

Almost the end of another busy week - and almost the end of a busy term too! Only 2 weeks left in our 11-week Term.

Term 1 ends 2.30pm Friday 29th - with Term 2 starting Monday April 29th.

Keep an eye out for important notices as the Term 2 calendar is already starting to look full!! Don't forget our Community of Learning Teacher Only Day on Friday May 31st.

LOST PROPERTY

A huge congratulations as this term has been one of our best terms for a few years with regard to the amount of Lost Property accumulated.

Unfortunately, we do have some lost property - just not as much as usual.

We will put all the lost property out on display in the last week on either side of the main entrance way (covered) please take a look and claim what is yours! On Friday 12th April (end of Term) all lost property left will be donated to a worthy cause.

NGA PEKA CAMP

This week marks the end of our EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) Camp weeks, Sailing, swimming events, and various other activities. What amazing times our children, parents and teachers have had - all really important experiences. I was so impressed with how our children were enjoying their time. It was great to see the way our children were so supportive and encouraging of each other when faced with a daunting challenge.

I was lucky enough to get over to the Manawahe Camp to join the campers on Tuesday morning, and most of today (hopefully not in too much rain?). EOTC combines a valuable set of learning experiences that enhances so many skills especially social and emotional.

In the 2 days spent on camp children will have experienced and enhanced knowledge in all 5 Key Competencies as set out in the OBS Curriculum and the New Zealand Curriculum i.e. Thinking, Using Language, Symbols and Texts, Managing Self, Relating to Others, and Participating and Contributing - all the learning in these areas happens before (planning), during, and after the camp experience.

At Ohope Beach School we are extremely fortunate to have a dedicated group of teachers who put 110% of personal and professional time into planning and organising these experiences to ensure that each child has the opportunity to make the most of their experience.

UPCOMING EVENTS

26 – 29 March – Nga Peka Camp

4 April – Family Zone Cyber Safety Parent Meeting

12 April – Last Day of Term 1

29 April – First Day of Term 2

A lot of schools around New Zealand are choosing not to offer camps as part of their EOTC programmes, due to increasing regulations (red tape), rising costs, extra work, and the changes in the availability of parental support.

A big thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to assist with attending the camps, and all those who assisted with transport - without your support the camps could not have gone ahead and been so successful.

A massive thank you and acknowledgement to our teachers Roberta McKelvey, Karen England, Cherie Walker, Jenny Jones, Ben McDonald and Jenny Ward who put a huge amount of time and work into organising the camp and running things so smoothly once they got there. This does take an awful lot of personal time not only attending the camp but the many hours of planning and preparation - factoring in every possible eventuality and having alternative plans in place if needed - luckily this year the weather has mostly played its part, and everything went ahead as planned.

Whakatane Community of Learning Teacher Only Day

Friday May 31st - and not the 21st as previously advertised (Friday before Queens Birthday Weekend)

Early notification of a Teacher Only Day next term (Term 2)

Our Community of Schools (CoL) group is holding a Teacher Only day for our district on Friday May 31st - this is an opportunity for all the local teachers, Early Childhood through to Secondary to all come together for some shared professional development, sharing of information, skills and ideas.

All local schools will not be open for instruction on that day.

OUR SCHOOLING FUTURES: STRONGER TOGETHER - THE TOMORROW'S SCHOOLS REPORT REVIEW

The report has been out since late 2018, you may have seen information about this in the media or in various publications.

This is the most important and comprehensive review/shake up of our whole education system since the introduction of Tomorrow's Schools in 1998.

The report recommends some major changes that may have far reaching consequences into the future, should all the changes be made.

The proposed change will affect all levels from Early Childhood, Primary, Intermediate, Secondary through to Tertiary (Poly Techs and Universities).

The Taskforce (Review Team) have identified 8 Key Issues: -

- 1. Governance** - current Board of Trustees System of Governance to be replaced by a local Hub...
- 2. Schooling Provision** - nature and type of schooling provided...
- 3. Competition and Choice** - Change to current zoning and decile system.
- 4. Disability and Learning Support** - Equitable access to learning opportunities...
- 5. Teaching** - better teacher pathways for registration and training, provision of professional learning and development for teachers ...
- 6. School Leadership** - regular support and professional development for new and experienced principals, appointment of principals ...
- 7. School Resourcing** - equity index used instead of decile, equity of staffing entitlement across the sector
- 8. Central Education Agencies** - replace NZQA (New Zealand Qualifications Authority), Education Review Office, reposition the New Zealand Teachers Council ...

I have only highlighted a few key things in each area - there is a lot more detail in the actual document. The Review Team will be meeting after April 8th to consider all submissions and draft up a proposed plan of change.

This is your opportunity to have your say about what the education system should look like for the future - this is about your child/ren's future education!!

It is almost time for all submissions to be sent in - due **April 7th**.

There are many ways to engage with this process if you want - **submissions close on April 7th** a full copy of the review along with other information and resources are available on the website

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/tomorrows-schools-review/>

Submissions to:- Written submissions or queries can be emailed to tomorrows.schools@education.govt.nz

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 Empathy

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 ice block. This term those with the most Pride tickets or Pride points from each class also get to have a special treat on Friday.

Winners for week 8 were –

Te Tiwai – Inge, Amelia B, Anna S,

Nga Peka - Riley K, Breanna M

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

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN ONLINE

Ohope Beach School have an excellent tool that is used to limit sites that our children can access via the internet. This is also available to all parents. 'Family Zone' can give you a high level of control of devices that your children are using and possibly accessing the Internet - There is a Family Zone Cyber Safety Parent Information Evening April 10th 6pm at Ohope Beach School.

EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY SWIMMING CHAMPS RESULTS

Elena M-S – 3rd 3 length freestyle, 3rd 1 length freestyle, 1st 1 length backstroke (new record), 1st 1 length breaststroke, 2nd 1 length butterfly, 2nd medley. 2nd 8yr old girls champion

Harriett M – 2nd 3 length freestyle, 1st 1 length freestyle, 1st 1 length breaststroke. 2nd 9yr old girls champion

Kayla F – 3rd 3 length freestyle, 3rd medley

Sachin M – 1st 1 length breaststroke

Greer H – 3rd 1 length breaststroke

Isla W – 2nd 1 length breaststroke

Tilde F – 3rd 1 length breaststroke

MEASLES

As you will all be aware, there is a current measles outbreak in the Canterbury region. We now need to do what we can to prepare for any outbreak in our region and to help prevent this happening.

With school holidays approaching and people travelling to various parts of the country the chance of coming into contact with measles will increase.

Please be advised the Bay of Plenty is not currently experiencing an outbreak, though an outbreak is highly possible.

Please register for Toi Te Ora Public Health alerts via the following link

<https://www.toiteora.govt.nz/alert>. Anyone (including parents and caregivers can do this).

What is measles? Measles, also known as 'English measles' or morbilli, is a potentially serious, highly infectious disease caused by a virus.

How do you catch measles? Measles is spread through contact with infectious droplets from the nose or throat of a person with measles, often during the first 2–4 days of symptoms before the rash appears. One person with measles can pass the disease on to 12–18 people who have not already had measles or been immunised against the disease.

How common is measles? New Zealand had large measles epidemics in 1991 and 1997 and continues to have regular smaller outbreaks with the most recent being in 2016. The last measles related death in New Zealand was one of seven during the 1991 epidemic. How serious is measles? Complications from measles are common. They may be caused by the measles virus or a bacteria because the measles virus lowers the body's ability to fight other infections. The risk of complications and death are higher in children under 5 years and adults over 20 years of age. A table listing possible complications of measles is on page two. Anyone who has a weakness of their immune system is at greater risk of very serious disease. These people are often unable to be immunised and rely on protection from those around them being immunised.

What are the symptoms of measles? The illness begins with fever, cough, runny nose and conjunctivitis (inflammation in the eyes), which lasts for 2–4 days. It may be possible to see small white spots (Koplik spots) inside the mouth. A rash appears 2–4 days after the first symptoms, beginning on the head and gradually spreading down the body to the arms and legs. The rash lasts for up to one week.

How do you prevent measles? Immunisation is the best way to prevent measles. In the event of a measles outbreak, unimmunised children and adults born since 1968 who do not have evidence of immunity against measles and who have contact with a measles case are advised NOT to attend early childhood services, school or public places for 14 days after their last contact with the infected person.

Which vaccines protect against measles? The measles vaccine was introduced in New Zealand in 1969 and replaced by the combined measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine in 1990. The combined measles, mumps, rubella vaccine is the only vaccine available in New Zealand to prevent measles. M-M-R® II and Priorix® are weakened live measles, mumps and rubella vaccines. M-M-R II has been used in New Zealand for many years. Two doses of MMR vaccine are recommended after the age of 12 months, given at least four weeks apart. After the first dose of MMR vaccine, 90–95% of people will be protected against measles.



The Bay of Plenty Rugby Holiday

Programme is back for 2019 in

Whakatane and Rotorua!

Open for our April School Holiday Programme but spaces are limited so register today!

Thanks to Patchell Group and Si-Lodec for proudly sponsoring the Central Bay of Plenty Rugby Holiday Programme. [REGISTER NOW](#)

SPORT BAY OF PLENTY SCAVENGER HUNTS - As we count down to the April school holidays, our team have put together four great Virtually on Track scavenger hunts across the Bay of Plenty to get you and your families out and about. The Virtually on Track popular scavenger hunts are back for the Easter school holidays and are sure to be a great way to get out there and discover some of our local natural gems. Solve clues, take photos and answer questions in local recreational areas and get out and explore our great outdoors with your whanau. Some great spot prizes up for grabs.

Here is the link to our website where you can download copies of the scavenger hunts across the Bay of Plenty.

<https://www.virtuallyontrack.co.nz/votscavengerhunt>

Important Dates:

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.

- **Thursday 4th April – Family Zone Cybersafety Parent Meeting**
- **Friday 12th April** - End of Term 1
- **Monday April 29th** - Start of Term 2
- **Friday 31st May** - CoL Teacher Only Day see details above

DREAM CHASER FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER

Thank you all so much for all your awesome support for Dream Chaser Foundation on last Friday. The total donated from wearing yellow and the sausage sizzle was \$569.



BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

7 June 2019

All of New Zealand's state and state-integrated schools have a board of trustees. The board of trustees is the Crown entity responsible for the governance of the school. The board is the employer of all staff in the school and is responsible for setting the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, staff and students, and for ensuring that its school provides a safe environment and quality education for all its students. Boards are also responsible for overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance and administration.

This three-minute video is for use with prospective trustees and briefly outlines what trusteeship is all about.

<https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/>

EVENT	DATE
Select Returning Officer by	Wednesday 1 May 2019
Close Main Roll	Noon Wednesday 8 May 2019
Call for Nominations by	Friday 10th May 2019
Close Supplementary roll	Noon, Wednesday 22 May 2019
Nominations Close	Noon Friday 24 May 2019