

MAY 2021

Tino pai rawa atu! Well done to all for a fantastic term 1 we had! We hope you all enjoyed some quality whānau time together over the holidays and have returned feeling rejuvenated.

As winter approaches, please remember to stay healthy and continue to practice positive hygiene habits. If your child is unwell please keep them at home, so that they can get better and to help stop the spread of germs to others.

To continue with our partnership between home, school and the community, we bring you another update from the Board of Trustees.



TWILIGHT MARKET

Oh what a night! This positive event last term was made up of market tables, fundraisers, food trucks, raffles, hangi and of course the open air movie. It was great to see our whanau enjoying themselves. A huge thanks to Jenn Rouse and the Fundraising Group for their mammoth efforts to get this event over the line. Also, shout out to Alex Hanlen and whanau for organising the hangi. Lastly, thank you to all whanau for showing support either prior to, during and after the Twilight Market.

TSUNAMI EVAC
An experience that many of our students will remember for years to come. **Thanks again** to all those that contributed to what was a reasonably smooth evacuation.

There are a number of ways in which the school enacts **Community Engagement**. Look out for the following: the health education survey, student led conferences, and working bees to complete environment projects. Be sure to check the school newsletter for the upcoming school events including Life Education at the beginning of term and 'Keeping Ourselves Safe' facilitated by the Police Education Officers.

Enrolment Scheme: The school operates an enrolment scheme which has been set by the Ministry of Education. We will be calling for expressions of interest for Out of Zone enrolments for Terms 3 and 4. If you have a preschool child who is in our school zone please make contact with the office to ensure we have your child's details for inclusion.

A focus for the Board this term is the ongoing review and update of our School Policies to ensure they are relevant and useful. They provide the high level outline for how the School operates and can be accessed via the school website. Ōhope Beach School uses the School Docs policy set which is used by many schools throughout New Zealand so we have consistency with what others do.

PRIORITY AREAS

Literacy - reading & writing
across the year levels

Māori student's
progress and
achievement

Children with special learning needs

Ōhope Beach School Board of Trustees Update

The Tsunami evacuation is likely to be one of the experiences many of our students remember for years to come. Thanks again to the staff and parents involved in making this evacuation operate so smoothly and for all of the feedback we have received. Staff and the Board have reviewed evacuation procedures and are continuing to work through improving evacuation and lockdown plans.



BOT HUI this term: Tuesday 18th May & Tuesday 22nd June

In respect, members of the public are entitled to: (a) know in advance when and where meetings are to be held, (b) copies of the agenda in advance, (c) attend the meeting to watch, listen, take notes, (d) not entitled to take part/communicate in the meeting by word or action, and required to leave/be removed if behaviour is likely to prejudice the orderly conduct of the meeting or when the meeting goes "in committee".

OTHER KEY DATES

Life Education classroom on site at the start of the new term.

'Keeping Ourselves Safe' Parent Meeting on Thursday 13th May 5.30pm to 6.30pm and is facilitated by the Police Education Officers.

Cross-country Events: School Cross country Tuesday 1st June & Interschool Cross country at Ōhope Beach School Wednesday 9th June

Student Led Conferences Wednesday 7th July & Thursday 8th July

The Board continues to support the development of our staff through a number of **Professional Learning and Development** opportunities. Some are school-wide, others delivered to more focused groups of staff. While this development of staff usually occurs quietly in the background, this does not underscore its value. Areas of focus currently include Iwi connection, innovative learning environment, localised curriculum, maths and the digital curriculum. The Board will also look to engage in PLD around Hautu, a culturally responsive tool used at a governance level.

You may have noticed the new painted play and learning spaces completed over the term break. The colourful additions to the concrete surfaces will provide our tamariki and teachers with new spaces for learning and play. From the 10th May work will begin on the new senior playground. Demolition of the current playground will start next week followed by the construction of the new playground and the new safety matting. This work should take about a month if this fine weather continues. We are currently having plans drawn up for a new learning through play area that will be located near the field. This will be an exciting space for all tamariki and we hope to share details soon and complete this play space this term.

On the radar: Development of the schools next five year property plan. This may include the renovation of the Computer suite; Digital devices - a review of what is available for the younger students to use at school; Library books - continuing to update the library stock for the students; Development of LTP facility - an area that can be used to enhance learning outdoors.

This year the BoT reviewed the voluntary donations. We have now sought to introduce a fairer and more equitable system, which has seen a reduction in the amount we have recommended. The reduced new donations are set at:

- 1 child - \$25 per term or \$100 for the year
- 2 children - \$47.50 per term or \$190 for the year
- 3 or more children - \$60 per term or \$240 for the year.

These contributions are vital in allowing us to provide additional services outside of the Ministry budget. We sincerely appreciate your ongoing commitment and support of the school through this financial support.

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