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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 6 — 14th March 2019

AWESOME, RESPECT, OWNERSHIP, HONESTY, ACTIVE LEARNER =

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*Kia ora koutou katoa*

Our Swimming Sports last week was a great success as we showcased our talented tamariki. Having a school pool has so many benefits, we are so very lucky for many reasons. It was wonderful to see so many parents and grandparents. Congratulations to the following swimmers who have qualified for the Te Puke Cluster swimming sports on Monday 25th March at Pongakawa, Yr 7 girls Lily Anderson, Chloe Kusky, Ella Blennerhassett, Yr 7 boys Seb Lawson, Yr 8 girls Ashley Boreham, Sieanna Livingstone, Manaia File, Yr 8 boys Zach Wylie, Kaeda Kaiawe, Conner Metcalfe.

Yr 5&6 qualifiers for Friday March 22nd Te Puke High School - Finn Anderson, Ethan Wylie, Sam Blennerhassett, Yr 6 girls Madison Kaiawe, Tayla Knight, Yr 6 Boys Rapaea Livingstone. Congratulations to you all. A notice will be going home on Monday.



Room 1, Whaea Arnie, Andrew Wylie, Shane Gibson and I are currently away on camp in the Taranaki region. It's an amazing place. The experiences we are having are just awesome and definitely challenging. We know our children are coming home with lifelong memories. Our school Facebook page is a good way to check out what we've been up to. Mr Bridger who now lives in New Plymouth organised our week away and we thank him for all he has done.



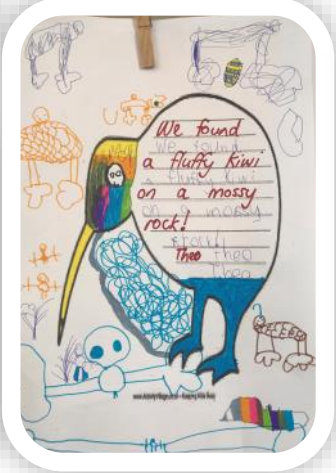
**Change of date!** We are very sorry but our NZEI union meeting day has changed to **THURSDAY 21st of March** - please make arrangements to collect your children from school at 12pm on this day. We are very sorry for the inconvenience as well as the date change and appreciate your continued support. No school buses will be running at 12pm, so please organise transport for your child. Our school shuttle WILL be running at 12pm. We are hoping to have some decisions or at least a good direction of what is taking place in the future after this meeting.

Andrea Dance—Principal



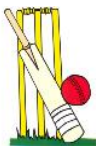
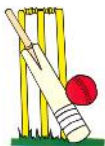


Room 3 had a fantastic Whakatane Kiwi Scavenger Hunt on Tuesday this week. We followed a map with clues and facts in order to find the 10 hidden bronze Kiwis. We had amazing parent help and the children loved this fun learning experience. As a follow up we sculptured our own clay Kiwis back in the classroom. The children have added detail and character to their Kiwi's, which shows their immense interest in the Kiwi topic. We have also written stories and drawn pictures about our Kiwi experiences! Please come and have a look!!



# Go Girls Cricket

We can be extremely proud of the determination and effort that our Go Girls Cricket team displayed on Wednesday at the annual Rainbow Cup competition. They won the "Most Improved Team" award due to their outstanding progress, after receiving expert instruction between their second and third games from our kind and skilled umpire. Check out the new cricket gear they won! Also a big congratulations to Madison Kaiawe who was named player of the day.



Welcome Jayden to Otamarakau School! Jayden is our peanut and egg allergy student who all the children had the pleasure of meeting on Monday morning. Jayden and his whanau are so excited to be at school and we wish them all a wonderful future here at Otamarakau. Can I please reinforce the importance of washing hands before coming to school and after morning tea and lunchtimes. Our school roll is now 79 students.





