

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

We extend a warm welcome to all the new students and families who have joined the Ohope Beach School community this year. We look forward to sharing your learning journey throughout the year. We also welcome the new staff who have joined our teaching team, we look forward to your contributions to the school.

I would like to commend the board, staff and students on the warm welcome we all received at the pohiri last Friday. The singing was beautiful, and it was very humbling for those of us being welcomed. We are all excited to be here and look forward to meeting you all.

Important Dates:

13 February - (tonight) – Meet the teacher and family fun picnic

14 February – Go by bike day

17 & 18 February – Y6 Sailing

20 February – Y4 Parent Camp Meeting
5.30pm

21 February – Y3-6 EBOP Triathlon

26 February – Senior Swimming Sports

27 February – Y5 & 6 Camp Meeting

10 March – Interschool Swimming Sports

Staffing 2020

Principal	Cathryn Naera
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Deputy Principal	Sandy Jones Alex Hanlen
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Te Tiwai Whanau Team Leader Nicky Baker	Manuka Year 1 students	Meg Broadhurst – Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Emma Gibson – Thursday & Friday Abi Berquist
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	Kowhai Year 1 & 2 students	Alex Hanlen Angela Gouk Laura McCarthy
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	Nga Whetu – Awatea Year 3 students	Jenny Jones
	Nga Whetu – Matariki Year 2 & 3 students	Kirsty Brown
	Nga Whetu – Meremere Year 2 & 3 students	Nicky Baker

Nga Peka Whanau	Totara Year 4 & 5 students	Karen England
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Team Leader Cherie Walker	Rimu Year 4 & 5 students	Sandy Jones Lorna Spencer
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	Kahikatea Year 6 students	Philip Meyer Cherie Walker
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Support Staff:

Julie Staniland & Jenny McKenzie are our team who look after the office

Teacher Assistants:

Catherine Crossfield, Dominic Espinosa, Vanessa Goodrick, Pamela Richardson, Glynice Tager, Jude Marsh and Rachel Ford are the staff who work with students, support the teaching staff and the class programmes

Grounds Staff:

Peter and Val Stewart look after the grounds and buildings.

Swimming:

We do apologise that the pool is not yet ready for swimming. The pool area and pool have had much needed maintenance over the holiday break, and we are just awaiting the installation of the skimmers and the ladder so we can fill the pool. We have been told the pool will be ready for Monday next week.

Meet the Teacher Evening:

On Thursday 13th February we will host a meet the teacher picnic at school. You are invited to bring along a picnic dinner for you and your family and take some time to meet other families of the school. We will start at 5.30pm. At around 6.00pm the principal will introduce the staff and then you will be free to move to classes to meet your child's teacher. Some of you will have more than one teacher to meet so we are keeping it informal; so you have time to move about the school. The evening will conclude at 7.00pm.

Please feel free to arrange an appointment time with your child's teacher if you wish to meet further to have any in-depth discussion.

Assembly:

At this stage the school holds a weekly assembly on Monday morning at 8.35am. This is to set the students up for the week and to reinforce our PRIDE values. Friday fortnightly we will hold an assembly at 8.35am. This will be led by the year 6 students. This assembly will be to celebrate the learning of the students and their modelling of our PRIDE values. The first Friday assembly will be held on Friday 14th February and fortnightly thereafter.

Pre Schoolers:

If you have pre-schoolers, who will be starting school this year, please come in to the office and complete a pre enrolment form. This will allow us to plan for the school growth during the year. We do have an enrolment zone in place, this can be found on the school website. At this stage we are not enrolling any out of zone students. The board will review year group numbers each term to determine if there are any vacancies for out of zone students.

EOTC – Camp:

This year the Year 5 and 6 students will attend camp at Totara Springs. This is planned for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd April. Further information will be sent home by Cherie Walker. The Y5 & 6 Camp Meeting will be held on the 27th February.

Please look out for this information which will outline the costs, requirements and police vetting procedures for any parents who wish to attend as camp helpers.

The Year 4 students will be experiencing camping at Ohiwa Harbour. This is planned for 25th, 26th and 27th March. Further information will be sent home shortly. A Year 4 Parent Camp Meeting will be held on the 20th February at 5.30pm.

Donations:

Last year the government introduced a scheme whereby schools could opt to receive \$150 per student and not request donations from families. Unfortunately, we are not part of this scheme due to the decile rating of the school.

We have set a voluntary donation which can be paid to the office. These funds are used to supplement and support the class programmes. These are very gratefully received.

Bikes:

Our school bikes have had a long holiday in the containers and will be serviced before we put them out for student use. This will be carried out on the 24th and 25th February. We look forward to having these resources in use again very soon.

I look forward to meeting you all.

Nga mihi

Cathryn Naera – Principal



Free to a good home – old rimu teacher's desk.



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.

HATS AND SUNSCREEN

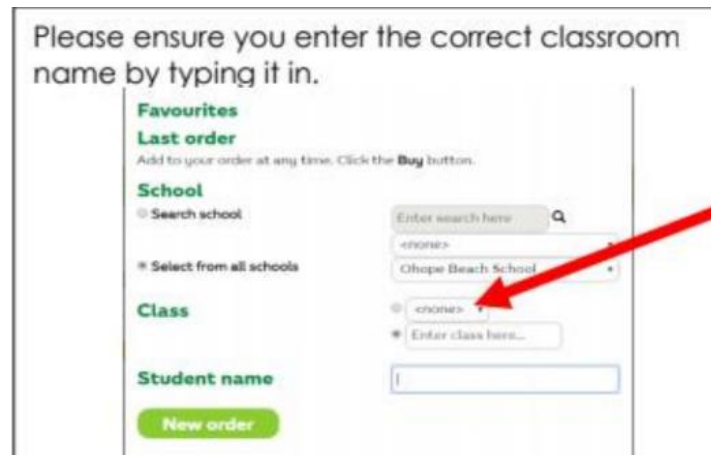
Reminder about school hats and that Term 1 is one of our two compulsory hat wearing terms. All children must wear a hat when outside. The hat can be any colour bucket style hat (without a string) The school has emergency sunblock available in all classes, and in the medical room (in the office) for children 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).

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 arriving after the school bell has rung at 8.30am. 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

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

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



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. This week is **Positivity**

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.