



12 May 2022

**Ka mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, greetings to you all.**

### LIFE EDUCATION

This week we welcome Megan, Harold and the Life Ed Bus to school. Tamariki started their health learning with Megan and Harold yesterday. This learning will go through until next Friday, with each class having two sessions in the bus. Our ākonga having access to health and hauora learning with Megan, and time with Harold, is a highlight of the year for many children and an important element of our Health Curriculum.

Apōpō, (tomorrow), prior to our Whānau Lunch, you are welcome to pop in and meet Megan and have a chat with her. You can visit from 12:20pm, masks are required please.

### COVID ORANGE LEVEL

We continue to appreciate your support with following our Orange Level procedures to keep our kaiako and ākonga safe and healthy, therefore limiting interruptions to learning. We do still have active cases within our classes and school community.

A reminder that some of the procedures we'd appreciate you following are:

- Signing in at the office when visiting during school hours
- Wearing masks whenever you are in the school grounds or indoors
- Keeping preschoolers off the junior playground prior to school, and before the 3pm pick up
- Encouraging your year 5 – 8 tamariki to continue to bring masks to school
- Keeping tamariki at home if they are māuiui (sick)

### WHĀNAU LUNCH

We will be having an earlier than usual Whānau Lunch this term, **Friday 13 May**. We appreciate that many parents and whānau members would like to pop in and see their tamariki's learning and meet some of our new kaiako. Feel free to invite extended whānau to join your children for lunch here at school. Our lunch time starts at 12:40pm. FOOS will be selling sausages and ice blocks for \$2 each.

### PINK SHIRT DAY

Next Friday 20 May, we invite tamariki to acknowledge and support diversity and inclusivity in our school and

community, by wearing pink to school. Wearing pink is a visual reminder of the right for all of our ākonga to come to a bully free school and to feel safe and welcome. Learning and stories to promote this culture will be shared with tamariki throughout next week. Please encourage your child/ren to bring a gold coin donation to support the Mental Health Foundation. Tēnā koutou to our Head Pupils for organising this fundraiser.



### PROPERTY

We are excited to have two of our new learning spaces ready for Room 8 and the Tawa Room to move into on Monday 23 May. Ngā mihi to Southcoast Construction for their mahi in ensuring that we have these new spaces ready for learning. The building project is on schedule for all classes in the new block to be open by the end of August.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Whānau Lunch Day** – Friday 13 May

**Whānau Hui** – Tuesday 24 May, Tuesday 5 July

**Teacher Only Day** – Friday 3 June. This has been tagged onto the Queen's Birthday weekend to make a four day weekend.

**Puanga Celebration** – Wednesday 15 June

**School Closing Early**. In week 9 of term 2 (29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June) we will be holding 'Learning Conferences'. **On Wednesday 29 June school closes at 12:30pm** so that teachers can have their lunch and then be ready for learning conferences starting at 1:00pm. Thank you in advance for making alternative arrangements for your children on that afternoon.



### WHĀNAU HUI

All whānau and members of our school community are welcome to come to our Whānau hui. We have two dates set for the term, **Tuesday 24 May, 3:30pm** and **Tuesday 5 July, 3:30pm**. Both hui will be held in our Pohutukawa Centre. We are currently undertaking a review of te reo me ōna tikanga at Oakura School and would appreciate your whakaaro (thoughts and ideas), on a range of surveys and information we have gathered. We will forward the relevant documents to you at your request, prior to the hui. We look forward to working together to identify actions and next steps for our kura. If you would like to attend, please email Natasha at [natasha@oakura.school.nz](mailto:natasha@oakura.school.nz).

### PUANGA CELEBRATION

Our ākonga (learners) always really enjoy learning about Puanga, the rising of the star that signals the beginning of the Māori New Year for iwi in Taranaki. We take the opportunity to learn pūrakau, (stories), sing relevant waiata and provide learning for tamariki to learn with their buddy classes, such as kite making or mahi toi (arts and crafts). This year, we are excited to share in our Puanga learning and celebrations by inviting whānau to a dawn service to acknowledge the rising of Puanga, and to have shared kai together for breakfast. Whānau are welcome to stay for the morning and join in with their childrens' learning, have morning tea at school and then join the school in kapa haka. Please mark this important community event in your calendars – **Wednesday 15 June**. More details will follow soon.

