

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Rāpare 5 Hakihea ~ Thursday 5 December 2024

This has been another busy term and we are almost at the end of the school year. This week Ngā Peka attended their Ohiwa Camp. They left school on Wednesday morning and are having a great time. It was my pleasure to have dinner with them on Wednesday night and to see them all taking part in the various activities. I thank the staff who are on camp as some of them have not been well. Thank you for your dedication to the students in your team.

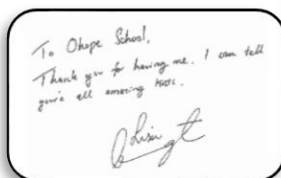
Swimming:

The pool is being well used, especially with this really warm weather. Thank you to Richie who works on the pool each day to ensure it is ready for the children.

Dame Lisa Carrington:

Thank you to Felicity Hernandez who managed to arrange the visit by Dame Lisa Carrington to the school last week. What an honour to host such an amazing role model.

Dame Lisa read her recently published book to the children then answered questions the children had. They also all got to hold one of her gold medals.



Alex Hanlen:

As you know Whaea Alex ends her service at Ōhope Beach School after teaching here for 25 years. Alex has made many contributions to the school, and she will be missed greatly. Join us at assembly on Friday 13th December when the children thank her for her years of service.

Sun Hats:

Term four is a sun hat term. Please make sure your child has a named sun hat that they can wear when they are out in the playground at school.

Lost Property:

Our lost property box is full again. If you are in school, please check the box just in case there is something there that you recognise. We will have the lost property out on display next week so children can have a good look.

Library Books:

Whaea Julie will be carrying out her library stock take next week. There are still a large number of books issued to students. Please check at home for any books that need to be returned. Thank you.

Sports Uniforms:

With all the sports coming to an end we ask that you send all sports uniforms back to school so they are ready for the new year. We will do a stock take of uniforms and place an order for some of the sizes we are short of.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM 4

Week 8:

Thursday 5th December:

Ngā Peka Camp at Ohiwa
T-Ball for Year 1 & 2 children

Friday 6th December:

Ngā Peka Camp at Ohiwa

Assembly: Manuka

House Groups meet.

Week 9:

Monday 9th December:

sKids information evening.
6.00pm to 6.45pm

Tuesday 10th December:

Year 6 Leavers Dinner.

Te Tiwai trip to Maraetotara Park. 11.00am to 1.00pm

Wednesday 11th December:

Year 5 celebration day out.

Ngā Peka Athletics
Demonstration

Thursday 12th December:

Year 6 to Waimarino

Friday 13th December:

Assembly: Year 6 students

Week 10:

Tuesday 17th December:

Final Assembly – 11.00am

School finishes at the
conclusion of the assembly.

2025:

Wednesday 29th January:

Teacher Development Day for
staff.

School Office pen 9.00am to
12.00pm

Friday 31st January:

Visit for new children starting
in Manuka 9.00am to 10.30am

School Office open 9.00am to
12.00pm

Week 1:

Monday 3rd February:

Term One starts at 8.30am

Friday 7th February:

Teacher Development Day

Future Enrolments: We are open for enrolment for the 2025 school year.

If you are in zone we welcome your enrolment at Ōhope Beach School. If your child is due to start school next year please give us a call or pop into the office.

We use this information to plan for the new year.

If you are out of zone and are interested in attending Ōhope Beach School please give us a call. We welcome your enquiries.

Phone: 07 312 4617 or email office@ohopebeach.school.nz

Appreciation:

At the end of each year we present our bus drivers with a gift box of goodies kindly donated by children who use the bus services.

If you use the Harbour Road bus, the Town bus or the Wainui bus we would like to ask that you donate some goodies for our gift boxes.

We really appreciate our bus drivers who do a great job transporting the students.

Any goodies can be dropped off in the office in preparation for the end of the year.

Thank you



Cram the Van:

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Cram the Van.

The van was at school last Thursday and we were once again humbled by the donations we received. We know this is a difficult time of year and your generosity is appreciated.

The hosts were thankful for the donations which the children helped load into the van.

Tumeke Ōhope Beach School community.



Oasis and sKids: (Safe Kids in Daily Supervision)

As we approach the end of the year we wish to thank Vanessa, and her Oasis team, for all that they have done in the years that Oasis has been running here at Ōhope Beach School. Vanessa is a very kind and caring person who has been very generous throughout her time with Oasis and we wish her all the very best as she takes up new challenges.

