

15-05-2018

COMING EVENTS

Please note, these dates can be subject to change

- Fri 18th May:** Royal Wedding Mufti Day, \$2
- Fri 25th May:** School Assembly hosted by Weka Team
- Tue 29th May:** Kea/Weka Cross Country (pp Thur 31st May)
- Mon 4th Jun:** Queen's Birthday Holiday
- Fri 8th Jun:** School Assembly hosted by Pukeko Team
- Thur 14th Jun:** Junior School Cross Country, 1.30-3pm
- Wed 20th Jun:** Wig Wednesday, Gold Coin Donation
- Fri 22nd Jun:** School Assembly hosted by Kea Team
- Thur 28th Jun:** School Interviews, School Closes at 12.30pm
- Tue 3rd Jul:** Tui Team Folk Dancing Community Event
- Thur 5th Jul:** PTA Disco – Mid Winter Christmas Theme
- Fri 6th Jul:** School Assembly hosted by Tui Team
- Wed 25th Jul:** PTA Movie Night Fundraiser Mamma Mia 2

TEXT NUMBER FOR ABSENTEES

Current School Roll 541

027 584 2592

If your child is going to be away from school please text 027 584 2592 before 8.55am to let us know.

DOGS AT SCHOOL

While your dog may be really friendly we do have children who are very wary of dogs, big and small. In bringing your child to school, or picking them up, would you please ensure your dog is either tied up outside of the school or left in your car. Thank you.

YUMMY STICKER SEASON



Keep munching and crunching your way through the Yummy Apples and fill up the sticker collection sheets. We earn sports equipment for our school for every completed sticker sheet we send back. Please pop the stickered forms into the PTA box. Thanks!

SCHOOL POOL AND POOL KEYS

The school pool is closed. Please return your school key in an envelope with your child's name and room number to the PTA box in the library RIGHT NOW to ensure you get a bond refund.

FRIENDS OF THE PTA

Would you like to be part of the Friends of the PTA? Then head on over to Facebook and request to join:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/opsfriendsofthepta/>

We will be keeping you updated with upcoming events and fundraisers that you may like to help us out with.



DENTAL CLINIC PARKING

Please DO NOT park in the 3 reserved carparks. This is a Tow Away area and is reserved for patients with dental appointments only.

REPORTING TO PARENTS

This year, as a means to show children's progress and achievement more effectively, we have introduced an app called **Seesaw**. **Seesaw** is being used to allow you to see, in real time, what your child is working on, and to share in their learning journey. What the children share with you will, in many cases, be a work in progress and not necessarily a finished product. This will show you both the process of learning and your child's progress in their learning.

Many of you will have received posts from your child sharing with you their reading, writing, maths and other areas of classroom work. The children's **Seesaw** work portfolio will form the basis for our mid-year, three way interviews – that is, participation in the interview by child, parent and teacher.

The report format has been simplified and will indicate where your child is achieving in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum levels in Reading, Writing and Maths. Their attainment in the Key Competencies – Managing Self, Relating to Others, Participating and Contributing, and Thinking - the life skills we all need to develop, will also be reported on.

The use of **Seesaw** in communicating effectively with families is a work in progress and we will be asking for feedback following the mid-year interviews. If you are not yet connected to the **Seesaw** app please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

ARE YOU CONNECTED TO SEESAW?

OPS LIBRARY WEB APP

Did you know that you can access the school library catalogue at home? Try our new web app - powered by ACCESSIT - to search for books, check your child's borrowing, make reserves, and more! Just go to the OPS website, click on the "Information" tab, then click "OPS Library Web App". Go ahead and make use of this awesome new resource for you and your children. To sign in to the web app you will need your child's borrower code - this is available at the school library, or email: librarian@ops.school.nz please include your child's name and room number.

KNOW WHERE YOUR CHILDREN ARE

Our school grounds are a popular place for our community to play and hang out. Please make sure you know where your children are at all times. Please come and play with your children. Spend good time with them. And please keep an eye out for people deliberately damaging our school. We are covering much of our school with CCTV but your vigilance around our school would also be most appreciated. If in doubt please call the Police.

