

Kia Ora Koutou Katoa

Rāpare 25 Whiringa-ā-rangi ~ Thursday 25 November 2021

The year is racing by fast as we move closer to the end of the school year. There are only two and a half weeks remaining. The children continue to be fully engaged in class programmes and playground activities.

As you will no doubt know Covid-19 has reached the Whakatane District. We sent out the following message yesterday and will continue to keep you informed should the situation change for the school.

"You are likely to now be aware that there are Covid cases in the Whakatane region. There are currently no clear links to schools. We all need to take a calm approach to dealing with this and to look after each other. Ōhope Beach School will continue to operate as normal. We will be guided by MOH and MOE. We have been expecting this and we have guidelines to follow. We will provide you with the most up to date information that we have via our usual communication methods - School App, email and See Saw. Our advice is for you to do what is best for you and your family and to do this safely. Start of the day and end of the day pick up will remain the same as we have been doing but we ask everyone to social distance and wear a mask or face covering. If you have Covid 19 symptoms, then please get tested and isolate until you get the results. Do not send sick children to school but please inform us if your child is going to be away."

Cram the Van:

On Wednesday 8th December One-Double-X will be at school with a van as they collect donations for local charities. Non-perishable food items, dog/cat food, wrapped gifts and toys are appreciated. We have set up some boxes in the office for **donations which will be gratefully received.**

Pitopito Korero:

Meet our senior school news presenters for week five. Thank you to Sam, Kyrah and Vann for taking on the role of presenters this week. The presenters are well prepared each morning and speak with confidence and clarity. The te reo pronunciation of the children has really grown during their time presenting "Pitopito Korero".



This week the whakataukī we are sharing is: **Kia kaha, kia maia, kia manawanui.**

This whakatauki means **"Be strong, be brave, be steadfast."**

You can use this whakataukī to encourage your friends when they are feeling down or worried!

Our Te Reo phrase for the week is: **He iti noa iho taku reo Māori.** I only speak a little Māori.

News for the Science Club:

"Science Club have been hard at work with Biology projects this term, growing tomato plants and flowers from seeds, and raising Sea Monkeys (brine shrimp) from eggs. This week we checked on our plants, which are rapidly outgrowing their pots, and looked at some of our shrimp friends under the microscope.

There have been some brilliant observations from the scientists. For example, the Ngā Huiarau shrimp colony has one very large shrimp and a few small ones, while the Kahikatea colony has heaps and heaps of small ones. Our scientists wondered if the Ngā Huiarau beast has been eating their tank mates?

Some of our scientists have also been singing waiata to their tomato plants - watch this space to see if the tomatoes are any sweeter for it!"



Pride Time:

Well done to all the Pride time children who enjoyed their time in the hall last Friday.

Last week and this week we have been focussing on Integrity and Diligence and it is good to see the children modelling this in class and in the playground. As the school year comes to an end we will focus on Respect and Gratitude.

Keep up the good work, encouraging each other and modelling the Pride values.



Classes for 2022:

We are currently working on the classes for 2022. If you know your child is not returning to Ōhope Beach in 2022 please let us know so we are able to plan the classes.

Road Patrol Day Out:

Whaea Sandy is planning to have a 2021 Road Patrollers Day Out on Wednesday 8th December. More information will come out for this next week. This will just be with our own Ōhope road patrol children as the Police combined day out is not able to go ahead.

Te Tiwai Athletics:

On Tuesday we were lucky enough to hold the Te Tiwai Athletics, despite rain over night. The children were able to take part in long jump, mini hurdles, vortex throw and bean bag throwing along with sprint races. The children had a really good morning of activity. Thank you to our senior pupils who were marshals and leaders for the junior children as they took part.



Up Coming Events:

- Tuesday 30th November – BOT Meeting 5.30pm
- Wednesday 8th December – Road Patrol Day Out
- Wednesday 8th December – Cram the Van
- Wednesday 15th December – Term four ends 12.30pm

Board Meetings

TERM 4: 30th November

Term Dates for 2022:

Term 1: Wednesday 2nd February to Thursday 14th April

Term 2: Monday 2nd May to Friday 8th July

Term 3: Monday 25th July to Friday 30th September

Term 4: Monday 17th October to Friday 16th December

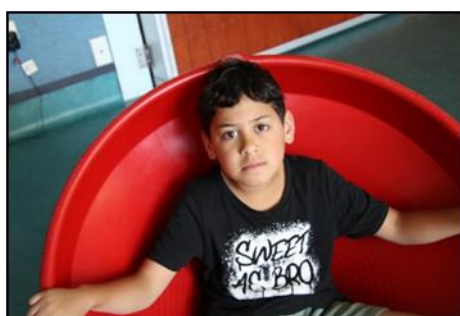
Teacher Development Days 2022:

Thursday 14th April To Be Confirmed

Friday 3rd June

Thursday 25th August – To Be Confirmed

We are still to confirm one further day during 2022



Kapa Haka:

Our kapa haka children have been meeting and practicing all year and have learnt a number of new waiata which they want to share with you.

Unfortunately, we are not able to hold concerts as we have in the past.

However, they will carry out a presentation of their items at pick up time, outside the school, on Thursday 2nd December from 2.15pm.

We look forward to them being able to share their learning with you.

Drink Bottles:

Just a reminder to send a water drink bottle with your child each day.

Lost Property:

We managed to get the lost property out on display last Friday and will do this again next Thursday. We still have a large number of unclaimed items, especially socks. If it is fine the lost property will be on display by the stream fence line.

Calendars / Diaries / Cards:

We had an excellent group of students assist with the sorting and distribution of the orders which arrived last week. We had an excellent response to this fundraiser this year with a larger number of orders. Thank you all for your support of this fundraiser.

Ngā mihi

Cathryn Naera

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