

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa
Thursday 10th December 2020

Next week we are into the last week of the school year for 2020. This has been a challenging year with everything that has gone on in the country and the world. The impact of the pandemic will continue into 2021 and we will adapt as required.

Reflection:

As we reflect on the 2020 school year, we are thankful for the environment we live in and for the support that is given to the school.

We opened our 2020 year with a pohiri for the new staff and students. This provided an inclusive warm welcome for those involved and set the tone for the year.

A multitude of sporting and extracurricular activities filled our calendar in February along with the use of the newly refurbished swimming pool.

Unfortunately, our year was interrupted by Covid 19 and the subsequent lock down from 26th March.

We all had to adapt to life at home, teddy bears appeared in our windows and wellbeing became paramount. We give praise and thanks to the essential workers who continued to provide for us and ensure that their services were available during this time.

Bubble school was our next challenge, with rules and regulations to be followed to ensure the safety of students and staff as we gradually returned to school.

When we were able to re-open for all students, it was great to see them back at school. They have adapted well to hand washing, sanitising and cleaning routines, and keeping themselves safe.

We would like to pass on our thanks to you all for the support of the systems that had to be implemented during the year. We know that not being able to come into school, dropping children off and collecting children from the school entrance and not being able to offer our usual transition to school were challenges, but your support was and is appreciated.

I would like to pass on thanks to the staff for their professionalism in adapting to the challenges this year has provided. Our teaching staff, support staff, office staff and caretaking staff are hardworking individuals who work co-operatively for the good of the students and the school. They are a team you can be very proud of.

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. Another sunny day at Maraetotara park which we shared with a number of other school groups.

Fun times.



Gifts for Bus Drivers

As a school, we would like to acknowledge the kindness and hard work of our bus drivers who are very accommodating to our children.

We would like to give them a gift basket of "goodies" at the end of the year. And would ask that each family who uses either the Harbour Rd/Wainui bus or the town bus to please send along a treat item to add to the basket.

Thank you.

The staff of Ohope Beach School



Assembly:

Last week Kahikatea Meyer hosted our weekly assembly. They shared their written work about the "12 days at Totara Springs" (a take on the 12 Days of Christmas) which were humorous and well thought out. The presenters were excellent, speaking clearly and leading with confidence. Congratulations to Awatea who were awarded the tidy environment trophy for the week. This week we look forward to Kahikatea Walker hosting assembly.

EBOP Schools Gamestar Horse Champs:

Congratulations to Ana Rose and Milla who competed in the Horse Champs over two days last week. Overall Year 3 -Year 5 Champion results saw Milla placed 3rd and Ava placed 2nd. Well done girls.

CRAM THE VAN:

Thank you all so much for the great response to Cram the Van last week. We were able to fill the van with a variety of donated food goods and gifts. Thank you all, I am sure there will be some grateful families this Christmas.

School for 2021:

The school will reopen for students on Wednesday 3rd February 2021.

The staff have spent much time working on classes for 2021 and planning for the needs of the students. Much thought goes into this work and we have a very professional staff who are dedicated to their students.

Classes for 2021 will be available from Wednesday next week.

Holiday Break:

We ask that you keep an eye on the school over the holiday break. It is great to see families using the school playgrounds and bike track during out of school hours. If you have any concerns or notice anything that should not be happening please contact a staff member or the police

Fundraising Group:

Thank you to this dedicated group of parents who have carried out a number of fundraising activities for the school this year. Some of these parents will be leaving the group at the end of the year as their children finish school at Ōhōpe Beach. The group are keen to welcome new parents will be meeting in Kowhai today from 2.30pm.

Please consider offering your time to this group, they are very keen to welcome you and continue to support the students and the school.

Future Pupils:

We continue our planning for 2021 and appreciate being able to accommodate our future pupils. 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.

Thanks:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Trustees who have worked together in the best interests of your children. They are passionate about the school and its students and are committed to the school vision and mission.

Dream, Believe, Achieve

To challenge and support our children to be the best that they can be.

