



Ka mihi nui ki a koutou katoa - Greetings to you all

14.03.2019

CONGRATULATIONS:

- The following students will represent our school in the 2019 Y7&8 Debating competition: **Year 7 teams - Team 1 Emma Eagar, Stella Henwood, Hannah Dixon, reserve speaker and researcher: Bea Knapton. Team 2 Scarlett Dinnis, Aster Danenhauer, Isla Kleinsorge, reserve speakers and researchers: Chloe Fenning, Ryan Robertson. Year 8: Allie Quinn, Samuel Salisbury, Catherine Reilly-Leadbetter, reserve speakers and researchers Hana Barton, Eve Johnson.**
- The following students have been selected for the Oakura School LitQuiz teams: **Team 1: Eve Johnson, Hana Barton, Jaeden Rasmussen, Sula Bennett; Team 2: Samuel Salisbury, Catherine Reilly-Leadbetter, Cerys Hancock, Emma Eagar; Team 3: Chloe Fenning, Isla Kleinsorge, Bea Knapton, Scarlett Dinnis.**
- **Calum Lewis** came 3rd in the Primary School golf competition last week.

SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS: Well done to all of our students who participated in our annual swimming sports at Coastal Pool on Tuesday. Thank you to those parents who helped with timing and organisation at the event and to all of those who showed such great support. It was a close run to the end for house points, but Koru house took out this year's swimming sports with 271 points. Matekai was second with 261 points, Patuha 3rd with 223 points and Wairau very closely behind with 222 points. Well done Koru!

CAMP WELLINGTON RAFFLE: This is our last fundraiser for Camp Wellington. Students will sell raffle tickets for \$2 each. First prize is a \$100 banknote, second prize is a \$50 banknote a third prize is \$20 banknote. Tickets will be for sale at the school office or by getting in contact with any Year 7/8 student. Thanks for your support whānau!

BAKE SALE & SAUSAGE SIZZLE! Come along this **Friday lunchtime (15th March)** and support our Intermediate team's camp to Wellington by purchasing a sausage and bread or tantalise your taste buds with some fantastic homemade baking. Sausages are **\$2** and baking ranges from **50c to \$2**. Outside Room 10. See you there.

YEAR 7/8 COASTAL ATHLETICS: Our intermediate students will be attending this athletics competition at Coastal Taranaki School on Monday 18th March. Students will travel by bus, the cost is covered by Kiwisport funding. We need some parent help to supervise some events. Please email Natasha if you are able to help us. Many thanks.

MARAE DATE - SAVE THE DATE: We are looking forward to our whole school visit to Okorotua Pa in Term 2 on Friday 3 May. This year we will be having a hangi and are in need of the following materials if you have them please: sacks, wood, banana leaves, or cabbage leaves. Please contact Natasha on natasha@oakura.school.nz if you can help with any of these.

WHĀNAU HUI: We will have our first whānau hui for 2019 on Tuesday 2 April, starting at 5:30pm in the staffroom. All parents and whānau are welcome to join us and help set the direction and priorities for Te Ao Māori at Oakura School in 2019. Please email Natasha at natasha@oakura.school.nz with the number of adults and students that will be joining us for catering purposes.

POLICY REVIEW: The following three policies are being reviewed this term: Alcohol, Drugs, and other Harmful Substances; Surrender & Retention of Property and Searches; Legislation and Administration.

If you would like to be involved in this review, please follow these instructions:

1. Visit the website <http://oakura.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (oakura) and password (4314)
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

