

09-03-2021

COMING EVENTS

Please note, these dates can be subject to change

Thurs 11th Mar: Weka Wetlands Trip Rms 4 & 6
Fri 12th Mar: Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Fri 19th Mar: Ruru/Kea Team Triathlon - Yrs 3 & 4
Ruru/Kea Team Duathlon - Yrs 1 & 2
Kea Team hosting School Assembly
Mon 22nd Mar: East Cluster Swimming Sports
Tues 23rd Mar: Weka Wetlands Trip - Rms 5 & 7
Wed 24th Mar: Weka Wetlands Trip - Rms 2 & 3
Thurs 25th Mar: Weka Wetlands Trip - Rm 1
Thurs 1st Apr: Ruru Team hosting School Assembly
Fri 2nd Apr – Tues 6th Apr: Easter Break - School Closed
Fri 16th Apr: Tui Team hosting School Assembly
Last Day Term 1
Mon 3rd May: First Day Term 2

Current School Roll – 540

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.

Teacher Only Day

School closed this Friday 12th March

Please note that all schools in the Ōtūmoetai Cluster will be closed this Friday. This includes all Primary Schools and the Intermediate. Teachers will be part of a Professional Learning Day at Ōtūmoetai Intermediate.

Te Reo Māori

This term we have 20 of our teachers/staff learning Te Reo Māori with Toni Heke-Ririnui (Education Manager - Ngāti Ranginui).

In every newsletter we will have a Te Reo Māori section whereby we will include a few phrases for you all to try.

Mōrena - Good morning

Kia pai tō ra - Have a good day

Kia ora - Hello

Tēnā koe - Hello (more formal than Kia ora)

Kia ora kōrua - Hello to two people

Kia ora tātou/kia ora koutou - Hello everyone

Tēnā koutou - Greetings to you (said to three or more people)

Nau mai, haere mai - Welcome

Kei te pēhea koe? - How's it going?

Kei te pai – Good Tino pai - Really good

Concerns, Comments or Feedback

If you have any concerns, comments or feedback please feel free to let us know! We ask that you communicate with your child's classroom teacher via Seesaw or email in the first instance.

If you wish to speak with a Team Leader – they are as follow:

Tui Team: Francine Whitehead f.whitehead@ops.school.nz

Ruru Team: Rachael Rowley r.rowley@ops.school.nz

Kea Team: Nyree Hanna n.hanna@ops.school.nz

Weka Team: Linda Wilson l.wilson@ops.school.nz

If you wish to make contact with our Learning Support Coordinator please email Cathie Stenhouse – c.stenhouse@ops.school.nz

Steve Charman is our IT Guru and Librarian Extraordinaire and his email is librarian@ops.school.nz or s.charman@ops.school.nz

Our Sports Coordinator is Renea Fluerty. For any sports questions or comments please email sports@ops.school.nz

Our Senior School Deputy Principal is Marcus Hughes – m.hughes@ops.school.nz – he oversees the Senior School and looks after pastoral care and discipline at OPS.

Our Junior School Deputy Principal is Jill Miller – j.miller@ops.school.nz – she oversees the Junior School and looks after curriculum, learning and assessment at OPS.

Our fabulous PTA can be contacted at otumoetai.prim.pta@gmail.com

Our BoT can be contacted at bot@ops.school.nz

Zara McIndoe's email is z.mcindoe@ops.school.nz

We always appreciate feedback from our parent and whānau community. Thank you to those of you who keep in touch via Seesaw, email and/or Facebook.

2021 Term Dates

Term 1: Tuesday 2nd February – Friday 16th April

School Closed Easter Holidays: Fri 2nd April – Tues 6th April

Term 2: Monday 3rd May – Friday 9th July

Term 3: Monday 26th July – Friday 1st October

Term 4: Mon 18th October – Thursday 16th December

School Facebook Page

Our school Facebook Page (Ōtūmoetai 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 or your child's Seesaw Page.

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THANKS
to our sponsors

We really appreciate the generosity of local businesses who are contributing to our kura.

School Van - A special thanks needs to go to the following local businesses who have sponsored our new school van's running costs for the next two years:

BP Otumoetai

De Lux

Rise Dance

Ryan & Alexander.

Look out for their logos on the van!

Epro8 - Thank you to Road Life RV who have sponsored a new Epro8 kit for the school.

2021 School Leaders

CARE Leaders

Casey Miller

Zoe Guy

Ava Bryant

Dellas Mareroa

Katy Bradnock

Sophie Stevenson

Bailey Rae

William Cummings

Ari Joe

Cole Peters

Zavier Burne

Harper Lee

Austin King

Brodie Scholes

HOUSE Leaders

Abbey Muspratt

Mia Barnard

Lauren Temara

Alana Brown

Pauline Lewis

Waimarama Hay

Hamish Browne

Sven van der Wagt

Ryan Baveystock

Max Holmes

Cairo Morley

Daniel Smythe

ASSEMBLY Leaders

Lochy Hart

Ari Ermens

Toby Bryson

Mason Fidler

David Partridge

Ellie Brown

Michael Snow

Lucian Maheno

Luke McIvor

Izzy Savage

Hynes Ngatai

Grace Monahan

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

Kapa Haka Update

Ōtūmoetai Primary has just appointed Jeremy Hantler - a Kaitautoko Kapa haka (Tutor) - to get our Kapa haka rōpu back to singing their hearts out.

Jeremy is a qualified teacher who has relief taught at our school, and also taught our bucket drumming groups for a few months when he first moved to Tauranga. He teaches music at Matua School and Drum kit at Ōtūmoetai College. Jeremy is of Kai Tahu descent, and is forming good relationships with local Māori especially through his band 'The Harmonic Resonators' and through his enthusiasm for local knowledge in our curriculum. If you would like to support our Kapa haka group this year please contact jeremyh@matua.school.nz

Matua Mars, Whaea Tia and Miss Hanna will also be supporting our Kapa haka group. Practices for our Senior Kapa haka (Kea & Weka) will be held on Friday afternoons in the school hall, starting on Friday 19th March.

Nau mai, haere mai!

"Kaore he kaihaka toa ahau, engari ka hiahia au ki te whakatū ai ki ngā kaupapa reo, te aroha mō te waiata, me te warawara mō te mātauranga māori ki roto i tō tātou kura" -

Jeremy Hantler

Our School Bank Account Details:

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

Zara McIndoe
PRINCIPAL

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