

Welcome to the 2019 school year! Everyone looks and seems well rested and recharged for an action-packed year.

We have several new children / families enrolled – a warm welcome to you all. It was fantastic to see all the children back ready and eager for another fantastic year. There is a lovely air of excitement and enthusiasm in the school with lots of fun and exciting things planned throughout the year. It is great to start the school year with all classrooms and buildings fully operational, and access to all of our grounds – something we have not had for a couple of years – what a difference that makes to morale!!

Family Fun Picnic and Meet the Teacher Evening:

NEXT Thursday 7th FEB from 5.30PM - School grounds

This is a great opportunity to connect with your child's teacher in an informal way, at the same time hearing about how the classroom and programmes are set up. It is also a fun night where parents and families mix and mingle to get to know each other, bring along a picnic dinner - there will also be sports equipment out and the pool will be open for those who want to swim.

The first formal meeting will be the - Te Tewai Syndicate Manuka (NE – Year 1) meet in Manuka Space Kowhai (Year 1 & 2) and at 6.30pm in Kowhai Space. This will be followed at 7.00pm with the Nga Peka Syndicate meeting in Totora (Rimu, Totora, and Kahikatea Spaces Years 3 – 6)

Also, a Facebook notice and reminder will be posted.

Staffing 2019

Staffing for the 2019 Year is pretty much as it was for last year with a couple of slight changes.

A big welcome to Lynda Wylie who has been employed part time to cover our Classroom Release and other release around the school – Lynda has worked in the school in various capacities over the years and knows our children, teachers and school really well.

Unfortunately, we have lost a couple of long serving staff members over the holiday period – Anna Humpherson who did cover our Classroom release has accepted a more permanent job at St Josephs, Matua Isaac has regrettably sent in his resignation (only a week or so ago) – he has been called home to assist with a family illness – he hopes to come and visit everyone at some stage during the year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

6 Feb – Waitangi Day Holiday

7 Feb – Family Fun Picnic

As most of you are aware Philip Meyer is on study leave for the first half of the year – he has been awarded a Science Scholarship from the Royal Society – I was lucky enough to spend the day in Wellington with Philip for his induction – this is going to be an exciting development for Ohope Beach School, having this wonderful Science programme and training available.

Tony Horsfall	Principal	
Te Tiwai: (The Trunk) Year 0,1,2		
(Children build upon their strong base)		
Alex Hanlen	Manuka	NE/Yr1
(Deputy Principal)		
Angela Gouk	Manuka	NE/Yr1
Sandy Jones	Kowhai	Yr 1 & 2
(Synd Leader)(Deputy Principal)		
Abi Berquist	Kowahi	Yr 1&2
Nicky Baker	Kowhai	Yr 2

Nga Peka: (The Branches) Year 3,4,5 & 6

(Children evolve, mature and go in new directions)

Cherie Walker	Kahikatea	Yr 3&4
Jenny Jones	Kahikatea	Yr 3&4
Roberta McKelvey	Totora	Yr 4&5
(Synd Leader)		
Karen England	Totora	Yr 4&5
Jenny Ward	Rimu	Yr 5&6
Ben McDonald	Rimu	Yr 5&6

Release Teacher

Lynda Wylie Part Time, CRT Teacher Release

Support Staff

Jenny McKenzie & Julie Staniland - Office Managers

Teacher Aides: Jude Marsh, Rachel Ford, Haupai

Williams and Dominic Espinosa

Caretaker: Pete and Val Stewart

Road Patrol Parent Supervisors – We require parent supervisors for Monday and Friday mornings from 7.55am to 8.30am. This is to assist our road patrol students. If you can help please leave you name and contact number at the office. Thank you

BUILDING UPDATE

We should soon be able to leave this heading off newsletters!!??

There has been a lot of building and construction work going on over the school holiday break. As you may be aware the Bike Track has been formed around our field – more on this later, as we endeavour to purchase bikes and bike storage.

New goal posts that will double up as basketball and netball goals will be installed soon.

The 'Old Block' Hall and upstairs classrooms have been painted over the break – this now ties in the old with the new colour wise.

Work continues at the entrance/exit to the school – the exit area for the buses has been dug up and raised to give better levels for buses exiting – buses were bottoming out when pulling out, with a couple actually getting stuck – this should be all completed and ready to go next week

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, 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 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.

IMPORTANT DATES:

• Term 1:

Term 1 is an 11-week term and will finish on Friday April 12th.

NOTE - The Easter holiday falls within the school holidays this year.

- Waitangi Day Holiday - Wednesday February 6th
- Family Fun Picnic and Meet the Teacher Evening: NEXT Thursday 7th FEB starting 5.30PM onward – see separate note above.
- Education Review Office visit during the week of February 18th – 22nd
- Year 6 Sailing Programme 25th and 26th February
- Nga Peka (Years 3-6) Camp Meeting Wednesday 27th February
- Nga Peka Swimming Sports – Tuesday 5th March
- Goal Setting Thursday 7th March. More on this later in the term.
- Interschool Swimming Competition Monday 11th March
- EBOP Swimming Comp Wednesday 20th March
- Nga Peka Camp Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th March
- End of Term 1 Friday 12th April
- Monday April 29th – Start of Term 2

NOTE: Keep an eye out for the newsletter every Thursday. The newsletter is emailed, put on the school Facebook page and webpage.

Term 1 is traditionally a very busy term for staff, parents and children with lots of events on – we will keep you updated and reminded about upcoming events and useful information about happenings in and around the school and community.

The staff and I look forward to seeing you around the school. Please come and introduce yourself, if you have not already. We have a great school with lots of exciting programmes and activities to cater for all needs and passions - 2019 is going to be a very exciting and busy year. We look forward to your continued support.

HATS AND SUNSCREEN

Reminder about school hats and that Term 1 is one of our two compulsory hat wearing terms. All children must wear a hat when outside. The hat can be any colour bucket style hat (without a string)

The school has emergency sunblock available in all classes, and in the medical room (in the office) for children to use. We also have various sunshade sails around the school for added outside protection.

Parents are expected to provide sunblock each day for their own child.

Teachers back this up at school reminding children about 'SLIP SLOP SLAP' before moving into the sun. We also expect parents to discuss the need to apply sunscreen often during the day especially on sunny days, and at special outside events.

We encourage children to become responsible for their own sun protection, and expect that parents are doing the same from home - this is especially important for school trips and other activities where they are not in the normal school environment, and not always under the direct supervision of their classroom teacher.

We also encourage parents to follow advice of the Cancer Society to provide children who are ultra-sensitive sun protective clothing (long sleeved clothing, and or UV clothing - a parental choice).

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.

SUBWAY FRIDAY LUNCHES

Friday lunches are supplied by Subway Whakatane. To order your child's lunch you need to go to www.subway.co.nz/schools

Please ensure you enter the correct classroom name by typing it in.

Favourites
Last order
Add to your order at any time. Click the **Buy** button.

School
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Ohope Beach School

Class
Class:
Enter class here...

Student name

Classroom names are –
Manuka – New entrant/Y1
Kowhai – Y1 & Y2
Kahikatea - Y3 & Y4
Totara – Y4 & Y5
Rimu – Y5 & Y6

Orders can be made at anytime during the week but must be completed by 9am Friday morning ready for the lunches to be delivered to school.