We have partnered with sKids who will provide after school care next year. They will be at school next Monday to view the site and our resources. There will also be a parent information evening from 6.00pm to 6.45pm in the hall. See the noticed below for the information.

JOIN US FOR A PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

We would like to take the opportunity to introduce our programme and answer any questions you may have. Please join us for refreshments and festive nibbles.

When: Monday 9th December
Time: 6:00 - 6:45pm
Where: Ohope Beach School Hall

sKids

Pitopito Korero:

Our senior children are keen and enthusiastic when it is their turn to present our morning Pitopito Korero. The children take time each morning to review their scripts and practice their pronunciation. Well done to all the students for taking up this challenge throughout the year.

This week the whakataukī we are sharing is:
“Kāore te kumara e kōrero mō tōna ake reka”.

This whakataukī reminds us that the kumara (sweet potato) does not say how sweet it is. This proverb reminds us of the value of humbleness. We should not skite.



Week 7



Week 8

PRIDE Certificates

Congratulations to the students who have received a Pride Certificate for demonstrating our Pride values at school. Great work everyone. Keep up the excellent work for the rest of the year.



Pride Certificates Week 6



Pride Certificates 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- Manuka



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

Term Dates: 2024 & 2025	HOUSE GROUP SPONSORS
<p>Term Four: Monday 14th October 2024 to Tuesday 17th December 2024</p> <p>Term Dates 2025: Term 1: Monday 3rd Feb. to Friday 11th April Term 2: Monday 28th April to Friday 27th June Term 3: Monday 14th July to Friday 19th Sept. Term 4: Monday 6th Oct. to Tuesday 16th Dec.</p> <p>Teacher Development Days 2025: TERM 1: Friday 7th February TERM 3: Friday 15th August</p> <p>2025 Statutory Holidays in term time: TERM ONE: Thursday 6th February – Waitangi Day</p> <p>TERM TWO: Monday 2nd June – King’s Birthday Friday 20th June – Matariki</p> <p>TERM FOUR: Monday 27th October – Labour Day</p>	<div data-bbox="810 208 1104 412"> </div> <div data-bbox="1136 250 1474 338"> <p>Ōhope Medical Centre Tohorā</p> </div> <div data-bbox="810 452 1104 656"> </div> <div data-bbox="1158 508 1412 595"> <p>Four Square Paea</p> </div> <div data-bbox="817 692 1091 880"> </div> <div data-bbox="1136 763 1390 851"> <p>Holland Beckett Aihe</p> </div> <div data-bbox="820 911 1085 1099"> </div> <div data-bbox="1118 958 1457 1046"> <p>Ray White Real Estate Mangōpare</p> </div> <p>Thank you to our House Groups Sponsors who enable us to have house shirts for the students.</p>

Eeling Fun at School

“I was holding the eel in my hands and then it slipped crashing down onto the ground. It slithered through the long grass back to the stream” Makai.

“I slipped and fell when I was holding the hinaki. We tipped the hinaki to get the eel out to hold it before we released it. I was the first one to hold it and it was very slimy” Blake.



“I just came out of the stream after getting the hinaki, this was my first eel I caught in one. I was really happy about it and it was a cool time carrying it” Lachie.

“As Lachie, Blake and I walked down the stream about to check the hinaki we noticed some little splashes coming from the hinaki. As we pulled it up we saw this massive eel and ended up touching it through the cage. It was pretty slimy and exciting” Gus



“When I was holding the eel it was thrashing itself around. This made it hard to hold it with its slime.” Noah

“It was the first time I have ever caught and had a photo with an eel. We put the hinaki back under the waterfall and tied it to the tree ready to catch some more” Oscar W



**Te Tiwai Athletics
Demonstration**

Information About Whooping Cough from Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand

What is whooping cough?

Whooping cough is an infectious disease caused by bacteria and is spread through the community by coughing and sneezing, in the same way as colds and influenza. Young children, especially babies under six months, can become very ill from whooping cough. Older children and adults get whooping cough too, which if not diagnosed and treated, may spread to young children.

What are the symptoms?

