

Here we are in the penultimate week leading up to the end of the school year and term. The term and year have both flown by so fast, and yet again as a school we have all been involved in so much, achieved so much and experienced so many new things. It never ceases to amaze me at how resilient and flexible children can be – they have pretty much just got on with school life as per usual

BAY OF PLENTY ATHLETICS REPRESENTATION

Congratulations to the group of Ohope Beach School pupils who represented the Eastern Bay and the Bay of Plenty Athletics Championships in Rotorua yesterday – very proud to have you representing our region. Some amazing efforts and individual achievements and results.

- **Final Assembly – Wednesday 18th December, assembly starts at 11.00 am.**

LEAVERS (YEAR 6 PUPILS)

Once again, we farewell a great group of year 6 children who take with them an amazing range of skills, great attitudes and some wonderful memories of their time at Ohope Beach School. This group have contributed so much over the last year and last 6 years of association with Ohope Beach School. Thanks very much to all you have given to the school and good luck for the future. I hope you have a wonderful time with friends and family during the festive period.

TEACHING STAFF

I would like to pay particular thanks to our Teaching Staff who put in so much time and effort ensuring that all our children have a great education and positive experience at school. Teachers dedicate an incredible amount of personal and professional time to ensure this happens. Long hours before and after school during the week, long hours during the weekends and School Holiday periods are spent planning, assessing and organising programmes and experiences for our children.

ROBERTA MCKELVEY

A very sad farewell to a very special teacher who I know has made such a difference to so many children and families over the years - not only with their education but supporting and taking an active caring role in the greater support for whanau. Roberta has been at Ohope Beach School since 2005 (14 Years), she has taught at all levels and as mentioned she has made such a big difference to so many lives in that time!

Important Dates:

12th December Thursday (Today) - Waimarino Trip Year 6 *today*
16th December (Monday) Class Lists up on Manawanui front windows
16th December (Monday) Reports come home with portfolios
18th December Wednesday -Last School Assembly – 11.00am start
18th December 12.00 noon Wednesday - Term 4 2019 ends (Harbour Rd Bus/Wainui Bus approx. 12pm)

Roberta will leave a huge gap in the school - extremely big shoes to fill!! We wish her well in her future endeavours with whanau in Australia - I am sure we will keep an interested ear on what she gets up to - as she will be interested in what is happening at OBS.

OTHER STAFF FAREWELL

Also a farewell to two teachers who have been part of the teaching team in 2019: Molly Murray and Charlotte Swan who will both leave at the end of the year. Charlotte off to a full-time role at Allandale School, and Molly is moving back to her hometown and school in Melbourne Australia. I would like to thank them for all their time and effort on behalf of our children, and their contribution around the school.

Ben McDonald is also taking 12 months refreshment leave.

SUPPORT STAFF

All of our teacher Aides have made a huge contribution to our school not only in the year just gone but over many years in some cases, they have really made a difference for all of our children - we wish them a restful break and happy new year - all will be back supporting our children and teachers next year. A huge thank you to Jenny McKenzie and Julie Staniland in the office and various other areas of the school – do an incredible amount of work behind the scenes that enables our school to run so smoothly, their roles and responsibilities are forever evolving and changing – e.g. they are now Novopay payroll officers, HR officers, IT Managers, and Librarians to mention a few roles! Also, Pete and Val our caretakers - who keep things around the school neat and tidy and in order – they also go the extra mile with things that involve our school and children.

FUNDRAISING TEAM

I would also like to pay particular thanks to our School Fundraising Team – These people have worked (and still are working as I type this) hard organising various fundraising events and functions on behalf of our school community and children. The much-needed money raised goes toward the various needs and activities within the school that the government funding does not cover – without this money we could not offer a lot of the extras that our school does offer.

TO ALL PARENTS AND WHANAU

A huge thank you to all parents and family for their many contributions and support to our school, all assistance in the classroom, and on all the various trips and experiences. Your support and assistance is much appreciated and treasured by all teachers. It is also something that is so important for the children to see how interested their family is in their school and education – Well Done!

