

**Kia Ora Koutou Katoa**  
**Rāpare 12 Poutū-te-rangi ~ Thursday 12 March 2026**

It has been a busy few weeks at school with a few more busy weeks to come. Last Friday our Ngā Peka and Te Tiwai students walked down to the NZ Surf Life Saving Championship. What a fabulous event held in great Ōhope weather. Congratulations to all who were involved in the organisation or who competed in events. The students enjoyed visiting the venue, watching various events and walking along the beach.

**Presiding Member:**

At our first Board meeting Sharnika Dowthwaite was re-elected as Presiding Member (Board Chair) for the school. The Board approved the 2026 Annual Plan and 2026 Budget.

**Totara Springs Camp:**

Our year 5 & 6 students will be heading off for their three-day camp, at Totara Springs, on Monday. The staff have carried out a lot of preparation and are looking forward to enjoying the camp experience with the students. Have a great time and we look forward to hearing about your experiences on your return.

**Top School:**

On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Awakeri School will be hosting their annual Top School Competition. We have teams in the Top School events and the Cheerleading events. Good luck to all who are taking part, have fun and compete with pride. Thank you to Whaea Holly and Miss Webb who have been working with the teams.

**Teacher Development Day: Monday 20th April**

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April we have a Teacher Development Day so there will be no school. This is the first Monday of Term Two.

**ERO:**

The Education Review Team were at school last Tuesday and Wednesday. They have presented an oral report to the Board and expect to have an unconfirmed report ready for the Board early next term. Once confirmed the report will be available on the school website.

**Cricket:**

A photo from Saturday's game with our schools two cricket teams playing each other.

Ōhope School is the only school to have two teams in this grade and has the most teams of all the schools – 3 teams. Braxton top scored with 27runs, Wihan second with 26 runs. Cam and Cruz got two wickets each. Well done to both teams.



**Cycling & Scootering:**

It is great to see so many students riding their bikes and scooters to school and at school. Please reinforce the importance of riding safely. Always check a driveway and road before crossing it, walk your bike or scooter past the Four-Square Supermarket and use the crossing to enter the school. Our bike track is being well used during the day, and our senior students are doing a great job issuing and returning our school bikes.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**TERM 1**

**Week 5:**

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March:**  
Interschool swimming sports

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March:**

Assembly: Nga Huiarau  
Matariki - Whaea Holly

Buddy Groups meet

**Week 6:**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March:**

Ngā Huiarau camp at Totara Springs.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March:**

Ngā Huiarau camp at Totara Springs.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March:**

Ngā Huiarau camp at Totara Springs.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March:**

Assembly Ngā Peka Rimu – Whaea Laura

House Groups meet.

**Week 7:**

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March:**

Board Meeting 5.30pm

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March:**

EBOP Swimming Champs

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:**

Assembly Manuka

Buddy Groups meet

**Week 8:**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April:**

Last day of term

**TERM 2**

**Week 1:**

**Monday 20th April:**

**Teacher Development Day**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April:**

Assembly: Awatea – Whaea Roz

House Groups meet

**Week 2:**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April:**

ANZAC Day holiday

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May:**

Assembly: Totara - Miss Webb

Buddy Groups meet

### **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:

**" Whāia te iti kahurangi, ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei"**

*This whakataukī means: "Follow your dreams, and if you face challenges, let them be big ones." This encourages us to keep striving for our goals and only give up when faced with truly great obstacles.*



Week 4



Week 5

### **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 3



Week 4

### **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 3  
Meremere Whaea Sandy

Week 4  
Rimu Whaea Cherie



### **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 the classes who have received the trophy this term.



Week 2 Kahikatea



Week 3 Manuka & Kahikatea

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

| Term Dates: 2026   | HOUSE GROUP SPONSORS  |
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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> | <div data-bbox="703 235 999 439"> </div> <div data-bbox="1023 235 1358 322"> <p>Ōhope Medical Centre<br/><b>Tohorā</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="1190 344 1477 544"> </div> <div data-bbox="919 448 1171 535"> <p>Four Square<br/><b>Paea</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="703 557 999 757"> </div> <div data-bbox="1015 618 1270 705"> <p>Holland Beckett<br/><b>Aihe</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="847 797 1182 884"> <p>Ray White Real Estate<br/><b>Mangōpare</b></p> </div> <div data-bbox="1214 723 1477 913"> </div> <p><i>Thank you to our House Groups Sponsors who enable us to have house shirts for the students.</i></p> |



# Seasons



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, for 8 weeks, to complete activities around each season.

