



**Kia Ora Koutou Katoa
Rāpare 13 Hui-tanguru ~ Thursday 13 February 2025**

Welcome back for the 2025 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.

Swimming:

Our pool is ready for swimming season. **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 caretaker, and Mr Naera, for ensuring the pool was ready for us this term.

Ōhope Beach School Donations:

Unfortunately, we do not qualify for the government donation funding or free lunches which other schools in the area receive which is why we ask for donations to support the programmes we offer.

The donation is used for live shows, Life Education, transport to and from some events, Science Expo and sports uniforms. We appreciate your donation which can be paid on a term-by-term basis or as a lump sum.

You can also set up an automatic payment to pay off the amount over the year.

Number of children attending Ōhope Beach School	Payment per term	TOTAL payment for the year
1 child	\$37.50	\$150.00
2 children	\$70.00	\$280.00
3 children	\$97.50	\$390.00

You can pay your donation using internet banking – please use “School Donation” as the reference and include your child’s name.

Our bank account details are as follows:

**ASB – Whakatane
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A/c Name: Ōhope Beach School**

School Crossing:

Just a reminder to be vigilant when using the crossing or driving through the crossing now we are back at school. Our road patrol students are at the crossing from 8.00am to 8.30am and from 2.25pm to 2.45pm.

School App:

Currently there are a number of communication tools available. We have set up a school app which you will be able to download and gives you access to school information on your mobile phone.

You can download the app by searching for SchoolAppsNZ. Once you have downloaded this app you will be prompted to search for the school. You will be able to notify the school of student absences via the app either by phone or email. The school newsletter will also be sent out each fortnight on the app.



Sun Hats:

Term one is a sun hat term. Please make sure your child has a named sun hat that they can wear when they are out in the playground at school.

**UPCOMING EVENTS
TERM 1**

Week 2:

Friday 14th February:
Assembly: Ngā Huiarau Whaea Sandy

House Groups meet.

Week 3:

Wednesday 19th February:
Setting the Scene Interviews

Thursday 20th February:
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Friday 21st February:
Assembly: Kahikatea Whaea Cherie

Week 4:

Tuesday 25th February:
BoT Meeting – 5.30pm

Thursday 27th February:
Fun 4 U sports for year 1 & 2 students

Hangi preparation at Wairaka Marae

Friday 28th February:
School day trip to Wairaka Marae

Week 5:

Tuesday 4th March:
Ngā Huiarau swimming sports

Thursday 6th March:
Interscholar Swimming Sports

Friday 7th March:
Assembly: Kauri Whaea Laura

Week 6:

Thursday 13th March:
EBoP Swimming Sports

Friday 14th March:
Assembly: Nga Huiarau Whaea Holly

House Groups meet.

Week 7:

Friday 21st March:
Surfing competition – Year 5 & 6 students

Assembly: Kowhai Mrs England

Week 8:

Friday 28th March:
Assembly: Kauri Miss Webb

Lost Property:

Our lost property box is located on the deck below our Kauri classes. Any items that are left in the playgrounds will be put into the box. Be sure to check this regularly, if your child has lost any items. During swimming season items that are left behind are pegged to the fence, if they remain unclaimed they will go into the lost property box.

Setting the Scene:

These interviews will be held on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th February from 3.00pm to 6.00pm. You will be able to book your time on the school website. These interviews are a chance to meet with your child's teacher and discuss the programme for the year and anything you wish to share about your child's learning. Whaea Julie will send out a message when the site is ready for bookings.

New Caretaker:

Ants (Anthony) McCort has started with us this week as our new caretaker. He is learning all the various aspects that make up the role of caretaker in our school.

Whakatāne Wheels Day:

Tuesday 18th February is the day to ride your choice of wheels to school. It could be a scooter, roller skates, skateboard or a bike. The Eastern Bay of Plenty Road Safety team will be at the school from 10.30am to give out treats and some prize packs. The day is about celebrating being fit and active and how this can lead to positive health benefits.



Our 2025 teaching teams.