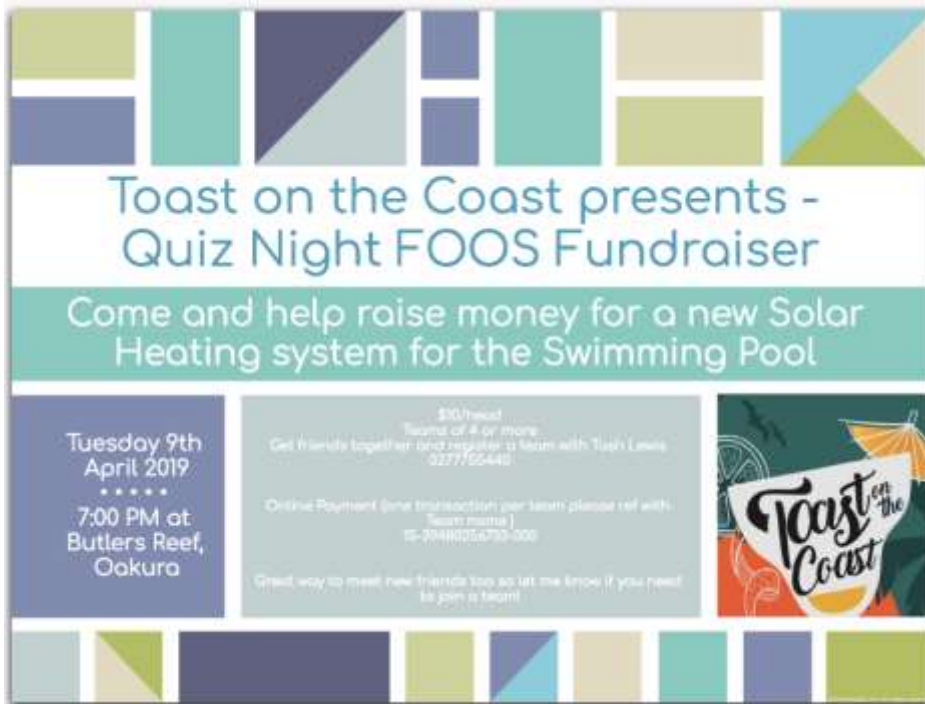
If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

UPCOMING PAID UNION MEETINGS FOR TEACHERS/PRINCIPALS: The NZEI union have organised two meetings in New Plymouth – one at 1:30pm on March 20th and the other at 1:30pm on March 21st. We will send half our staff to one meeting and then the other half the following day. We will organise activities at school for those afternoons that ensure adequate supervision for everyone. **School will operate as normal from 9:00am-3:00pm.**

2019 SCHOOL DONATION AND ACTIVITY FEE: The school donation and the activity fee can now be paid at the school office. **Thank you to those parents who have already been in to do this.**

HEAD LICE: There have been a few cases of head lice across the school in recent weeks. Please check your children's hair regularly and treat as necessary. If everyone is vigilant with this it makes it easier to solve the issue.

Ngā mihi nui, Lynne Hepworth – Principal



FRIENDS OF OAKURA SCHOOL (FOOS): FOOS have teamed up with Subway to deliver lunches to our school every Friday. Easy, healthy and delicious. Get lunch online and order today. Follow this link to order www.lunchonline.co.nz.

OAKURA JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB (OJSC): for information about sports available in term 1 2019 keep an eye on the OJSC Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/oakurajuniorsportsclub/> for more info.

- **Jetball Yr 1-3** (simplified version of netball) 5 vs 5, lowered hoops, played indoors. Registrations now open, closing Friday April 12th. Played every Saturday morning during Term 2. 8:30am at Oakura Hall. Any queries contact Toni Peacock 021 661 912 or thowison@hotmail.com
- **Oakura Junior Soccer registration for Term 2 are now open until 22nd March** (note the earlier closing date than originally advised). Please refer to the OJSC facebook page for more details or contact Susan Eagar on susaneagar75@gmail.com or 0272264264.
- **Oakura Basketball registration for Term 2 & 3 are now open. Registrations close on Monday 18th March. Please go to KINDO.co.nz to register.** Please refer to the OJSC Facebook page for more details or contact Leanne Ferguson on lubie_ferg@yahoo.co.nz or 027 229 1313.
- **Hockey Registrations are now open** - please go to KINDO to register. Registration close on 15th March. More details on OJSC Facebook page.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

Have your say on new shared pathway: New Plymouth District Council is asking the Ōākura community for their thoughts on the planned shared walk/cycle pathway between Ōākura (from the top of Surrey Hill Road) and Pukeiti. The Council's aim is to deliver a shared pathway that will help locals, as well as visitors, connect with our outstanding environment. To help achieve this, NPDC wants to know what residents would like to see as part of this project and what else should be considered before the path's concept design is confirmed. More information and a feedback form are online at newplymouthnz.com/HaveYourSay. Be sure to get your comments in before 5pm on Wednesday 20 March!