

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa
Rāpare 1 Hui-tanguru ~ Thursday 1 February 2024

Welcome back for the 2024 school year. We are happy to see the children back at school and ready to engage in their learning. Welcome to the new children who have joined our school and our community. We look forward to getting to know you.

This year we welcome three new staff members to the school. Holly Simonsen and Robyn Galbraith are teaching year 5 & 6 in Ngā Huiarau. Zoe Webb is teaching year 3 & 4 in Kahikatea and Jenny Jones has returned and will be working every Wednesday and Thursday this year.

Our 2024 teaching teams.

Te Tiwai Team:

Our Te Tiwai team consists of the staff and children in Manuka and Kauri. Kauri is the name for the three rooms upstairs in the older part of the school. Alex Hanlen is the team leader of Te Tiwai and the Deputy Principal of the school.

Manuka:

Emma Gibson (Whaea Emma) and Meg Broadhurst (Whaea Meg) are the teachers of our year 1 children in Manuka. These are the children who have just started school this year. Whaea Meg is responsible for the before school visits and liaising with new children and their families. Whaea Emma will work each Monday and Tuesday and Whaea Meg will work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week. Manuka is located on the ground floor closest to the entrance to the school.



Whaea Emma



Whaea Meg

Kauri:

Alex Hanlen (Whaea Alex) and Laura McCarthy (Whaea Laura) are the teachers of our Kauri learning space which is located upstairs. Our year 1 & 2 children are in this learning space.



Whaea Alex



Whaea Laura

Ngā Peka Team:

Our two learning spaces which make up the Ngā Peka team are Kahikatea and Kowhai. Our year 3 & 4 children are in these learning spaces. Whaea Cherie is the team leader of Ngā Peka.

Kahikatea:

Cherie Walker (Whaea Cherie) and Zoe Webb (Miss Webb) are the teachers who will work in Kahikatea. Kahikatea is located upstairs.



Whaea Cherie



Miss Webb

Kowhai:

Karen England (Mrs England) and Dana White (Whaea Dana) are the teachers in Kowhai this year. The class is located on the ground floor opposite Manuka.



Mrs England



Whaea Dana

Ngā Huiarau Team:

The large upstairs learning space at the front of the school makes up Ngā Huiarau and consists of four kaitiaki groups. These are our year 5 and 6 children. Whaea Sandy is the team leader of Ngā Huiarau and the Deputy Principal of the school.

Sandy Jones (Whaea Sandy), Holly Galbraith (Whaea Holly), Merrissa Shipton (Whaea Merrissa) and Robyn Galbraith (Whaea Robyn) are the teachers in this team.



Whaea Sandy



Whaea Holly



Whaea Merrissa



Whaea Robyn

**Learning Support:**

Angela Gouk is the school Learning Support Co-ordinator. Her office is located opposite the school office. She is also the reading recovery teacher.

Regular teachers in the school:

Whaea Rowena will work with Whaea Alex each Thursday She will also work with our kapa haka children.

Whaea Lynda will work in Ngā Huiarau this year. She will be at school each Wednesday and Thursday. Jenny Jones will work in Kahikatea each Thursday



Whaea Rowena



Whaea Lynda



Whaea Jenny

Office Staff:

Jenny McKenzie and Julie Staniland are our Office Managers. The office is open from 8.00am to 3.00pm each day.

These are the staff members who will phone you if your child is absent, and we have not had a message, or if your child is unwell.

Julie is also the school librarian and looks after our IT equipment.

**Our Support Staff:**

Matua Dominic, Whaea Jo, Whaea Liezl, Whaea Rachel, Whaea Vanessa and Whaea Sinea make up our support staff team. They work in various learning spaces across the school. We are very fortunate to have a committed, hardworking team at the school.

Caretakers:

Pete and Val are our husband and wife team who look after the school caretaking. They work each morning and each afternoon.

Family Picnic – Meet the Teachers and school whanau:

Next Thursday we will hold a family picnic and meet the teacher evening for the community. We will start around 5.15pm and encourage you to bring along a picnic dinner and have the opportunity to meet our school community. At 6.15pm staff will move to their learning spaces where they will meet with you informally.

A sausage sizzle and ice blocks will be available on the night as well. This is a fundraiser for the Ngā Huiarau camp later this term. Sausages will be available for \$2.50 and ice blocks \$1.00. We are not doing preorders; these will be available on the night.

Contact Information:

As we start the new year, we would appreciate you updating any contact information we have for you and your family. Next week a form will come home which has the current contact details and health information. Please review this, make any changes and return it to the school office.

Bus Information:

The Blue bus (town bus) is still free for the children to ride to and from school. However, each child does need to have a Bee Card but there is no charge.

Whaea Sandy will send a bus contract home with those children who do use the bus service. Please return this to school as soon as possible. This also confirms your child is using the service and we are able to add them to our bus registers. This is for all three of the bus services we have.

Swimming:

Our pool is ready for swimming and your child can bring their togs and towel for their swimming sessions. **Please name togs and towels** as they often end up in the lost property. Your child's teacher will be able to tell you which days your child has swimming. Thank you to our caretakers, Pete and Val, for ensuring the pool was ready for us this term.

Ōhope Beach School Donations:

The donation is used to cover shows, Life Education, Transport to and from events, Science Expo, Reading Eggs and sports subsidies. We appreciate your donation which can be paid as a lump sum or each term. Unfortunately we do not qualify for the government funding or free lunches which other schools in the area receive.

