

We are almost halfway through this last term of 2020. It has certainly been a year of challenge, adaptability and flexibility as we have worked together throughout the year. As we near the end of this year we thank you for all the support we have had during these challenging times.

Congratulations:

We have had several pupils achieving success in various events recently.

Last weekend Thea and Harper competed in the Kawerau Prince and Princess of the mountain race in Kawerau – a most gruelling race.

Thea placed 1st and Harper was placed 8th, these are excellent achievements for these young children.



Young Achievers Awards:

The council, in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Whakatane, are hosting the Young Achievers Awards today. Congratulations to the following children who will be receiving an award today. Beau; Hannah; Elena; Harper and Cam.



Epro8:

Congratulations to the Epro8 team who placed 2nd in the final competition last Friday in Rotorua. You have worked hard throughout the year preparing for this event.

Thank you to Ben McDonald who has been training the teams in preparation for these events and to the parents who supported the children in Rotorua. For the Epro8 final the team had 2 ½ hours to complete a number of challenges which they are awarded points for.

I interviewed four of the students about the event, Tracey, Elliott, Oliver and Marcus.

“We had 2 ½ hours to complete the challenge. First, we had to build a frame around a toaster and then use rubber bands to propel the toast two metres into the air. We got points for each aspect of the challenge and for completing the challenge. There were 12 teams from the Bay of Plenty at the competition. The skills we learnt, and had to use, were co-operation, discussion, experimentation, problem solving and how to work with different equipment to solve the challenge.

We would all give this a go again at Intermediate next year.”

Well done to you all.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Road Patrol Celebration – Friday 6th November

Road Patrol Training – Monday 9th November

Music School Performance – Tuesday 10th November

Interschool Athletics – Tuesday 17th November

Year 4 Camp – Wednesday 18th November to Friday 20th November

EBOP Athletics – Tuesday 24th November

Year 5 & 6 Camp – Wednesday 25th November to Friday 27th November

Te Tiwai Athletics Demonstration – Thursday 3rd December

Athletics:

Yesterday we held the Ngā Peka athletics events in town. Thank you to the staff for their organisation and to all the parents who came to assist and support the children. The weather was kind to us, and the children completed all track and field events. It was great to hear children cheering each other on as they competed, the encouragement and positivity was a feature of the day. Well done.

The next athletic event will be the Whakatane Interschool day on Tuesday 17th November. Notices will be sent home to the children who will represent Ōhope Beach School at this event.

After this the Eastern Bay of Plenty Athletics day will be held. This is planned for Tuesday 24th November. Te Tiwai, which is made up of Manuka, Kowhai, Awatea, Matariki and Meremere, will have their athletic demonstration day at school on Thursday 3rd December.

Citizen Science Project:

Currently a group of students are working on a science project with Mrs Jones. I interviewed three of the young scientists, Esther, Isaak and Olivia, about the work they have carried out so far.

"The experiment is to see if potent weed killers can be replaced by a concentrated vinegar mixture of 16% or 9.5%.

The 6 groups have each identified three plots of weeds in the swimming pool concrete path area. One plot is the control, one plot is treated with 16% concentrate and one plot is treated with 9.5% concentrate.

We took a photo at the start then carried out a 24-hour treatment. We then treated the weeds a week later. We photograph the weeds each time we treat them and load the findings into a database via a QR code.

At the start of the project we had to make a hypothesis and we have a control experiment so that we can compare and monitor the change over time.

We have learnt that vinegar is a good weed killer and you don't need to buy expensive weed killer, you can make your own at home."

Bird House Builders:

A big thank you to Matia and Zara Kohe for helping some of our boys to build a wonderful bird house today.

This is a project the children have been looking forward to and it is so good to have the expertise from our school community come in to work with the children.

Great birdhouse everyone, I am sure the birds will love it.

**Music School Performance:**

We have a group of children who will be performing at Whakatane Intermediate and at an evening show on Tuesday 10th November. These children are all learning to play an instrument, and this will give them the opportunity to perform for an audience. Well done to you all, enjoy your time to shine.

PRIDE Time:

Well done to our Pride time children last week. Great to see the children modelling our PRIDE values at school. Keep up the good work.

Future Pupils:

This term we are planning and preparing for 2021. For this planning we really appreciate knowing who will be starting school throughout the year.

If you have a pre-schooler at home, who is due to start school anytime next year, please contact us to pick up an enrolment form. If you have neighbours with pre-schoolers, please encourage them to call in to see us.

This information is vital as we forecast our future enrolments which help us plan for the increase as the year progresses.



Ngā mihi
Cathryn Naera – Principal

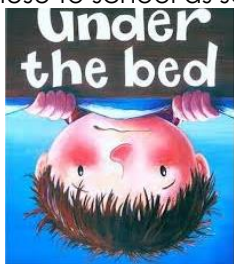
Remainder of Term Dates for 2020:
Term four ends - Friday 18th December at 12.00pm

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

READERS AND LIBRARY BOOK STOCKTAKE – Yes, it's coming up to that time of the year again. Please check your bookshelves, under the beds and in the wardrobes for any readers and library books that are not being used. We will be carrying out a stocktake near the end of this term. This enables the School to budget for replacement of lost items next year.
Please return these to school as soon as possible.



Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 netball team, the Ohope Kereru!
After a stop-start season they ended up winning the 7 a-side Year 5/6 B Grade division. This was an outstanding effort! A huge thank you to Vanessa Searcy (Coach), Maresa MacDonald (Manager), Lisette van Rooyen (Umpire) and also to Rawinia Kamau who sponsored a medal for each of the players as a memento of their success.

PB4L - This week we have been focusing on -
How do we speak to others, including adults to become a better citizen in the future leading into responsibility and leadership?

I will ...

- Think about what I say before I say it
- invite others into conversations and activities
- Use a friendly tone/voice
- Use nice words
- think about how my body language supports my positive words