### TE REO MĀORI SURVEY

Ngā mihi to those whānau that took the time to complete the Te Reo Māori survey last term. 42% of our school whānau participated in the survey. Of these responses, 81% of the participants supported the BOT decision to increase the number of hours te reo Māori is taught and/or how much of our curriculum is delivered using te reo Māori. There was some support for a te reo Māori teacher being employed, either full time or part time. There was less support from respondents for a bilingual or immersion class being offered at Oakura School. Many of the respondents also added comments that helped us to understand our community's thoughts and aspirations in regards to te reo Māori and tikanga Māori. Thank you.

### LOST PROPERTY

We have kept a few Oakura School hoodies. Vicky Jury has kindly washed them over the holidays. The hoodies are either the black school one, or the ski team one, and all

are unnamed. If you wish to see if one of them is yours, please pop into the office to have a look at them.

### Ngā Manaakitanga

**Natasha Jackson – Tumuaki/Acting Principal**

**Kia ākono te manako me te manaaki  
Learning to Think, Learning to Care**

**SHINE YOGA STUDIO:** is offering yoga classes specially developed for our young people. We have a Resilient Youth Program starting next term on 4th May. Led by Julia Stockman a Yoga Teacher and youth mentor. Teaching all the skills your young people need to shine their best life with confidence and resilience.

10 to 13 year olds Wednesdays 3:15 PM

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Book online at [www.shineyoga.co.nz](http://www.shineyoga.co.nz)

**BRING YOUR OWN DEVICES (BYOD):** At the end of 2021 we added a Chromebook to the stationery list for students from years 5 to 8. This is to cater to the increasing need for all students to be able to access online learning from both home and school. Over the last term, this has been accentuated by the need for students to isolate at home for extended periods of time.

We want to assure our community that students will not be using devices excessively during the day and our focus is on having a balanced curriculum which involves practical learning experiences as much as possible. Online learning is used for communication, accessing individualised learning, assessment, and as a way for students to present their learning creatively. It also allows students to access their learning from home in a seamless way.

At present we have large numbers of students who have not taken up this request and this is having an impact on the learning programmes that we are able to offer. We do have some school leased devices for students who are unable to provide their own, but we are finding the demand for these is not sustainable.

We would like to encourage you to provide a Chromebook for your child if they are in the year 5 to 8 classes if possible next term and are happy to discuss any concerns or questions that you may have about this. Ngā mihi, Sandy Taylor ([sandy@oakura.school.nz](mailto:sandy@oakura.school.nz))



# OAKURA SCHOOL



My name is Allan Whatt and I teach drums at Oakura School. These lessons are popular but I have had some spaces become available. Please contact [allanwhatt1066@gmail.com](mailto:allanwhatt1066@gmail.com) or 0212108943 if you would be interested in drum lessons for your child at Oakura School.

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Whenever you use **Jobhop** to get work done, you raise money for our school at the same time.

Join us on Friday, 13 May at 12:40 for whānau lunch day. No need to pack your own lunch. FOOS will be hosting a sausage sizzle and popsicle sale.



Vegetarian sausages will be available for those that prefer it.

Please support us by paying with coins as much as possible so that we can minimise handling cash on the day.

## NEW PLYMOUTH HARRIERS

**Dr Davie Cup and Brenda Ballinger Memorial Cross Country Races**

**Sunday, 15 May 2022 Highlands Intermediate, New Plymouth**

Everyone is welcome from the kids to grandma, walkers to runners. Give cross-country running a go!

- All Walkers 4km ----- 1.00pm
- Senior & Juniors (aged 13+) Runners 4km ----- 1.45pm
- Yrs 5&6 Primary School Race 1km ----- 2.30pm
- Yrs 7&8 Intermediate School Race 2km ----- 2.45pm
- Children's fun run 1km ----- 3.00pm
- Prize Giving ----- 3.15pm

This race is **FREE** for all junior athletes and Athletics New Zealand or Athletics Taranaki affiliated runners. For non-affiliated senior runners, the **cost is \$5**.

**There are prizes for both club affiliated and junior runners**

If you have any questions regarding this event or would like to discuss New Plymouth Harriers membership please email [newplymouthharriers@gmail.com](mailto:newplymouthharriers@gmail.com) or call **06-758 1590**

**Sal's** AUTHENTIC NEW YORK PIZZA

**NBL** presented by G.J. Gardner

**GAME DAY**

**SUNDAY 15 MAY 3:00PM**

**STEELFORMERS AIRS** VS **RAMS**

Wholesale Motor Company