



KIA ORA KOUTOU

1 November 2018 # 32

What a fabulous day last Friday – a very fitting way to celebrate our long journey of rebuild/remodel – a total of 23 months of construction! The entire process from identifying our building issues to the final finished product has taken 9 – 10 years. It was very fitting that we had Tony Bonne and Hon. Anne Tolley in attendance to officially open the school. The Hon. Anne Tolley was the one who fought hard on our behalf in parliament to secure the funding of this project.

The entire day was very moving especially for some us who have been involved in this whole process from the start – it is really hard to believe that we are finally at the end – and very proud and lucky to have such a fabulous new school. I was extremely proud of all our children on the day who showed 'Ohope Pride' – especially our performers and Kapa Haka group.

A huge thank you goes out to Mike Jones and our very supportive hard working Board of Trustees past and present. They have all invested a huge amount of time and effort in all facets of this project and this would not have been possible without that combined effort. Mike has worked especially hard over the last few years dealing with all the ins and outs, highs and lows of the construction process – having to make some tough decisions and never taking second best as an answer! Thanks Mike!

All previous Board Chairs involved in this project over the years were present at the ceremony – Jonathon Kay, Wendy Gatward, Simon Stokes, and Moira Hanna, as were a good number of past Board of Trustees – a huge thank you to everyone!

There are some great photos, videos floating around of the whole day – we will try, and have these shared as much as possible. The Ministry of Education had their photographer here and we will get some of those special photos soon – one photo in particular – the Drone photo at the end of everyone present. This photo is going to be specially printed as a memento of the day for the children.

NGA PEKA ON CAMP

Nga Peka syndicate (Years 3 & 4) are all off on their much-awaited camp today and tomorrow at Ohiwa Camp ground. Our fingers and toes are all crossed for good weather!! Have a great time – I look forward to popping over to visit at some stage. Look after your teachers and parents who are staying over!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- NETSAFE parent information evening – offered to all parents from Whakatane Schools 7.30pm – 8.30pm at Whakatane Intermediate

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.

REMINDER ABOUT CARPARK SAFETY

The whole carpark is now in use, it is making getting in and out of school a lot easier for all children and visitors. Walking up through the centre using the pedestrian lines painted.

The bus bay part of this area must be kept clear at all times.

Parent drop off and pick up will remain over the road by the tennis courts and or the roadsides either side of the school. The '**Kiss N Go**' is just that – a quick stop off and go – not a parking area!

The Carpark, is for **Staff, Service and Emergency vehicles Only**. The Bus Bay will be for **Buses Only** - as it was with the previous Bus Bay.

- ❖ **NOTE:** Both the Carpark and Bus Bay areas will not be available for child drop off – this is for safety and congestion reasons. Drop off areas remain as they have always been – carpark by the tennis courts, 'Kiss and Go', and roadside areas.

Like most schools the drop off/pick up is a really difficult thing to manage, we do rely on the common sense of everyone involved, to follow the law, understand that everyone else is trying to achieve the same thing (a quick and safe drop off and pick up).

There is no other obvious answer to make things easier or more convenient, school property starts in the staff carpark. The Bus Bay area is all on council land and they control most of the areas in question for drop off and pick up.

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 – Elian, Sienna Y, Ari

Nga Huiarau – Dom, Kaharau

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

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 2 November 2018 –

www.ohopebeach.school.nz/71/embedded_items/4-community-survey-2018

Otago Maths Problem Solving competition

This year 16 of our children have been participating in the Otago Maths Problem Solving competition. This is an Intermediate level competition where the children have 30 mins to complete 5 problems of varying degrees of difficulty. It is very challenging and I have been super proud of their efforts.

Several children achieved merit level in the competition and special mention to Zoe G for gaining Excellence, amazing effort Zoe. **Congratulations** to them all.

2018 YOUNG ACHIEVERS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who received Young Achievers Awards.

Esther P – Brownies - Gold Koru

Derek E – Surf Lifesaving

Zoe G – Gymnastics, Surf Lifesaving, Karate

Isla W – Surf Lifesaving

Keira F – Surf Lifesaving

Do you need to have a pre-Christmas clear-out?



We would love any preloved toys, clothes or craft supplies for after school care.

Just email Vanessa at:

ohopebeachafterschoolcare@gmail.com

and I will come and collect.

Thank you



14 November 2018 – Whakatane Intermediate
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: 7:30pm – 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.

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)