**PRINCIPAL AWARDS**  
**Congratulations to the following students who received Principal awards for Week 4**

Week 4	NAME	DETAILS
Room 1	Ashley Boreham	Ashley displays all of our Otamarakau School AROHA values. I really like the way she challenges herself with exceptional leadership qualities. Ashley you are truly valued in many areas of school life. Keep it up.
Room 2	Cruz Beaver	Cruz has been trying really hard this week to show respect in all areas. You have had fantastic mat manners and always finishing your work. Well done Cruz!
Room 3	Willow Pirere-Quinn	Willow is now coming to school positively and helping those around her better. Willow is an active learner and always demonstrates honesty.
Room 4	Reuben Barnett	Reuben, thank you for the impressive way that you manage yourself and your learning in our classroom. You are always courteous, punctual and respectful of your teacher and peers. Well done!



**PRINCIPAL AWARDS**  
**Congratulations to the following students who received Principal awards for Week 5**

Week 5	NAME	DETAILS
Room 1	Tariki Abraham	Tariki has been taking ownership in all areas of his learning especially in preparation for camp, building on his fitness. He has demonstrated resilience, working really hard to overcome any challenges. I am super proud of you Tariki. Ka mau te wehi e tama. Whaea.
Room 2	Brooklyn Titter	Brooklyn you have been showing ownership with your work this week by trying hard to keep it neat and tidy. You always do your reading at home and come to school with a positive attitude. Well done!
Room 3	Grace Metcalfe	Grace cares for others and is an amazing role model. Grace has improved in her swimming skills and maths learning in particular.
Room 4	Arapeta Edwards Apiata	Congratulations Arapeta on such a successful start here at Otamarakau School. I am impressed by the way you manage yourself and lead your learning, always with an infectious smile. Nau mai haere mai ki Otamarakau!



Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, and thanks to KickStart Breakfast programme which is the partnership between Government, Sanitarium and Fonterra, we are able to deliver Weet-Bix and Milk to our children at the school.

Breakfast clubs are not just about eating but also it provides an engaging environment that encourages students to develop social skills, take on extra responsibility and grow academically through the wider benefits of breakfast.

Our breakfast club will run 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.



## 2019 BOT 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

PTA Meeting, all welcome—6.30pm Thursday 14th March

Weekly Assembly—Friday 15th March 2.20pm

Room 1 return from camp—Friday 15th March

Keeping Yourself Safe Programme—Monday 18th March till Friday 22nd March

**SCHOOL CLOSING 12pm NZEI Union Meeting—THURSDAY 21st MARCH**

Te Puke Cluster Swimming Sports Yrs 5 & 6 —Friday 22nd March

Te Puke Cluster Swimming Sports Yrs 7 & 8—Monday 25th March

## School newsletter update February 2019 – It's Time/ Kua Tae Te Wā

You may remember that teachers and principals took strike action twice last year to send a message to the Government that more needed to be done to fix the teacher shortage and make teaching a more sustainable and attractive profession.

After conversations with government in January, our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has agreed to return to formal negotiations with the Ministry. The Government has continued to state that there is no more money to settle the agreements but we are continuing to campaign for a quality public education for every child. We believe that winning more time to teach, a significant pay jolt to attract and keep people in teaching, and better resourcing for children with additional learning needs is as important as ever.

Any progress in negotiations will be reported to teachers and principals at paid union meetings around the country in the week of March 18-22nd. These meetings will be held during school time and we will advise you nearer the time about how this will impact on our school community.

Public polling has showed continued strong support for what we are trying to achieve for our students and the future of the teaching profession. Parents in particular see the struggles we already face in hiring teachers and finding relievers when teachers are sick.

We greatly appreciate your continued support as we continue our campaign to ensure every child gets the best possible teaching and learning.

## Fishing Competition

*31st March 2019*

We are looking for helpers on the day to help with the BBQ & drinks stall, prep & setup, raffles, clean up and ticket sales. We need 3 more fishing wardens. Please get in touch if you can help.

## Easter Eggs!



Don't forget every family needs to bring in an Easter egg for our PTA fundraiser raffle.

Tickets on sale now at the office \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Raffle drawn at the fishing competition  
Sunday 31st March



## 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:

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*"Winning doesn't always mean being first, winning means your doing better than you've done before"*

*- Bonnie Blair*

