

**Kia Ora Koutou Katoa**  
**Rāpare 3 Hui-tanguru ~ Thursday 3 February 2022**

Welcome back for the 2022 school year. We are happy to see the children back at school and ready to engage in their learning. Welcome to the new children who have joined our school and our community. We look forward to getting to know you.

This year we welcome a number of new staff to the school. Keeley Davidson is teaching year 1 & 2, Henry Garfitt is teaching year 3 & 4 and Dana White is teaching year 5 & 6. They are all looking forward to the year ahead.

**Our 2022 teaching teams.**

**Te Tiwai:**

Our Te Tiwai team consists of the staff and children in Manuka and Kauri. Kauri is the name for the three rooms upstairs in the older part of the school. Jenny Jones is the team leader of Te Tiwai.

**Manuka:**

Emma Gibson (Whaea Emma) and Meg Broadhurst (Whaea Meg) are the teachers of our year 1 children in Manuka. These are the children who have just started school this year. Whaea Meg is responsible for the before school visits and liaising with new children and their families. Manuka is located on the ground floor closest to the entrance to the school.



Whaea Emma



Whaea Meg

**Kauri:**

Jenny Jones (Whaea Jenny), Laura McCarthy (Whaea Laura) and Keeley Davidson (Whaea Keeley) are the teachers of our Kauri learning space which is located upstairs. Our year 1 & 2 children are in this learning space.



Whaea Jenny



Whaea Laura



Whaea Keeley

### Ngā Peka:

Our two learning spaces which make up Ngā Peka are Kahikatea and Kowhai. Our year 3 & 4 children are in these learning spaces. Whaea Cherie is the team leader of Ngā Peka.

### Kahikatea:

Cherie Walker (Whaea Cherie) and Merrissa Shipton (Whaea Merrissa) are the teachers who will work in Kahikatea. Kahikatea is located upstairs.

Whaea Cherie



Whaea Merrissa



### Kowhai:

Karen England (Mrs England) and Henry Garfitt (Matua Henry) are the teachers in Kowhai this year. The class is located on the ground floor opposite Manuka.

Mrs England



Matua Henry



### Ngā Huiarau:

The large upstairs learning space at the front of the school makes up Ngā Huiarau and consists of three kaitiaki groups. These are our year 5 and 6 children. Whaea Sandy is the team leader of Ngā Huiarau and the Deputy Principal of the school.

Sandy Jones (Whaea Sandy), Dr. Sarah Morgan (Dr. Sarah), Dana White (Whaea Dana) and Jo Northey (Mrs Northey) are the teachers in this team.

Whaea Sandy



Dr. Sarah



Mrs Northey



Whaea Dana





### **Learning Support:**

Angela Gouk is the school Learning Support Co-ordinator.

Alex Hanlen is the Deputy Principal.  
Alex will be on study leave for terms 1, 2 & 3 this year.



### **Regular teachers in the school:**

Whaea Rowena will work with Whaea Keeley and Whaea Jenny each Wednesday and Thursday. She will also work with our kapa haka children.

Whaea Lynda will work in Ngā Huiarau each Tuesday and either Kahikatea or Kowhai each Wednesday.

Ben McDonald will work in Kahikatea each Thursday.



### **Contact Information:**

As we start the new year, we would appreciate you updating any contact information we have for you and your family. This will be very important if we need to notify you of any Covid-19 case information. On Tuesday next week a form will come home which has the current contact details and health information. Please review this, make any changes and return to the school office.

### **Bus Information:**

This year the Blue bus (town bus) is free for the children to ride on. However, each child will still need to have a Bee Card but there is no charge.

The Ministry of Education has advised that there is the possibility of disruption to the school transport service, over the next few months, due to Covid-19. You will need to have your own plan in place for transporting your children to and from school in the event of the school transport not operating.

We will advise you of any disruption as soon as we are notified by the bus provider.

Whaea Sandy has sent a bus contract home with those children who do use the bus service. Please return this to school as soon as possible. This also confirms your child is using the service and we are able to add them to our bus registers.

