

## WEEK 5 PRIDE CERTIFICATE RECIPIENTS



## ENVIRO TROPHY WINNERS WEEK 5: KAURI WHAEA CHERIE



## ICE CREAM FUNDRAISER



## OUR NEW SANDPIT HAS A NEW SHADE SAIL



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# pitopitokōrero

# Fundraising for Wairoa!

OUR COMMUNITY IS AMAZING AND WE ARE SO PROUD OF US



BY SIENNA & KYRAN

Now, you've probably heard about cyclone Gabrielle and the effect it has had on Hawkes Bay and Wairoa. We've been fundraising for all the flood affected people. We have done a chocolate raffle, sausage sizzle and ice cream day, and a Black and White dress up day because black and white are the Hawkes Bay sports teams colours.

So far we have raised (not including the chocolate raffle) \$1985!! That's one thousand nine hundred dollars! And that amount is just going to get bigger because we haven't included the chocolate raffle money. Remember make sure to bring your raffle tickets back by Thursday or you won't be in the draw to win a chocolate basket!

## TE TIWAI GO TO A SPORTS DAY

On the second of March the years 1 and 2 and new entrants all went to Rex Morpeth Park for a fun sports day, called "Fun 4 U Day".

There were twenty activities but everyone only got to do 5. There were activities like kiwi tag, parachute, dodgeball and "netball".

We asked some Kauri students about the sports day, and this is what they had to say.

What were the best activities? Marley's favourite activity was netball: "you had to throw a ball through a hoop. It was lots of fun."

What activity was the worst? Fletcher's least favourite activity was cricket. "All you did was hit a ball and then you had to pick it up".

By Kyran, Eilidh, Sienna & Maika



## Senior Swimming Sports A Fun Time

By Eilidh & Maika

On Monday the twenty seventh of February 2023 a cloudy, moody grey day. The Ngā Huiarau syndicate and some of the Ngā Peka syndicate went to the Whakatāne amazing Aquatic Center for the spectacular swimming sports. We arrived on two buses that transported us, driven by the lovely bus driver Hopa. Once we got to the pools we went into our house groups and listened for instructions, then got changed into our togs.

First up was widths, all of us sat on wet concrete and listened as Whaea Sandy called out the names for the races. First up it was eight year old boys freestyle widths, then eight year old girls etc. Then it was morning tea.

All the width swimmers got to have freetime in the pool, while the length swimmers got ready to go. Then Dr Sarah called the length swimming. Freestyle came first then it was breaststroke and lastly backstroke. It was cold, wet and miserable while you waited for your turn. After the heats we had the finals. Whoever came 1st or 2nd would go to Interschools. Good luck Interschool swimmers! Hope you have fun!



## BOARD MATTERS

INTRODUCING JASMYN PEARSON, BOARD MEMBER



Ko Pūtauaki me Moutohorā ngā maunga

Ko Ngāti Awa te iwi

Ko Hēpetā Te Taiwhakaripi te tipuna

Ko Te Rangihouhiri te marae

Ko Māia, rātou ko Mirella, ko Te Manawanui me Taingūnguru ōku tamariki

Tēnā koutou e te hapori o te kura o Ōhope!

What even is the School Board?! In a nutshell it's a reeeeeally awesome bunch of people (if I might say so myself) whose job it is to make sure the school is running smooth as. Things like, paying the bills, making sure everyone is safe, and that the teachers have plenty of tautoko (support) because they have the most important job of all – feeding all of those smart cookie brains!

So, it's a privilege to be on the School Board and I'm really happy to help. Before our whānau moved from Wellington to Ōhope, I was a TV news reporter for the māori news. It was a pretty exciting job and I got to speak te reo māori all day everyday which was awesome. After working as a full-time māmā at home, I went back to study at uni and became a family lawyer. Now I work at a local law firm helping whānau to sort through tricky issues that they need help with.

I'm excited to be supporting the School Board in strengthening its relationships with tangata whenua and I'm really looking forward to meeting more of our new whānau that have joined the school community this year.

## IMPORTANT TERM DATES

**Term One:**  
Tuesday 31 January to Thursday 6 April

- Friday 7th April - Good Friday holiday

**Term Two:**  
Wednesday 26 April to Friday 30 June

- Monday 24 April - Teacher Development Day
- Tuesday 25th April - ANZAC Day holiday
- Monday 1 May - Teacher Development Day
- Monday 5th June - King's Birthday holiday

**Term Three:**  
Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September

**Term Four:**  
Monday 9 October to Friday 15 December

- Monday 23 October - Labour Day holiday

 **MUSTER**  
Sunday 26th March, 2-4pm  
Bluett Park

Register  
Sausage sizzle  
Parents vs kids game  
Bootswap

Or you can register online  
[www.ohopefootball.org.nz/](http://www.ohopefootball.org.nz/)  
Registration-1/  
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## IN THE PLAYGROUND



# The Principal Column

FROM THE DESK OF CATHRYN NAERA:

*Kia ora koutou katoa.*

This week we conclude our fundraising efforts for the schools in Wairoa. What an amazing community we are in, we thank you all for your generosity and support. Each event has been successful and has contributed to the funds we are raising. On Tuesday students from the Kahui Ako schools came together, at Mataatua Marae, to record a message and waiaata for Wairoa Schools. This will accompany the koha which will be sent from our Kahui Ako. I was very proud to be with Maraea, Liam, Jetty and Billy who represented Ōhope Beach School at the marae.

**Maths:**

During February the children took part in a maths screening assessment which the teachers use to inform planning and teaching. This assessment covers the number components (whole numbers, addition & subtraction, multiplication and division and fractions) of maths which are the foundation for learning. There are many opportunities for you to promote maths at home while shopping, cooking, building to name a few. Basic fact knowledge supports your child's learning in maths and we encourage you to look for fun ways to promote this learning.

