

## **Kia Ora Koutou Katoa Rāpare 28 Poutū-te-rangi ~ Thursday 28 March 2024**

Term one has been a busy term with lots of various activities for our students along with their in-class programmes. Thank you to the students for modelling our Pride values in all their work. It has been great to see so many students try new activities and to see them supporting their peers.

### **Staffing:**

We have a new teacher, Mrs Hand, who will work in the school each Wednesday. Mrs Hand will be taking singing and music with the students. She has started with us this week and I am so impressed by our students who participated with respect and enthusiasm.

### **Easter Tuesday:**

Just in case you aren't aware, the Tuesday following Easter Monday is a school holiday (but not a statutory holiday), meaning school must not be open. The children will return to school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

### **Camp Year 5 & 6:**

Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday our Year 5 & 6 students will be away at their camp at Totara Springs. The team will leave early Wednesday morning and return after school ends on Friday. Thank you to the Whaea Sandy and the Ngā Huiarau team of teachers who have been organising the camp and getting everything ready for the trip. Also thank you to the parents who are attending the camp in support of the staff and students. We wish all of you a safe and enjoyable trip away.

### **Swimming:**

Our pool is now closed for the season. It has been great to see the students engaged in their swimming instruction along with water safety lessons. Thank you to Flick who has been volunteering with classes and who has been providing lunchtime swim sessions for those who need a bit more confidence. Big thank you to Pete and Val who have ensured the pool was ready each day for the students.

### **Building Works:**

If you have been into school this week you will have seen that our junior playground and surrounds are fenced off at present. The beams that support the deck, outside our Kauri classes, are being replaced as the current ones are rusting. During the holiday break all three Kauri classes will have an upgrade of their rooms. We apologise for the disruption this is currently causing but it is necessary work.

### **Easter Raffle:**

The Easter Basket raffle was drawn yesterday, and we congratulate the nine winners. The funds raised have gone towards the year 5 & 6 camp next week. Thank you all for your support of this fundraiser.

### **Epro8:**

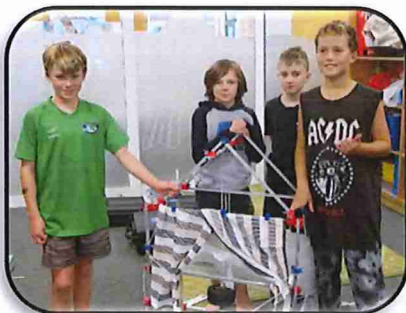
We have held our Epro 8 classroom challenges, where all of the Ngā Huiarau students participated in teams to make an Earthquake platform. From there, we held our finals. The students chose to build either a puppet show stage or a queen's throne. They had so much fun!

The finalists are:

Team 1: Riley M, SJ, Harper BB, Freya S and Sofie S.

Team 2: Gus F, Ben M, Freddie E, Archie T and Noah L

Congratulations! Our next competition will be at Whakatane Intermediate on the 8th of May, 9.30 - 12.30 pm. More information will be sent out to our finalist whanau.



## Possum Trapping

On a sunny Monday morning we tramped through the damp field adjacent to Ōhope Beach School, on the Ngati awa block, to set some Flipping Timmys which are possum traps. It has bait at the front of the trap to attract the possum. When the possum steps in a lever is pulled which causes a blunt blade to drop down and land on the possum's head. Then the possum hangs off the side of the trap until people come and check it. To set it up you need a tree with not many branches, so the possums don't eat the leaves they just eat the bait. I went with the blue group and the trappers Simon, Jamie, Summer and Thomas. We set three traps up on tall trees and put the bait on the trap. Then you set it. We will be checking the traps quite often as we can see it from our playground.

By Archie Thompson



## Surf Competition

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 23 children from Ōhope Beach School took part in the surf competition held at Westend. We were in teams of 3 or 4 and we competed against other Whakatāne Schools. At the start of the day the surf was calm but later it got a bit dumpy. It was a hot day and we had a good time.

We competed in tag team events and we had 5 minutes to catch two waves each. There were judges who scored our rides.

We improvised and did dance moves as we surfed as the surf was a bit calm.

Two of our teams made it into the finals where they came second and fourth. Spot prizes were awarded at the end of the day.

We had three free time sessions when we could swim and surf. The adults had a surf and they had to catch one wave, they were not as good as us. Thank you to Whaea Merrissa and the parents who looked after us.

Gus, Billy, Winnie, Riley, Noah, Makai and Blake.



## Lost Property:

We still have a few large piles of sweatshirts in our lost property collection. The lost property is currently in the music room. We will put it in the hall for checking during the last week of term.

### Pitopito Korero:

The children continue with enthusiasm and are confidently presenting our Pitopito Korero each morning. I commend the children on their pronunciation and clarity of speech and their collaboration as they prepare each morning.



Week 8: Billy & Selena



Week 9: Xander & Cruz

This week the whakataukī we are sharing is:

***Kia mau ki te tokanga nui a noho.***

This whakataukī means: ***There is no place like home.***

Te Reo phrase for the week is: ***Ko wai tō hoa? Who is your friend? Ko ..... toku hoa.***

### PRIDE Certificates

Congratulations to the students who have received a Pride Certificate for demonstrating our Pride values at school. Great work everyone.



Pride Certificate Week 8



Pride Certificate Week 7

### Environment Trophy:

Each week a trophy is awarded to a learning space for looking after their environment both inside and outside. Thank you to all the children for modelling kaitiakitanga in our kura.



