

06-11-2018

COMING EVENTS

Please note, these dates can be subject to change

- Fri 9th Nov:** School Assembly hosted by Weka Team
- Mon 12th Nov:** Weka Team Athletics
- Mon 19th Nov:** PTA Meeting, 7pm, All Welcome
- Tue 20th Nov:** East Cluster Athletics BOT Meeting, 7pm
- Fri 23rd Nov:** Te Ra Rehia Cultural Festival (pp Fri 30th Nov)
- Mon 26th – Wed 28th Nov:** Weka Camp Totara Springs
- Wed 12th Dec:** Year 6 Social Dance
- Fri 14th Dec:** Whole School Prize Giving, City Church, 9am
- Tue 18th Dec:** School Closes at 12.30pm
Mr Opie's Last Day of School

Current School Roll 575

TEXT NUMBER FOR ABSENTEES

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.

TEACHER STRIKE DAY TUESDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

As a follow up to our newsletter last week, this is a reminder of the intention for all primary school teachers and principals in Tauranga to strike on Tuesday 13th November.

Yesterday's announcement by the Prime Minister that the Government will fully fund the equivalent of 600 Learning Support Coordinators in 2020 is excellent news. This is a big win for children, teachers and principals. Having a funded Learning Support Coordinator in every school is a core claim in our campaign. It is imperative that we have additional support and resources for children with complex learning and behavioural needs. We look forward to seeing how this will be staffed, structured and resourced across NZ as there are approximately 2500 primary schools and 600 Learning Support Coordinators promised.

While this announcement is good news and facilitation between the NZEI and the Ministry is ongoing, there is currently no new offer 'on the table' for teachers to consider, therefore the upcoming rolling strikes are still proceeding across NZ.

If there are any changes in the lead up to the strike day we will immediately notify parents and our school community.

Thanks for your understanding and support. It is very much appreciated.

HAUORA/WELLBEING SURVEY

This year the Otumoetai Community of Learning (COL/Kahui Ako) worked with the ERO Team in Wellington to develop a Hauora/Wellbeing Survey specifically for our students. The majority of the Year 4-13 students in the Otumoetai Cluster of schools undertook the Hauora/Wellbeing Survey in Term Two. General survey trends were shared with all schools in Term Three. Individual schools retained ownership of student's voice particular to their school. From these results, we will be working on a plan in 2019 to implement the goals/next steps identified from this survey. The survey results suggest that our focus should include:

- working to further engage with our whanau and families,
- building better student/teacher relationships and
- developing student agency (student agency refers to learning through activities that are meaningful and relevant to learners, driven by their interests, and often self-initiated with appropriate guidance from teachers. To put it simply, student agency gives students understanding, voice and choice in how they learn.)

2019 WILL BE HERE BEFORE WE KNOW IT!

In planning for 2019 classes we need to know if any families/children are leaving OPS at the end of 2018. If you are leaving our school/moving out of the area could you please email office@ops.school.nz or pop in to the office and let us know. Thank you.

UNIFORM - POLO TOP DURABILITY

Some concerns are being expressed to the school regarding the durability of the school polo shirts. We are sharing these concerns with the supplier, NZ Uniforms, and it would be helpful if you were to do the same. Please talk to NZ Uniforms directly if you have concerns over the quality, or lack of durability, of our uniform polo shirts.



SPORTING SUPER STARS

Flippaball: Chloe Whittington, Nadia Gates, Lainey Crawley-King

Volleyball: Zack Pask, Riley McClenaghan

Kiwitag: Jayden Pinkerton, Elia Speirs, Seth Perham, Matthew Wakerley

Rippa Rugby: Zac Brown

Geoff Opie

PRINCIPAL

Huge thanks to our SUPER PTA & PTA HELPERS for The Adventure Run & Pie Friday.

Two of the best days of our lives!