

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Term three is almost over and it has been another busy term. We thank you for your continued support of the school and the procedures we have had to put in place in response to the various Alert Levels. I wish to thank the staff who continue to work tirelessly for your children. The staff are dedicated and committed to providing a positive learning environment for the children. They are looking forward to the break and a chance to recharge ready for term four.

Teacher Development Day:

We have a Teacher Development Day planned for next term. This will be held on Friday 23rd October, the school will be closed for the children on this day.

Alert Level One:

On Monday the Prime Minister announced that we and the majority of Aotearoa (excluding Auckland) were to move to Alert Level 1. This is incredibly positive news and means we can return to some of our normal practices.

The gate will continue to be unlocked at 8.00am and I will continue to meet the children as they arrive at school each day. You are welcome to come into the school now if you wish.

The gate will be locked again at 8.30am, this is a health and safety measure for the students. We will continue to bring the classes out at the end of the day for the remainder of this term.

We do ask that if you are coming into school to collect your child that you please do not congregate outside Manuka and Kowhai as the noise created is very distracting as the staff end the day with the students. Feel free to make use of the BBQ tables outside Manawanui (hall) as you wait.

Hand washing and sanitizing measures are still in place and we will begin holding our weekly assemblies again next term, each Friday morning.

If you need to collect your child during the day, please come through the office and sign the register. The Covid QR code is on display in the office window and on the office bench for you to scan when you do come on site.

Important Dates:

25 Sep – End of term 3
12 Oct – Start of term 4
23 Oct – Teacher Only Day
26 Oct – Labour Day
4 Nov - Nga Peka Athletics
12 & 13 Nov - Year 2 & 3 EOTC
17 Nov – Interschool Athletics
18 & 19 & 20 Nov - Year 4 camp

All Blacks Visit Whakatane:

Thank you to the parents who assisted with transport to the All Black training on Tuesday this week. The children were very excited, and they were very well behaved, modelling Ōhope Beach Pride. Thank you to the staff who put the organisation of this together at very short notice.

Food Bank Support:

Thank you for the donations we have received so far. The children have been bringing these into the office, as they arrive at school each day, and we have a good collection which we will deliver at the end of the week.

We still welcome the donation of any non-perishable items. This can include cans, packet foods, dry goods or bathroom / cleaning supplies. Thank you all for your generosity and empathy.

PRIDE Time:

Each Friday we celebrate PRIDE time with the children who have earned the most Pride points, in their class, during the week. This term the children have been making pikelets with me which they get to eat just before lunch. I look forward to this time each week as children of all ages come together to celebrate their achievements for the week. I have included a montage of Pride time groups from the term. Well done everyone, see you next term.

Take care and stay safe. Have an enjoyable break and we will see you at school on Monday 12th October.

Ngā mihi
Cathryn Naera – Principal

PRIDE – Integrity. This week we have been focusing on being honest and trustworthy.



Term Dates 2021

Term 1	Wednesday 3 rd February to Friday 16 th April	Monday 1 st February – Auckland Anniversary Monday 8 th February – Waitangi Day Friday 2 nd April – Good Friday Monday 5 th April – Easter Tuesday 6 th April – Easter
Term 2	Monday 3 rd May to Friday 9 th July	Friday 4 th June – Teacher Development Day Monday 7 th June – Queen's Birthday
Term 3	Monday 26 th July to Friday 1 st October	
Term 4	Monday 18 th October To Wednesday 15 th December	Monday 25 th October – Labour Day
Two Teacher Development Days are still to be confirmed		


Hey creative kids, want to try something different?

Come and join us at Creative Ideas for diverse art projects every term using all sorts of materials.

You get to create your own artwork, doing it your way with guidance from Marie Dixon.

Small groups so you get lots of help when you need it.

Email artclasseswhakatane@gmail.com for more info.



**AFTER SCHOOL CARE
STAFF VACANCY**

**Staff vacancy on Tuesdays and Thursdays
from 2:30 – 4PM beginning in Term 4
(potentially other days as well).** ★

**Preference given to parents with children
currently attending Ohope Beach School.**

★ **Your child's attendance will be
free during your shift.**

For more information contact Vanessa.

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WHAKATANE INTERMEDIATE DATES:

Next term the year six students will begin their transition process to enrol at Whakatane Intermediate. The Intermediate have sent us the following timeline:

Week 1 Friday 16th October Prospectus' delivered to contributing schools.

Week 2 Contributing schools to hand our Prospectus & Open evening notice to Year 6 students.

Week 3 Tuesday 27th October – Open evening beginning at 6.30pm for all schools

Wednesday 28th October – Open day for Year 6's from Ōhope Beach and Allendale Schools

Week 3 – 5 Enrolment interviews begin

Week 5 2021 Class Allocation begins