

05-11-2024

EXCITING & IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

Please note: these dates can be subject to change.

Thurs 7th Nov: Year 6 Visit to OIS, 9-10.15am
Fri 8th Nov: PTA Pie Day Friday – Pre Order Now
Mon 11th Nov: Weka Athletics (pp Tues 12th Nov)
Wed 13th Nov: Te Rā Rēhia (pp Thurs 14th Nov)
Mon 18th Nov: East Cluster Athletics
Wed 20th Nov: Kea Tabloids (pp Fri 22nd Nov)
Wed 20th – Fri 22nd Nov: Weka Camp Totara Springs
Mon 25th Nov: Kea Fishing Rms 9, 10, 11, 12 (pp 28th Nov)
Tues 26th Nov: Kea Fishing Rms 6, 7, 8 (pp 29th Nov)
Tues 3rd Dec: Tui & Ruru Run, Jump, Throw 9.15-10.30am
Wed 4th Dec: WBOP Athletics
Wed 11th Dec: Tui Christmas Rotation
Thurs 12th Dec: Weka Social Dance
Fri 13th Dec: Ruru Christmas Rotation
Mon 16th Dec: Weka Service Award Assembly, 11.30am
Tues 17th Dec: Tui Prizegiving, 9.30, OPS School Hall
Ruru Prizegiving, 10.15, OPS School Hall
Wed 18th Dec: Kea/Weka Prizegiving, City Church, 9.30am
Tui Pool Party, 2:15-2:45pm
Thurs 19th Dec: Ruru Pool Party, 1.50-3pm
2025 Meet the Teacher @ 12.30pm, Reports & Books Home
Fri 20th Dec: Tui Team Teddy Bear's Picnic, 9.15-10.30am
School Closes @ 12.30pm (Phew, we made it!)

Current School Roll – 584

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

Fancy a Subway lunch on MONDAYS?

This is a reminder about our healthy lunch eating option for Mondays where Subway delivers lunches to the school. Once you've registered it's easy to order your child/ren a delicious lunch that you don't have to get up early and make yourself!

www.lunchonline.co.nz

Principal's Pānui

What a wonderful start to Term 4 we have had! Term 4 is always a particularly busy term and our school calendar is full of fun-filled events and learning opportunities.

Next week (Week 5) on Wednesday 13th November, we are very proud to be hosting Te Rā Rēhia, the Ōtūmoetai Cluster Kapa Haka Festival. Families and whānau are welcome to attend. There will be a range of vendors selling food and drink so bring your picnic blanket and sunhat and make a day of it! More information can be found in this newsletter and on our school Facebook page.

The following week (Week 6) Weka Team will be attending camp at Tōtara Springs in Matamata. This is always one of the highlights of the school year for our senior students. A BIG thank you to all parents who are attending camp this year.

Thank you for your continued partnership with the school to ensure best outcomes for your children. Research shows that effective partnerships between schools, parents & whānau result in better outcomes for students and the better the relationship and engagement, the more positive the impact on students' learning. So, thank you for your positive partnerships and positive interactions!

As the saying goes; "If you're not positive energy, you're negative energy." – Mark Cuban

Nāku noa, nā
Zara McIndoe

HOT & TASTY PIEDAY FRIDAY

This Friday (8th November) is Pie Day Friday – yum yum! ☺ A delicious HOT pie can be ordered for lunch for only \$4.50. Please fill in the form and return it with the correct money to the outside hall kitchen window from 8.30-9am tomorrow, Wednesday 6th 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 \$4.50 _____ (number of pies @ \$4.50 each)

Mince \$4.50 _____ (number of pies @ \$4.50 each)

Mince & Cheese \$4.50 _____ (number of pies @ \$4.50 each)

Apple \$4.50 _____ (number of pies @ \$4.50 each)

Please return this order form to the outside hall kitchen window from 8.30-9am Wednesday 6th November.

Te Rā Rēhia Kapa Haka Festival

Wednesday 13th November

Postponement day Thursday 14th November

Kia ora e te whānau

Ōtūmoetai Primary School is proud to be hosting Te Rā Rēhia, the Ōtūmoetai Kapa Haka Festival, on Wednesday 13th November. This is the first time we have hosted this annual event and we are excited to invite you to a day filled with Kapa Haka performances from local kura and kōhanga reo.

School Information:

For students not in the Kea or Weka Kapa Haka groups, school will operate as usual. Students will not be permitted to access the field independently during the day. All classes will participate in the pōwhiri and will have the opportunity to watch both of our school's performances.

If you are attending the festival and would like your child/ren to join you, please inform their classroom teacher and sign them out. You will be responsible for them until they are signed back in. While kai vendors will be available throughout the day, they are only accessible for children accompanied by their parents.

Additional Information:

The field and nearby streets will be busy, and parking will be limited. We recommend either arriving at school early, walking, carpooling, or parking further away from the school.

Our kaumatua will have a designated tent and seating area on the field. Please be respectful of this space.

Important times:

8am	All Senior Kapa Haka students report to Whaea Tia in the hall (refer to separate newsletter for further information)
8.55am	All children report to class at the 8.55am bell to make sure the roll is completed.
9am- 9.10am	The whole school is to make their way to the top field in their classes with their teacher and assemble on the field for the pōwhiri . Parents are asked to assemble on the top field with our school (as tangata whenua) near the performance stage.
9:20am - 10am	Pōwhiri starts at 9.20am. Please do not enter the top field after this time.
10:10am	Ōtūmoetai Primary School Weka Team Kapa Haka Rōpu perform on stage.
10:30am	Other kura & kōhanga reo perform throughout the day.
12:52pm	Ōtūmoetai Primary School Kea Team Kapa Haka Rōpu perform on stage.
2:30pm	The festival finishes.

We look forward to celebrating the wonderful performances of our local schools and tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui

Tia Tarau, Marcus Hughes and Zara McIndoe
Te Rā Rehia Organising Committee