

07-02-2023

EXCITING & IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

Please note: these dates can be subject to change.

Tues 14th Feb: BoT Meeting, 5.30pm staffroom
Wed 15th Feb: Meet the Teacher 1-7pm, School closes 12.30pm
Thurs 16th Feb: Tui Team Estuary Trip, 9-11.45am
Fri 17th Mar: House Marching Competition
Mon 20th Feb: Weka Surf Trip, Rms 1 & 2
PTA Meeting, 7pm staffroom
Tues 21st Feb: Weka Surf Trip, Rms 4 & 5
Wed 22nd Feb: Weka Surf Trip, Rms 23 & 24
ESOL/International Student Community Dinner
Thurs 23rd Feb: Weka Surf Trip, Rm 3
Mon 27th Feb: Informal Cohort Entry
Tues 28th Feb: Ruru Team Art Gallery Visit
Wed 1st Mar: Ruru Team Art Gallery Visit
Fri 25th Feb: Tui Team Estuary Trip
Thurs 2nd Mar: Top School @ Gate Pa School 4-6pm
Fri 3rd Mar: PTA Adventure Run
Wed 8th Mar: Weka Swimming Sports
Fri 10th Mar: Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Thurs 6th Apr: Last Day Term 1
Mon 24th Apr: NZEI Accord Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Tues 25th Apr: ANZAC Day – Public Holiday
Wed 26th Apr: Informal Cohort Entry
Tues 9th May: PhotoLife Class & Individual Photos

Current School Roll – 520

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

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 15th 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 and enter the code **7wscr** to make a booking.

Room One's Meet the Teacher Interviews will be held later in the term.

2023 Term Dates

Term 1: Tuesday 31st January – Thursday 6th April
Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day: Friday 10th March
Term 2: Wednesday 26th April – Friday 30th June
Term 3: Monday 17th July – Friday 22nd September
Term 4: Mon 9th October – Friday 15th December

HELLO!



MEET THE TEAM

Staffing 2023

Principal - Zara McIndoe

Senior School Deputy Principal - Marcus Hughes
(DP in charge of Pastoral Care and Administration.
Responsible for International Students)

Junior School Deputy Principal - Jill Miller
(DP in charge of Teaching, Learning, Assessment and Evaluation. Responsible for PB4L and School Sports)

Learning Support Coordinator - Cathie Stenhouse
(Responsible for children with Additional Needs and Inclusive Education)

Office Administrator - Wendy Bryers
Admin Assistant – Fuchsia Crockford

Sports Coordinator - Jason Shepard

ICT/Library - Steve Charman

School Caretaker - Ross Johnson

International Student Teacher – Victoria Caughey

Year 5 & 6 Weka Team

Rm 1 - Kyla Shepard
Rm 2 - Tia Tarau
Rm 3 - Katie Wallace
Rm 4 - Carl Acton
Rm 5 - Cody Schou
Rm 23 - Jane Foster
Rm 24 - Kendyll Reeve

Year 3 & 4 Kea Team

Rm 6 - Carla Morrison
Rm 7 - Carolyn Andrews
Rm 8 - Nyree Hanna
Rm 9 - Kaaren O'Neill
Rm 10 - Jo Denny
Rm 11 - Wayne Miller
Rm 12 - Fiona Brown

Year 1 & 2 - Ruru Team

Rm 13 - Rori Loughlin
Rm 14 - Kathy Nicholson
Rm 15 - Rachael Rowley
Rm 16 - Anika Abbott
Rm 17 - Emma Sherratt

Year 0 & 1 Tui Team

Rm 20 - Sally Park
Rm 21 - Kerri Kearvell
Rm 22 - Andrea Griffin

Reading Recovery

Lisa Thorne
Sally Park

Teacher Aides

Evelyn Cullen
Jacqui Smith
Joanne Curd
Tori Foster
Fuchsia Crockford
Jimmy Pender
Lalomilo Lalomilo
Jason Shepard
Lois Evans
Jacqui Smith
Jordan Grogan

Part-time Teachers

Linda Wilson
Phillipa de Fluiter
Carmelina Taylor
Emily Campbell
Bernie Macalister
Simon Cade
Jon Baird
Anna Robinson
Jeremy Hantler

Message from the Ōtūmoetai Primary School Board of Trustees

Welcome to all of our returning and new Ōtūmoetai students, staff and families. 2023 promises to be a great year!

Regular attendance is really important for the long term success and wellbeing of our students. Nationwide attendance has been dropping since 2015. We track attendance and encourage anyone having trouble getting to school to ask for help if needed. We would love to see all of our students at school every day.

This year, our Strategic Goals include Numeracy and Literacy, Local and NZ History and Te Reo, Te Ao and Tikanga Māori. The Ōtūmoetai Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning), that we are part of, will continue to focus on Wellbeing (Hauora), Transition to School, Writing, Oral Language, and will also include an emphasis on Maths in 2023.

Building and maintenance over the break has included new roofs, gutters, new ceiling tiles and lighting for Rooms 23 & 24, a soak hole put in on the bottom field and tree pruning of a number of trees including the large Oak Tree on the corner of Ōtūmoetai Road and Sherwood Street.

You may have noticed the steel framing on the bottom field and next to the Sherwood Street car park ready for the Turf Canopy Dome that will be constructed this term. We are looking forward to the Canopy construction being completed so that we can make use of the turf during both hot days and rainy days!

During summer it was great to see the school pool being used by our community. Thank you to everyone who treated the pool and other users with respect - this helps us to be able to keep the swimming pool accessible outside of school hours.

This term the Board will be reviewing a number of legislative and administrative policies including Privacy, Official Information Requests, Attendance and Uniform. Feedback on these is welcomed from any member of our school community. You can access our policies and procedures and give feedback via: www.schooldocs.co.nz - search for Ōtūmoetai Primary. The username is OPS and the password is CARE (all in capitals)

The Board of Trustees meets on Tuesdays in Weeks Three and Eight of the school term at 5.30pm in the staffroom.

Your friendly Board of Trustees members are:

Stephanie Macdonald (Presiding Member)
Brett Farquhar
Jeff Stringer
Kayla Kerr
Virginie Lafont
Lisa Kerr
Carmelina Taylor (Staff Representative)
Zara McIndoe (Principal)
Felicity Balmer (BOT Secretary)

Blurbs for each of the BOT members can be found at <https://www.ops.school.nz/meet-the-team/board-of-trustees/>

If you wish to contact a Board member, please feel free to contact us via email -
bot@ops.school.nz

**Navy blue school hats are to be worn in Terms 1 & 4.
We have \$5 second hand hats available from the office.
Cash only please 😊**