



# KIA ORA KOUTOU

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Almost the end of Week 5, Term 2!

We are now half way through the term – and what a term it has been so far!! So many things going on, especially with all the long awaited and anticipated changes around our school!!

Next week is a short week with Monday Queens Birthday holiday – then it's full swing into various Cross Country events, starting with our own School Cross Country on **Wednesday June 6<sup>th</sup>** – details about this will come home today.

Do not forget this **Friday (tomorrow) June 1<sup>st</sup>** is an opportunity for parents to walk (or run if you like) the cross country track that the children will be using. There are some of the most amazing views from the very top of the track – so if for no other reason a bit of sight-seeing on a nice clear day and some amazing photo opportunities.

## **SCHOOL FIELD**

We have full use of our field and playground again – through a narrow fenced access way alongside the demolition area. A gateway has been erected by the field entrance for the odd occasion that a vehicle needs to move to the back of the school – the field access way will be fenced off (children kept well back) while the vehicles move.

This is a great relief both for the children who get to run free at Morning tea and Lunchtimes, but it also means teachers will now have less supervision duties, and actually get a lunch break themselves

## **BUILDING PROGRESS**

We are all settling well into our new surroundings, though we are experiencing a few 'teething' issues with various aspects of the building. These are being noted and fixed as soon as practicable. Solar panels have been fitted on the roof of the new buildings, and these will eventually generate electricity to be fed into our power system, to hopefully offset our monthly energy charges. We currently pay approx. \$2,000 per month for power, so any saving will be welcomed and channelled back towards children and learning.

There is also a learning opportunity for the children as the system comes with a data analysis link and an education programme to allow children to gain an understanding of how it all works.

The two classrooms on the end of the hall have both been demolished, and the surrounding area is being cleared ready to start laying new drainage for the back area.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 1 June – Cross Country track open for parents**
- 4 June – Queens Birthday Holiday**
- 6 June – Cross Country (postponement 7<sup>th</sup>)**
- 12 June – Interschool Cross Country**
- 19 June- EBOP Cross Country**
- 27 June – Paid Union Meeting (details to be advised)**
- 4 - 5 July – Student Led Conferences (details to Follow)**
- 6 July – End of Term 2**
- 23 July – First day of Term 3**

The front carpark is now being set out ready to start laying curbing and finally asphalt for the carpark.

Other major items to be constructed over the next few weeks will be a new hard court to replace the one that has been demolished, a new Junior Adventure Playground (where the old temporary staffroom/office was by the hall), and a cycle track around the perimeter of the field. So some exciting additions still to come!

## **INVITATION TO PARENTS AND WHANAU**

Friday, June 1st (tomorrow)

Come and walk or run the Cross Country track with your children. We started this last year and the feedback from the children and parents was very positive!

We are very privileged to have access to the Ngati Awa farm and the track is very nice with spectacular views at the top of the hill. The Cross Country event is a highlight for many children and they love to share the track with their parents.

There is usually a lot of mud on the bottom section of the track as it crosses a couple of streams so be prepared for that.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Senior School @ 11:10am

Middle @ 11:40am

Juniors @ 12:10pm

If you have children in several syndicates, you can take them at the same time.

**EBOP TRI & MULTISPORT CLUB** - holds its monthly events on the first Sunday of each month. Our next one is Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and over the winter months it is a duathlon which is run, bike, run. We cater for all ages from tiny tots right through to adults, with varied distances for the age groups. For non-members it is \$4.00 for kids and \$7.00 for adults. Start times are for kids 10.00am to be registered by 9.45am no later and for adults 11am start and to be registered by 10.45am no later. Come along and have a go. It is all about participation and giving it a go and having fun. Everybody is a winner for just starting and finishing. For any more info please contact Tracy Sisson at [deanandtracy@xtra.co.nz](mailto:deanandtracy@xtra.co.nz). We look forward to seeing you there.

**THE FRAZZLED KIWI ADVENTURE RACE – SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

The Frazzled Kiwi is a 2-hour adventure race for families, school students and social adults. Make your way around farmland on foot, looking for checkpoints and completing mystery activities. There will be mud and water and plenty of fun!!!! This event is beginner friendly and a great family day out.

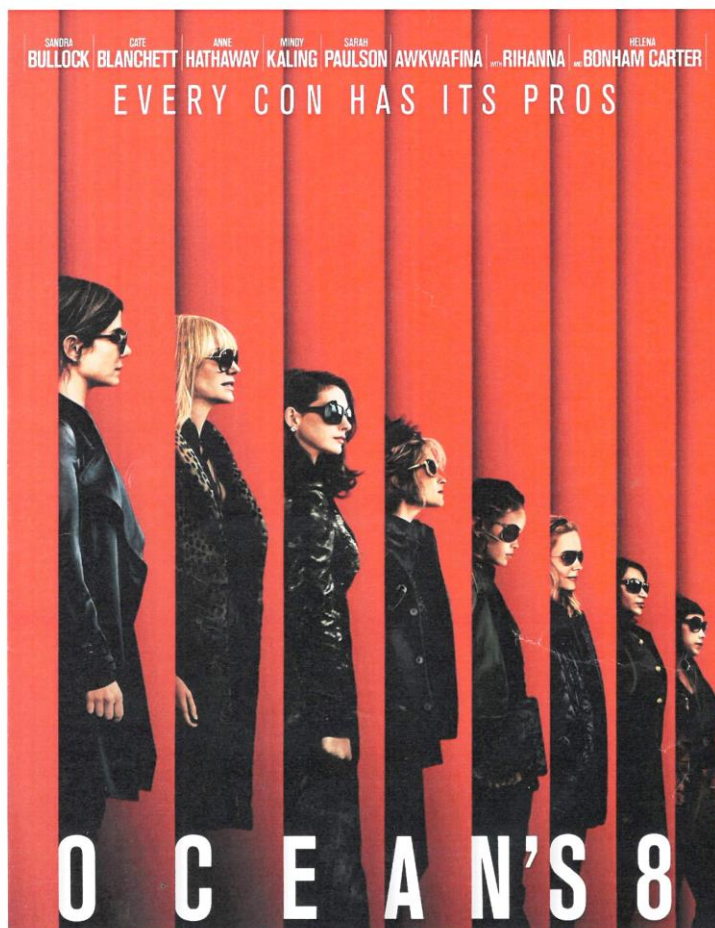
**Date:** Sunday 10 June 2018.

**Duration:** approx. 2hrs.

**Location:** 1923 State Highway 2, Nukuhou.

**Race start:** 10am

**Cost:** \$25 per person. Entries on race day \$30 per person.



**OHOPE BEACH SCHOOL  
FUNDRAISER MOVIE**

Monday 11th June

Whakamax

Refreshments from 6.30pm

Movie starts 7.30pm

Tickets \$20 from the School Office

**PRIDE VALUES**

**P – Positivity** - We participate in all activities with enthusiasm. We say kind and positive words.

**R – Respect** - We listen and use our manners. We care for ourselves, our belongings, the environment and each other.

**I – Integrity** - We make the right choices and do as we say. We are trustworthy.

**D – Diligence** - We try our best in all activities and take on challenges. We work hard to achieve our goals.

**E – Empathy** - We think about others and their feelings before we act.

Our focus is **Integrity**

Pride time winners get to spend time in the native area, have beach time or play space.