

01-02-2022

## COMING EVENTS

Please note, these dates can be subject to change

- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Mihi Whakatau @ 2.30pm
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Waitangi Day – School Closed
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Feb:** PTA Meeting, 7pm in staffroom, all welcome
- Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Summer Sport Registrations Due
- 14<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Weka Team Surfing @ Mt Beach
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Feb:** BoT Meeting, 5.30pm staffroom
- Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Meet the Teacher 1-7pm, School closes 12.30pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb-1<sup>st</sup> Mar:** Kea Team Water Skill Life Plus
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Weka Swimming Sports
- Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Teacher Only Day – School Closed
- Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Last Day Term 1
- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May:** First Day Term 2

**Current School Roll 513**

## 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.

**Nau mai ki te huringa tau hou-ā-**

**kura! Welcome to the new school year!**

A special welcome to our new students & families & staff. Welcome Mrs Fiona Brown - Room 12 and Mrs Anika Abbott - Room 21.

## 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 16<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 saus6 to make a booking.

## School Hats

A navy brim or bucket hat must be worn in Term 1. Children who do not have a hat are directed to the 'no-hat' tree during morning tea and lunchtimes. We have a small selection of second-hand hats (along with other uniform items) available from the school office for \$5 each. Cash is king. 😊

## 2022 Sport – Term 1

Enrolments are open for **TERM 1 SUMMER SPORTS** on the school website. Outstanding 2021 fees must be paid before your child will be enrolled in a 2022 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](mailto:sports@ops.school.nz)

### Cricket: Years 1 – 4

- Fergusson Park - Saturday mornings 9am-10am (7 weeks starts TBA)
- Register and pay directly to Don Warner (021) 307 081 or email [wbopca@gmail.com](mailto:wbopca@gmail.com)

### Rippa Rugby & Rip Rugby: Years 1 – 6

- Fergusson Park – Tuesday afternoons (start 1<sup>st</sup> March – 5<sup>th</sup> April) ●Cost: \$12 per player + \$5 sports shirt hire
- For more info & to register click on the 2022 Rippa Rugby Link on our school website
- Rippa Rugby/Rip Rugby registrations due by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February @ 12noon

### Minipolo (Flippa Ball): Years 3 – 6

- Memorial Pool – Tuesday after school/evenings (start 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 5<sup>th</sup> April) ●Cost: \$70 per player
- For more info & to register click on the 2022 Minipolo link on our school website
- Minipolo registrations due by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February @ 12noon

### Volleyball: Years 3 – 6

- QEYC (Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre), 11<sup>th</sup> Ave Friday afternoons/evenings (start TBA) ●Cost: \$25 per player + \$5 sports shirt hire
- For more info & to register click on the 2022 Volleyball link on our school website
- Volleyball registrations due by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February @ 12noon

### Kiwitag: Years 1 – 6

- Mitchell Park – Monday afternoons (14<sup>th</sup> February – 4<sup>th</sup> April) ●Cost: \$25 per player + \$5 sports shirt hire
- For more info & to register click on the 2022 Kiwitag link on our school website
- Kiwitag registrations and payment due by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February @ 12noon

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

# Principal's Panui

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome to the new school year! We trust that you all had a relaxing and refreshing summer break.

As you will know, we are currently in Red Level on the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF), Traffic Light System.

At Ōtūmoetai Primary School, we will continue to follow Ministry of Health & Ministry of Education instructions & guidelines to ensure the health & safety of all students, staff, and whānau.

## **Face Masks**

Face masks are required for all students in Year 5 & 6 when indoors or in close contact with others and for all staff working indoors to provide or support the provisions of education for Year 5 & 6. Face masks are not required to be worn in schools by staff or students for Years 1–4 however staff and students in Years 1-4 may choose to wear face masks if they wish to. (As Kea Team classes are Year 3/4 composite classes the Ministry of Education has confirmed that we follow the requirements for the youngest aged children in the class.) If you have chosen not to send your Year 5/6 child with a mask, please email me to make a time to discuss. [z.mcindoe@ops.school.nz](mailto:z.mcindoe@ops.school.nz)

## **Visitors**

There are to be NO non-essential visitors on site. All essential visitors are to wear face coverings when on school grounds and sign-in using the COVID QR Code/s.

## **Parents**

We ask that parents only come on site if ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. If you MUST enter you are asked to wear a face mask, sign in using the school QR code and maintain social distancing from our children and staff. For new students starting school we understand that parents are likely to want to accompany them onsite for the first few days and this is completely understandable and acceptable. As above, please wear a face mask & sign-in at the classroom.

Thank you for your ongoing understanding and support through these challenging times.  
Noho haumarū/Stay safe

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Zara McIndoe  
Principal/Tumuaki  
Ōtūmoetai Primary School  
021-469-272

**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 quickly.**