As the end of the school year draws near we are now looking forward to the opportunity to spend time with our families and returning refreshed for the 2021 school year.

Ngā mihi

Cathryn Naera – Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Kahikatea Beach Walk – Friday 11th December

Year 6 Leavers Dinner – Tuesday 15th December

Kowhai EOTC day trip – Wednesday 16th December

End of Year Reports go home with Portfolios – Wednesday 16th December

Rimu host assembly – Thursday 17th December 8.35am

Final Assembly – Friday 18th December 11.00am

Term four ends – Friday 18th December at 12.00pm

LIBRARY BOOK STOCKTAKE –

Keep those books coming in. Please check your bookshelves, under the beds and in the wardrobes for any library books.

Road Patrol Adults for 2021:

Can you spare 30 minutes (8am to 8.30am) one morning a week to help our road patrollers at the school crossing. Full training is given, and the students have already been trained. Please leave your name and contact details with the office. Thank you.

P4L – For the last two weeks of the year we will be focusing on Positivity - celebrate each other and our year together

Positivity Respect Integrity Diligence Empathy

- Positivity - celebrate each other and our year of learning together
- Respect - keeping it fun and appropriate, maintaining and respecting expectations
- Integrity - managing self when things get exciting or doesn't go to plan
- Diligence - celebrate our hard work "Do the mahi, get the treats"
- Empathy - giving compliments to each other, leave feeling good



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OHOPE AFTER SCHOOL – INSPIRING STUDENTS

**OASIS WILL BE OPEN FRIDAY
18TH DECEMBER FROM 12PM**
(Last day of school term when school closes)

**Book your child in for fun
in the sun on the last day
of term at Maraetotara!**

Email Vanessa for an enrolment form if your child has not previously attended Oasis.

Weather permitting we will walk to Maraetotara Reserve & Playground from 12:30 to 2PM and then walk back to school.

- Afternoon tea is provided
- Cost is \$6 per hour of care
- Casual bookings welcome



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DECEMBER HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

\$6 per hour, per child. Casual bookings welcome. Please contact Vanessa for an enrolment form if your child has not previously attended Oasis.

NEW LOCATION:

Port Ohope Playcentre, 340 Harbour Road

OPENING HOURS: 8AM – 5:30PM



Children will need to bring a packed lunch, afternoon tea supplied. Please also bring togs and towels everyday, hats and drink bottles.

MONDAY 21 st DEC	TUESDAY 22 nd DEC	WED 23 rd DEC
BEACH WALK AND SANDCASTLE COMPETITION	FISHING OFF THE WHARF WITH HAND REELS OR BRING YOUR OWN ROD	HARBOUR TRAIL WALK AND PICNIC
		

No additional costs as we are not travelling to alternate venues or getting any special guests in. OASIS will be closed for the rest of the holiday period until school resumes in 2021.

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EBOP GYMNASTICS SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

**\$35.00
PER DAY
BOOK 5 DAYS
FOR \$150
9AM - 3PM**

Please make sure your child has a named drink bottle and plenty of lunch. Drop off is from 8.50am and pick up by 3.10pm
Program is suitable for ages 5 - 12 years
Some activities require you to send your child with extra gear e.g. Sunhat Check the daily activity schedule for more details



GYMNASTICS
GAMES
CRAFTS
BAKING
TUMBLING
WATER PLAY
PARK
CHALLENGES
THEME
DAYS
PLAY
GROUND
TRAMPOLINE

Sp Adobe Spark

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 Monday 22nd February – Teacher Development 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 4th June – Teacher Development Day Monday 7 th June – Queen's Birthday Friday 2nd July – Teacher Development Day
Term 3	Monday 26 th July to Friday 1 st October	Wednesday 11th August – Teacher Development Day
Term 4	Monday 18 th October to Wednesday 15 th December	Monday 25 th October – Labour Day

Teacher Development Days during holiday breaks.

Wednesday 27th January – Teacher Development Day

Tuesday 2nd February – Teacher Development Day

Friday 30th April – Teacher Development Day