Te Tiwai Team: Year 1 & 2

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. Merrissa Shipton 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. Whaea Emma will work each Monday and Tuesday and Whaea Meg will work Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week. Manuka is located on the ground floor closest to the entrance to the school.

Kauri:

Merrissa Shipton (Whaea Merrissa), Laura McCarthy (Whaea Laura) and Zoe Webb (Miss Webb) are the teachers of our Kauri learning space which is located upstairs. Our year 1 & 2 children are in this learning space.



Whaea Merrissa



Whaea Laura



Miss Webb



Whaea Meg



Whaea Emma

Whaea Cherie



Ngā Peka Team: Year 3 & 4

Our two learning spaces which make up the Ngā Peka team 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) will work in Kahikatea. Kahikatea is located upstairs

Kowhai:

Karen England (Mrs England) and Dana White (Whaea Dana) are the teachers in Kowhai this year. The class is located on the ground floor opposite Manuka.

Mrs England



Whaea Dana



Ngā Huiarau Team: Year 5 & 6

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), Holly Simonsen (Whaea Holly) and Robyn Galbraith (Whaea Robyn) are the teachers in this team.



Whaea Robyn



Whaea Holly



Whaea Sandy

Learning Support:

Angela Gouk is the school Learning Support Co-ordinator. Her office is located opposite the school office.

Whaea Angela



Office Staff:

Jenny McKenzie and Julie Staniland are our Office Managers. The office is open from 8.00am to 3.00pm each day. These are the staff members who will phone you if your child is absent (and we have not received any information) or if your child is unwell during the day. Julie is also the school librarian and looks after our IT equipment.



Release Teachers:

Whaea Eileen, Whaea Rowena and Whaea Roz

We have three teachers who will provide weekly release to our team leaders. Whaea Eileen will work in Ngā Huiarau each Wednesday and Thursday. Whaea Rowena will work in Kahikatea each Wednesday and Kauri, Whaea Merrissa's class, each Thursday. Whaea Roz (Roz Dakin) will work in either Kauri Laura or Miss Webb's class each Wednesday and in Kowhai each Thursday.

Whaea Jenny Jones will be providing structured literacy support to identified students and is based in the Kahikatea learning space.

Pitopito Korero:

Our senior children are keen and enthusiastic when it is their turn to present our morning Pitopito Korero. The children take time each morning to review their scripts and practice their pronunciation. We look forward to supporting our students as they take up this opportunity each morning.

This week the whakataukī we are sharing is:

"Whāia e koe te iti kahurangi ki te tūohu koe, me he maunga teitei"

This whakataukī encourages us: "Chase your dreams, and if you face challenges, let them be big ones." This encourages us to keep striving for our goals and only give up when faced with truly great obstacles



Week 1



Week 2

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Term Dates: 2025

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Term 1: Monday 3rd Feb. to Friday 11th April
Term 2: Monday 28th April to Friday 27th June
Term 3: Monday 14th July to Friday 19th Sept.
Term 4: Monday 6th Oct. to Tuesday 16th Dec.

Teacher Development Days 2025:

TERM 1: Friday 7th February
TERM 3: Friday 15th August

2025 Statutory Holidays in term time:

TERM ONE:

Thursday 6th February – Waitangi Day

TERM TWO:

Monday 2nd June – King's Birthday
 Friday 20th June – Matariki

TERM FOUR:

Monday 27th October – Labour Day

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Creative Ideas



Hey creative kids, want to try something different?

Come and join us at Creative Ideas for diverse arty projects every term using all sorts of materials.

You get to create your own artwork, doing it your way with guidance from Marie Dixon. Small groups so you get lots of help when you need it.

There are spaces available in Primary aged classes on Tuesday 5.00pm, Wednesday 3.10pm and one space left in the Monday 3.10pm class. Also a few spots in the Thursday 5.00pm intermediate aged class for this term. Email artclasseswhakatane@gmail.com for more info.

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5:30 - 6:30PM Ⓜ

Ages 12+ (Family Class) Ⓜ

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