This could mean changes in a child’s life, moving houses, towns, school, cities, countries, 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 OBS for the last four years and is available for 6 year olds and upwards and there has been many positive comments from both whanau and tamariki involved.

If you think this might be suitable for your child text me on 027 2593200 or email me on [angela@ohopebeach.school.nz](mailto:angela@ohopebeach.school.nz) for more information



# North Island



**Jenna-Leigh Beineke**  
Ohope Programme Manager

Hi, I'm Jenna!

I moved to New Zealand from South Africa two years ago and feel very lucky to now call this beautiful coastal lifestyle home. I love being by the ocean, whether that's beach walks, water sports, or simply enjoying the sunshine.

I'm a big foodie (especially sushi and poke bowls), a passionate rugby fan, and someone who enjoys discovering local coffee spots on the weekends.

I'm outgoing, warm, and love connecting with people in fun, active environments. I'm really excited to be part of the Ohope Beach skids team and look forward to creating positive experiences and great memories with our community.



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| <b>MON 6 APR</b>  | <b>TUE 7 APR</b>   | <b>WED 8 APR</b>  | <b>THU 9 APR</b>  | <b>FRI 10 APR</b>   |
| <p><b>Service Closed: Easter Monday</b></p>   |  <p><b>IT'S TREE-MENDOUS</b><br/>Kick off Holiday HQ with a Tree mendous day of fun! Enjoy outdoor games and gather natural treasures for activities like building miniature tree houses and crafting cute autumn leaf animals. A hands on, nature powered adventure full of imagination and woodland wonder!</p> |  <p><b>BUGS &amp; BEASTIES</b><br/><b>MAKE &amp; TAKE: DIY CRAWL &amp; CONQUER GAME</b><br/>Design and decorate your own bug themed Ludo game with cute creepy crawly pieces to take home. Explore magical growing caterpillar experiments and whip up tasty Bug Bites for a hands on day buzzing with creativity and curiosity!</p>                         |  <p><b>GARDEN WONDERLAND</b><br/>Create beautiful leaf and flower clay impressions, then weave natural treasures into colourful nature inspired art. It's a day of discovery, creativity, and textures in the great outdoors!</p>                     |  <p><b>TRAIL-BLAZERS DAY</b><br/>Gear up for with trail-blazers day and dive into survival mode! Tamariki will team up to build shelters, take on fun challenges and experiment with real water filtration techniques. Adventure awaits - are you ready?</p>     |
| <b>MON 13 APR</b>   | <b>TUE 14 APR</b>  | <b>WED 15 APR</b>   | <b>THU 16 APR</b>   | <b>FRI 17 APR</b>   |
|  <p><b>AMAZING RACE</b><br/>Race into Week 2 with our action packed Amazing Race Day! Teams will dash through exciting challenges, tackle creative problem solving missions, and take on fun, fast paced activities that test their teamwork and grit. Get ready for a high energy adventure from start to finish!</p> |  <p><b>ART IN THE WILD</b><br/>Dive into outdoor Process Art, splashing colours across the great outdoors and then race and laugh through our lively coloured corners game! It's a fun, energetic day of art and imagination in the great outdoors.</p>   |  <p><b>GROW &amp; GATHER</b><br/><b>MAKE &amp; TAKE: BUILD YOUR OWN MINI GREENHOUSE</b><br/>Grow &amp; Gather fun! Tamariki will build a mini greenhouse and plant tomato, basil and sunflower seeds to take home and nurture. Paint with fresh veggies, get creative garden to table, and whip up tasty veggie wraps for a colourful nature filled day!</p> |  <p><b>SEAS, SAND &amp; SUN</b><br/>Where the beachy fun never stops! Choose to craft your own lobster or crab and create colourful paper plate portholes. Dive into action packed seaside theme games. It's a fun day of ocean themed adventure!</p> |  <p><b>BARNYARD BASH!</b><br/>It's the grand finale of Holiday HQ with our Barnyard Bash! Whip up tasty Rice Krispie Haystacks, play our fun farm themed games, and celebrate a big day of farm themed adventures to finish off the holidays with a yee-haw!</p> |

If applying for OSCAR subsidy, eligibility criteria will apply. Visit [www.skids.co.nz/oscar-subsidy](http://www.skids.co.nz/oscar-subsidy) for eligibility and entitlement. Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines. Contact your programme for detailed information. Programmes, surcharges, and activities may change; check our website for updates. Special Experiences incur extra costs for all attending children, regardless of participation.



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