

17 September 2020

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

WELCOME: to the following student who started at our school this week – **Paige Smith (R2)**.

SCHOOL OPENING HOURS: Please do not drop children off to school before 8:30am. Prior to this time the staff are preparing for the day and often in meetings and cannot supervise children who arrive early. School opens at 8:30am for students.

ALERT LEVELS: This week the Prime Minister extended our level 2 status through to Monday 21 September. A change from this level will be decided when cabinet meet on Monday.

If all goes to plan we could be back to Alert Level 1 as early as Tuesday. We look forward to welcoming you back on site when this happens.

Just a reminder of what Alert Level 1 processes are:

- Good hygiene practices will continue to be a priority. Regular handwashing, plus coughing and sneezing into the elbow remain a focus
- Hand sanitiser is available in all classrooms and office spaces
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting of commonly touched areas is maintained
- If people are unwell they should stay home until they are feeling 100%. If students arrive at school and present as unwell, caregivers will be contacted to arrange for them to be picked up
- Anyone self-isolating while waiting for a Covid-19 test result, must remain at home
- Physical distancing is not a requirement at level 1 – but students are made aware of this strategy in case it is needed to be re-implemented
- Visitors to the school must sign in and out of the visitor register at the school office – this is in line with our normal health and safety procedures. This does not include parents of enrolled students who are dropping off or picking up their children.
- The QR Code poster is on display at the school office
- Our senior staff will meet and greet children at the entranceways as regularly as possible. To

build on the increased independence we have seen in our students, we encourage parents to say goodbye to their children at the gate in the morning.

- If parents are picking up children at the end of the day we ask that parents meet children at the gate, or if entering school grounds, wait until 2:55-3:00pm to do so. This keeps distractions to our learning programmes to a minimum.
- If parents need to catch up with teachers before 9:00am or after 3:00pm they are more than welcome to come in and do this. But please be aware that teachers often have prearranged meetings at these times – so if they are not available, or you need longer than a quick chat, you would be best to email them to make an appointment time.

KAPAHAKA - KAKAHU (UNIFORM) WORKING BEE:

We are in need of some helping hands to give our kapahaka uniforms a bit of TLC. Some uniforms need a bit of spot cleaning, whilst others need some repairing either by tacking or sewing. We also need to shorten the straps of our new kapahaka uniforms. Please let Natasha know if you'd like to take some home or if you'd be interested in helping at school one afternoon early next term:

natasha@oakura.school.nz

PROPERTY UPDATE: After our BoT met with the MoE representatives we have since had verbal confirmation that we are on the list for two new classrooms. We are now awaiting written confirmation of this and a predicted timeline for the funding, so that we can move forward with our property plans.

ENROLMENT SCHEME: Managing the growth in our school community has been a regular board of trustee agenda item since 2001. To ensure we are catering for the students within our school community we implemented a school zone in 2004. Even with the enrolment scheme and the zone in place, our school roll has continued to grow. We very rarely take students from outside our zone, but on occasion we advertise positions to cater for siblings of children already at our school or to include children of teachers we employ. These out of zone places are determined by the amount of in-zone enrolments that we receive each year.



ARRANGEMENTS AFTER SCHOOL: We would appreciate parents reminding children before they leave home about their after school arrangements. We are getting a number of children coming to the school office after 3:00pm unsure who they are meeting and where. Finding a system that works for your child – whether it is a note in their lunchbox or a verbal reminder before leaving home in the morning – can reduce this anxiety after school.

RUGBY REPRESENTATIVES: Congratulations to **Adam Sousa, Jason McGregor and Ethan Peacock** who have been selected to represent the West team at the Ross Brown Rugby Tournament.

FOOTBALL REPRESENTATIVES: The following students have been selected for the Taranaki Football Federation Talent Centre Squads for 2020:
Girls 11th Grade: **Mahine Toscani-Piper**
Girls 12th Grade: **Sasha Rasmussen**
Boys 11th Grade: **D'Angelo Squatriti**
Boys 12th Grade: **William Thomson, Adi Carmi**
Boys 13th Grade: **Felix Field**

Ka mau te wehi – Fantastic!

KEEPING WELL: Thank you for keeping your children at home when they are unwell. We really appreciate parents being proactive with this. If a student becomes unwell at school we are contacting parents and asking them to pick their child up asap. **Please ensure emergency contacts we have on our records are up to date** – if we cannot get hold of parents we will ring the other emergency contact that is listed.

CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS: Unfortunately the Coastal Cross Country events were cancelled for this year. At this stage we are still expecting the Taranaki Cross Country at Hawera to go ahead. Children will be travelling to this event by bus. Information will be given to the families of children who are taking part in this event.

CELLPHONES: Students do not use cellphones for their learning or in class programmes. Any student bringing a cellphone to school must hand in their phone to their class teacher or to the school office for safe keeping.

WORLD CAR FREE DAY: Tuesday 22 September. We have managed this before – let's see if we can do it again – **no cars on Donnelly Street**. All children that make their way actively to school will be eligible for a pancake from the Pohutukawa Centre kitchen. This also applies for children who are dropped off on the main road and walk up Donnelly Street.

Mā ake tatou! - Let's Get Going!

Ditch the keys, whānau!
Ōākura School
is celebrating World Car Free Day
Tuesday 22 September



Students who travel car-free will receive a pancake breakfast.
For those who come by car, please park & walk.

Parents and whānau, join in and sign the Car-Free Pledge!
Check out lets-go.org.nz for more information.

Ngā mihi nui - Lynne Hepworth – Principal

FOOS: A reminder that it is FOOS meeting tonight (Thursday 17 Sept) at 7pm in the school staffroom. All parents are most welcome to attend, especially new parents who are not sure what it is all about. Come along and see if you would like to get involved.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

OJSC Cricket - Registrations are now open for Cricket in term 4 – please register interest before **Fri 18th Sept**. Games on either a Friday night or Saturday morning depending on age group - to register sign up <https://registrations.crichq.com/register/108517/>
See OJSC Facebook for more details or contact Brett Cursons (b_cursons@hotmail.com) or Kymon Hill (kymon@xtra.co.nz)

Registrations for the New Plymouth Weetbix Tryathlon are now open - this is planned for 31 March 2021. To register, please go to <http://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/new-plymouth/>



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2020
**SPELLING
BEE**

**EXCITING
ANNOUNCEMENT!**

Our Oakura School Spelling Bee challenge is nearly here. This Friday is the big day, so make sure you know your words.

All returned sponsorship forms will go into a draw next Friday (25thSept) and there are lots of spot prizes up for grabs.

Don't miss out!



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KEY DATES

Friday 4 September: Sponsorship forms and spelling lists are sent home. Please help your children to learn their spelling words and find sponsors.

Friday 18 September: The spelling bee challenge is conducted in class. Certificates will be sent home with each student on the same day.

Wednesday 23 – Friday 25 September: Please return all money pledged to the school office or deposit directly into the FOOS account (15-3948-0256733-00).

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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Sept 28 – Oct 9

SAFARI TOURS



Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including a PJ Party Day, lots of sports, awesome games **& MUCH MORE!**

Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones! Go online to check out a full, up-to-date timetable for your school.

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