

30-03-2021

## COMING EVENTS

Please note, these dates can be subject to change

**Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Apr:** School Assembly  
Mufti Day – No Theme – Just Come As You Are ☺  
**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Apr – Tues 6<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Easter Break - School Closed  
**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr:** Ms McIndoe's Birthday ☺  
**Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Apr:** School Assembly  
PTA Pie Day Friday (details to come)  
Last Day Term 1  
**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May:** First Day Term 2  
**Tues 11<sup>th</sup> May:** PhotoLife Class & Individual Photos  
**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> August:** PTA Quiz Night – details to follow

**Current School Roll – 543**

## 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.

## Easter Break

Just a reminder that all schools in NZ are closed on Easter Tuesday. Where possible the Ministry of Education aligns the end of the first term to Easter so that the Easter break falls within the school holidays however this is not the case in 2021. School is closed from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April through to and including Easter Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. See you back at school on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April.

## PTA Mufti Day this Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Don't forget the PTA Mufti day this Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April! We have had children asking what they can wear and the answer is ANYTHING YOU LIKE! If you want to come dressed as Ms McIndoe to help her celebrate her birthday on the 3<sup>rd</sup> then do it. If you want to come dressed as Mr Johnson cos he's the man then DO IT. If you want to wear your most comfy clothes then go for it. Our CARE Leaders will visit classes and collect the gold coin donations on Thursday morning. Thank you!

## Grand Easter Raffle

Choose a lucky number and be in to win the amazing Easter Basket kindly donated by New World Brookfield. Tickets are on sale at the front gate, weather permitting. \$2 per number. Raffle drawn Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April (no joking!). Funds raised to help our children get to Riding for Development.

## PTA AGM Updates

The PTA AGM was held recently. We are delighted to announce that, in 2021, Sheree Brown will continue as President, Bridget Farquhar as Treasurer & Hana Stevenson as Secretary. If you are interested in being a friend of the PTA please join the Facebook link below for updates and ways that you can support our PTA in their fun and fundraising efforts. Thanks everyone!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/opsfriendsofthepta/>

## Pool Key



Our school pool will be open up until and including Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The pool will be closed from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. Please return your pool key in an envelope with your name, child's name and room number to the PTA box in the library by Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April to ensure you get your \$20 bond returned. Bond refunds will be sent home at the start of Term 2. Thanks everyone! 😊

## Shave for a Cure

Mr Hughes, Ari Joe, and Austin King are shaving their heads in support of Aaron Joe, who has recently been diagnosed with acute myeloid leukaemia. Aaron has been an awesome parent helper over the last eight years; he is a long-standing BOT member and has coached multiple OPS sports teams. He is a great supporter of all school fundraisers, and looked particularly good in a dress at the 2017 Quiz night!

If Mr Hughes, Ari, and Austin can raise over \$6,000 between them, a number of other teachers are keen to get behind the cause! Mr Smith, Mr Schou, Mr Johnson, Mr Miller, Steve, and Jack are all keen! We are currently at \$4,291 so we are nearly there!

The team plans to shave their heads (and facial hair) on the outdoor stage at THIS THURSDAY AT 12.45PM. You are welcome to come and watch. We will also live stream it on Facebook.

To donate, please visit:

Ari - <https://shaveforacure.co.nz/ari-joe>

Austin - <https://shaveforacure.co.nz/austin-king>

Mr Hughes - <https://shaveforacure.co.nz/marcus-hughes>

## 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](http://www.ops.school.nz) or your child's Seesaw Page.

Our School Bank Account Details:  
Ōtūmoetai Primary School 06-0433-0191076-00  
Please use your child's name as a reference.

Save  
THE  
Date

PTA Quiz Night  
Saturday  
28<sup>th</sup> August.  
Details to follow soon.  
This will be a night to  
remember!

## 2021 Term Dates

Term 1: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April  
School Closed Easter Holidays: Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Tues 6<sup>th</sup> April  
Term 2: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Term 3: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October  
Term 4: Mon 18<sup>th</sup> October – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Zara McIndoe  
PRINCIPAL

# Sports Update

Term 1 teams are all up and running. Many thanks for completing the online registrations so quickly and offering to coach and manage.

**Winter sport registrations are now OPEN online  
via the School Website**

[www.ops.school.nz](http://www.ops.school.nz), click on the INFORMATION tab then choose SPORT from the  
drop down list

The following sports are available through Otumoetai Primary School

**Netball** - Years 1 - 6 - Played on a Saturday morning at the Tauranga Netball Centre (formerly Harbourside Netball Courts), Mt Maunganui

**Miniball** - Years 1 - 6 - Played on a Friday afternoon/evening at the Trustpower Arena, Mt Maunganui

**Hockey** - Years 1 - 6 - Played on a Saturday morning at the hockey turf, Mt Maunganui.

**Girl's Rugby** - Years 3 - 6 - Played on a Monday afternoon at Blake Park, Mt Maunganui.

**NOTE:** Term 1 sport fees must be paid before your child will be placed into a team.

Each team requires a Coach and Manager PRIOR to teams being entered. Please offer when completing the registration form.

**Winter sport registrations close  
at 12.30pm on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.**

## Easter Break

**School closed Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April**