**Playground Developments:**

If you have been into school this week you will have seen the next stage of our playground development. We are building an outdoor learning space which will be available to classes or during break times. Children are often looking for a quiet spot to sit and read or draw and this will be available to them. We will also be installing some outdoor bench seating for the students and school community to use while making use of our facilities during school time or during the weekend. We are proud of our school environment and welcome its use by the community.

**Thanks:**

Thank you to Jared Torrington who has erected more secure safety fencing, to our field perimeter, while the board works on a more permanent solution to the subsidence along our fenceline. We thank New World and Harbour View Berries for their generosity towards our fundraising efforts and we thank you all for your donations towards the chocolate raffles which will be drawn this Friday. We thank all the parents and whanau members who have supported the staff and children at the various sports events recently. We could not attend these events without you.

**Potential Strike Action:**

Over the weekend NZEI (the teachers union) members rejected the current offer from the government. They are now voting on strike action. It has not been confirmed yet, but NZEI are looking at striking in all NZ primary and intermediate schools on Thursday 16th March. This aligns with the current strike action for secondary teachers. As soon as we know if this is confirmed or not, we will let you know.

## How to help your tamariki at home

OUR LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR, ANGELA GOUK, SHARES SOME TIPS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR LEARNER AT KURA AND AT HOME.

**Emotional Well Being**

Did you know if you spend quality, uninterrupted time with each child in your whanau that this has multiple benefits for your child's emotional, behavioural, and physical well being?

This can be as little as 10 mins a day!

Some examples can include being involved with your child's play,

or quest for more information by joining in the fun, walking or driving together, eating together, having an everyday ritual (ie) your child chooses a book for you to read at bedtime, cook together, doing chores together, morning connection ritual - greeting your child with a warm smile and hug in the mornings, plus many more. Make the time that is best convenient for you both! Enjoy your times together!



### Tough Guy & Tough Gal Event 24th & 25 August 2023 - Rotorua

Those brave enough to enter will take on a 1.5km (Year 3 & 4) or 3km (Year 5 & 6) muddy obstacle course consisting of swamp crossings, a spider's web net climb, tunnels, hurdles, other obstacles and not to mention mud, mud and more MUD!



OBS would like to enter a team of 20 students if there is interest.

**Are you keen to take this on?**  
If so, you will need an adult to transport and supervise you for the event and \$30 for the entry fee.

**Still keen?**

Please get your parent/caregiver to email [cherie@ohopebeach.school.nz](mailto:cherie@ohopebeach.school.nz) to express your interest by Monday 20th March 2023.

## Spotlight on Kauri Merrissa!

THE REPORTING TEAM VISITED ONE OF OUR VIBRANT YEAR 1 AND 2 LEARNING SPACES, TO INTERVIEW SOME TAUIRA.  
**BY EILIDH, SIENNA, KYRAN & MAIKA**

This week the spotlight is on Kauri Whaea Merrissa. We interviewed 4 students from her kaitiaki and this is what they had to say!

What do you like to do at morning tea and lunch? Rocco likes to find spider ants in the sand pit with his friends.

What do you like about Whaea Merrissa? "I like how she does lots of fun art." - Lotus

What do you want to be when you grow up? Jessica wants to be a scientist when she grows

up.

What have you been doing this week?

"We have been doing art about who is special to us. We used dye and pastels to do it." - Marley

What do you like about teaching Juniors? "I like how they are fantastic learners and always ready to learn." - Whaea Merrissa.

We have now discovered the mysteries of Kauri Whaea Merrissa!



## ŌHOPE SENIORS HELPING TO BUILD VIRTUAL WHAKATĀNE

Four senior students attended a two day Minecraft workshop where they helped other tauira from the region to build a virtual version of Whakatāne. The senior tauira will be competing later this year using this Minecraft Whakatāne for eSports!



### PITOPITO KŌRERO ANNOUNCERS FOR THE FORTNIGHT: JAYDEN & VEDA, VINNIE & JESSICA.

Every morning at 8:30am a pair of Year 6 students read out our Pitopito Kōrero, the morning news broadcast via the school intercom system. The week 5 presenters were Jayden & Veda. This week Vinnie & Jessica have been sharing the panui with us in the mornings. Well done to all the children and to the volunteers who step in when someone is absent.

*"The good thing about it is when you are speaking it is fun but at the same time you are nervous and excited!"*  
- Veda

The presenters share the pride value for the week. In week 5 and 6 we have Integrity as our focus, and some associated wisdom. They also share the whakataukī for the fortnight, any notices for the tauira, and sometimes a joke or an interesting fact.

The whakataukī shared this fortnight was "**He waka eke noa.**" which means "We're all in this together"

*"Doing the PK is fun and you're nervous at the same time. It's good to know the weather and what's going on." - Jessica F.*



## School Events in Term 1

ALL WELCOME, COME ALONG, GET INVOLVED

**Week 6:**

- Friday 10th March - BOP Golf Championship (Year 5 & 6)
- Friday 10th March - Assembly Kahikatea Whaea Cherie

**Week 7:**

- Tuesday 21st March - EBOP Swimming Sports
- Friday 17th March - Assembly Kauri Whaea Merrissa

**Week 8:**

- Friday 24th March - Surfing Festival (Year 5 & 6)
- Friday 24th March - Assembly Ngā Huiarau Whaea Sandy

**Week 9:**

- Tuesday 28th March - BOT Meeting 5.30pm
- Friday 31st March - Assembly Kowhai Whaea Dana

**Week 10:**

- Wednesday 5th April - Cyber Safety Parent Evening with John Parsons (Time TBC)
- Thursday 6th April - Term One ends
- Friday 7th April - Good Friday