

**Kia Ora Koutou Katoa**  
**Rāpare 26 Hui-tanguru ~ Thursday 26 February 2026**

We are well into the first term now with class programmes underway. Thank you to everyone who came along to the Meet and Greet evening. It was a good evening to meet new families and to enjoy the school environment in the evening.

**Setting the Scene:**

Thank you to everyone who managed to come into school last week for our setting the scene interviews. It was good to see a steady stream of families coming in and meeting with the staff. Families were able to check out the new classroom environments, discuss goals for the year and share information with the staff. If you could not get in last week, please contact your child's teacher to arrange an interview time.

**House Captains 2026:**

Last Friday our senior students presented to their house groups. Following the presentation the house groups discussed the candidates' presentations and voted for their candidate choice. Congratulations to all the students who prepared and carried out presentations. Congratulations to the students who were elected, we look forward to your leadership throughout the year.



Enzo & Rosie



Hazel & Nikau



Natelle & Aston



Brodie & Zayne

**Ōhope Beach School Donations:**

Unfortunately, we do not qualify for the government donation funding or free lunches which other schools in the area receive which is why we ask for donations to support the programmes we offer.

The donation is used for live shows, Life Education, transport to and from some events, Science Expo and sports uniforms. We appreciate your donation which can be paid on a term-by-term basis or as a lump sum.

You can also set up an automatic payment to pay off the amount over the year.

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

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**

**UPCOMING EVENTS TERM 1**

**Week 3:**

**Friday 27th February:**  
Assembly: Ngā Peka Rimu – Whaea Cherie

Buddy Groups meet.

**Week 4:**

**Tuesday 3rd March:**  
Education Review Team at school.

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Education Review Team at school.

**Friday 6th March:**  
Interschool Swimming Sports Year 4, 5 & 6 students.

Assembly: Kowhai Whaea Merrissa

House Groups meet

**Week 5:**

**Thursday 12th March:**  
Interschool swimming sports

**Friday 13th March:**  
Assembly: Nga Huiarau Matariki - Whaea Holly

Buddy Groups meet

**Week 6:**

**Monday 16th March:**  
Ngā Huiarau camp at Totara Springs.

**Tuesday 17th March:**  
Ngā Huiarau camp at Totara Springs.

**Wednesday 18th March:**  
Ngā Huiarau camp at Totara Springs.

**Friday 20th March:**  
Assembly Ngā Peka Rimu – Whaea Laura

House Groups meet.

**Week 7:**

**Tuesday 24th March:**  
Board Meeting 5.30pm

**Friday 27th March:**  
Assembly Manuka

Buddy Groups meet

**Week 8:**

**Thursday 2nd April:**  
Last day of term

### **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. We look forward to supporting our students as they take up this opportunity each morning.

This week the whakataukī we are sharing is:

**"He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata! He tangata! He tangata! "**

*This whakataukī means: **What is the most important thing in the world? It is people! It is people! It is people!***



Week 2



Week 3

### **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. Great smiles from our recipients in this photo.

Tumeke tamariki ma.



Week 1



Week 2

### **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, we look forward to seeing you model this throughout the year.



Week 1  
Awatea Whaea Roz



Week 2  
Kowhai Whaea Merrissa

### **Attendance Trophy:**

This year, to promote and support regular attendance, we are presenting an attendance trophy. This will be awarded to the class with the most attendance each week.

Congratulations to Kowhai – Whaea Merrissa's kaitiaki, who were awarded the trophy for week one.



**P**ositivity **R**espect **I**ntegrity **D**iligence **E**mpathy

## ERO – Education Review Office:

We will have two reviewers with us next Tuesday and Wednesday as they carry out a review of the school. The team members are Dion Marchioni and Robert Minahan. The team will meet with the Leadership team, the staff and the Board and will carry out classroom observations as well. We look forward to sharing our school with the team.

## Whakatāne Wheels Day:

Thank you to everyone who supported this event. The children enjoyed the opportunity to ride their wheels around the track and receive recognition from the facilitators. Thank you the Ōhope Beach Medical Centre who donated extra bike orientated prizes for the event.







## Oceans:

Congratulations to all our current and past pupils who competed in Oceans recently. Glad to see you had great weather, great support and great results. Well done to everyone who took part.

## 2026 Surf Life Saving Nationals:

The Whakatāne Surf Life Saving Club will be hosting the Surf Life Saving New Zealand National Championships at Ōhope Beach from Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March to Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March. Racing will be held from 8.00am each day.

This event will bring a lot of people and traffic to our area. Please take care when you are travelling through the area. We wish all competitors the very best as they compete in this national event.

| <b>Term Dates: 2026</b>  | <b>HOUSE GROUP SPONSORS</b>  |
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| <p><b>Term 1:</b> Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April<br/><b>Term 2:</b> Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July<br/><b>Term 3:</b> Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept.<br/><b>Term 4:</b> Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct. to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.</p> <p><b>Teacher Development Days 2026:</b><br/><b>TERM 2:</b> Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April<br/><b>TERM 3:</b> TBC</p> <p><b>2026 Statutory Holidays in term time:</b><br/><b>TERM ONE:</b><br/>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Good Friday</p> <p><b>TERM TWO:</b><br/>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April – ANZAC Day<br/>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – King's Birthday</p> <p><b>TERM FOUR:</b><br/>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October – Labour Day</p> |  <p data-bbox="1023 1137 1358 1227">Ōhope Medical Centre<br/><b>Tohorā</b></p>  <p data-bbox="919 1350 1171 1440">Four Square<br/><b>Paea</b></p>  <p data-bbox="1015 1525 1270 1615">Holland Beckett<br/><b>Aihe</b></p>  <p data-bbox="847 1697 1182 1798">Ray White Real Estate<br/><b>Mangōpare</b></p> <p data-bbox="715 1843 1481 1910"><b>Thank you to our House Groups Sponsors who enable us to have house shirts for the students.</b></p> |

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