

20-06-2023

## EXCITING & IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

Please note: these dates can be subject to change.

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Jun:** Parent/Teacher Interviews – School will close @ 12.30pm

**Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Jun:** Yr 5 & 6 Miniball World Cup

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug:** Kea Team Science Roadshow

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept:** PTA Quiz Night – SAVE THE DATE

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Kakahu Pekepeke Rugby 7s (pp 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug)

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Aug:** Young Einsteins

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Aug:** ESOL International Dinner

**4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Weka Kids Can Ride

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Sept:** WBOP Teacher Only Day – School Closed

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Kea/Weka Pirates of the Curry-Bean

Production dress rehearsal

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Sept:** Kea/Weka Pirates of the Curry-Bean

Production matinee and evening show

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Sept:** Kea/Weka Pirates of the Curry-Bean

Production evening show

**Current School Roll – 550**

### 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

### Staffing Updates

A warm welcome to our new staff members!

**Karina Fry** - Room 1 Teacher. Karina comes to us from Bellevue School. Her husband is also a teacher, and Karina has two children aged 10 and 8. We look forward to welcoming Karina to our school.

**Fiona McKenzie** - Room 18 Teacher. Fiona is our new Year 0/1 teacher. She has recently moved to Tauranga from Selwyn House in Christchurch. We know that Tui Team will make sure Fiona has a great time at OPS.

**Lisa Steptoe** - Teacher Aide. Lisa will be working as a Teacher Aide in Room 4. Lisa has two sons, Cooper and Jayden, who attend OPS.

**Kylie Henley** - Special Programmes/Learning Support. Kylie has been appointed by the BOT to support Special Programmes/Learning Support at our kura. Kylie has recently moved to Tauranga from Auckland and has two young children.

**Nathan Vaatausili** - Behaviour Support Worker Nathan is one of our valued Behaviour Support Workers. He supports children across the school and can be found coaching and training children in rugby at lunchtimes.



# School closes at 12.30pm TOMORROW for Parent/Teacher Interviews 😊

BOOK NOW AT

[www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

use the event code xmd7w

### Information Sessions for Parents/Caregivers

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

#### Better Start Literacy

Jill Miller will be running BSLA (Better Start Literacy Approach) sessions for interested parents in the Art Room (Room 25) from 1.30 - 2pm and again from 6 - 6.30pm.

#### School Achievement Data, Strategic Goals & Local Curriculum

Zara McIndoe and Marcus Hughes will be presenting school achievement data and giving updates about our school's Strategic Goals and Local Curriculum journey. These sessions will be held in the Music Suite from 1.30 - 2pm and again from 6 - 6.30pm. All welcome! Nau mai, haere mai! 🎉

### PhotoLife School Photos

#### Ordering Deadline

Details for ordering your child's photos online went home last week. The free postage offer expires at midnight, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023. If you have misplaced your Unique Shoot Code, or if your child has it stashed in a safe place, please call PhotoLife 0800-501-040.

# Curriculum Statement

## Ratified by Ōtūmoetai Primary School Board – June 2023

Kia ora e te whānau

As required by legislation, the Ōtūmoetai Board of Trustees is required to prepare a draft statement on the delivery of the health curriculum every two years.

The Health Curriculum at OPS was open to community consultation via a Google Form on Facebook and on Seesaw for a period of 3 weeks (May/June 2023)

### Health & Physical Education

Health & Physical Education are taught within the classroom programme at Ōtūmoetai Primary School. The focus is on the well-being of the students themselves, of other people, and of society through learning in health-related and movement contexts.

As students develop resilience and a sense of personal and social responsibility, they are increasingly able to take responsibility for themselves and contribute to the well-being of those around them, of their communities, of their environments (including natural environments), and of the wider society. (The New Zealand Curriculum page 22)

The learning activities on offer at Ōtūmoetai Primary School in Health & Physical Education arise from the integration of the following four strands and seven key areas of learning.

Students will show knowledge, understanding, skill and attitudes:

1. For maintaining and enhancing personal well being and physical development. (Personal Health and Physical Development)
2. For regular participation in enjoyable and beneficial physical activity. (Movement Concepts and Motor Skills)
3. That help to enhance their relationships with others. (Relationships with Other People)
4. That contribute to healthy communities by taking responsible and critical action. (Healthy Communities and Environments)

Key areas of learning to be covered:

- **Safety** - may include: Keeping Ourselves Safe (Child Protection), Beach, Water, Sun, Cyber/Digital, Personal & Physical Safety, First Aid, Self Defence, Cycle/Road and/or Fire Safety
- **Mental Health** - may include: Building Self Esteem, Communication Skills, Friendships, Family Relationships, Inclusion, Relaxation, Mindfulness, Wellbeing & Social Skills
- **Sexuality Education** - may include: the Human Body - Growth & Development, Positive Body Image, Pubertal Change
- **Food and nutrition** - Healthy Eating
- **Physical activity** - Sport and PE curriculum
- **EOTC** - Education Outside The Classroom, Trips and School Camps

49% of the 108 respondents to our community survey were not comfortable with the school discussing Human Reproduction, Gender or Diversity. Therefore we will not be covering these parts of the Sexuality Education curriculum at OPS.

All Health Education programmes and resources are designed to meet the learning needs of all students & are age appropriate. Notification of curriculum content will be shared with the parent community ahead of teaching through school & team newsletters. Parents are welcome to contact teachers to find out more information at any time. Comments and/or questions can be directed to [bot@ops.school.nz](mailto:bot@ops.school.nz) or Zara McIndoe (Principal) [z.mcindoe@ops.school.nz](mailto:z.mcindoe@ops.school.nz)

**Ōtūmoetai Primary School Board of Trustees**

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