

11-08-2020

COMING EVENTS

Please note, these dates can be subject to change

- Wed 12th Aug:** EPro8 Challenge
- Thu 13th Aug:** School Cross Country Yr 4-6
- Thu 13th Aug:** Facebook Live Principals' Awards @ 9.30am
- Mon 17th Aug:** NZEI Teacher Only Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
- Sun 23rd Aug:** PhotoLife FREE DELIVERY Deadline
- Fri 28th Aug:** Whole School Assembly @ 12.20pm
- Fri 28th Aug:** East Cluster Winter Tournament Weka Team
- Tue 1st Sept:** Weka Speech Finals
- Thu 3rd Sept:** PTA Disco
- 7th-11th Sept:** Weka Cycle Safety Week
- Tue 15th Sept:** Weka Community Event – details to follow
- Fri 25th Sept:** Whole School Assembly @ 12.20pm
- Fri 23rd Oct:** New Entrant Orientation Morning 9.30
- Fri 30th Oct:** OPS 125th Anniversary, 11.30-3pm

Current School Roll – 567

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.

Photolife Class and Individual Photo Ordering Deadline

Details for ordering your child's photos online will come home this week. The free postage offer expires at midnight, Sunday 23rd August 2020. If you have misplaced your Unique Shoot Code, or if your child has it stashed in a safe place, please call PhotoLife 0800-501-040.

Weka & Kea Team Cross Country Postponed until Thursday 13th August

The Weka and Kea Team Cross country will be held this Thursday 13th August at Mitchell Park. The first race will start at 11am and we will be finished at approximately 12:30pm.

Please Slow Down in the City Church Carpark

A car versus child incident is not going to end well for the child. Please drive slowly through the City Church carpark and help keep our children safe.

*Save
THE
Date*

**PTA Disco
Thursday 3rd September
Details to follow**

Need to know dates for Year 6 children going to Otumoetai Intermediate School (OIS)

ENROLMENT FORMS

Due back to school by 9am, Friday 18th September.

ORIENTATION EVENING

Wednesday 12th August

7-8.30pm – starts in the OIS school hall. Find out about OIS and view the specialist class programme in action.

DIGITAL CLASSES & BYOD

Wednesday 19th August.

11am-12noon, in the OIS Learning Centre. A meeting for parents who would like their child to be in the digital class or who would like to find out more about the BYOD (Bring your own device) approach.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL ABILITIES

Wednesday 19th August

12noon-1pm, in the OIS Learning Centre. Find out more about how OIS accelerates the learning of gifted and talented children.

For more info please contact the OIS office 576-5105, admin@otuinters.school.nz or www.otuinters.school.nz

Preschool Cuties

If you have a child turning five before the end of the year, please ensure you have filled in an enrolment form for them and handed it in at the office.

Food Bank Appeal – 10th to 14th August

Tauranga Food Bank is running their Schools' Appeal and need your help. Please bring a non-perishable item of food to school to donate to the Community Foodbank. Here are some suggestions on food items they are running low on and always need...tinned soup, tinned fish, tinned tomatoes, creamed corn, cereal, pasta, rice, canned veggies, long life milk, pasta sauce, baking supplies (sugar, cocoa, icing sugar etc), shampoo/conditioner and soap.

Thank you – the people in our community who get support from our Foodbank are so very grateful for your generosity.

Please check Best Before and Expiry Dates and bring 'in date' items to the boxes in the office.



**Zara McIndoe
PRINCIPAL**

NETSAFE'S ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Establish ground rules with your children when it comes to accessing the internet. This can include rules about what sites they can and can't visit and what type of apps they can have on their personal devices. Also, ensure your children understand there are consequences for not obeying these rules.

Be aware of what your children are doing online. This can include watching and reading online content with them as well as monitoring their browser history to make sure the content they are accessing is safe and secure.

Have a conversation with your children about what to do if they do come across upsetting content. **Make sure they know they should come to you** or a trusted adult straight away with any issue they have online.

Stay calm if they do come to you – don't assign blame, reassure them that it's not their fault and don't punish them for seeking help.

Normalise their feelings – let them know that it is normal to feel scared, confused or upset.

Don't over-react by taking away the technology – this may make them less likely to talk to you if something else happens. For young children in particular, consider using parental controls to block out specific keywords like Momo.

If you or your child comes across this type of content report it to the platform that it's on. If you know that a young person has been engaging in this challenge, report it to the Police or Netsafe. Contact Netsafe for free and confidential advice seven days a week on 0508 NETSAFE, email help@netsafe.org.nz or visit www.netsafe.org.nz

NZEI TEACHER ONLY DAY

Monday 17th August 2020

School will be closed

We are almost excellent at returning NAMED lost property to the right person. Please help us keep our almost excellent record and name your child's uniform.

Thanks!

Summer Sport @ OPS

FLIPPABALL – RIPPA RUGBY – KIWITAG – VOLLEYBALL

We will be opening registrations for Term 4 sport soon. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and our school website for updates ☺