



KIA ORA KOUTOU

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Today is known as the 'Shortest Day' supposedly our mid-winter or Solstice (astrologically). From here on we will slowly start moving back to longer days and eventually Summer!!

An amazing couple of weeks of achievement by all Ohope Beach pupils – all children have taken part in our School Cross Country, most children having set goals to achieve a personal best - with most reaching their goal. On another level we have a huge number of talented runners who achieved selection for the Whakatane Cross Country Champs held at Ohope Beach School last Tuesday with Ohope Beach taking out the interschool trophy yet again (for at least the 10th Year in a row). This is a trophy we already hold from the swimming champs, and athletics earlier in the year.

Many of our representative runners gained top placings which qualified them for the Eastern Bay of Plenty Champs at Woodlands School (Opotiki). The Eastern Bay of Plenty Champs were held on Tuesday of this week with some great results and various children qualifying to take part in the Bay of Plenty Champs. The Bay of Plenty Champs will be held at Kaharoa School (Rotorua) next Tuesday 26th June.

A huge thank you to all the parents who have assisted with transport and supervision, these results would not have been possible if it was not for all your assistance (in the mud and rain).

GYMNASTICS – Our gymnastic teams will be competing in the Interschool gym competition tomorrow at the Whakatane Gymnastics Centre – all the best to all our competitors at this event.

TEACHERS PAID UNION MEETING (WEDNESDAY JUNE 27TH)

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

While there are many more children coming into the school system, there are not enough new teachers being trained.

Urgent and significant changes are needed to ensure that the teaching profession can attract the people it needs and to ensure class sizes do not start to increase. On **Wednesday June 27th** the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the *Kua Tae Te Wā* - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

18 June – Term 3 New Entrants Afternoon Tea

19 June- EBOP Cross Country

27 June – Paid Union Meeting (details to be advised)

27 June – School Photos

4 - 5 July – Student Led Conferences (details to Follow) and Scholastic Book Fair

6 July – End of Term 2

23 July – First day of Term 3

The teachers will be leaving school on Wednesday June 27th at 1.30pm to attend their paid union meeting which starts at 2.00pm.

We will not be closing the school on Wednesday afternoon – we will be providing supervision until the normal end of the school day - 2.30pm.

At this stage buses will run as per normal (if this changes we will let you know).

I strongly encourage parents to make arrangements to pick their child(ren) up from school by 1.30pm on Wednesday June 27th, this will not affect their attendance record.

If you are unable to pick your children up then, please advise us so that your children can be supervised until 2.30pm, the end of the normal school day.

I appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for families. However, I encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the change which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make teaching an attractive profession for graduates.

Anyone who may need help with arrangements should contact the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – Wednesday 27th June

The school photos will be taken on Wednesday 27th.

A Notice came home last week giving details of how to order online once the photos have been taken.

Please read instructions for ordering online.

Sibling photo order forms are available from the school office and need to be returned before photo day on the 27th June



STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

NOTE: SCHOOL FINISHES EARLY AT 12.00 (AS PER PREVIOUS YEARS) ON WEDNESDAY JULY 4TH

These are not far away – This is our mid-year reporting time where we look at progress and achievement, along with reviewing the goals set at the start of the year. Along with a written report, Student Led Conferences are an opportunity to look at what your child has been doing at school so far this year.

Note: The booking website for conference times along with instructions will be advised soon.

- **Wednesday July 4th – school will finish at 12.00 noon - allowing conferences to start at 1pm.**
- **Thursday July 5th - school finishes at 2.30 as per normal with conferences starting at 3.00pm.**

INFORMATION SESSIONS ABOUT STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

New Parents to the School or any parents interested, there will be three opportunities next week to attend a power point and discussion about Student Led Conferences. This will assist those who have never experienced Student Led Conferences before, and give a better understanding about how these operate – therefore getting the most out of this time for you and your child.

Tony will run these sessions on the Monday and Tuesday the week of the conferences.

Session 1: Monday 2nd July – 8.30am in the (Staffroom upstairs next to Rimu Space) – coffee and biscuits provided.

Session 2: Monday 2nd July - 5.30pm in the (Staffroom upstairs next to Rimu Space) – coffee and biscuits provided.

