

15-02-2023

## EXCITING & IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

Please note: these dates can be subject to change.

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Meet the Teacher 1-7pm, School closes 12.30pm

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb:** House Marching Competition @ 9.10am

**Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Weka Surf Trip, Rms 1 & 2

PTA Meeting, 7pm staffroom

**Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Feb:** Weka Surf Trip, Rms 4 & 5

**Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb:** Weka Surf Trip, Rms 23 & 24

ESOL/International Student Community Dinner @ 5.30pm

**Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb:** Weka Surf Trip, Rm 3

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Informal Cohort Entry

**Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Ruru Team Art Gallery Visit

**Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Mar:** Ruru Team Art Gallery Visit

**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Tui Team Estuary Trip

**Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar:** Top School @ Gate Pa School 4-6pm

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar:** PTA Adventure Run – details below

**Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Weka Swimming Sports

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Teacher Only Day – School Closed

**Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Last Day Term 1

**Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Apr:** NZEI Accord Teacher Only Day - School Closed

**Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Apr:** ANZAC Day – Public Holiday

**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Apr:** Informal Cohort Entry Tui Team

**Tues 9<sup>th</sup> May:** PhotoLife Class & Individual Photos

**Current School Roll 524**

**Adventure Run Fun!**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Tui & Ruru Teams**

**1-1.30pm**

**Kea & Weka Teams**

**1.45-2.45pm**

**Wear your house colours!**

**Start fundraising now :-)**

## 2023 Term Dates

**Term 1: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April**

**Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day: Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March**

**Term 2: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June**

**Term 3: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**Term 4: Mon 9<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

## 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

## Principal's Pānui

What an eventful start to the new school year we have had! Following the announcement of the Bay of Plenty State of Emergency on Monday night, the local Principals made a collective decision to close the primary schools in the Ōtūmoetai cluster. A BIG thank you to our caretaker, Ross Johnson and Jason Knull and the team from Cutting Edge Trees for their amazing job of getting trees and branches pruned and tidied in readiness for school reopening today.

A particularly warm welcome to our new students, staff and whānau members. We enjoyed welcoming you at our Pōhiri held in Week One. It's great to see children, staff and parents looking happy and excited to be back at school.

Thank you for having your children well-organised for school. The majority of our children have their uniform and stationery all sorted - well done everyone! Please remember to name your child's uniform items clearly (especially during swimming season!)

We are looking forward to welcoming you all for 'Meet the Teacher' this afternoon/evening. This is a great opportunity to talk about how your child/ren have settled at school and the things that you are looking forward to them achieving in 2023.

We welcome parent/whānau participation at our school. Please join in with any opportunities to attend school events and trips - we really appreciate your partnership with our kura.

Stay in touch and up-to-date with what is happening at our school via Seesaw, Facebook, our website - [www.ops.school.nz](http://www.ops.school.nz) – and our newsletter. We welcome feedback about our school anytime. You can send feedback to me via my email [z.mcindoe@ops.school.nz](mailto:z.mcindoe@ops.school.nz)

We are looking forward to a settled yet fun-filled and mutually rewarding school year ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. We really appreciate the positive contributions from our parent community.

**Ngā mihi nui**  
**Zara McIndoe**