

It is amazing to think we are almost at the end of our 1st Term for 2019 – only six school days left after today.

Note: Term 1 finishes 2.30pm Friday April 12th, and Term 2 starts Monday April 29th (almost the first day of winter - May 1st!).

Daylight Saving ends this weekend!

Do not forget to turn your clocks back an hour on Saturday night before you go to bed.

A good saying to remember which way to turn clocks – **'Forward into Summer, and back into Winter'**.

New Staff

Due to our increasing numbers in Manuka Space (New Entrants), we have employed a part time teacher - Mrs Charlotte Swan - due to start beginning of Term 2. This is to enable the Teacher/Student ratios to fit within acceptable levels for teaching and learning at that level.

This position will be mostly funded from Board of Trustees funds i.e. from our Bulk Grant, we do not receive sufficient staffing via the Ministry of Education formula.

This is a good example of what the Teachers Union (NZEI) are negotiating about/for with the Ministry at present (not just pay - but conditions as well) - it will take us a while to grow to a position where the formula will equal full funding from the MoE.

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 next Monday Wednesday and Friday 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

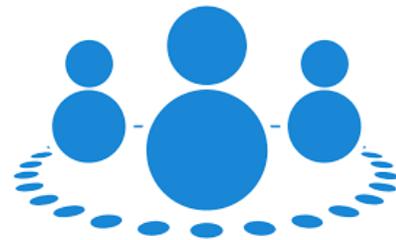
4 April – (TONIGHT) Family Zone Cyber Safety Parent Meeting

12 April – Last Day of Term 1

29 April – First Day of Term 2

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN ONLINE (TONIGHT)

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 4th 6pm at Ohope Beach School.



Whakatane Community of Learning

Teacher Only Day

Friday May 31st - (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.

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**

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 9 were –

Te Tiwai – Brianna, Toulia, Riley, Xander, Kainat, Reef, Emmie

Nga Peka – Benya, Alannah

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



Holiday programme at Ohope Beach School for the first week only

Cost \$5 per hour

Time: 8am - 5:30pm

Please provide own lunch and sunhats

Please pay in advance for the Monday/ Tuesday trips

Monday 15th April	Tuesday 16th April	Wednesday 17th April	Thursday 18th April
Movie trip Cost \$15 includes Movie ticket Popcorn and drink \$4 for bus fare 	Aquatic Centre \$3 pool entry \$4.50 hydroslide (optional) \$4 for bus fare 	Mahy reserve (weather permitting) Walk to park 	Maraetotara reserve (weather permitting) Walk to park 

Contact Vanessa on 021 030 8960 or ohopeafterschoolcare@gmail.com



School Holidays!

POOL Party Whakatane Aquatic Centre
 • Wednesday 17 April
 • 1pm - 3pm
 • \$3 entry fee

Free games, prizes

WHAKATANE
 Warren Park
 • Thursday 18 April
 • 12pm - 2pm

OHOPE
 Otao South Reserve
 Harbour Rd, Port Ohope
 • Tuesday 23 April
 • 12-2pm

Road Safety
 EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY

bike Party
Free BBQ, games, prizes

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This lovely little area has been created beside the computer suit and Kowhai classroom by Pete and Val (caretakers)

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>



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](#)

Riding demonstrations



Bouncy castle



Face painting



RIDING FOR THE DISABLED GALA DAY AND ARENA OPENING

13 April 2019 10am-3pm

Fire engine rides



Come and join us for a fun filled day.

Pony rides



Candyfloss



Delicious food



Magic carpet rides



And much much more!

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