



25 November 2021

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

**WELCOME:** To **Kasaan Gray** and **Ivy Fox** who started in the Gecko Room this week.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

- **Brodie Ferguson**, a past student of Oakura, who will be the 2022 Head Boy at NPBHS. Ka rawe Brodie!

**OAKURA-MATAPU AND TIMARU AWA TRIPS:** We feel very lucky that our whole school have made trips down to the Oakura-matapu and Timaru Awa this week. Tama-nui-te-rā (the sun god) blessed us with his might and Tawhirimatea (the wind god) helped with a cool breeze while we undertook this mahi. This science learning, in conjunction with Ngāti Tairi and our participation in the citizenship science project of monitoring the health of our local awa, has been a successful end to our whole school Wai (water) inquiry that we undertook this year. Students participated in a range of scientific investigations using various pieces of the SHMAK (Stream Health and Monitoring Assessment Kit) to learn about the awa, as well as contribute our data to a long term project with our local hapū and iwi. We look forward to this continued science learning and contribution to this important local kaupapa (purpose). Ngā mihi, Natasha Jackson





**VACCINATION MANDATE:** We are in the process of working through the new COVID-19 Public Health Response Order of mandatory vaccination for the education workforce, and for contractors and volunteers working in schools.

The vaccination requirements apply wherever in-person schooling occurs, such as on the school site, but also when we take our students to class library times, to school camps, swimming pools, museums, or where other education outside the classroom (EOTC) programmes take place.

This means that we are only allowed to permit people to help at school events with children if they have had at least their first dose, and are fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022. This is a requirement for all NZ schools.

If you wish to be involved as a helper in any events please email through ([office@oakura.school.nz](mailto:office@oakura.school.nz)) or drop into the school office with evidence of your vaccination/s. When school starts next year, we will need evidence of full vaccination for any school helpers (or evidence of exemption). We will store your information privately in our school data base – just as we do for police vetting for parents going on school camps.

Our school has a huge level of support from parents and the community, something that we greatly value and appreciate. We realise that there will be questions, and it is likely that we will not have the answers right away. All schools are in the same situation and working through various situations and scenarios. We will do our best to find the answers and communicate these to our school whānau and community.

Thank you very much for your understanding and support as we work through these mandated requirements.

**POLICY AND PROCEDURE REVIEW FOR TERM 2:** This term we are reviewing our **Harassment** and our **Māori Educational Success** procedure.

If you would like to review this document please follow these instructions:

1. Visit the website <https://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.

**KIWI CHRISTMAS BOOKS:** New books that will be donated to Womens' Refuge for Christmas can be left in the box at the school office. Please make sure the books are suitable for children 12 and under. We would also love it if the books were written or illustrated by a New Zealander. The donations end on Monday 13 December. Thank you. Chloe Fisher & Livy Churchill

**BICYCLE LEFT AT SCHOOL:** We have been holding a large black bicycle here at school. If you or your child left this in the bike shed about two weeks prior to the holidays, please contact the school office.

**Ngā mihi nui, Lynne Hepworth – Tumuaki**

**KELLY CLUB AFTERSCHOOL IS FOR SALE:** be your own boss and have fun at the same time, a great environment to work in. For more information, contact Lindsay Stones 0204 1209414

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# KIWI AVERSION TRAINING

Let's continue to keep kiwi and their newly hatched kiwi chicks safe on the Kaitake Range.

Do you own dogs that live or work in areas where kiwi may reside?

Kiwi aversion training will teach your dog to avoid them if encountered.

Training consists of your dog being taken through a course which includes stuffed kiwi, dead kiwi and nesting material to help trigger the dog's senses.

An electric collar is worn by the dog and is activated when deemed appropriate to create a negative response when interest in the kiwi is shown.

The level of shock is minimal and applied by a professional.

**Registrations required. In case of postponement, those registered will be notified**

## Dates:

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November

4:30pm-6:00pm

Oakura School

**FREE TO ATTEND**

**Please contact DOC New Plymouth Office to register your dog – 06 759 0350**

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