



KIA ORA KOUTOU

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Welcome back everyone!!

A special Ohope Beach School welcome to all our new students who have started this week.

Also a big welcome to Taylor Harrison who is working in Kahikatea until early December. Taylor comes to us from Colorado USA. She is here completing a teaching practicum in her final semester of her teacher training at the University of Northern Colorado.

Term 3 2018 - another very busy and exciting term planned. Term 3 is a 10 week term finishing on Friday September 28th – with Term 4 starting back on Monday October 15th.

Hopefully everyone is rested up and ready for the new term – let's hope all the winter ills are now behind us, and we can look forward to the coming of spring and summer.

A well-earned rest and holiday for all children and teachers alike, especially after a very busy and stressful term with all the disruption and transition to the new buildings – not to mention all the unknown challenges and disruptions that it presented us.

As per usual, our children and staff are very resilient and flexible working and adapting around all the building, digging etc. that we have had to experience. Not many schools would have had a busy and forever changing term like we did. Also a big thankyou to all the parents and caregivers who have supported the children and teachers through this time – much appreciated.

Building Update

We are almost there, with the contractors hoping to be completed and out of the school by the end of this term at the latest. Now that the main drainage has been laid and will be completed over the next few weeks, we will start seeing things coming together.

We are hoping to have the new staff carpark and bus bay available for use at some stage next week (this will take a lot of the pressure off the current car park) – the contractors have had a major hold up in this area, after coming across a major natural water spring toward the front of the school. Decking and paths will be installed around the hall, a new playground will be installed between the new big stairs and the hall, an amphitheatre will be constructed between the hall and stream, and a new hard court will be laid parallel to the senior playground.

So there will be a lot of progress to look forward to over the next few weeks.

UPCOMING EVENTS

31 July – ICAS English

7 August – EBOP 7's

14 August – ICAS Maths

FUNDRAISING GROUP

There will be a meeting of this group in the staffroom at **8.30am tomorrow (Friday 27th)**; this is open to any parents interested in lending a hand to our various fundraising activities. Come along, meet other parents and have some fun organising fundraising events for our school. Attending a meeting does not commit you to anything long term, as there are no elected officers, just volunteer for what you can offer – come and join in and lend a hand with any event for as long as you are able to give your time and skills.

We look forward to seeing you there!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS – please order on line or return orders with cheque only payments to the school office by Friday 3 August.

SCHOOL PHOTO UPDATE

The photos have just been proofed so we should expect to get the key codes sometime in the next week or two.

We will let you know as soon as we get them.

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.

SUBWAY LUNCHES are available on Fridays just go to <http://www.subway.co.nz/schools> and select our school and type in your child's class name (Manuka, Kahikatea, Kowhai, Rimu, Totora) by 9am Friday morning.

PHONE IN PUPIL ABSENCES

If for some reason your children are going to be absent from school please telephone the school BEFORE 9.30am. As the school phone is busy during that first hour we have a system in place where you can leave a message and details of the absence without having to talk to Jenny. • Dial 312 4617 – When it answers with a pre-recorded message, dial 1 to be put straight through to the answer phone. • Leave the details of the absence (Child's name, room name & reason for absence i.e. sickness, bereavement etc.). Alternatively, you can txt to 027 750 3515

CHILDREN LATE FOR SCHOOL

This is a real problem for some children. We are recording all children arriving late to school each morning, this is recorded against their name in our attendance register. The definition of late is 5 minutes after the start of school bell has rung i.e. 8.35am. It is extremely important that children arrive early to school i.e. at least 10 minutes i.e. 8.20am before the start bell at 8.30am. Lateness causes many problems and issues for the child who is late; it also disrupts other children in the class, along with the teacher. Continual or regular lateness can cause on-going problems for the child who is late – ranging from loss of self-confidence, becoming self-conscious, lack of the vital start of day instructions and the feeling of being inadequately prepared for the academic day. Children arriving late also cause lots of disruption and distraction for others in the class and teacher who have settled into their day. On top of all this being punctual is a life skill that we should be trying to model for children – supporting lateness for whatever reason can be sending the wrong message.



29th July 12pm to 2pm in front of Ohope Beach Surf Club

Feeling sad and powerless about the amount of plastic that is in our oceans? Here is your chance to make a difference! A 'Sustainable Coastlines' style beach cleanup for New Zealand's most loved beach.

We will provide compostable bags - these will be reused if possible after the cleanup, or composted if that is not possible.

Here is the facebook link for further information ;

<https://www.facebook.com/events/512368815865896/>

Whakatane BRICK SHOW

4th August 2018 10am-5pm
St Joseph's School Hall

- Amazing LEGO fan displays
- Guess the bricks in the tube
- Have a go in the brick pit
- Browse the Toy Co Shop

Build Competition

Build of you own creation something up to 300 Lego bricks.
Bring your entry or a photo by 12noon on the day.

Groups: years 1-3, 4-7 or 7-8

Entry \$5 or \$15 for family (max 5p)
(under 3 free)

For more information
St Joseph's School Facebook page



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 this week is **Positivity**