Whooping cough starts with a runny nose and dry cough. The cough gets worse over the next few weeks, often developing into very long coughing attacks. In babies and children these coughing attacks may end with a 'whoop' sound when breathing in, or end with vomiting.

What should be done to help prevent whooping cough?

- Immunisation is the best prevention - Parents should ensure that their children are up to date with their free routine childhood immunisations which include the immunisations against whooping cough. Children are further protected with booster vaccinations at four years and 11 years of age.
- Whooping cough immunisation is also recommended and free for women in the late stages of pregnancy as this helps protect their baby from getting whooping cough when they are very young and before they can get their own routine immunisations starting at six weeks of age.
- Good hand hygiene is always beneficial, and it is important to remember to cover your cough and not to cough on, or near, babies.

If anyone has symptoms of whooping cough they should stay away from school and see their doctor for assessment and advice.

If a child or staff member is diagnosed with whooping cough by their GP they need to remain away from school until:

- They have completed two days of the antibiotic Azithromycin, or
- Five days of other appropriate antibiotics (including Erythromycin), or
- Three weeks from onset of cough if no antibiotics given.

The Pharmacy Healthy Skin (Kiri Ora) service is FREE

DO YOU OR YOUR CHILD HAVE HEADLICE, ITCHY OR SORE SKIN?

CALL OR VISIT ONE OF THE PHARMACIES BELOW FOR A FREE ASSESSMENT AND FREE TREATMENT OF THESE CONDITIONS

Some pharmacies (chemists) can now help your children (aged 2 and over) and adults with free treatments for headlice (kutus), scabies, boils, infected bites, grazes and school sores thanks to funding from Health New Zealand. It is important to treat minor skin infections early to avoid spreading to others or becoming more serious.

Pharmacies providing the service:

Name:	Address:	Phone:
Unichem Adamsons Pharmacy	52 King St, Whakatane	07 3087611
Unichem Total Health Pharmacy	252 The Strand, Whakatane	07 3089009
Unichem Kope Pharmacy	78 King St, Whakatane	07 3085345
Opotiki Pharmacy	110 Church St, Opotiki	07 3156251
Church Street Dispensary	114 Church St, Opotiki	07 3156240
Tarawera Pharmacy	106 Onslow St, Kawerau	07 3239309
Kawerau Pharmacy	2 Tarawera Court, Kawerau	07 3238989
K-Town Pharmacy	26 Islington Street, Kawerau	07 3238859
Edgecumbe Pharmacy	26 College Road, Edgecumbe	07 3049734
Life Pharmacy Te Puke	61 Jellicoe St, Te Puke	07 5730390
My Pharmacy Te Puke	96 Jellicoe St, Te Puke	07 5739868

Sore throats matter and can lead to rheumatic fever

Rheumatic fever is a disease which causes inflammation, especially of the heart, blood vessels and joints. If you are Māori, Pacific or if you have a family history of rheumatic fever you are more at risk of developing rheumatic fever from a sore throat.

If you are in these high-risk groups and get a sore throat, we recommend you and your whānau have their throats swabbed and treated with antibiotics to prevent rheumatic fever. This service is provided from your Hauora, GP, selected schools and also provided at the above pharmacies. The antibiotics will help get rid of the bacteria from your throats which can cause rheumatic fever.



PHARMACIES PROVIDING THE KIRI ORA AND RHEUMATIC FEVER SERVICE

NAME OF PHARMACY	ADDRESS	PHONE NO.
Life Pharmacy Whakatane	183 The Strand Whakatane	(07) 308 6988
Unichem Adamsons Pharmacy	52 King Street Whakatane	(07) 308 7611
Kope Pharmacy	78 King Street Whakatane	(07) 308 5345
Unichem Total Health Pharmacy	252 The Strand Whakatane	(07) 308 9009
Edgecumbe Pharmacy	Riverslea Mall 26 College Rd, Edgecumbe	(07) 304 9734
Kawerau Pharmacy	2 Tarawera Court Islington Street, Kawerau	(07) 323 8989
Church Street Dispensary	116 Church Street Opotiki	(07) 315 6240
Opotiki Pharmacy	110 Church Street Opotiki	(07) 315 6251
Life Pharmacy Te Puke	61 Jellicoe Street Te Puke	(07) 573 0390
My Pharmacy Te Puke	96 Jellicoe Street Te Puke	(07) 573 9868