

29-11-2022

EXCITING & IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

There are only 12 school days left and there is lots on the school calendar!

This week - WEEK 7

Wed 30th Nov: WBOP Athletics

Rooms 21 & 22 to Art Gallery

Pie Day Friday orders to the hall by 9am

Thurs 1st and Fri 2nd Dec: Kea Team Trip to the Redwoods

Fri 2nd Dec: Pie Day Friday

Next week - WEEK 8

Mon 5th Dec: Tui Team Te Puna Quarry Trip

Tues 6th Dec: Tui Team Prize Giving, 9.15am @ OPS

Ruru Team Prize Giving, 10.15am @ OPS

Weka Team Service Assembly, 11.30am @ OPS

Wed 7th Dec: Kea/Weka Prize Giving @ City Church from 9.30 - 11am

Thurs 8th Dec: Year 6 Social Dance, 5.30 - 7.30pm

Fri 9th Dec: Road Patrol Training for 2023

WEEK 9

Mon 12th Dec: Tui Team Christmas Rotation 9.10 - 12.50pm

Wed 14th Dec: Ruru Pool Party, 1.50 - 3pm
Reports and Books are sent home

Thurs 15th Dec: Tui Team Teddy Bears Picnic, Mitchell Park

School closes at 12.30pm

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.

2023 Term Dates

Term 1: Tuesday 31st January – Thursday 6th April

Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day: Friday 10th March

Term 2: Monday 24th April – Friday 30th June

Term 3: Monday 17th July – Friday 22nd September

Term 4: Mon 9th October – Friday 15th December

Pool Key Hire – Forms are Ready Now

Forms are at the PTA box in the library

Pool key forms are now available at the PTA Box in the library. If you would like a key please send your child to pick up a form or collect yourself this week. Please do not ask us to send home a form as this is not a service we are providing at this busy time of the year. Please put \$100 (cash only) into an envelope with the signed form and return to the PTA box before 3pm on Friday 2nd December. The \$100 is inclusive of a \$20 bond which will be refunded at the end of pool season if you return your key on time. Pool keys will be issued to your child to bring home on Monday 5th December. This is your only opportunity for a pool key - first in, first served.

Thank you!

Current School Roll – 595

Thank you, Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Thank you to our wonderful parent and whānau community for your support this year. We have appreciated your help in the classroom, on school trips, coaching/managing and supporting sports teams. Thank you for attending school events & assemblies. Thank you for contributing to school reviews, surveys and school fundraisers. Thank you for having your child prepared for school, for spending quality time with them, for reading to them, for having them to school on time, providing them with healthy lunches, ensuring that their uniforms are named and for supporting them with homework. Our school would not be as fabulous if it weren't for each and every one of you. Here's wishing you a wonderful Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe and family-filled holiday break.

POOL KEY HIRE FORMS ARE ON THE GREEN PTA BOX IN THE LIBRARY

A Year 6 Student's Perspective of OPS 2022

2022 was a year full of twists and turns with something new punching you in the face many times. COVID, new murals, confined bubbles for each team...each term was a new adventure.

Term 1: Right before school started in Term One, COVID had struck AGAIN. I swear, every conversation for the past two years included COVID! Anyway, all kids from Year 4-6 had to wear masks. The classes were suffocating in them.

Soon after, each team had a bubble, so during playtimes Weka was restricted to ONE path and the field. We got SO BORED! Plus, in each class, half the people were sick, so for the first time in years, the classes were quiet for more than two days.

Term 2: Term Two, thank God, had no more masks and no more bubbles. For Weka, there was the Ōtanewainuku Trip. We learnt about species of birds, their predators and pests ruining nature. Week Two saw the school-wide House Marching Competition. Sadly, Kōwhai won (Rimu should have). In Week Three we had Pink Shirt Day to raise money to stop bullying. Soon after, there was Cross Country and the unveiling of a new mural on the side of the swimming pool changing sheds.

Term 3: For Weka, a lot happened in Term Three. The Commonwealth Games were on, so Weka put their own spin on it and hosted a Commonwealth Games House Event. Speeches were held as was Kids Can Ride and the Intermediate Showcase.

Term 4: The last nine weeks of primary school. Camp was at Tōtara Springs and, in my opinion, it was better than Ngāmuwāhine. Reports are coming and the tests have to start. The Year Sixes did about 10 tests in 4 WEEKS! Even worse, Social Dance.

Overall, this year was a great year. It started with a rocky bump, but, eventually, it was one of the best in my school experience.

By Tej Patel – Year 6



HOT & TASTY PIEDAY FRIDAY

This Friday (2nd December) is Pie Day Friday – yum yum! ☺ A delicious HOT pie can be ordered for lunch for only \$4. Please fill in the form and return it with the correct money to the outside hall kitchen window from 8.30-9am on Wednesday 30th November. Your pie will be delivered to your classroom at lunchtime on Friday. Late orders will not be accepted.

Name _____ one form per child please Room _____

Chicken & Vegetable \$4 _____ (number of pies @ \$4 each)

Mince \$4 _____ (number of pies @ \$4 each)

Mince & Cheese \$4 _____ (number of pies @ \$4 each)

Apple \$4 _____ (number of pies @ \$4 each)

Total \$ enclosed _____

Please return this order form to the outside hall kitchen window from 8.30-9am on Wednesday 30th November.