Week 7 – Kahikatea

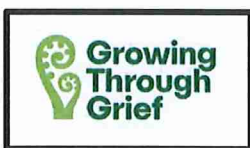
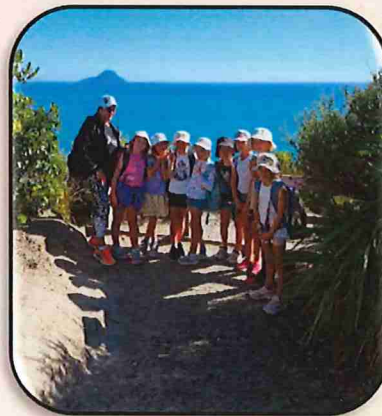
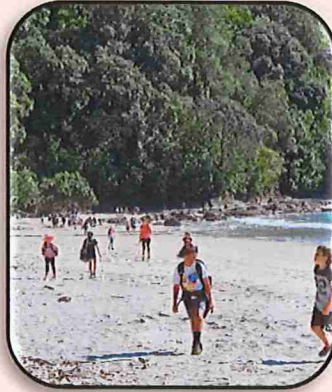
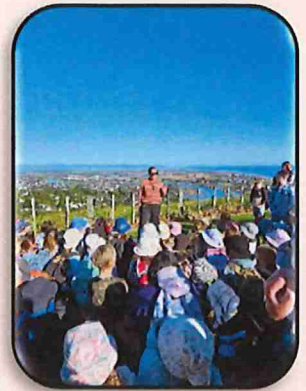


Week 8 – Kowhai

### Ngā Peka Team Trip:

Last week Ngā Peka had a trip to Otarawairere for the day. They travelled by bus to Kapu Te Rangi where Whaea Alex spoke of the history of this site. After this the team walked part of the Ngā Tapuwae o Toi walkway to Otarawairere Beach where they explored the rockpools, native bush and beach. It was an awesome day.

Thank you to all the parents who attended and supported the students and staff on the day. The walk was challenging, with a lot of steps, and we thank you for your support.



Next term we will start another round of the Seasons for Growth programme at Ōhope Beach School. This programme is where a companion will work with a small group of children of similar ages to complete activities around each season for 8 weeks. This could mean changes in a child's life, moving house, town, school, city, country, a death of a close one, separation anxiety, change in circumstances, changes in working circumstances to name a few. Children are given options to talk about their change, loss and grief, understand their feelings and explore other approaches to build on these skills by integrating them. This is an educational based programme.

This successful programme has been run at Ohope Beach School for the last three years and is for 6-year-olds and upwards and there has been positive feedback from both whanau and tamariki involved.

Contact Angela Gouk for more information or if you are interested in your child taking part.  
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<b>Term Dates: 2024</b>	<b>UPCOMING EVENTS:</b>
<p><b>Term One:</b> Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024</p> <p><b>Term Two:</b> Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024</p> <p><b>Term Three:</b> Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024</p> <p><b>Term Four:</b> Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024</p> <p><b>Holidays during 2024:</b></p> <p><b>Term 1:</b> Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Waitangi Day Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Good Friday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Monday Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Easter Tuesday</p> <p><b>Term 2:</b> Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – King’s Birthday Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Matariki <b>Friday 31 May – Teacher Development Day</b></p> <p><b>Term 3: Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August - Teacher Development Day</b></p> <p><b>Term 4:</b> Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Labour Day <b>Teacher Development Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b></p> <p><b>Teacher Development Dates this year:</b></p> <p><b>Term 2:</b> Friday 31 May <b>Term 3:</b> Friday 23 August <b>Term 4:</b> Friday 15 November</p> <p>These are Ministry of Education days to work on the changes to the curriculum.</p>	<p><b>Week 9:</b> <b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> Good Friday – Holiday</p> <p><b>Week 10:</b> <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> Easter Holiday</p> <p><b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> Easter Holiday</p> <p><b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> Ngā Huiarau to Totara Springs</p> <p><b>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b> Ngā Huiarau at Totara Springs</p> <p><b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b> Ngā Huiarau at Totara Springs</p> <p>Assembly - Kahikatea Whaea Cherie</p> <p><b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April</b> Daylight savings ends</p> <p><b>Week 11:</b> <b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> Assembly – Kowhai Whaea Dana House Groups End of Term One</p> <p><b>TERM 2</b> <b>Week 1:</b> <b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b> Term 2 starts.</p> <p><b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> Assembly – Kahikatea Whaea Zoe</p>

Thank you to our House Groups Sponsors who enable us to have house shirts for the students.



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## APRIL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

\$7 per hour, per child. Casual bookings welcome. Please contact Vanessa for an enrolment form if your child has not previously attended OASIS.

**OPENING HOURS: 8AM – 5:30PM**

Please be at school before 9:30am for bus trips and walking adventures. Children will need to bring a packed lunch, afternoon tea will be supplied.

MONDAY 15 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	TUESDAY 16 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	THURSDAY 18 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	FRIDAY 19 <sup>th</sup> APRIL
<b>HORSE RIDING AT RDA</b> • \$15 for 15 minute ride • Wear closed footwear or boots & pants • Complete a riding disclaimer form • Bus departs at 9:45am	<b>TALENT QUEST</b> Vanessa will provide karaoke machine and dress ups. Kids welcome to bring instruments or props	<b>HUKUTAIA DOMAIN</b> Bush walk. We will go even if it rains, so please pack a jacket and footwear.	<b>CARVING</b> Please wear old clothes.	<b>NERF GUN</b> Please bring your own nerf gun & glasses. Vanessa will provide the bullets.
				
<b>ADDITIONAL COST:</b> \$15 (Horse Ride) + \$8 Bus	<b>ADDITIONAL COST:</b> No additional charge	<b>ADDITIONAL COST:</b> \$8 Bus	<b>ADDITIONAL COST:</b> \$7 for materials	<b>ADDITIONAL COST:</b> No additional charge

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