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We are finally winding down to our last couple of days for Term 2 2018, amazing how fast time has gone – especially as we are now passed the mid-point in the school year – only 19 school weeks left in the school year!!

School holidays are just around the corner now – a great time for the children to relax and rest up in preparation for yet another busy term (hopefully keep clear of any of the winter ills).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your patience, flexibility and understanding during this term – one of huge change and disruption. The children and teachers are the real ones who deserve all the praise, as they are the ones who have been at the front of all this change and disruption – it never ceases to amaze me at how flexible and adaptable our children and teachers are coping with all the new challenges that meet them on a daily basis! Teachers have been having to do 6 or 7 duty times a week (which basically means no lunch or morning tea breaks) on some occasions when we have not had access to the field.

Everyone make sure you take a well-earned break and holiday!

Term 2 has been an extremely busy and successful term on a lot of fronts – especially our representative involvement in and around the Eastern Bay – Winners of the Whakatane Schools Cross Country Trophy - A record number of Ohope Beach children qualified and ran in the Bay of Plenty Cross Country Champs (all doing exceptionally well. Second placing to our basketball team in the Indoor Basketball Comp and our Netball team Ohope Tui's (Y5) won the sportsmanship trophy. Just to name a few of the achievements of our children.

Well Done!! Really highlighting the ideals of Dream Believe Achieve!!

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

Tonight is the final night of these conferences. There has been a great turn out with some very busy classrooms - children sharing their work with parents. We will have had about a 98% turnout of parents. The conferences are a great way for parents to see exactly what children have been learning, and hearing this directly from the child. The main emphasis of these conferences is for parents to be able to see and share in the amount of progress their child has made during the year – all children and teachers have put in a huge effort in trying to reach goals that were set.

UPCOMING EVENTS

6 July – End of Term 2

23 July – First day of Term 3

Being able to share their work and achievements is a real boost for children, being able to see the progress is a real joy for parents - in opposition to the negative connotation of a pass or fail type report.

What better way to be able to report in 'plain english' than the children sharing their learning, and then having this confirmed by the teacher relating all this to how the child is progressing toward achieving the expected standard, and school expectation levels.

If you have not been able to make it to the school over the last two days and would like to have a Student Led Conference and find out how your child is doing at school please make an appointment with your child's teacher.

BUILDING PROGRESS

A very visible sign of progress has appeared this week with the start on the staff carpark. The curbing has been laid, with the asphalt soon to follow. We will end up with our Bus Bay back on the front, **and** 20+ staff car parks in front of the building – with a main access way up the centre to the main building. A lot of progress has been made down the back of the school with the big drain being laid from the culvert on the farm to Wharekura Stream – this is a major drain and will hopefully solve many of our water problems when we have heavy rain.

The builders are currently completing a covered walkway upstairs over where the old lift shaft used to be, they are also extending the upstairs deck. All decks around the hall and the Computer Suite etc. are being replaced. A new wall and windows have been installed on the back of the hall where the two classrooms were demolished. The next major exciting development will be the preparation and installation of a new junior playground between the new stairs and the hall.

At this stage it is looking likely that our main official opening of the building and other completed work will be in the first two weeks of Term 4 i.e. Mid October. This will be confirmed early next term.

TEACHER STRIKE ACTION – WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15TH

The day of action on Wednesday 15th August will involve all primary principals and teachers nationwide. It is yet to be decided by the NZEI membership whether this day of action will include a 3-hour strike or a full day strike. Once this decision is made, we will let you know.

Unlike a paid union meeting, during a strike there is no legal requirement to keep the school open with a skeleton staff. All NZEI teacher and principal members will be on strike and will not be at school.

OHOPE BEACH SCHOOL CHOIR – SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

We had a couple of special visitors last Friday – Hon Chris Finlayson and Hon Anne Tolley. They were here to hear our wonderful Choir. Mr Finlayson is a huge advocate for the arts and especially music and had heard about our amazing Choir and our Choir Teacher Ms Jenny Ward – through their starring role on National Radio and the production of our school CD. They were very impressed with the talent and performance on show – Well-done Choir a real showing of Ohope Pride!

Following the performance Ashlyn shared her latest persuasive writing presentation – Titled “Children should get the vote”. They were very impressed with Ashlyn’s presentation and persuasive argument (maybe a Politician in the making?).

It was also a good opportunity to show Ms Tolley in particular around our new school. A very fitting opportunity, as it was Ms Anne Tolley who advocated for our school rebuild way back in 2014 – and her support enabled it to be approved (a rebuild circumstance first of its kind in New Zealand). Ms Tolley has been a great advocate of the ILE style of education, since 2014 most new school builds and major school rebuilds have all been designed and built in this style.

Term 3 Guitar and Ukulele Lesson

There are some places available for Term 3 Guitar and Ukulele lessons. These will start on Friday the 27th of July with Greg Malcolm at Ohope Beach School. For any inquires please contact Greg on 0220121556 or pick up an enrolment and information form from Ms Ward in Totara or at Student Led Conferences



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 0272965267 or on facebook at Intuitive Rainbow Massage and Yoga to make a booking or for more information.

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 Empathy

The top Pride time winners will get to spend time at the park on the last Friday of term.

OHOPE BEACH SCHOOL FUNDRAISING GROUP

A big THANK YOU to all those who supported the school's raffle & movie night fundraiser. The theatre was sold out, lots of prizes given out and a fun movie enjoyed! A total of \$1400 was raised, which will go towards new playground equipment, including bikes/storage shed for the new bike track being installed later this year.

Special thanks to the awesome support of our local businesses: Whakamax for providing the movie & venue; Countdown for gift cards towards refreshments; Phoenix Pharmacy for the gorgeous spot prizes; and Stirling Sport, Art & Acre, 4ArtSake, Bliss Beauty, Distinct, Moxi Café & Tanning Lady for the fabulous raffle prizes. Also to Julie & Jenny in the school office and Jana at Distinct for selling the movie tickets.

Watch this space for further fundraising events planned for Term 3 & 4! If you are interested in being part of our school's fundraising team, come to our next meeting on Friday 27th July at 8.30am.

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SAKE**

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Tanning
Lady

phoenix
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countdown



Stirling Sports 

**MOXI
CAFE**

ART & ACRE
FRAMING STUDIO & GALLERY

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movies 

CONGRATULATIONS

The OBS Year 5/6 Basketball team had a great season. In the playoffs yesterday they won through to the final. They had some fabulous wins and lost a tough final game. Congratulations to the team who consistently demonstrated OBS PRIDE.

A very big thank you to the parents who helped all season long and a special mention to Mr. Greg Robertson, who did a lot of extra work to make sure the season was a success. He organised coaching and practices.

The team won \$100 cash for the school!!! Fantastic. The team was Beren, Kody, Hannah, Akea, Anton, Hayley, Taylor, Ezra and Isaac.

