

08-09-2020

COMING EVENTS

Please note, these dates can be subject to change

7th-11th Sept: Weka Cycle Safety Week
Sat 12th Sept: Garden Working Bee from 8am
Wed 16th Sept: Wig Wednesday & Mufti Day
Thurs 24th Sept: PTA Disco
Wed 16th Sept: Wig Wednesday & Mufti Day
Fri 25th Sept: Whole School Assembly @ 12.20pm
PTA Pieday Friday – details to follow
Last Day of Term 3
Mon 12th Oct: First Day of Term 4
Fri 23rd Oct: New Entrant Orientation Morning 9.30
Mon 26th Oct: Labour Day, School Closed
Tues 27th Oct: NZEI Teacher Only Day, School Closed
Fri 30th Oct: OPS 125th Anniversary, 11.30-3pm
Thurs 5th Nov: PTA Adventure Run – YIPPEE!
Tues 10th Nov: Weka Athletics
Wed 11th Nov: Weka Athletics Postponement Date
Mon 23rd-Wed 25th Nov: Weka Camp
Wed 9th Dec: End of Year Prize Giving 9.30-11am
Wed 16th Dec: SCHOOL CLOSURES @ 12.30PM
Thurs 17th Dec – Mon 1st Feb: Chill Out Family Time
Tues 2nd Feb 2021: First Day Term 1, 2021

Current School Roll – 579

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.

Room 19

Our new New Entrant class started on Monday in Room 19. A warm welcome to Mrs Marguerite Brown and all of the five year old children who have started school! Have fun everyone! 🍌🍎

Get Wiggy for Kids With Cancer

Wig Wednesday 16th September!

Every week in New Zealand three families hear the devastating news their child has cancer. Chemotherapy means some of these kids have to face the world with no hair. Help these kids by joining thousands of ordinary Kiwis at schools, companies, and community groups who wear a wig, shave their heads or style a funky hair-do to raise money on Wig Wednesday. All the amazing people who got wiggy last year raised over \$100,000! This year we need your help to raise even more and show these kids our support!

OPS will hold their **WIG Wednesday** on **Wednesday 16th September**. It will be a Mufti Day and wear a WIG day for a gold coin donation for Child Cancer.

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

2021 ENROLMENT FORMS

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

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

Working Bees

A huge thank you to the following people for supporting our school last Saturday in its gardening and 'tidy up' preparations for the 125th Anniversary:

- * Kyle O'Brien and the team at Mix Up <https://www.mixupconcrete.co.nz/> for the concrete
 - * Dave Harris for his supersonic building skills
 - * Chris Alexander for his invaluable chainsaw and chipper efforts
 - * Carters for helping with the timber
 - * Felicity Balmer & Kiri Burney for their vision
 - * OPS families and staff for their time and efforts
- Next Saturday, 12th September, we are having a working bee to move/plant a few plants around our school and to do some gardening in our school garden areas. We NEED YOU to please help us! 1 hour or 3, it will all help greatly. Please bring your own gardening gloves, trowel, spade and bucket. We will keep you fed and watered!

Please email: Zara z.mcindoe@ops.school.nz if you can help us out or just arrive at the school anytime from 8am next Saturday.

Thank you OPS community. 🌻🌳🌱

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.

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.

Save
THE
Date

PTA Disco – NEW DATE 😊

Thursday 24th September

Details to follow



Zara McIndoe

PRINCIPAL

Ōtūmoetai Primary School – August 2020

Reading, Writing and Maths At and Above Results

	Reading At and Above	Writing At and Above	Maths At and Above
Year One	47%	67%	88%
Year Two	81%	90%	94%
Year Three	90%	77%	92%
Year Four	91%	51%	87%
Year Five	91%	57%	89%
Year Six	82%	67%	85%

Here are the Reading, Writing and Maths results from August 2020 for each of our year levels. Our aspirational goal is to have 85% of children achieving At and Above their expected level. As you can see, many of our cohorts have reached this goal, particularly in Reading and Maths. Writing continues to be a focus for our school and for the Ōtūmoetai Cluster of Schools. Our staff are part of the University of Waikato ALL (Advanced Literacy Learning) Programme. This programme supports teachers to accelerate children's literacy learning.

During lockdown: 44% of our students were engaged in online learning every day
23% were engaged two or three times a week
10% engaged once a week
12% engaged erratically
10% did not engage at all.

We will not know the true impact that lockdown had on learning levels until the end of the year. In the meantime, teachers are working hard to catch children up with the learning that they may have missed during the lockdown period. Thank you to our parent community for their continued support of their children's learning.

Ōtūmoetai Kāhui Ako Wellbeing Survey Results

All of the Year 4-13 students in the Ōtūmoetai Cluster of Schools recently completed a Wellbeing/Hauora Survey. We asked children 40 questions to find out about their Sense of Belonging, Self-Efficacy, Grit/Resilience and Growth Mindset.

The most positive responses from the Year 4-6 students at OPS were as follow:

My family/whānau like my teachers - 94.3%
If I work hard I can succeed - 94%
I want to be the best I can be - 92.9%
I know that I can become smarter - 91.2%
It's OK to make mistakes - 90.8%
My teachers like me - 89.8%
If I put my energy into a task, I can achieve it - 89.8%

The least positive responses were:

I can say how I am feeling when I need to - 31.1%
My family/whānau would like to be more involved at school - 25.1%
I can talk to my teachers about things that matter to me - 23.7%

We also completed the survey in 2018. The questions with the most positive improvements from 2018 to 2020 were:

Other students accept me the way I am - from 49.8% to 84.1%
My family/whānau like my teachers - from 71.4% to 94.3%
My family/whānau are involved at school - from 53.4% to 69.6%
I enjoy learning new things - from 73.6% to 89%
I enjoy challenging tasks - from 67.7% to 77.7%