

17-08-2021

COMING EVENTS

Please note, these dates can be subject to change

16th – 20th Aug: Book Fair Week

Fri 20th Aug: Book Character Dress Up Day

Grandparents Day 9.15-11am

Mon 23rd Aug: NZEI Teacher Only Day, School Closed

Fri 27th Aug: PTA Pie Day Friday

Tues 14th Sept: Kakahu Peke Peke Rugby Tournament

Fri 3rd Sept: East Cluster 7's Tournament

Sat 4th Sept: PTA Quiz Night – details to follow

Tues 7th Sept: Junior School Oral Presentation @ 5.30pm

Wed 8th Sept: Wig Wednesday Mufti, Gold Coin Donation

Wed 22nd Sep: Rumpelstiltskin Schoolwide Show

Thur 30th Sept: PTA Sausage Sizzle

Fri 1st Oct: Last Day Term 3

Mon 18th Oct: First Day Term 4

8th – 17th Nov: Weka Team 2 Night Camp (Dates vary)

Current School Roll – 575

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 Week 4!

This week is Book Fair week! This is being held in the library. Children will visit the Book Fair as part of their library time. Parents/Grandparents are invited to visit Monday-Friday 8.30-9AM or Monday-Thursday 2.45-3.15PM In the school library - EFTPOS available.

Boys' and Girls' Rugby games are being held against Pillans Point School on Wednesday.

The Ōtūmoetai Intermediate Information Evening for Year 6 students and their parents is being held at OIS on Wednesday 18th August, 7 - 8.30pm.

Book Character Dress Up Day on Friday 20th coinciding with Grandparents' Day! The parade runs from 9.15am on the top court (if fine) or school hall (if wet). Grandparents are invited to join us from 9.15am for the parade and then visit classrooms until 10.30am when they will be invited to the hall for a cup of tea and a bikkie. Nau mai, haere mai!

Have a great week everyone! 🍌🍌

First Credit Union School Banking

Please bring your banking book into the office before 9am each Wednesday and Renea will give you a hand to put it into the banking box.

The Legend of Taurikura

As retold by Samantha – Room 14

Long, long ago in the Kaimai Ranges there was a village called Kahakaharoa. One day, Taurikura, the chief's daughter, was asked by her koro to retrieve some water from the river below because the track was steep. "No! I am exhausted! Go yourself!" she said. Slowly, koro retrieved an empty gourd and ambled down to the river. When he was back, Taurikura demanded some. "I want some! Let me have some." Koro called Taurikura lazy, Ashamed, Taurikura fled before anyone could hear about her dreadful behaviour. At midnight she crept down to the river and changed into a tuatara. She plunged into the rough river, swimming with all of her might, and she made a new course for the river. Taurikura went down the Waikareao Estuary and past Mauao. Finally, she saw where she was going. She landed on the rocky island of Karewa. Taurikura stayed as a tuatara so that no-one would recognise her.

NZEI Teacher Only Day

An NZEI (Teachers' Union) Teacher Only Day is scheduled for Monday 23rd August. This also involves Ōtūmoetai Intermediate, Bellevue, Bethlehem, Brookfield, Matua and Pillans Point Primary Schools. School will be closed for instruction. Please make alternative arrangements for your child. Thank you for your support.

Winter sport has almost finished and summer sport registrations are just a few weeks away – yippee. 😊
Please return your sport uniform to the red box just inside the school hall.

New PTA President

A warm welcome to our new PTA President - Rav Paul. Rav is currently working at the University of Waikato, Tauranga Campus as an ICT consultant & security specialist and is also in his final year of an MBA. Rav is family oriented and enjoys spending most of his spare time with my kids (Taaj 9, Viaan 4), Taaj is in year 5 at OPS, and Viaan is starting this October at OPS. Rav is dedicated, result orientated & community focussed. Hana Stevenson is the PTA Secretary and Skye Temara is the PTA Treasurer.

The PTA are running a Pie Day on Friday 27th August, a Quiz Night on Saturday 4th September and a Disco and Sausage Sizzle on Thursday 30th September.

Please email otumoetai.prim.pta@gmail.com if you are able to help out or support any of these events.

Thanks in advance!

Book Character Dress Up Parade & Grandparents' Day

This Friday (20th August) we are hosting our annual Book Character Dress Up Parade and Grandparents' Day. This coincides with our Book Fair being held in the library this week.

All children are asked to come to school on Friday dressed as their favourite Book Character. We will host a parade on the top court (if fine) from 9.15am.

If it is wet we will host the parade in the school hall (team by team).

Grandparents are asked to arrive at school by 9.15am to watch the parade. After the parade grandparents will be invited to go back to class/es with their grandchildren to join in with some of the learning activities.

At 10.30am there will be a cup of tea and a bikkie in the hall for grandparents.

We look forward to seeing lots of you at school this Friday!

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

ENROLMENT FORMS

Due back to school by 9am, Friday 24th September.

ORIENTATION EVENING

Wednesday 18th August

7-8.30pm – starts in the OIS school hall.

Find out about OIS and view the specialist class programmes in action.

DIGITAL CLASSES & BYOD

Wednesday 25th August.

11am-12noon, in the OIS Learning Centre.

A meeting for parents who would like their child to be in the digital class or who would like to find out about the BYOD (Bring your own device) approach.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL ABILITIES

Wednesday 25th August

12noon-1pm, in the OIS Learning Centre.

Find out about how OIS accelerates the learning of gifted and talented children.

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

PTA QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 4th September

PTA Quiz Night Sponsorship

Our last quiz night raised a substantial amount of funds for our school community! This money goes back into the school to continue making improvements for our tamariki and community!

To make this year another success, we need your help. This year we are asking for a \$300 table sponsorship. You or your business will be promoted on our school Facebook page and throughout the quiz night!

Please email our PTA for a sponsorship form if you are interested. otumoetai.prim.pta@gmail.com

Thank you! 😊

Zara McIndoe

PRINCIPAL



NZEI Teacher Only Day

School closed

Monday 23rd August