SCHOOL BANKING

Encourage Good \$ Saving Habits Early In Life

Every child receives a gorgeous green piggy bank with every new account. Pop into the office and pick up an application form to open an account today. Banking is collected every Thursday.

2018 GREAT KIWI ENGLISH, SCIENCE AND MATHS COMPETITIONS

Children in WEKA were each given a form to enrol in this NZ-based competition last week. Entries close this Friday 18th May. There is a cost involved - \$8.50 per subject and we would encourage keen kids to enter into any or all three of the tests. Spare forms are available from the office - bring chocolate to trade.

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS' DAY

Thank you very much to Emma Henderson and Aaron Loye who kindly accompanied our Kids' Councillors to the National Young Leaders' Day in Hamilton yesterday!

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN NEW WAYS TO LIVE FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE?

The course covers budgeting and practical money saving tips, getting organised and making good decisions, healthy eating, positive well-being and healthy relationships. The 8-week course will be running 9:30 - 12pm on Thursdays at St Peters Church, starting Thursday 10th May. Call St Peters House on 571 5916 to book your place on this FREE life changing course. Childcare at no cost may be available if required (limited spaces).

Entertainment books are available from Opeys Childcare NOW!

To order your book or your digital membership online visit www.entbook.co.nz/15a6019 or call Jayne, 576-4649, opeys@plunket.org.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Children's 5 Week Art Classes: ages 7 to 10 with professional artist Lynne Sinclair Taylor. Tuesdays 5th June - 3rd July 3.30pm to 5pm. Children will have fun while learning basics about colour and techniques with different mediums. All art supplies provided, \$100, Lynne's home studio, 15 Hartwell Place, Matua, Lynne 021 121 9864 or lynnestaylor@gmail.com. Adult classes also available Tuesday mornings and afternoons

House of Science After School Program: Fantastic Physics. Juniors: Mon 7th May to Mon

25th June from 3.30 - 5.00pm for ages 5-7. **Seniors:** Tue 8th May to Tue 26th June or Wed 9th May to Wed 27th June ages 8-13, from 3.30 - 5.30pm. For more information visit www.houseofscience.nz

Fuse Drumming: Learn rhythm, play to music and compete in battles. Classes start at school soon and run for 8 weeks. Contact Tanya Brown, 021 1566 230 or check out their website www.fusedrumming.nz

Gymnastic Gym club after school classes: GYM club's 1st class gymnastics classes, bespoke badge system, and portable 10m tumbling tracks allow gymnasts to safely extend their skills, strength, child on the GYMclub.co.nz web site today. Term 2 starts Tuesday 8th May, at 3.15pm in our school hall. 8 week term for \$95. Phone 0800 273368

Hip hop dance classes: Taught by Rise Dance Company Thursday & Fridays mornings 8:15-8:55am, in our school hall, \$85 for a 9 week term. Please enrol through the Rise website www.risedance.nz or call 5788 780 for further details.



FABULOUS SPORTING SUPER STARS

Netball: Isabelle Savage, Zoe Guy, Georgie Miller, Shanayah Heremaia-Jamieson

Hockey: Thomas Cummings

PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS RECIPIENTS

The following children received Principal's Awards at last week's assembly: Isaac Sheridan, Max Nicol. Tej Patel, Lisa-Marie Young, Morgan Mulholland, Ava Bastin, Ethan Mann

Congratulations children! You are all wonderfully Actively Involved Learners.

Geoff Opie

PRINCIPAL

Our School Bank Account Details:

Otumoetai Primary School 06-0433-0191076-00

Please use your child's name as a reference.



R O Y A L

W E D D I N G

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Our official invitation has now arrived and there is a new wedding date for special VIP's like us - Friday 18th May. The old date was just a ruse to mislead the paparazzi!

Children and staff are asked to come dressed as a Royal, a prince or princess, King or Queen, Duke, Duchess, Count, Countess, Attendee at a Royal Wedding (ie: dressed to the nines!) or Royal Wedding watcher! \$2 donation please.