Session 3: Tuesday 3rd July – 2.30pm in the (Staffroom upstairs next to Rimu Space) – coffee and biscuits provided.

BOOKING A CONFERENCE TIME

The booking web site is now set up and available.

How to use the Website :-

We are using the online booking system that was used last year.

The online booking system is not the only way, and if you do not have access to a computer and/or internet – you can still book through the office at school. There are many reasons why the online system makes more sense, these include giving parents more accuracy in booking times and it ensures that notices are not lost. Go to our school website: - www.ohopebeach.school.nz and find the 'Book your Child Centred Conferences' link and follow the instructions. If you do not have internet access then please contact Jenny to book a time.

BUILDING UPDATE

Not too much visible progress during the last week or so. Builders have been constructing and finishing off the south wall of the hall (where the two classrooms were demolished), the old lift has been removed and a new covered way is being constructed, the old stairs next to the hall have been removed, and the deck upstairs is being extended. All decks around the hall and downstairs toilets and rooms are being replaced. Final drainage work is now taking place with the major drain work starting this week with the installation of a 900mm pipe from the back of the school to the stream. The area where the old temporary office/staffroom was is now being prepared ready to install the new Junior Playground – the blue rubber matting will extend under the new stairs to the new playground. The front carpark will start being set out and laid over the next week or two (all going well?).

With all the various hold ups and changes to the project we are now pin pointing the first week or two of Term 4 for the Official Full Opening ceremony (everything should be well finished by then, and all construction teams out of the school).

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

8yr old girls – Harriett M 1st, Elena M-S 4th, Heaven S 5th, Olivia G 6th, Kate S 9th, Paris P 10th
8yr old boys – Shaedyn R 1st, Sachin M 3rd, Israel M-M 4th, Marcus W 6th, Trace M 8th, Oliver W 9th, Harry M 10th
9yr old girls – Charlotte B 1st, Baille O-T 2nd, Mea S 5th, Claudia E 6th, Kayla F 9th
9yr old boys – Freddie E 1st, JoJo B 6th, Christopher M 9th, Isaac B 10th, Mason R 12th
10yr old girls – Zoe G 1st, Hannah C 2nd, Ashlyn B 9th, Jasmine F 10th, Keira F 12th
10yr old boys – Max K 1st, Oscar M 3rd, Tait N 12th
11yr old boys – Josh W 5th, Josh C 6th

EBOP CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

8yr old girls – Harriett M 1st, Elena M-S 5th, Olivia G 12th, Kate S 17th, Heaven S 19th
8yr old boys – Shaedyn R 5th, Israel M-M 11th, Sachin M 14th, Oliver W 18th, Marcus W 23rd, Harry M 24th, Trace M 27th
9yr old girls – Charlotte B 4th, Baillie O-T 9th, Claudia E 10th, Kayla F 17th, Mea S 24th
9yr old boys – Freddie E 1st, Christopher M 9th, JoJo B 16th, Isaac B 22nd
10yr old girls – Zoe G 1st, Hannah C 4th, Ashlyn B 21st, Jasmine F 23rd
10yr old boys – Oscar M 2nd, Max K 3rd

Each age group race had approx. 40 competitors. Congratulations to all our runners.



Under the Sea Children's Yoga Journey

Join Nicky at the Ancient Arts these school holidays for an exciting yoga journey.

12 July 2018
From 3 - 4 pm
\$10 per child

For 5-10 year olds. Bookings are essential as spaces are limited. Please contact Nicky Baker on 0272985267 or on facebook at Intuitive Rainbow Massage and Yoga to make a booking or for more information.



ACCOMODATION REQUIRED -

My name is Taylor Harrison and I have been granted the wonderful opportunity to student teach at Ohope Beach School. I am a student at the University of Northern Colorado in the United States. I will be in Ohope from July through December learning from and teaching your grade 5 students. Both my husband and I will be moving to the area. However, for the first month, he will be finishing up his work in Colorado. I am looking for a family that would be willing to let me reside in a spare room for the first month of my residence in Ohope. This will give me time to find a home for me and my husband to rent, make friends, and get to learn about NZ culture from local people. I am more than willing to pay rent for the 3 weeks or so that I would be housed. If you would consider housing me please contact me at pool3533@bears.unco.edu. Thank you for your time and I am excited to be apart of the Ohope Beach community!

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

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