



## **NEWSLETTER TERM 1-04**

Thursday 23 March 2023

Kia Ora rā, e te whānau o Otamarakau School

### **FISHING COMPETITION**

We are nearly there with the fishing competition to be held this Sunday 26 March. Eftpos will be available on the day.

### **TEACHER ONLY DAY**

School is closed for instruction on Monday 27 March as it is a Teacher Only Day.

### **OFFICE HOURS**

Dot Boshier, our office manager, works Monday to Thursday from 8:00 am until 1:00pm. If you wish to contact the school and the office phone is not answered please text 027 215 4477.

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE RHEUMATIC FEVER**

Rheumatic fever is a serious condition that can lead to heart disease. It starts with a sore throat caused by Group A Streptococcal bugs. If this is not treated it can damage your heart valves.

Symptoms include:

- sore or swollen knees, elbows, ankles and / or wrists
- skin rash
- fever
- tiredness
- breathlessness
- fidgety, jerky movements

The best way to prevent it is to go and see your doctor whenever you have a sore throat. If you have a 'strep throat' with infection, 10 days of antibiotics will prevent rheumatic fever.

## **TE PUKE TAI MITCHELL 2023 - BOYS**

This is an invitation for Year 6, 7 & 8 boys to trial for the Te Puke Tai Mitchell rugby team.

Te Puke has a very proud tradition. We were runners up in 2019 and winners in 2012 and again in 2017, 2018 and 2021. We are confident that we can represent the Te Puke and Papamoa region with real distinction again in 2023. The tournament this year will be held in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

The weight limit for all boys is 53 kg and under. While boys who are slightly over this weight are invited to trial, we do not want boys who are significantly over the weight.

The trial is on Wednesday 29 March at the Te Puke Rugby Club from 4:00 pm until 5:30 pm.

We will supply the jerseys. Please make sure you have boots, socks, shorts and a mouth guard.

### **Coaching Team 2023:**

Head Coach	Aaron Sutherland
Assistant Coach	Aisea Tamani
Manager	Trent Ellison (027 4491422)

## **TE PUKE TAI MITCHELL 2023 - GIRLS**

This is an invitation for Year 6, 7 & 8 girls to trial for the Te Puke Tai Mitchell rugby team.

The addition of the girls competition to this prestigious competition was very exciting and great news for us. The girls competition is now in its third year and the Te Puke girls have done really well, the first year we made the final and last year we won the competition. So we are looking to field a strong team that will represent the Te Puke and Papamoa region with pride. The tournament this year will be held and hosted by Whakatane.

The girls competition will be a '10 a side' tournament and unlike the boys does not have a weight limit. Girls of all sizes and rugby experience are invited to trial.

The trial is on Wednesday 29 March and Wednesday 5 April at Te Puke Intermediate rugby field at 4:00pm.

We will supply playing jerseys. Please make sure you have boots, socks, shorts and a mouthguard.

### **Coaching Team 2023:**

Head Coach	Paul Koce
Assistant Coach	Mike Collins
Manager	Nicky Kingi (027 277 8608)

## **EASTERN DISTRICTS SPORTS CLUB**

### **Upcoming Event Alert**

All of our ED kids are invited to our Junior Disco. A night for the kids to kick off the Junior Rugby Season. We hope to see your party outfits and groovy dance moves out on the dance floor.

## **ED JUNIOR DISCO**

Friday 31 March

6:00 pm till late

Eastern Districts Clubrooms, Paengaroa Domain

Parents can stay (bar is open) or a register is available for sign in/out.

Food, beverages and goodies for sale

## **WHANAU SURVEY**

The Te Puke Kahui Ako (Community of Learning) is collecting data around student attendance and engagement. This data will be used to inform improvement strategies across the cluster. All information is confidential. The survey was emailed to whanau on Tuesday.

## **BOARD MEETING**

The next meeting of the Otamarakau School Board will be held on Tuesday 4 April at 5:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

## **WHAKATAUKI OF THE WEEK**

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

Pursue excellence - should you stumble, let it be to a lofty mountain.



## STUDENT ART

The students in Kea have done some wonderful art this week. Here is Willows.



## COMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Sunday 26 Mar	Fishing Competition
Monday 27 Mar	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 4 Apr	Board Meeting
Thursday 6 Apr	Term One Ends

## TERM TWO

School will commence for term two on Wednesday 26 April.