School Staff 2020

In no particular order.

Principal - Cathryn Naera
Deputy Principal - Alex Hanlen
Deputy Principal - Sandy Jones
Syndicate Leader - Cherie Walker
Syndicate Leader - Nicky Baker
Emma Gibson and Meg Broadhurst
Abi Berquist
Angela Gouk
Kirsty Brown
Jenny Jones
Karen England
Lorna Spencer
Philip Meyer
Laura McCarthy
Lynda Wylie - Release Teacher
Rowena Findlater – Release Teacher

Teacher Aides

Jude Marsh, Rachel Ford, Glynice Tager,
Vanessa Goodrick, Dominic Espisona, Cathy
Crossfield, Pam Richardson

Support Staff

Jenny McKenzie, Julie Staniland,
Pete and Val Steward

This being my last newsletter as Principal of Ohope Beach School, I would like to pay particular thank you to all the parents, children and families for all your support and encouragement over the last 10 years as Principal.

This is a very special school and place to teach - made extra special by the people involved with the school.

The children at Ohope Beach school are extremely fortunate to have such dedicated and talented teachers who all go the extra mile for the children, along with such supportive and involved parents.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Ohope! When I arrived here in 2010, I did promise myself I would only stay as Principal for up to 10 years - that time is now up, and it is time for me to move onto other things. I will be taking some time out (Golf, Fishing) staying in this community, and may at some stage take on some part time work - so I suppose it is called semi - retirement. It is the right time to leave the school with all building work complete and school off in its new direction.

I would like to wish the incoming Principal Mrs Cathryn Naera all the best for next year and the future - I look forward to following the school's successes and ongoing development over the next few years. I have known Cathryn for a while (we even went to the same Teachers College at around the same time) and know that she will do a great job.

I want to pass on my best wishes to all children and families for next year and the future - and as usual I will follow and take a personal interest in the activities and achievements of our children in the future.

Last but not least to all Teachers and Support staff involved presently with the school and those who have moved on over the years - I would like to thank them for all their dedication, support and friendship over the last 10 years - they are amazing people who continue to amaze me with their work ethic and professionalism each year.

All the best - ***Dream Believe Achieve - with
Ohope Pride!***
Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

Tony Horsfall

Here are last weeks PRIDE time winners enjoying some beach time.



Term 4 2019 - Finishes Wednesday December 18th 12.00 noon (School Closed Monday October 28th Labour Day)

SCHOOL YEAR 2020 PRIMARY SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
Start	Friday 7th February	Tuesday 28th April (Queens Birthday 1 st June)	Monday 20th July	Monday 12th October (Labour Day 26th October)
End	Thursday 9th April (Easter and Anzac fall during the school holidays)	Friday 3rd July	Friday 25th September	Friday 18th December

LIBRARY BOOKS AND SCHOOL READERS – It's that time of the year again to start checking under the bed, in the wardrobe and on bookshelves for school books that are not being used and return them to school.

Thank you to the wonderful parents who helped with the School readers stock-take.

BUS RUNS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The Harbour Rd Bus will arrive at school 12pm. The Wainui Rd bus will arrive from the Intermediate at approx. 12.20pm

The Blue bus (Beach runner) will not be available so arrangements for pick up at 12pm will need to be arranged.

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.

This term we are focusing on a different **PRIDE** value each week.

Each week 2 to 3 children from each learning space are the Pride time winners and they have an extra 30 minutes of special time on Friday.

All those with PRIDE tickets go in a weekly draw where 3 names are pulled out as are 3 bus pride tickets. These children receive a special treat.

Invitation



You are welcome to attend
a community farewell for
Tony Horsfall and Roberta McKelvey

to be held at

Ohope Beach School

on Monday 16th December



from 5.00pm

in the school hall.

BYO drinks. Nibbles provided.