

15-08-2023

EXCITING & IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

Please note: these dates can be subject to change.

Wed 16th Aug: Kakahu Pekepeke Rugby 7s (pp 23rd Aug)

Fri 18th Aug: PTA Donut Day and Mufti Day

Thurs 24th Aug: Young Einsteins

4th – 11th Sept: Weka Kids Can Ride

Sat 9th Sept: PTA Quiz Night – Wild West **BOOK NOW**

Wed 13th Sept: NZ Playhouse Show – Treasure Island

Mon 18th Sept: WBOP Teacher Only Day – School Closed

Tues 19th Sept: Kea/Weka Pirates of the Curry-Bean Production dress rehearsal

Wed 20th Sept: Kea/Weka Pirates of the Curry-Bean Production matinee and evening show

Thurs 21st Sept: Kea/Weka Pirates of the Curry-Bean Production evening show

Current School Roll – 571

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

PTA Donut Day

Friday 18th August

Orders will be collected on Wednesday morning, 8.30-8.55am at the hall kitchen window. Donuts will be sent to classes at lunchtime on Friday. Nom nom!

PTA Mufti Day This Friday!

Whoop whoop!

Please either bring \$2 or a luxury item for our Wild West Quiz Night auction prizes. A luxury item could include: chocolates, a sweet treat, confectionery, body wash, pretty soaps, shampoo/conditioner etc...

Please take your luxury item to the hall kitchen before school on Friday. The PTA will be there to receive your items.

The PTA are also looking for bottled items ie: wine, fancy oil, sauces & vinegar etc... If you are able to donate any of these items could adults please drop these to the hall kitchen on Friday morning.

Thanks in advance everyone - we appreciate your support of our school fundraiser!

Need to know dates for Year 6 children going to Ōtūmoetai Intermediate School (OIS)

ENROLMENT DUE DATE

9am, Friday 15th September. Either enrol online or pick up a copy of the enrolment form from the office.

ORIENTATION EVENING

Wednesday 23rd August

7-8.30pm – starts in the OIS school hall.

Find out about OIS and view the specialist class programmes in action.

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL ABILITIES

Wednesday 30th August

12noon-1pm, in the OIS Learning Centre.

Find out about how OIS accelerates the learning of gifted and talented children.

For more info please contact the OIS office 576-5105, admin@otuinter.school.nz or www.otuinter.school.nz

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS REMINDER

A friendly reminder about our NO DOGS Policy as follows:

No Dogs on School Grounds

Ōtūmoetai Primary School does not permit dogs on school grounds at any time. The only exceptions are for disability assist dogs, dogs being used during education programmes run by the school, or when the principal has given permission. We report any stray dogs to animal control and follow our lockdown procedure if there is a threat to the safety of students and staff.

PTA Wild West Quiz Night

Saturday 9th September

PTA Quiz Night Tables are now available to book. \$300 for up to 10 guests. Email Holly Partridge - holly.partridge@nzi.co.nz to secure your table.

2023 Term Dates

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

Mon 18th September WBOP Teacher Only Day – School Closed

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

School closes @12.30pm Friday 15th December

2024 Term Dates

Term 1: Wednesday 7th February – Friday 12th April

Easter: Friday 29th March – Tuesday 2nd April School Closed

Term 2 Monday 29th April – Friday 5th July

Term 3 Monday 22nd July – Friday 27th September

Term 4: Monday 14th October – Friday 20th

December @ 12.30pm

Principal's Pānui

Welcome to Week 5 of Term 3. The year is racing along!

How lovely it has been to see some fabulous sunshine over the last few weeks!

Term 3 started with the opening of our Canopy Dome. Our hapū Ngāi Tamarāwhao opened and blessed our Canopy Dome 'Te Hokinga Mai' at 7am on Friday 21st July. Ngāi Tamarāwhao gifted the name 'Te Hokinga Mai' which means the coming back.....the return. The meaning of this is to acknowledge and welcome our hapū Ngāi Tamarāwhao, back to our school following the 2020 apology for the exclusion of Māori students from our kura in 1939. We are honoured to have been gifted this very special name and a huge thank you to Ngāi Tamarāwhao for their graciousness, their whakawhānaungatanga and their acceptance of our apology and willingness to continue to build a meaningful and two-way relationship with our kura.

Te Hokinga Mai has already been well-used. Kea Team have enjoyed tennis lessons with Paul Bell, Tui Team have enjoyed Discovery Time activities, Ruru Team held their tabloids and we have been able to use Te Hokinga Mai for class PE, lunchtime sports activities and after-school sports practices - even on rainy days!

We have enjoyed a number of sporting events this term, including netball tournaments and our rugby boys & girls providing half-time games at the recent Steamers Game. It is great to see so many children taking part in a range of weekend sport. Thank you for the continued support & enthusiasm of our wonderful coaches, managers, parents and grandparents!

The PTA are well underway in their planning of the upcoming PTA Quiz Night - we look forward to a fun-filled night to raise funds for our school. If you would like to book a table or donate a prize please email holly.partridge@nzi.co.nz - thank you to those of you who have already done so!

Kea and Weka Teams are busy rehearsing for the upcoming production of 'The Pirates of the Curry Bean'. The production will run in the last week of term - further details to follow. We are also looking forward to Young Einsteins, Weka Team Speech Finals, Weka Team Kids Can Ride and East Cluster Winter Tournament, Ruru Team Trip to the Katikati Bird Gardens and Tui and Ruru Team Oral Presentations. The NZ Playhouse Show - Treasure Island, for all students, will be held on Wednesday 13th September.

The last 6 weeks of term promises to be learning-focussed and fun-filled. Thank you for your continued support of our school!

Mā te wā
Zara McIndoe
Principal/Tumuaki

OPS PTA PRESENT



\$3.50 MAMAS DONUTS

We will also be accepting any donations for our quiz night prizes on order day. All donations very gratefully received and made into prize packs for the night.



TUESDAY 15TH OR WEDNESDAY 16TH 8.30-8.55AM
AT THE KITCHEN WINDOW

ORDERS DELIVERED TO THE CLASSROOMS FRIDAY
18TH AUGUST BEFORE LUNCH

ONLY GLAZED DONUTS, GF NOT AVAILABLE

NAME: _____

CLASSROOM: _____

NO OF DONUTS: _____

PAID \$3.50 EACH \$ _____