

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa
Rāpare 4 o Hui-tanguru ~Thursday 4th February

Welcome back for the 2021 school year at Ōhope Beach School. We extend a warm welcome to all the new students and families who have joined the 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. Doctor Sarah Morgan and Mrs Jo Northey are our new staff and are both teaching in the Ngā Huiarau.

The staff for 2021 are listed below along with the team leaders and year groups they are working with.

Staffing 2021		
Principal	Cathryn Naera	
Deputy Principals	Sandy Jones Alex Hanlen	
Te Tiwai Whanau Team Leader Nicky Baker	Manuka Year 1 students	Abi Berquist – Whaea Abi Meg Broadhurst – Whaea Meg (Mon, Tues, Wed) Emma Gibson – Whaea Emma (Thurs & Fri)
	Kowhai Year 1 & 2 students	Nicky Baker – Whaea Nicky Laura McCarthy – Whaea Laura
	Awatea Year 2 students	Jenny Jones – Whaea Jenny
Nga Peka Whanau Team Leader Cherie Walker	Kahikatea Year 3 & 4	Cherie Walker – Whaea Cherie Kristy Brown – Whaea K
	Meremere England Meremere Meyer Year 3 & 4	Karen England – Mrs England Mr Philip Meyer – Mr Meyer
Ngā Huiarau Whanau Team Leader Sandy Jones	Rimu & Totara Year 5 & 6	Sandy Jones – Whaea Sandy Jo Northey – Mrs Northey Sarah Morgan – Doctor Sarah
Learning Support Coordinator: Angela Gouk is the staff member with this responsibility, and she will also be working on Reading Recovery with specific students.		
Administration Staff: Julie Staniland & Jenny McKenzie are our team who look after the office. They will be your first contact when you come to the office.		

Teacher Assistants ~ Support Staff:

We have a great team of support staff who work alongside the teaching staff in learning spaces. Dominic Espinosa, Rachel Ford, Vanessa Carmody, Pamela (Pam) Richardson, Glynice Brits, Jude Marsh, Catherine (Cat) Crossfield and Tui Hanlen all work hours from Monday to Thursday. Dominic also provides support with music and singing in the school and is a regular at assemblies each Friday.

Grounds Staff:

Peter and Val Stewart look after the grounds and buildings. They have worked hard over the holiday break to ensure the school was ready for the new year and made sure the pool was ready for the children from day one.

Swimming:

The pool is ready for swimming and children have started their lessons. Thank you to Pete and Val for ensuring the pool was ready from day one so we are able to make as much use of this resource as we can. Please ensure your child's togs and towel are named and are in a bag ready for their swimming sessions. If you wish to know days and times your child has swimming, please check with your child's teacher.

Assembly:

The school holds an assembly each Friday from 8.40am. Each week a whanau team will be responsible for the hosting of assembly. Our first assembly will be held on Friday 12th February and Ngā Huiarau will be hosting.

School Donations:

At the end of 2020 the Board of Trustees reviewed the school donation which we have at school.

The new schedule is:

1 child = \$100 (\$25 per term)

2 children = \$190 (\$47.50 per term)

3+ children = \$240 (\$60 per term)

School donations received will be used to cover the costs associated with Athletics (Years 3-6), Mathseeds (Years 1 & 2), Reading Eggs (Years 1-4), Life Education visit, shows, bus transport for school trips and some sports costs. This is intended to significantly reduce the previous costs to parents and reduce the number of ad hoc requests for payments throughout the year. These are very gratefully received and can be paid term by term or as a full payment.

Payment can be made by direct debit to the school bank account or to the office via eftpos.

Bank Account Details:

ASB Whakatane 123253 0057930-00 Ac/ Name - Ohope Beach School Please use your child's name as the reference.

Activities at School:

We aim to provide a range of extra activities which children can take part in during the lunch break. These include Choir, Kapa haka, Construction Club and the Garden Club.

Monday and Wednesday: We set up lego, mechano and klikko in Manawanui (hall) for the children to create with.

Tuesday: Choir takes place in Manawanui (hall)

Thursday: Kapa haka takes place in Manawanui (hall)

Friday: Garden Club meet at the gardens

Wednesday: We also have Wheels Wednesday when children can bring their various wheel activities to school. (e.g. skate boards, roller skates, scooters, bikes)

All children are encouraged and welcome to join these activities.

Teacher Development Day:

The staff have started the year with two teacher development days prior to the students returning to school. The next Teacher Development Day is planned for **Monday 22nd February. There will be no school on this day.**

School App:

Currently there are a number of communication tools in use for the school. We have set up a school app which you will be able to download and have access to school information on your mobile phone.

You can download the app by searching for SchoolAppsNZ.



This is the logo you need to be looking for.

Once you have downloaded this app you will be prompted to search for the School. You will be asked to select groups you wish to receive alerts from. You will be able to notify the school of student absences via the app either by phone or email. Other features will evolve over time. We look forward to keeping our communication with parents as accessible as possible.

Family Picnic - Meet the Teacher Evening:

On Thursday 11th 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 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 that 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.

School Swimming Sports:

This is planned for Monday 8th March at the pool in Whakatane and is for children from Year 4 to Year 6. More information will be available closer to the event.

Learning Through Play:

Te Tiwai will have Learning Through Play as a focus of their class programmes. During the holidays a new shed was built to house the various items of equipment used for this. We look forward to seeing this develop further during the year, led by Whaea Nicky Baker.

Pre-Schoolers:

If you have pre-schoolers, who will be starting school this year, please come into 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, the details of this can be found on the school website. The board will review year group numbers each term to determine if there are any vacancies for out of zone students.

Board of Trustees Meetings:

The Board meets twice a term to carry out their governance role. Meetings are usually held on Tuesdays at 5.30pm, the following dates have been planned but are subject to change if necessary.:

TERM 1: 2nd March & 30th March

TERM 2: 18th May & 22nd June

TERM 3: 10th August & 14th September

TERM 4: 2nd November & 30th November

Playground Upgrade:

Unfortunately, the company who will be installing the new playground for our senior students have had to delay installation due to the workload they have and the availability of the materials at the moment. This will not be carried out until term two now.

Market Day Fundraiser:

Please keep Friday 19th March free for our Twilight Market. This is an event being planned by our Friends of the School group. They will be providing more information as it comes to hand.

Nga mihi

Cathryn Naera - Principal

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 classroomteacher. 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 LUNCHES - 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 put the correct classroom name when ordering.



The poster features a central logo for Ohope Beach School, which includes a stylized tree and waves. The background is a light blue gradient with strings of warm white and red lights. The text is centered and reads:

Ohope Beach School

Twilight Market

19th March 2021

Save the date - More details coming soon!

For more information about booking a table or to simply book one, please email:
OBSFundsTeam@gmail.com