

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa Rāpare 8 Hōngongoi ~Thursday 8th July 2021

Thank you for your attendance at the Student Led Conferences this week. The staff appreciate your attendance and the opportunity to share your child's learning with you. We wish you all a good holiday break for the next two weeks. School will open for term three on Monday 26th July.

Science Expo:

I hope you have all had the opportunity to view the science expo in the computer room this week. The presenters, from the classes, have been able to talk about their learning and share it with the class groups as they come through the expo. The variety of science work has been a feature of the term. Recently Te Tiwai spent time carrying out dune planting which models sustainability of the environment. Ngā Huiarau have also been working on looking after the environment with clean water experiments. Their science focus has been the human impact on our ocean, Eastern Bay of Plenty ocean biodiversity and kutai - mussel investigation developing their science capabilities.



Science Focus Term Two:

Ngā Peka looked at the Ohiwa Harbour's Ecology. We ignited the unit with a trip to the harbour for an exploratory walk. We focused on the Science Capabilities of Gather and Interpret Data and Using Evidence. The children took notes of their observations and recorded their questions.

The children then rotated around 4 different teachers who focused on the following topics: Birds, Plants, Shellfish and Water. Finally, the children learnt more detail about these topics in their class groups.

Meremere Meyer looked at the Water and the Tides. How do the tides work? Where does the water go?

Our Science Expo display shows our understanding of this topic using observations and facts found online and in books. We also recorded our own tide times and then compared it with the online NIWA science data. We used a few hands-on activities to show the effects of invisible forces such as magnetism, gravity, and wind. There is also a Newton's cradle on display to show movement and energy transfer.

Meremere England - our focus has been on Birds around the Ohiwa Harbour. We expanded this to some data gathering of birds at school and at home. We had to make observations and record our data and we created graphs to show our information. We chose a bird to research, before we started, we had to think of 2 questions we wanted the answers for and then worked to find the answers in books and on the internet. We wrote a report and published it with pictures. We have been really interested in our work.

Awatea - Sand dunes...

We wondered why the sand dunes are so important.

We visited the sand dunes and noticed there were different plants in different areas. We drew careful observational drawings of the plants we saw. When we got back to school, we researched different zones of the sand dune and sorted the plants into these zones. We found out that the foredune plants have very long roots that weave together and hold the sand in big waves and wind. Coast Care came to work with us, and we planted lots of spinifex in the dunes where we noticed some erosion.

Kahikatea Walker: Learning focus was Harbour Plants

We learned how to identify plants and conducted an experiment to prove that plants need sunlight to make their own food. After our harbour exploration we had lots of questions about the mangrove trees, so we did some research to find out more about these interesting plants - the only trees to grow in salty water!

Pride Time:

The children continue to model our PRIDE values at school and enjoy the opportunity to celebrate their achievements. On Monday our Pride winners made pikelets with Mrs Hanlen and Mrs Naera. The children enjoyed this activity and eating their yummy pikelets.



Leadership Development:

This week our "Pitopito Korero" presenters have been Kyrah and Virna from Ngā Huiarau. The girls have continued to lead the full karakia and have done this independently, well done girls. We are very proud of them for taking up this challenge and for speaking with clarity and confidence. We wish Virna all the best as she, and Touko, leave us to return to Finland. Safe travels.



Olympic Ambassador Speaker:

Mike Dawson, a slalom canoeist, represented NZ as an Olympian at the London and Rio Olympic games. This week he came to speak to our year 4-6 students about his sport. He shared his experiences and how he had to train to achieve as a slalom canoeist, he is going to Japan to be a coach. He is very interesting to listen to and answered lots of our questions.

We thank him for coming to Ōhope Beach School



Written by Milla and Eva

Playground:

Our new playground is almost complete and will be ready for term three. The contractors are finishing the last pieces of installation, tidying up the site and sowing grass seed. For this playground we have gone with the cushioned matting as opposed to bark so that we avoid the flooding we experienced with the previous playground. We look forward to this new addition to the playground being available to the children.

Book Fair:

Thank you to everyone who has been through the Book Fair this week and made purchases. The school does receive a percentage of the sales which is used to stock the school library with new material for the children. Big thank you to Julie who has been at school each evening looking after the Book Fair.

Ngā mihi

Cathryn Naera – Principal

Term Three Up Coming Events:

- Monday 26th July – Term three starts
- Thursday 5th August – DISCO
- Tuesday 10th August – BoT Meeting 5.30pm
- Wednesday 11th August – Teacher Development Day – School closed
- Thursday 12th August – EBOP 7's – Rugby, Netball and Soccer
- Monday 30th August – Science Roadshow for Ngā Huiarau
- Tuesday 31st August – Class and Individual Photos
- Tuesday 14th September – BoT Meeting 5.30pm
- Sunday 26th September – Daylight Savings Starts
- Week of the 27th September – Production week
- Friday 1st October – Term three ends

Future Board Meetings:

TERM 3: 10th August & 14th September

TERM 4: 2nd November & 30th November

'UNDER THE SEA DISCO' ORDER FORMS NEED TO BE RETURNED TOMORROW (Friday 9th July).

A vibrant underwater-themed poster for a school disco. The background is a deep blue ocean with various sea creatures and coral. At the top, it says 'OBS Fundraising Team presents Ohope Beach School's Annual Disco'. The main title 'UNDER THE SEA' is in large, bubbly, blue letters. Below that, the date 'Thursday 5th August' is written in green. The event times are listed as '5:00-6:00pm Year 1-3' and '6:15-7:15pm Year 4-6', with a '\$2 entry per child' in red. Promotional text includes 'Pre order reusable glow products to enjoy while you dance!', 'Delicious food and beverage available to purchase during the evening.', and 'Spot prizes for best dancer, best dressed and more...'. A small note at the bottom right states '*No glow products will be for sale on the night.' The poster features a cartoon shark wearing sunglasses, yellow and orange coral tubes, and pink sea anemones.

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An advertisement for Property Brokers. On the left, a photograph shows two women, Nicola Doherty and Ashley Studer, standing together. The right side of the ad has a dark blue background with white text. It offers a \$1000 donation to Ohope Beach School for properties listed with Team Nic & Ash. Contact information for both team members is provided, including phone numbers and email addresses. The Property Brokers logo is in the top right corner, and the website 'pb.co.nz' is at the bottom right.

List your property with Team Nic & Ash and we will donate
\$1000 of our commission to Ohope Beach School.

Call Team Nic and Ash today

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