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# Otamarakau School

**TERM DATES:** Term 1 - 4th Feb - 12th Apr, Term 2—29th April - 5th July, Term 3—22nd July - 27th Sept, Term 4—14th Oct - 18th Dec

**Mission Statement - "Together We Build Life-Long Learners"**

Term 1 Week 10 — 11th April 2019

**AWESOME, RESPECT, OWNERSHIP, HONESTY, ACTIVE LEARNER = AROHA**

***Kia ora koutou katoa***

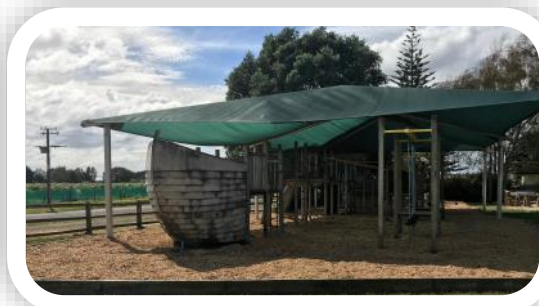
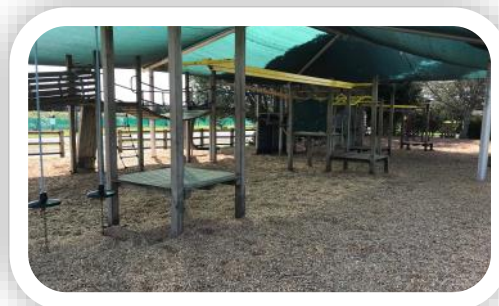
WEEK 10. It's hard to believe that we are at the end of term 1. It has been a very busy one full of so many different events and activities. I know that all of our children have had a very actioned packed term. Their teachers have loved providing a range of learning opportunities for them all and I'd like to thank them for their energy and passion they give each day. Roll on Term 2.

Our thanks and gratitude goes out to all members of the PTA, BOT, staff, students, parents, community members, and friends of the school who helped us at our Otamarakau Fishing Competition. Your hard work, excitement and endless enthusiasm are really appreciated and what made the day a huge success. A very special thank you must go to individual members of our PTA team of Donna Knight, Sonya Blennerhassett, Katrina Anderson, Melissa Mortenson, Jenny Stephenson, AJ Steiner and Tina Boreham, who collectively worked very hard, your efforts are so very appreciated. Every great team has a band of merry men who they can call on, so I'd also like to acknowledge those individuals who supported the PTA with a range of jobs on the day.

CONGRATULATIONS to one of our amazing staff members - It's with great pleasure that we let our community know that Whaea Arnie has been successful in gaining a very prestigious position as the CoL across school lead Senco. What does this mean for Rm 1? Whaea Arnie will remain here at Otamarakau School where she will teach her class on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, on Thursday and Friday she will spend her time making connections and facilitating with all schools in the Te Puke region. She will be the go to person for learners with high needs. This is an amazing accomplishment and we wish Whaea Arnie all the very best. We are so very excited to have gained the expertise and experience of Carly Adams who will cover Whaea Arnie in Room 1 on the Thursday and Friday. We welcome Carly as a member of our staff.

NZEI Paid Union meeting a new date has been set and we apologise again for the disruption to your day. The school will close at 12:30 pm on Thursday May 9th for all staff to attend the meeting. Thank you all the continued support.

New BARK in our playground, what a wonderful project this was for two students in Rm 1. Ashley Boreham and Zach Wylie took on the challenge to calculate the quantity and contact suppliers to see who could give us the best deal. Their professionalism and leadership was outstanding. Their phone manner when dealing with companies was admirable and I have received an email from one company supporting this. The bark arrived on Wednesday morning a day earlier than expected and in true Otamarakau style we rolled up our sleeves and got the job done. Every student contributed by moving the bark to the playground. Many thanks also to Leighton, Stacey and Andrew who finished the job for us. Our playground looks great.



Thank you all for a wonderful start to the year. Take care over the holiday period and we'll all look forward to seeing our tamariki and their whanau in Term 2.

**Andrea Dance—Principal**



## **Our School Can Win a New Van!!**

The school shuttle is getting tired—and what a great opportunity we have here thanks to Anchor to get our community involved and WIN a brand new van!!

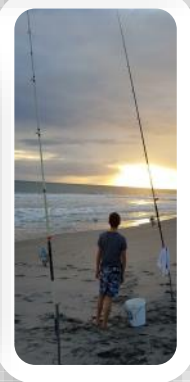
It's simple, start collecting all your Anchor milk bottle tops—and tell all your friends, whanau, and neighbours to do the same!

