

03-02-2020

## COMING EVENTS

Please note, these dates can be subject to change

- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** Stationery Lists sent home
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Waitangi Day Holiday – school closed
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Powhiri in Takitimu School Hall at 10.20am
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Tui Team Trip to Estuary 9.15am
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Meet the Teacher – 1 – 7pm
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb:** School Assembly hosted by Weka Team Ruru Team Trip to Coach Road
- Fri 6<sup>th</sup> March:** School Assembly hosted by Kea Team
- Tues 10<sup>th</sup> March:** Weka Team Swimming Sports
- Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March:** Weka Team Swimming Sports Postponement Day
- Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Teacher Only Day – school closed
- Fri 20<sup>th</sup> March:** School Assembly hosted by Ruru Team
- Tues 24<sup>th</sup> March:** East Cluster Swimming Sports
- Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Ruru Team Tryathlon
- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April:** School Assembly hosted by Tui Team
- Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> April:** Last day of Term One
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup> April:** Good Friday – School closed
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> April:** ANZAC Day observed – School Closed
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> April:** First Day of Term Two

## Current School Roll – 531

### 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.

### Welcome to New Students

A warm welcome to new students and their families! We look forward to welcoming you to our school. There will be a Powhiri for new students and their families on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February @ 10.20am.



### Welcome to New Staff

A warm welcome to our new teachers: Sarah Brown – Rm 2, Rachael Kingsbury – Rm 3, Cody Schou – Rm 6, Emily Campbell – Rm 21, Kate Rhodes (Release Teacher), Anna Lewis (Dance/Drama Specialist) and Gael Prosser (Visual Art Specialist).

## 2020 Term Dates

**Term 1: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

**Term 2: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

**Term 3: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

**Term 4: Mon 12<sup>th</sup> October – TBA**

## HELLO!



## OPS Staff 2020

Hooray, school is back! We will have a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Booking details will out soon. In the meantime, this is who we are:

- Zara McIndoe** – Principal
- Marcus Hughes** – Senior School Deputy Principal  
Whole School Pastoral Care and Administrative DP,  
International Student Coordinator
- Jill Miller** – Junior School Deputy Principal  
Whole School Curriculum & Assessment
- Cathie Stenhouse** – Learning Support Coordinator

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| <b>Weka Team</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Tarquin Smith</b> – Room 1</li> <li><b>Sarah Brown</b> – Room 2</li> <li><b>Rachael Kingsbury</b> – Room 3</li> <li><b>Carl Acton</b> – Room 4</li> <li><b>Kendyll Reeve</b> – (Team Leader) – Room 5</li> <li><b>Cody Schou</b> – Room 6</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Kea Team</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Nyree Hanna</b> – (Team Leader) – Room 7</li> <li><b>Chris Taane</b> – Room 8</li> <li><b>Wayne Miller</b> – Room 9</li> <li><b>Jo Denny</b> – Room 10</li> <li><b>Annabelle Yeoman</b> – Room 12</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Ruru Team</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Jenny Chapman</b> – Room 11</li> <li><b>Kathy Nicholson</b> – Room 14</li> <li><b>Rachael Rowley</b> – (Team Leader) Room 15</li> <li><b>Carolyn Andrews</b> – Room 16</li> <li><b>Kaaren O'Neill</b> – Room 17</li> <li><b>Fran Stephens</b> – Room 18</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Tui Team</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Andrea Griffin</b> – Room 20</li> <li><b>Emily Campbell</b> – Room 21</li> <li><b>Francine Whitehead</b> – (Team Leader) Room 23</li> <li><b>Jane Foster</b> – Room 24</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Part-time Teachers</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Phillipa de Fluiter</b> – Music Specialist Teacher</li> <li><b>Gael Prosser</b> – Visual Art Specialist Teacher</li> <li><b>Anna Lewis</b> – Dance/Drama Specialist Teacher</li> <li><b>Kayla Kerr</b> – Release Teacher</li> <li><b>Kate Rhodes</b> – Release Teacher</li> <li><b>Tracy Swart</b> – Release Teacher</li> <li><b>Mig McMillan</b> – Release Teacher</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Support Staff</b>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Wendy Bryers</b> – Office Administrator</li> <li><b>Renea Fluerty</b> – Sports Coordinator/Admin Assistant</li> <li><b>Ross Johnson</b> – Caretaker</li> <li><b>Lisa Thorne</b> – Reading Recovery Teacher</li> <li><b>Steve Charman</b> – IT Facilitator/Library Manager</li> <li><b>Jacqui Smith</b> – International Student/ESOL Teacher</li> <li><b>Jordan Grogan</b> – Admin Assistant</li> <li><b>Evelyn Cullen</b> – Teacher Aide</li> <li><b>Joanne Curd</b> – Teacher Aide</li> <li><b>Renea Fluerty</b> – Teacher Aide</li> <li><b>Alison Murray</b> – Teacher Aide</li> <li><b>Tori Foster</b> – Teacher Aide</li> </ul> |

## **Ōtūmoetai Primary School's Strategic Goals in 2020 are to:**

- Design a coherent schoolwide Curriculum Plan and develop cohesion, consistency & coverage across the school.
- Embed best and consistent planning, teaching, learning and assessment practices across the curriculum with a particular focus on Local Curriculum, Oral Language and Writing.
- Upskill teachers to enable them to teach children how to design their own digital solutions and become creators of, not just users of, digital technologies.
- To celebrate cultural diversity and develop globally connected citizens by providing International Students and ESOL students with an outstanding learning experience and our NZ students the opportunity to gain an understanding of other cultures enabling them to grow as global citizens.

### **Meet the Teacher**

Meet the Teacher appointments will be held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February from 1-7pm. School will close at 12.30pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> to allow time for every parents to make an appointment with the teacher. Bookings for appointment times will be advertised soon.

## **SPORTS @ OPS**

Registrations for Term 1 2020 are open on our school website - Volleyball - Rippa Rugby - Kiwitag - Flippa Ball and also a link to play Cricket. [www.ops.school.nz](http://www.ops.school.nz)

There are still a few families who have not paid their children's 2019 sports fees. We will not be enrolling children in 2020 sports IF 2019 fees are outstanding. Please get them paid ASAP to avoid disappointment! Thank you! 😊



**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**

### **School Facebook Page**

Make sure you 'Like' our Ōtūmoetai Primary School Facebook Page for regular updates about upcoming events and happenings at our school.

### **Novel Coronavirus**

As you will have seen in the media, the situation is rapidly evolving internationally concerning Novel Coronavirus. This is a new virus and its specific nature is currently unclear, however it appears that you can have the virus at an early stage and not be showing any symptoms. This incubation period is currently considered to be up to 14 days.

Anyone who is unwell should not be at school. If you have a particular concern about your child contact Healthline at 0800 611 116 or your GP for medical advice.

Any student who may be at high risk of exposure because they have recently been to China or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus, we ask that you as the parent/caregiver of the student, delay the start of their school year for 14 days and voluntarily stay away.

Please advise the school if this is the case.

Teachers will be reiterating the importance of hygiene and regular hand washing. Hand sanitiser is available in all classrooms. Thank you.

Our School Bank Account Details:

Ōtūmoetai Primary School 06-0433-0191076-00  
Please use your child's name as a reference.

### **2020 PTA Monday Meeting Dates**

If you would like to join our wonderful PTA please feel free to come to the staffroom at 7pm on the following dates to be part of our fabulous group of parents. Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 26<sup>th</sup> October & 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020. See you there!

**Zara McIndoe**

**PRINCIPAL**