



NEWSLETTER TERM 2-03

Thursday 25 May 2023

Kia Ora rā, e te whānau o Otamarakau School

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

A huge thanks to Mrs Adams for organising our wonderful cross country on Monday. It was great to see so many whanau there. Congratulations to our winners and placegetters:

GIRLS	BOYS
YEAR 1	
1. Ruby Kerlake 2. Akerah Turia 3. Ava Rose Meikle-Edmonds	1. Keller Sharpe 2. Awa Roberts 3. Arlo Tod
YEAR 2	
1. Kimmy Bell 2. Sage Adams 3. Indie Manusauloa	1. Lomu Leathers 2. Hudson Blake-Auld 3. Tom Rice
YEAR 3	
1. Harper Tod 2. Evelyn Tod 3. Zalee Tuhoro-Keefe	1. Kahu White 2. Leighton Farac 3. Jasper Hodgson
YEAR 4	
1. Olive Adams 2. Aneera-Jade Pomepi 3. Naisha Saini	1. Connor Mortensen 2. Ashwin Kahlon 3. Charlie Marr
YEAR 5	

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alexis Young 2. Ariel Barnes 3. Willow Roberts 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jayden Hendry 2. Guivir Singh 3. Ryan Saini
YEAR 6	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pippi Adams 2. Annabelle Hodgson 3. Kaylin Tawhi 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Theo Lepper-Blackett 2. Evan Mortensen 3. Charlie Lange
YEAR 7	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aleriya Domino 2. Zara Thorne 3. Waimaria Keenan 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Brooklyn Titter
YEAR 8	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bailey Skipper 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Heavenjot Brar 2. Willem Lepper-Blackett

Mrs Adams is organising the team for the Te Puke Cross Country planned for Tuesday 30 May.



POSSIBLE INDUSTRIAL ACTION

NZEI members have rejected the government's latest offer and voted to:

- strike on Wednesday 31 May
- ban meetings outside of 8:30am to 4:30pm from 1 - 30 June.

However, due to a process initiated by the Minister of Education with NZEI and PPTA to progress collective agreement negotiations, any decision on moving forward with these industrial actions has been **paused**.

If action does go ahead on Wednesday 31 May, notices and information will be sent to members on Sunday 28 May. We will let you know of all developments through the school Facebook page and on Skool Loop.

PINK SHIRT DAY 2023

Thank you for your support of Pink Shirt Day. We have deposited \$60.40 into their account.

WELCOME TO THE NEW PRINCIPAL

A warm welcome to the new Otamarakau School principal, Ms Aneta Smith, who will commence her new role on Monday 17 July. Whaea Ani is well known to staff and students here as she is a previous member of the Otamarakau School staff.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

These will be held on Wednesday 28 June except for Ruma Kereru. Mr Reddish will hold his conferences on Wednesday 21 June.

In Student Led Conferences, the student takes the central role in discussions. They are designed to achieve these goals:

- they help students demonstrate evidence of learning
- they help develop reflection and self evaluation skills
- they increase self confidence and communication
- they help develop personal responsibility

You can book a time for your child's or children's conferences by clicking on the Google Form link. [Otamarakau SLC's 2023](#)

Or you can email principal@otamarakau.school.nz with your child's name, room and preferred time. Times are:

2:00 - 3:00pm, 3:15 - 4:00pm, 4:00 - 4:45pm, 4:45 - 5:30pm, 5:30 - 6:15pm.

AUTHOR VISIT

Next Thursday, 1 June, we will have Jenny Somervell, a well known NZ author at school. She will be reading her books and talking to students about her life as an author. We would appreciate a gold coin donation which goes towards travel and hosting costs.

STUDENT WRITING

Rainmaker

Over a dried up ocean and among wrecked old ships and submarines was a lighthouse. For two decades the land had been dried up. It happened because someone named Henry Ruin invented the world's first hydro form drink bottle which made it so it got bigger as you filled up the bottle. But thanks to him people took more water than they needed to work and soon the country ran out of water. As you may expect the ship and subs were just rusted piles of junk and would not move again.

Woosh! Suddenly a plane flew overhead. Inside was a tired lady who had been circling the lighthouse for a week. She was boiling hot, tired and running low on food. But just then the lighthouse started to flash. She looked through some binoculars and spotted a huge cloud. She flew towards it to boost her plan but on the way she heard machine gun fire and three navy blue planes thundered past.

The one on the left was a F4U-8 cloud skinner, the one in the middle was the P94 twin thunderbolt and the one on the right was a P102 cloud rider. All were the local army's fastest, most heavily armed and most manoeuvrable aircraft, if not the best in the world. As they approached the cloud, the cloud nets opened up and they started to catch the clouds. She reacted quickly, turned on the cloud maker and flew towards them, machine guns blazing. The dogfight went on for a while but then bullets poured into the planes and caused the P94 to burst into flames. Woo hoo! She yelled because she thought it was someone coming to save her but she could not be more wrong.

Just seconds later a huge shadow appeared in the clouds. It was a B290 armed fortress. The plane still holds the world record for most turrets on an aircraft and it also had the world's biggest cloud catcher approximately 4.5m x 4.5m. She knew that she had to take out the cloud catcher, but this was easier said than done. She hit the machine gun and landed a few bullets in the 290 but then disaster! One of the turret gunners hit her in the stomach. She gasped in pain and the plane flew down to the ground. Despite this pain she managed to pull up just in time. She flew up into the sky and crashed her plane into the B290.

Down at the lighthouse the lighthouse keeper walked out to the sound of rain. When she got outside, to her surprise, the rain was coming down harder than she had ever seen. Just then a piece of paper landed on the handrail. She picked it up and it read RAIN MAKER. She looked up and smiled.

Written by Charlie Lange, Ruma Kereru

WHAKATAUKI OF THE WEEK

I orea te tuatara ka patu ki waho

A problem is solved by continuing to find solutions.



TERM TWO EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 30 May	Te Puke Cross Country (TBC)
Thursday 1 June	Jenny Somervell - Author Visit
Monday 5 June	King's Birthday - School Closed
Tuesday 6 June	Jumping June Begins
Tuesday 13 June	Board Meeting