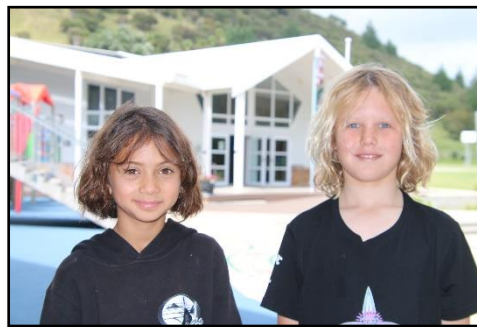
### **Swimming:**

Our pool is ready for swimming and your child can bring their togs and towel for their swimming sessions. **Please name togs and towels** as they often end up in the lost property. Your child's teacher will be able to tell you which days your child has swimming. Thank you to our caretakers, Pete and Val, for ensuring the pool was ready for us this term.



### **Pitopito Korero:**

Each day we have senior students who present our Pitopito Korero over the sound system to all classes. The presenters always introduce themselves when they start their broadcast. Other items include the karakia, our fortnightly whakatauki, our Te Reo phrase for the week, notices for students, a weather report and they often have a joke or interesting fact to share.



The children present for a week and all year 6 children will have the opportunity to present throughout the year.

This week we welcome Frankie and Beau who have started the year for us. Well done to the two of you for being the first to take up this responsibly for our first week at school.

This week the whakataukī we are sharing is: **Mauri tū, mauri ora**

This whakatauki means: **An active soul is a healthy soul**

This whakatauki could be used to encourage people to be active participants in a project or initiative or to celebrate people's involvement and participation in an activity

Our Te Reo phrase for the week is: **I pēhea tō wā whakatā?** How was your break?

### **Ohope Beach School Donations:**

The school donation for 2022 remains the same as 2021. The donation is used to cover shows, Life Education, Transport, Science Expo, Mathletics/Maths Seeds, Reading Eggs and sports subsidies. We appreciate your donation.

<b>Number of children in family attending Ohope Beach School</b>	<b>Payment per term for the family</b>	<b>TOTAL payment for the year for the family</b>
1 child	\$25.00	\$100.00
2 children	\$47.50	\$190.00
3 children	\$60.00	\$240.00

You can either pay the full amount or pay on a term by term basis.

You can pay your donation using internet banking – please use “School Donation” as the reference and include your child's name if there is room. Our bank account details are as follows:

**ASB – Whakatane**  
**123253 0057930 00**  
**A/c Name: Ohope Beach School**

### **Lost Property:**

At the end of last year we had an abundance of lost property and as the weather was so bad we could not get it out on display for you to check through. Over the break the lost property has been dried out and we hope to get it out on display after school today or tomorrow. If you are collecting your child/children please take a look for any item that may belong to your child.

### **Pick Up:**

Thank you for your support with our system for pick ups each day. Please remind the children not to bike or scooter in the carpark area and please keep the bus bay area clear.

**Drop Off:**

It has been great to welcome the children back to school this week and to be able to have you settle your children into the new year. Whaea Sandy and I will be at the entrance each morning to welcome children and support any who may need it. A staff member from Manuka will also be available for our new children. After this week drop off will be at the gate. If you need to come on site please come through the office and scan as you enter.

**Stationery:**

Thank you for getting your child's stationery ready for the new year. Stationery lists are available from the office or on the school website. Paper plus also have the stationery lists available in their store.

**Library:**

The school library is open and children will be able to bring library books home to enjoy. A book bag is a good idea for these so they do not get damaged while in your child's bag.

**Wheels Wednesday:**

We continue with Wheels Wednesday this year. Children can bring their bike, scooter, skateboard etc. to use on the courts. They will need shoes and a helmet as well please.

**CPF Framework – Red Setting:**

Unfortunately, a number of regular school activities are not available at this time. Our choir and kapa haka sessions will not be available at this time. We are also waiting on information about the sports calendar of events which had been planned.

**Waitangi Day** – Just a reminder that Waitangi Day observance is on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> February. School will be closed.

**Fire Evacuation:**

Not what was planned but day one started with a fire evacuation for the staff at 7.40am. Two fire engines arrived and checked the building ensuring all was safe for the arrival of the children. Thank you to our fire fighters who always provide a prompt service to the school.

**Term Dates for 2022:**

- Term 1: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April
- Term 2: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July
- Term 3: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September
- Term 4: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Ngā mihi  
Cathryn Naera

### 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 classroom teacher. 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](http://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.