

16-02-2021

## COMING EVENTS

Please note, these dates can be subject to change

- 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Weka Team Surfing @ Mt Beach  
**Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Meet the Teacher 1-7pm, School closes 12.30pm – BOOKINGS STILL AVAILABLE ☺  
Parent Information Sessions – details below  
**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Weka Swimming Sports  
**Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Teacher Only Day – School Closed  
**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Mar:** Tui Team Estuary Trip  
**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Kea Trip to Mauao/Rock Pools  
**Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Apr – Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Easter Break – School Closed  
**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Last Day Term 1  
**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May:** First Day Term 2

**Current School Roll – 534**

## 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.

## 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.

## First Credit Union School Banking 2021

School banking will start next

**Wednesday 24th February 2021.** Please bring your bank book into the office before 9am each Wednesday.

## Term 1 bike promo – WIN 1 OF 3 BIKES!

Every deposit made through the First Credit Union school banking programme between 24<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021 puts you in the draw to win 1 of 3 bikes! The prizes will be drawn on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April and the winner notified later that day.

Pop into the office to pick up a First Credit Union school banking application pack.

# Staffing 2021

Principal - Zara McIndoe

Senior School Deputy Principal - Marcus Hughes (DP in charge of Pastoral Care and Administration. Responsible for International Students)

Junior School Deputy Principal - Jill Miller (DP in charge of Teaching, Learning, Assessment and Evaluation. Responsible for PB4L and School Sports)

Learning Support Coordinator (LSC) - Cathie Stenhouse (Responsible for children with Additional Needs and Inclusive Education)

Office Administrator - Wendy Bryers  
Office Administrator Assistant - Larissa Corbett  
Admin Assistant - Jordan Grogan  
Office/Sports Coordinator/Teacher Aide - Renea Fluerty  
ICT/Library - Steve Charman

School Caretaker - Ross Johnson  
International Student Teacher - Jacqui Smith

### Year 5 & 6 Weka Team

Rm 1 - Tarquin Smith  
Rm 2 - Tia Tarau  
Rm 3 - Katie Wallace  
Rm 4 - Carl Acton  
Rm 5 - Linda Wilson (Weka Team Leader)  
Rm 6 - Cody Schou  
Rm 7 - Sophie Millar

### Year 3 & 4 Kea Team

Rm 8 - Nyree Hanna (Kea Team Leader)  
Rm 9 - Emma Sherratt  
Rm 10 - Jo Denny  
Rm 11 - Wayne Miller  
Rm 12 - Sarah Brown

### Year 1 - 2 - 3 Ruru Team

Rm 13 - Kourtney Troon  
Rm 14 - Kathy Nicholson  
Rm 15 - Rachael Rowley (Ruru Team Leader)  
Rm 16 - Carolyn Andrews  
Rm 17 - Kaaren O'Neill  
Rm 18 - Andrea Griffin

### Year 0-1 Tui Team

Rm 20 - Sally Park  
Rm 21 - Emily Campbell  
Rm 22 - Kerri Kearvell & Marguerite Brown  
Rm 23 - Francine Whitehead (Tui Team Leader)  
Rm 24 - Kendyll Reeve

### Reading Recovery

Lisa Thorne  
Kerri Kearvell

### Teacher Aides

Evelyn Cullen (ESOL Teacher)  
Alison Murray  
Joanne Curd  
Tori Foster  
Sandy Palmer

### Part-time Teachers

Tracy Swart  
Phillipa de Fluiter  
Kate Rhodes  
Mig McMillan  
Annabelle Yeoman  
Carmelina Taylor  
Anna Robinson  
Gael Prosser  
Jon Baird

### Behaviour Support Workers

Nephi Sanerive  
Jack Nelson

## School Facebook Page

Our school Facebook Page (Otumoetai Primary) is the number one place for school updates and current events. Please make sure you 'Like' our school Facebook Page to be 'in the know'! Otherwise, check our school website [www.ops.school.nz](http://www.ops.school.nz) or your child's Seesaw Page.



## Spanish Club Lunchtimes – Term 1 2021

Fun Languages offers an opportunity for children aged 2-12 years old to learn Spanish. Our team are all fluent or native Spanish speakers and passionate about taking children on a journey of discovery through the language and culture of Spanish speaking countries. The focus is on fun games, activities, songs and crafts that will enable them to use their new language for real purpose.

**When:** Term 1, Monday lunchtimes 12:50-1:40pm

**Where:** Otumoetai Primary School music suite

**Cost:** \$13 per session. 6 week term = \$78

**FREE TRIAL: MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**limited places, contact Amber to register**  
[amber@lcfclubs.co.nz](mailto:amber@lcfclubs.co.nz) or call 022 199 3958

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> February.**

Tui - Transition to school

Ruru and Kea - Supporting learning

Weka sessions will occur later in the term.

**Covid-19 updates will be posted on Facebook and/or Seesaw.**  
**Kia kaha, noho ora mai ra.**  
**Stay safe & stay well.**

## Ōtūmoetai Primary School 2021 Areas of Priority/Strategic Goals

1. Embed best and consistent planning, teaching, learning and assessment practices across the curriculum with particular focus on **Local Curriculum, Oral Language and Writing.**
2. Further 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.**
3. Promote **Creativity** by incorporating **Dance, Drama, Art, Music, Te Reo, Te Ao and Tikanga Māori** authentically into classroom programmes.
4. Work together to further develop learning partnerships and educationally powerful connections with **parents and whānau.**

### 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and enter the code **z5dev** to make a booking.

Zara Mchdoe  
PRINCIPAL

# School closes at 12.30pm

# TOMORROW

## for you to Meet the Teacher 😊

Book now at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

Use the event code **z5dev** then follow the prompts.