Number of children in family attending Ōhope Beach School	Payment per term for the family	TOTAL payment for the year for the family
1 child	\$37.50	\$150.00
2 children	\$70.00	\$280.00
3 children	\$97.50	\$390.00

You can either pay the full amount or pay on a term-by-term basis.

You can pay your donation using internet banking – please use “School Donation” as the reference and include your child's name.

Our bank account details are as follows:

ASB – Whakatane
123253 0057930 00
A/c Name: Ōhope Beach School

Pitopito Korero:

Each day we have senior students who present our Pitopito Korero (morning news) over the sound system to all classes. The presenters always introduce themselves when they start their broadcast. Other items include the karakia, our fortnightly whakatauki, our Te Reo phrase for the week and notices for students.

The children present for a week and all year 6 children will have the opportunity to present throughout the year.

This week we welcome Archie and Riley who have started the year for us. Well done to the two of you for being the first to take up this responsibly for our first week at school.



This week the whakataukī we are sharing is: **He manu hou ahau, he pi ka rere**

This whakatauki means: I am like a fledgling, a newborn bird just learning to fly. This relates to learning new skills as young learners.

Our Te Reo phrase for the week is: **Kei te pēhea koe? How are you?**

Lost Property:

We would like to work on having less lost property this year. You can help with this by ensuring all items are named. This includes drink bottles and lunch boxes which sometimes end up in the lost property as well. Term one is also when we end up with togs and towels in the lost property. Please name these items when they come to school.

Stationery:

Thank you for getting your child's stationery ready for the new year. Stationery lists are available from the office or on the school website. Paper plus also have the stationery lists available in their store.

Library:

The school library is open and children will be able to bring library books home to enjoy. A book bag is a good idea for these so they do not get damaged while in your child's bag.

Wheels Wednesday:

We continue with Wheels Wednesday this year. Children can bring their bike, scooter, skateboard etc. to use on the courts. They will need shoes and a helmet as well please.

House Groups:

All children will be in a house group with siblings in the same house group. All new children to the school will be given a house shirt which can be worn each Friday when we have house group activities. We will have our first house group get together tomorrow morning. We thank our generous sponsors who make it possible for us to provide these shirts free to the children. Ray White Real Estate sponsor Mangōpare; Four Square sponsor Paea; Holland Beckett sponsor Aihe; and Ōhope Medical Centre sponsor Tohorā.



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Mangōpare



Four Square
Paea



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Aihe

Ōhope Medical Centre
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School Crossing:

Just a reminder to be vigilant when using the crossing or driving through the crossing now we are back at school. Our road patrol students are at the crossing from 8.00am to 8.30am and from 2.25pm to 2.45pm.

Jibbets:

Just a reminder that we asked that jibbets not be worn to school on crocs anymore. The children are aware of this and we appreciate your support.

Information Booklet:

We have updated our school information Booklet and this can be found on the School Website.

School App:

Currently there are a number of communication tools available. We have set up a school app which you will be able to download and gives you access to school information on your mobile phone.

You can download the app by searching for SchoolAppsNZ.

Once you have downloaded this app you will be prompted to search for the School. You will be able to notify the school of student absences via the app either by phone or email. The school newsletter will also be sent out each fortnight on the app.



Ngā mihi
Cathryn Naera

Term Dates: 2024	UPCOMING EVENTS:
<p>Term One: Wednesday 31st January 2024 to Friday 12th April 2024</p> <p>Term Two: Monday 29th April 2024 to Friday 5th July 2024</p> <p>Term Three: Monday 22nd July 2024 to Friday 27th September 2024</p> <p>Term Four: Monday 14th October 2024 to Tuesday 17th December 2024</p> <p>Holidays during 2024:</p> <p>Term 1: Tuesday 6th February – Waitangi Day Friday 29th March – Good Friday Monday 1st April – Easter Monday Tuesday 2nd April – Easter Tuesday</p> <p>Term 2: Monday 3rd June – King’s Birthday Friday 28th June – Matariki</p> <p>Term 3: Friday 23rd August - Teacher Development Day</p> <p>Term 4: Monday 28th October – Labour Day</p> <p>Teacher Development Dates Yet to Be Confirmed:</p> <p>Term 2: 1 day between Monday 27 May & Friday 7 June</p> <p>Term 4: 1 day between Monday 21 October & Friday 25 November</p> <p>These are Ministry of Education days to work on the changes to the curriculum.</p>	<p>Week 1: Friday 2nd February: Assembly – Ngā Huiarau Whaea Sandy</p> <p>Week 2: Tuesday 6th February: Waitangi Day holiday</p> <p>Thursday 8th February Family picnic 5.00pm</p> <p>Friday 9th February Assembly – Kahikatea Whaea Cherie</p> <p>Week 3: Thursday 15th February BoP Triathlon</p> <p>Friday 16th February Assembly – Kauri Whaea Laura</p> <p>Week 4: Tuesday 20th February BoT Meeting 5.30pm</p> <p>Thursday 22nd February EBoP Touch</p> <p>Friday 23rd February Assembly – Ngā Huiarau Whaea Merrissa</p> <p>Week 5: Monday 26th February Swimming Sports for children 9+years</p>

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Hae Taekwon-Do officially returns 5th February!

Ages 5 - 11 5:30 - 6:45

Ages 12 and up 6:30 - 8pm



Apanui Primary School, entrance
through Pounama place

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Can't wait to see you there!!