

We are now halfway through the term and the year feels like it is flying by. Welcome to the new students who have joined the school since our last newsletter, we wish you all the very best for your schooling.

Last week the staff prepared for the possible move to Covid Alert Level 3 and we thank you for your response to our device newsletter. If, in the future, we do move Alert Levels we are ready to send home both hard packs and devices. If your circumstances change, please let us know. Earlier in the year the Board purchased more Chromebooks so that we have this resource for the children in Year 3 to Year 6, if they do not have a device they can use at home.

Alert Level 2:

We have implemented the Alert Level 2 procedures which will be in place until we are notified of any change. This has seen the cancellation of some events. Hand washing, elbow sneezing, sanitising and surface cleaning are all part of our procedures. We have also had to go back to parents not being onsite. We encourage you to keep your child at home if he or she is sick. We thank you for your support of these measures.

We have the NZ COVID Tracer App on display, in the window and on the counter in the office, should you need to come into the school office area. Please ensure you use this or sign in on our Covid Tracer register if you do not have the app.

We will not be holding assembly until we move back to Alert Level 1 but we are still carrying out the certificate presentations, in each class, and PRIDE draws over the class intercom system.

Mask Wearing:

At Alert level 2, children and young people aged 6 years and over are encouraged to carry a face covering to wrap around their nose and mouth, when they are on school and public transport. Some children are already wearing masks on the bus and it is good to see them being proactive about their health.

Seesaw:

We are in the process of moving to a Schoolwide version of Seesaw. While we are in the transition period the staff will not have access to current Seesaw accounts and will not be posting to you and the children. We apologise for this, but it is necessary as we set up the new version.

Important Dates:

1 Sep – School Photos
25 Sep – End of term 3
12 Oct – Start of term 4

Bike Wise:

Currently the senior classes are taking part in a Bike Wise education programme. Unfortunately, the weather is impacting on the ability to deliver this programme as it is too wet and windy. Hopefully the weather will improve for the programme later this week and next week.

School Photos:

The school photos are due to be taken this term. There has been a date change from Monday 31st August to Tuesday 1st September. We will send home reminders closer to the date.

Daffodil Day:

Daffodil Day is the Cancer Society's biggest annual fundraiser and this year they celebrate 30 years of Daffodil Day in NZ. Many of us will know someone who has been affected by cancer and we are supporting this fundraiser by having Daffodil Stickers available for a gold coin donation. Children will be able to get their sticker and make their donation in the office all next week.

Outdoor Activities:

Thank you to the families who donated gutter boards and tennis balls to the school. Classes have started to make use of these in class physed lessons. It is great to see the development of hand eye co-ordination with catching and throwing and the fun the children get out of this activity.

The Dynamo students are doing an excellent job of facilitating games and activities with the students during break times.

It is good to see the children enjoying their environment and the resources they have as they keep active and engaged during break times.

The staff are also facilitating a number of activities during break times which include:

- Story telling
- Choir
- Games club
- Computer activities
- Library time
- Kapa haka
- Garden club
- Performing Arts club
- Bike riding days for each house group
- Wheels Wednesday

Thank you to the staff for working with these groups which encourages a range of children from across the school to work together.

The Board are awaiting the tenders for the senior playground development which we hope to have completed before the end of the year.

Take care and stay safe

Ngā mihi

Cathryn Naera – Principal

MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Kia ora koutou,

Like many people, we reacted to the announcement that we would remain in Alert Level 2 with a sense of relief. We can continue to go about our lives and the school will continue to operate, albeit with some minor changes.

As a Board we would like to thank you all for your assistance and patience in making these extra measures work and we hope that we can do away with them soon.

Since coming out of the Level 4 lockdown, the team at Ohope Beach School has been working hard to develop a response plan and draw together the necessary resources to support you and the students of Ohope Beach School should we enter another lockdown.

These plans were developed from staff workshops and your feedback and are designed to ensure regular contact with teachers, provide learning material at your child's level and the technology support when Netflix isn't cutting it. We sincerely hope that we don't have to use this material, but it is important for you to know that we are ready.

Please continue to look out for one another, your neighbours, friends and whanau. Take joy in your children and their learning, don't sweat the small stuff, go for walks, play and laugh with them and message your child's teacher to tell them how awesome they are, because they are.

Kia kaha,
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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.

WHAKATANE SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB 2020-21 Season

Whakatane Surf Club is looking for new club members and volunteers interested in becoming Lifeguards or Patrol Support (non water) for the 2020-2021 season. Full training for both awards will be given. 14yrs +.

Information Evening on 26th August @ the Surf Club in Ohope @ 6pm.

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