **Term Dates: 2024**

**Teacher Development dates will be confirmed at the start of 2024**

**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

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

### **TERM 4**

#### **Week 10:**

#### **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 30<sup>th</sup> January

#### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January:**

Teacher Development Day

#### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January:**

Transition morning for new students starting in Manuka  
9.00am to 11.30am

### **Week 1:**

#### **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January:**

Auckland Anniversary holiday

#### **Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January:**

Term one starts.

#### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February:**

Assembly – Ngā Huiarau Jones

### **Week 2:**

#### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February:**

Waitangi Day holiday



## **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 15<sup>th</sup> January.**

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