



KIA ORA KOUTOU

25 October 2018 # 31

After all these years the day is almost upon us – the opening/reopening of the school following our major rebuild.

REMINDER INVITE TO PARENTS

The whole process of the school rebuild started over 10 years ago, with things only really finalised and funding approved in 2015 – work started late in 2016, and now here we are tomorrow at the completion of a major construction. This has been a huge undertaking, not made any easier for the contractors to be working in and around 200 – 300 children and adults. The added problem for the construction planning was working in the confined and restricted nature of our school site.

This has also been a huge challenge for our children and teachers to plan around the construction – regularly moving in and out of classrooms, shifting teaching resources, putting up with the constant noise and dust. I would like to take this opportunity to thank and show my appreciation to all our present and past pupils and staff for their hard work and resilience having to work under such pressure and uncertainty – with some plans changing daily. Teachers have had to do extra long duties when we were needing to use the beach as our playground – teachers had weeks on end with no real lunch or morning tea break. Also the length of this process has meant that children and families who thought they would be in the school when buildings were completed, have all missed experiencing the final product.

The result we now have has all been worth it, and I am sure we have all come through the other side of this process with more resilience and flexibility.

BUT WAIT THERE IS MORE!!!

Other Work to be Completed : Just when you thought we were all done with the construction and changes around the school – we do have a new project that will be starting up soon and hopefully most of it will be completed over the Christmas break.

The next project is centred around the pool area – we have managed to get funding together to make some major changes to the pool and surrounding area. The work will consist of installing new fencing – slightly further out from the pool, new lining put over the pool surface, new chemical shed, retaining walls around the back of the pool, new heating system to top up our solar system, and a few other cosmetic changes.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

Funding has come from school funds, and a contribution from the Ministry of Education. The other planned project that is still to be finalised is upgrading of the Senior Playground.

This pool project should not disrupt the school operation too much as this area is away from most children areas and will be self-contained.

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.

Week 1 winners

Te Tiwai – Karlos, Veda

Nga Peka – Mason W, Kyras, Kyrin

Nga Huiarau – Derek, Blake, Sofia, Mea

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

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

Ohope Chartered Club

Summer's here! And so is the new Summer membership at the Ohope Chartered Club!

Just \$30 until the end of March gives you access to all the good times and great events happening at Ohope's best entertainment venue.

Check out our new menu, scrummy specials, fresh drinks and friendly atmosphere.

With events on most weeks there's no better place to enjoy summer than The Ohope Chartered Club!

See you @ The OCC.

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

PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

It has been a little disturbing watching some parents and children arriving in the mornings, and leaving in the afternoons as quite a few are not using the Pedestrian Crossing and choosing to run straight across the road from the current entrance.

This is not setting a good example for our students.

There is an expectation that the crossing be used at all times.



Awakeri Singapore Fundraiser

Presents ...

ONE
HOUR

PARENTING SEMINAR

\$20 p/p
Cash only on
the night

Time-Saving Tips for Time-Poor Parents

With International speaker Robyn Pearce *

Check out FB event: Getting a grip on Time seminar - Top Tips for Busy Parents
[plus her book will be for sale on the night]



This powerful 60-min presentation helps busy over-stretched parents find more time – to enjoy the people and activities they love.

The evening is entertaining & fast paced, filled with relatable stories & time-saving strategies that parents can implement immediately.

Thursday 8th November, 7pm, @ the Liberty Centre

65 Wairaka Rd, Whakatane.

Pre-purchase tickets from Awakeri School office

or Adcam Recruiting (Quay St) cash only at both.

Childminding available at the venue / Light refreshments provided afterwards.

Plus bring extra cash for fundraising sales and raffles.

* Robyn has worked as a time management specialist in just about every business sector for the last 25 years, which has taken her all round New Zealand and numerous other countries, including regular trips to the UK.



Whakatane

14 November 2018 – Whakatane High School

Netsafe LIVE is a free event for parents and whānau about keeping young people safe online. Netsafe's Education Advisor Pauline Spence will be talking about the risks, challenges and opportunities of digital technology, and the practical ways we can all help young people to be safe online.

The session will look at how parents/ whānau can support and enable children and young people to navigate online opportunities, challenges and complexities.

Time: 7:00pm –8:30pm

For more information and to register visit
netsafe.org.nz/the-kit/stay-connected/

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.