



KIA ORA KOUTOU

18 October 2018 # 30

Welcome back to everyone, spring is here with all that it brings – new life and unsettled weather! Everyone has come back fully recharged for another full on school term. Term 3 was an extremely busy time, and very draining for teachers and children alike (with various bugs around not helping).

Term 4 is again going to be very full on, it is a 9 week term and with everything that makes up the last term at Ohope Beach School, it is going to be over before we know it!

Make sure you check all newsletters/notes home and class and school Facebook pages for all the various activities going on.

BUILDING NEWS

As everyone can probably see, we are almost at the end of the massive build and construction phase. Final asphalt goes down tomorrow at the front of the school, really giving the finished look! A flash new school electronic sign has been put up, and we will be able to advertise various notices and messages through this from time to time. The Pou carvings have been installed at the front of the school, these have been covered up until they are officially blessed by Ngati Awa elders. These Pou look absolutely amazing – telling a local story about the region (the Pou and story will be unveiled next Friday). The old Pou carving that used to be on the old administration building at the front of the old school has been refurbished and installed on the front of the hall (also covered up until next Friday). I would like to pay particular thanks to our Caretakers Pete & Val who have spent hours restoring and painting the pou – they have done an amazing job! The amphitheatre (seating area between the Hall and new building) has now been completed and is a real asset that can be used for all sorts of school gatherings and events.

CHILDREN AND SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY

At this time of year with the extra daylight and activity around our community, plus more children than usual riding, scootering and walking to school, it is a good time to talk to them about how they should safely move to and from school, or wherever they are going – talk about stranger danger, sneaky driveways etc. etc. Include safe options or plans if they feel unsafe or get into a difficult situation – children should know their address, phone numbers etc., and know who they can safely communicate these to.

UPCOMING EVENTS

22 Oct – Labour day holiday

26 Oct – Official opening

30 Oct – Board of Trustees Meeting @school
5.30pm

14th Nov (PP 16th Nov) - Nga Huiarau Athletics @ Rex Morpeth

- NETSAFE parent information evening – offered to all parents from Whakatane Schools 7pm – 8pm more information to come home soon.

15 Nov - Nga Peka syndicate Athletics @ school

20 Nov (PP 22nd Nov) - Inter School Athletics @ Rex Morpeth, 8 year olds and older

21 Nov (PP 22nd Nov) - Cricket Festival @ Rex Morpeth - year 4, 5 and 6 students

- Science in a Van visits Ohope Beach School.

School Official Opening

An open invitation to all parents!

Friday 26th October 2018 (Week 2 Term 4) 9.30am – approx. 12.00

School Term Dates 2019

Following are the agreed term dates for Whakatane Schools (*note Intermediate and Secondary School dates may differ slightly*)

Note: There are a couple of dates throughout the year that have to be confirmed, which could alter the end date in Term 4, plus or minus a day or two.

Term 1

Wednesday January 30 – Friday April 12
(Monday January 28 Auckland Anniversary Day, Waitangi Day Wednesday February 6)
Easter Holidays fall in the School Holidays.

Term 2

Monday April 29 – Friday July 5
(Whakatane Schools (Primary, Intermediate and Secondary) - Teacher Only Day Friday May 31, Monday 3 June Queens Birthday)

Term 3

Monday July 22 – Friday September 27

Term 4

Monday October 14 – Wednesday December 18
(Monday October 22- Labour Day)

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.

Each fortnight at our Monday Morning assemblies, we present 2 to 3 children from each learning space with a Pride certificate related to the current Value focus and a coloured band. Whanau should be extremely proud if their child brings one of these home. Children who have also earned pride tickets around school or on the bus also go into a draw to win an iceblock. This term those with the most Pride tickets or Pride points from each class also get to have a Pizza party on Friday.

At the end of this term all those who have received a PRIDE ticket go into a draw for prizes.

YOGA IN OHOPE! 9.30-10.30 Fridays. Vinyasa Flow Yoga. Cost \$12/\$95 for 10 classes, (valid for 6 months). For more info, contact Jane nzflowyoga@gmail.com or 021 2061469

TERM 4 TENNIS LESSONS @Ohope Tennis Club 23rd October – 11th December. 7 weeks of lessons, 1 week of parent – child play. \$70 per child
CONTACT: Alex Howe at 0273419842 or email alexhowe@hotmail.co.nz
Tuesday's 3pm -4pm or 4pm -5pm with an option of Wednesday's depending on numbers.
Kids will be in groups of no more than 6, where they can develop basic tennis skills or develop their current skills with an experienced coach.
The last week of the term there will be a fun option for parents to come and play with their children.

WHAKATANE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB

Welcomes anyone 5+ to join our Junior Surf programme (age as at 30 September 2017)! Registrations and renewals are completed online at www.surf.org.nz

Open weekend to come and learn more is happening on 27th & 28th October 12-4.00pm, we would love to see you.

First session is

SUNDAY 4th November 2018

9:45am – 12pm

@ Surf Club, Mahy Reserve, Ohope Beach
All junior surf need a dickie cap (\$15) and a high viz vest (\$16) so please come from 9am with cash on first Sunday.

Bring \$2 for a sausage

Check out our website www.surf.org.nz or facebook page

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Your Board of Trustees are reviewing our direction to make sure we are in a good position to deliver all the things that our children and community need and expect from their school now and into the future. We are so lucky to have a wonderful new building, but we know that a great education is about so much more, we need to work together. Your views are important to us; together we can make Ōhope Beach School the best school for our children. To learn more about this review please check out the school website: 2018 www.ohopebeach.school.nz/71/easy_pages/1-strategic-review
Please help us by completing 3 short questions by Friday 27 October 2018 – www.ohopebeach.school.nz/71/embedded_items/4-community-survey-2018

FRIDAY SUBWAY LUNCH -

SUBWAY Whakatane is closed this week for remodelling so there will be NO school lunch orders this Friday 19th.

They will be back to normal next week.

Scholastic Book orders – if paying by cheque please return to the office by Friday 2nd November. Remember to let Julie know if you would like items to be held as gifts. You will be phoned when the order arrives at school.

SHAKE OUT 2018

Today the school practiced what we do in the event of an earthquake and then a tsunami warning. First, the earthquake had everyone Drop, Cover and Hold. Then a tsunami warning was issued so all the students and teachers evacuated the classroom to our evacuation area on the hard courts. We then made our way to the end of the field and climbed the hill (the same as the cross-country hill) to reach the highest point above the school.

Everyone did amazingly well and were rewarded with a wonderful view over Ohope Beach.

Ask your children how they felt about the practice and what you would do if you were at home when any warnings are issued.

