

04-02-2019

COMING EVENTS

Please note, these dates can be subject to change

- Mon 4th Feb:** First day of Term 1
Stationery Pack Order Forms Go Home Today
- Tue 5th Feb:** Sport Registrations due 12noon
- Wed 6th Feb:** Waitangi Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL today
- Thu 14th Feb:** House Launch @ 9.15am
- Fri 15th Feb:** School Assembly @ 10am hosted by House & CARE Leaders **PLEASE NOTE THE EARLIER TIME**
- Mon 18th Feb:** Kiwi Team Estuary Trip
- Wed 20th Feb:** Meet the Teacher – School Closes at 12.30pm
- Fri 1st Mar:** School Assembly hosted by Weka Team
- Wed 6th Mar:** Community House Launch, 5-6pm

Current School Roll 516

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.

A WARM WELCOME TO 2019

Welcome back to school! We trust you all had a very relaxing and refreshing holiday break and found time to enjoy your family and friends. We are looking forward to a mutually rewarding school year ahead. Please get involved in our school - our success depends on the support and involvement of all stakeholders. We look forward to welcoming you to school events, assemblies, class trips, community meetings and information evenings. We encourage your involvement as classroom helpers, PTA and BOT members, sports coaches and managers and in contributing to school reviews, surveys and school fundraisers.

**Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi,
Engari he toa takitini.**

*Success is not the work of one
but the work of many.*

LAUNCH OF 'HOUSES' AT OTUMOETAI PRIMARY

- This year all children and staff will be allocated a school House.
- Totara (Blue) sponsored by Right Choice Builders
- Kauri (Black) sponsored by Sherson Automotive
- Pohutukawa (Red) sponsored by Buildtek Projex
- Rimu (Purple) sponsored by Ryan + Alexander Consultancy LTD
- Puriri (Green) sponsored by Commercial Signs Tauranga
- Kowhai (Yellow) sponsored by Pop Factory

On **Thursday 7th February**, your child will find out which House they are in.

On **Thursday 14th February** at 9.15 am, the official House launch event will take place. Children are encouraged to come to school dressed in their House colour. information will be sent home via Seesaw.

COMMUNITY HOUSE EVENT - Wednesday 6th March from 5.00 - 6.30pm

An opportunity for families to get into the House spirit. There will be different House events and activities for everyone. It will be a fun evening.

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF

A warm welcome to Chris Taane, Jane Foster, Omri Elyashiv and Charlotte Eglinton – new teachers joining our team in 2019.

HOME & SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

Keep up to date with what is happening at school by visiting and having a look at our school website www.ops.school.nz

You may also wish to 'LIKE' our School Facebook Page – Otumoetai Primary – for regular updates. Our school newsletter will be sent home fortnightly on a Tuesday in 2019.

OTUMOETAI KĀHUI AKO (COMMUNITY OF LEARNING) TEACHER ONLY DAY

On Monday 4th March all schools within the Otumoetai Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) are attending Professional Learning at a Teacher Only Day at Otumoetai College. School will be closed to allow all staff to attend. Please make alternative arrangements for your child/ren. This will be our only Teacher Only Day in 2019.

MEET THE TEACHER

WEDNESDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2019

All parents/whānau are invited to attend our Meet the Teacher afternoon/evening on Wednesday 20th February. This is a chance for you to tell your child's teacher about your child. Bookings are open via www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and the code for this is **y99fr**

School will close at 12.30pm to allow the interviews to run from 1 - 7pm.

TOGS, HATS AND WATER BOTTLES

Remember to send your children with their togs, towels, bucket or brim hats and water bottles during Term One.

Kowhai

Pohutukawa

Rimu

Kauri

Totara

Puriri

POWHIRI

To welcome new students and staff to our school we will host a Powhiri on Friday 8th February at 10.10am. Nau Mai – Haere Mai!

SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

If you are interested in reading any of our school policies or procedures please visit the School Docs website – www.schooldocs.co.nz and search for Otumoetai Primary School. The user name for families is: OPS and the password is: CARE
If you have any feedback or comment regarding our Policies and Procedures please email bot@ops.school.nz

MINDFULNESS

An area of focus in 2019 for students, teachers and families across our school and Otumoetai Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) is Wellbeing/Hauora. 2019 will see the introduction of 'Smiling Mind' (a web and app-based meditation program developed by psychologists and educators to build healthy minds, engaged classrooms and mindful learning environments.) Watch this space for more information about this program and about an upcoming parent information evening.

2019 TERM DATES

Term 1: Mon 4th February – Fri 12th April
(Easter & ANZAC Day fall in the holidays)

Term 2: Mon 29th April – Fri 5th July,

Term 3: Mon 22nd July – Fri 27th September

Term 4: Mon 14th October – TBA

SEESAW

Classroom teachers will send home instructions on how you can link to your child's Seesaw page. This allows your child to share their learning with you in real time and gives you the opportunity to comment on your child's learning. Seesaw also allows for school and class notices to be sent home simply and instantly.



Zara McIndoe

PRINCIPAL

**Stationery lists have been given out today.
You can either order your pack through school
or do your own shopping.**

If you choose to order through school, please return the form and payment to your child's classroom teacher as this makes it easier for us to issue stationery packs.

Remember we still need the completed form back if you are paying for your stationery online

Sport Registrations are due at

12 noon tomorrow Tuesday 5th February.

Registrations can be completed online via our website. Click on the SPORTS option under the information tab on the top menu and follow the prompts. www.ops.school.nz