



School Vision: Actively Involved Learners

02-02-2021

COMING EVENTS

Please note, these dates can be subject to change

- Wed 3rd Feb:** Summer Sport Registrations Due
- Fri 5th Feb:** Pohiri for New Staff & Students @10.20am
- Mon 8th Feb:** Waitangi Day – School Closed
- 15th-19th Feb:** Weka Team Surfing @ Mt Beach
- Wed 17th Feb:** Meet the Teacher 1-7pm, School closes 12.30pm
- Parent Information Sessions – details to follow
- Tues 9th Mar:** Weka Swimming Sports
- Fri 12th Mar:** Teacher Only Day – School Closed
- Tues 23rd Mar:** Tui Team Estuary Trip
- Thurs 25th Feb:** Kea Trip to Mauao/Rock Pools
- Fri 1st Apr – Tues 6th Apr:** Easter Break – School Closed
- Fri 16th Apr:** Last Day Term 1
- Mon 3rd May:** First Day Term 2

Current School Roll – 538

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 the new school year!

A warm welcome to the new school year! We are looking forward to a fabulous year ahead. A particularly warm welcome to students and families who are new to our school.

New staff

Welcome to the following staff who are new to our school in 2021:

Tia Tarau Rm 2, Linda Wilson Rm 5 (returning), Sophie Millar Rm 7, Emma Sherratt Rm 8, Kourtney Troon Rm 13, Sally Park Rm 20, Larissa Corbett

Room 19

We have 24 children from Brookfield School and their teacher, Ngaire Gow, working out of Rm 19 this term. There are a shortage of classrooms at Brookfield School so we have agreed to host this class for the term.

Seesaw – please sign up 😊

Seesaw is a digital portfolio that gives you real-time glimpses into your child's school day. Seesaw helps you stay in the loop and gives you an opportunity to support your child's learning at home. If you need support in signing-up please see your child's classroom teacher in the first instance.

Thanks Rotary Club 😊

A huge thank you to the Rotary Club of Ōtūmoetai and Tauranga Sunrise Lions Club who have made generous donations to help a group of our children attend riding sessions at RDA for two terms. We are still looking for funding opportunities to keep supporting this group and to support another group later in the year. If anyone can help out in this way, please contact Cathie Stenhouse, Learning Support Coordinator, c.stenhouse@ops.school.nz.

Uniform

Please ensure your child's uniform items are clearly named. They need to wear a navy blue brim or bucket hat in Term 1.

Meet the Teacher

There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and discuss their social and learning goals on Wednesday 17th February. Meet the teacher appointments will be available between 1-7pm and school will close at 12.30pm to allow time for this. Visit www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the code **z5dev** to make a booking.

Parent Educational Sessions

Due to the impact of COVID - 19 on student learning, we are offering educational sessions for parents on how you can support your child with their learning at home.

The sessions will be between 1.00 - 1.30 p.m and repeated between **5.30 - 6.00 p.m on Wednesday 17th February.**

Tui - Transition to school

Ruru and Kea - Supporting learning

Weka sessions will occur later in the term.

PB4L

Ōtūmoetai Primary is a PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) School. To ensure the school runs smoothly, there are a few things that parents can do to help us out.

Parking - Park at City Church or Drop off zones. NO Parking in the staff carpark.

Before 8.30am - Children and adults must wait at the hall until the 8.30am bell rings.

School Houses - Children are all placed in a School House. Please ensure they have a piece of clothing in the House Colour to wear at House events.

Zara McIndoe

PRINCIPAL

Stationery lists have been given out today.

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.

Cyber Safety

All children will be asked to sign our Digital Citizenship/Cyber Safety Memo of Understanding at school.

This is to ensure that Otumoetai Primary Students are using digital technologies and online tools safely.

If children don't follow the rules their device may be taken off them and/or they may lose the right to use digital technologies at school.

The rules for children at OPS are as follow:

Looking After Me

I will:

- only use digital technologies when I have permission
- only use digital technologies when there is an adult in the room
- only visit the pages I am allowed to
- only share pictures and stories about myself when my teacher tells me I can
- not share any personal information ie: my phone number or address online
- talk to my parents and teachers about any online friends I have

- tell my teacher or parents if anyone is unkind to me on the computer
- tell my teacher or parents immediately if I see anything that makes me feel uncomfortable

Looking After Others

I will:

- ask before I share a picture or story about a person
- be respectful and kind about others work and feelings

Looking After Property

I will:

- wash and dry dirty, sticky hands before touching digital technology.
- keep all food and drink away from technology.
- respect the technology - walk and use two hands for carrying devices, only using your finger on touch screens, return it to its storage place after use.
- be seated while using technology unless directed by the teach

Term 1, 2021 Sports

Enrolments are open for **TERM 1 SUMMER SPORTS** on the school website. Outstanding 2020 fees must be paid before your child will be enrolled in a 2021 team. We cannot guarantee that late enrolments will be placed in a team so get in early ☺ If you have any questions please email Renea at sports@ops.school.nz

Cricket: Years 1 – 4

•Fergusson Park - Saturday mornings 9am-10am (7 weeks starts Sat 13th March) •\$25 per child for the 7-week Programme •Register and pay directly to Don Warner (021) 307 081 or email wbozca@gmail.com

Rippa Rugby & Rip Rugby: Years 1 – 6

•Fergusson Park – Tuesday afternoons (starts 23rd February through to 30th March) •Cost: \$12 per player + \$5 sports shirt hire •For more info & to register click on the 2021 Rippa Rugby Link on our school website
•**Rippa Rugby/Rip Rugby registrations and payment due by Wednesday 3rd February @ 12noon**

Flippa Ball: Years 3 – 6

•Memorial Pool – Tuesday after school/evenings (starts 16th February through to 6th April) •Cost: \$70 per player
•For more info & to register click on the 2021 Flippa Ball link on our school website
•**Flippa Ball registrations and payment due by Wednesday 3rd February @ 12noon**

Volleyball: Years 3 – 6

•QEYC (Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre), 11th Ave Friday afternoons/evenings (starts 12th February through to 9th April) •Cost: \$25 per player for all divisions + \$5 sports shirt hire •For more info & to register click on the 2021 Volleyball link on our school website
•**Volleyball registrations and payment due by Wednesday 3rd February @ 12noon**

Kiwitag: Years 1 – 6

•Mitchell Park – Monday afternoons (starts Monday 15th February through to 5th April) •Cost: \$25 per player + \$5 sports shirt hire •For more info & to register click on the 2021 Kiwitag link on our school website
•**Kiwitag registrations and payment due by Wednesday 3rd February @ 12noon**

<https://www.ops.school.nz/information/sports/>