Bring them to school until the 10th of June and we could win some amazing prizes.

The bottle caps are then recycled into fence posts, win win!

# **PTA Fishing Competition**

**What an amazing event held last Sunday 31st March by our incredible PTA. Thanks so much for all the helpers we had on the day and leading up to this big event! It was a great success!**





**PRINCIPAL AWARDS**  
**Certificates**  
**Congratulations to the following students who received Principal awards for Week 8**

Week 8	NAME	DETAILS
Room 1	Manaia File	For the wonderful growth and leadership you are continuing to show, keep pursuing passion projects as you have the ability to inspire those around you. These attributes will set you up well for future endeavours
Room 2	Mellina Walker	Mellina, this week you have been trying hard to improve your mat manners and showing respect to others. Keep up the positive attitude Mellina, well done!
Room 3	Pippi Adams	Pippi is an outstanding student who demonstrates leadership and initiative. Pippi works hard to take ownership of her learning and cares for others respectfully. Arohanui Pippi!
Room 4	Rapaea Livingstone	I am extremely proud of the fact that you are learning to respect your teacher and peers by listening when the teacher is talking and choosing kind words with your learning community. You are beginning to manage your behaviour and be a caring class member. Well done Rapaea!



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Week 9	NAME	DETAILS
Room 1	Rico File	His awesome attitude towards all learning tasks. He is the sunshine in Room 1 and I also like the way he takes ownership of his learning, always focused and working towards achieving his next steps. Ka mau te wehi e tama.
Room 2	Ryder Ballingall	Ryder, you have such fantastic mat manners and always put in lots of effort with your work. You have been trying hard with your reading and the results are showing, well done Ryder!
Room 3	Arya Kerslake	Arya has settled beautifully into school and is being responsible and caring for herself and others. Arya is always polite and tries her best at all times. Arohanui Arya
Room 4	Hayley Boreham	Congratulations Hayley for the outstanding progress you are making in your writing. You included interesting WOW words in your recent recount, and impressed me with the detail you added by including what you could see, taste, hear, touch and smell. Tino pai to mahi!



## WELCOME

A huge warm welcome to our new student Kiran Sondhi who has joined Room 3. We know you are going to create many happy memories and friends here at Otamarakau School Kiran!

Our school roll is now 79 students.

## 2019 BOT ELECTIONS

Elections are this year! Have you considered being a board member? Now is the time to start thinking about it and becoming more involved in our awesome country school.

Kayleen Metcalfe has been appointed as Returning Officer for this year's elections.

NZSTA, in partnership with the Ministry of Education, supports boards and returning officers through the election process.

Every three years state and state-integrated school communities elect their parent and staff trustees to help govern their schools. Right now boards around the country are preparing to hold their 2019 triennial school board of trustee elections.

If you would like any information on becoming a board member and what it entails, please come and see us in the office.



# Notice Board

End of Term Assembly—Friday 12th April 2.20pm

Last day of Term 1—Friday 12th April

First day of Term 2—Monday 29th April

Year 8 HPV Vaccinations—Monday 29th April

ANZAC Service—Tuesday 30th April 9.30am

NZEI Union Meetings **School Closing at 12.30pm** —Thursday 9th May

## Babysitter

Baby sitter required for this Friday evening (2 young children). Please get in touch with Rochelle Hyland if you are able to help.

022 045 8211

## Rentals Wanted

Two of our families are looking for rental properties. Please get in touch with the office if you know or hear of anything.



## Lost Property

Please don't forget to check our lost property bin regularly, at the end of each term it will be taken to the Salvation Army.



## Rabbit Hutch & Chicken Coop Wanted

We are wanting to expand our animals here at Otamarakau School—if you have or know of a chicken coop and rabbit hutch please let us know.



## Walnuts

Ashley Boreham and her family are selling walnuts for \$5 per kg. Please get in touch with her if you'd like to buy some.



## Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club runs every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8.30am - 9.00am and is available to all students. All we ask is that you bring a named plastic plate and spoon that can be kept here at school.



## Otamarakau Kindergarten

A short stroll down the road from our school, is the fabulous new Kindergarten. Enrolment forms are available at our school office or contact the kindy team on:

Email: [otamarakau@ikindergartens.nz](mailto:otamarakau@ikindergartens.nz) Phone: 07 533 3340

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“You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose.”

—Dr Suess

