



Kia ora te whanau,

This has been an amazing week for our Kura. Yes, we narrowly missed the top award for our category in the Prime Ministers Award but upon stepping back and reflecting, our kura has achieved something very special that we should all be very proud of. Leading this school and being surrounded by true professionals gives me huge confidence for the future of our tamariki. Your whanau and parent support makes a huge difference to our school success also. Thanks to everyone for your belief in what we are trying to do and the encouragement we receive.

Nga mihi,

Mr D

TUI AWARD



I have known Zoe for some time now and this award today is recognition of her amazing personal growth to date. As a learner, as a person and as the delightful young lady she is becoming. Her future sure looks bright! Zoe has learnt to set goals for herself and rises to meet these goals with determination and focus. From maths to inquiry presentations, writing to oral language, once she puts something in her sights she works hard to achieve these goals. These personal attributes, I believe, will see Zoe go far in life. She has a witty and quick sense of humour. She is fun and funny! I really enjoy this side of Zoe's personality. We have shared a few laughs over the years and I sure will miss her smiling face in my class when she moves on to senior school next year.

Zoe is one of those kids that has been 'on the radar' for the Tui award in terms of being a great and consistent all round student who is always a pleasure to teach but I have to say that it is her recent prowess in the class speeches that really got my attention! You aced it Zoe, so very proud of you and all the best for the Thames Valley speech finals later this week. I know you will represent Opoutere School with pride and mana.

Congratulations on being this week's Tui Award winner...Zoe Alchin.

Blimey you must be chuffed young lady, good on ya mate, kia ora!



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MANA AWARDS



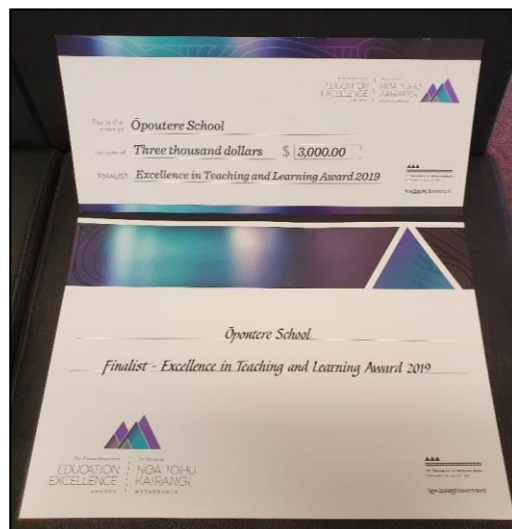
Congratulations to these MANA AWARD recipients. Keep up the great work.

PRIME MINISTERS AWARD

Oputere School teachers celebrated in Wellington on Tuesday night as our unique Adventure Learning based philosophy and teaching practice was among the finalists in the Excellence in Teaching and Learning category of the Prime Ministers Education Excellence award.

The evening was an inspiring night, but we unfortunately we narrowly missed out on the win in the Excellence in Teaching and Learning category. We are immensely proud of our Kura and our national achievement. Thank you to our BOT, kaiako, tamariki and whanau for supporting us on our journey. You are the reasons we continue to strive for excellence.

The judges met with us during the evening and said that our category caused the most debate out of all entries and came down to us and Te Kohanga Reo Ki Rotokawa. After some serious deliberating by the judges, we narrowly missed out. We are calling "Runners up!" We were delighted to also receive a prize winning cheque for \$3000 for our kura. We were encouraged to enter again next year and we might just do that!





THAMES VALLEY SPEECHES

Good luck to Zoe, Eleanor, Yazmin and Felix who are representing Opoutere School at the Thames Valley Speech competition at Parawai School in Thames. Your speeches were very entertaining and we know you will do amazing today. We look forward to hearing how you go and all going well we can bring home the cup again.

YUMMY STICKERS

There are two weeks to go to get any yummy stickers you may have on the fridge or lying around. Please return these ASAP to Mrs Keenan. Last year we raised \$620 dollars to spend on sports equipment for our school. Let us try for more this year. Thanks for your support.



OPOUTERE SCHOOL ADVENTURE RACE

Next week you will receive a notice asking for marshalls and food helpers for our Opoutere School Adventure Race on Thursday 26th September. We are very excited about the upcoming Opoutere School Adventure Race, especially as the entries keep coming in.

For this to be successful and a worthy school fundraiser we are asking for volunteer Marshalls to help be on the course. Please, please, if you are able to help we would love to hear from you. This is an important event for our school and we hope you can spare some time to help make it amazing and fundraise along the way. Last year we made \$3000 and we hope to better this amount for 2019.

Please lend a hand where you can.

Please get in touch with Caryl in front office 07 8659077 or return your volunteer slip ASAP.



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MEASLES NOTICE

We will make contact with the parents of students whose vaccination records we do not have (This is only a few). This is precautionary and for the school to identify who has or has not been vaccinated. The Ministry of Health has also sent the following information below for parents to consider.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Waikato District Health Board

Urgent: Measles (Mitara)

**KIA HIWA RA, KIA HIWA RA
KIA KOKIRI, KIA MATARA WHĀNAU MA**

There is a **very large outbreak of measles** in Auckland hitting our Māori and Pacific Island communities and is now in the Waikato region. Measles can be **very serious** for all ages and it spreads very easily.

WHĀNAU we need to stop measles in its tracks!

PLEASE don't assume you are immune.

FREE, FREE, FREE, with 3 steps:

1. Ring your doctor to **CHECK** your whānau immunisation status
2. If you are not immune, **BOOK IN** to get the vaccine
3. **GET VACCINATED**

Patai / question?

Where do I go? Ring your doctor / GP (General practice) clinic. Another good place to ask questions is free phoning Healthline 0800 611 116.

What if I do not have a GP? Find one here:

- Pinnacle Midland's Health Network (Rotorua, Gisborne, Taranaki and Waikato district): www.itsmyhealth.co.nz/medical-centre/search
- Hauraki PHO (Hamilton, Tokoroa and Hauraki area): www.haurakipho.org.nz/practice-directory/
- National Hauora Coalition: www.nhc.maori.nz/waikato

How much does it cost? It is FREE.

What is the vaccine called? There is a good vaccination for measles called MMR.

Who should have the vaccine? Everyone between 12 months and 50 years old.

How many injections do I need? Having two doses of MMR is the best protection for your whānau against measles. The first dose is the most important one. The second dose can be given at 4 weeks or more after the first.

PUBLIC HEALTH

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Measles Symptoms

EARLY SYMPTOMS

- High fever
- Cough
- Runny nose

LATER SYMPTOMS

- High fever
- Rash

If you or your whānau have symptoms or have been close to someone with measles please:

STAY at home and **CALL** your nurse, doctor, or Healthline (0800 611 166).

- Healthline has interpreters – say you'd like an interpreter.
- Call before going to a clinic or the hospital – protect others by not spreading measles if you are sick.

#MeaslesInWaikato
#Immunise
#StayAtHome
#ProtectYourWhānau

Endorsed by:
Dr Richard Hoskins
Medical Officer of Health/Public Health Physician

Measles
spreads easily and can cause serious illness

Don't assume you are immune.

WCS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

It's happening! Whangamata Community Services Trust will be running a SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME. Pick up an information pack & enrolment form from the school office or WCST, 101 Casement Road. \$15 per child per day (trips extra and optional) Ages 5-13 years, for children enrolled at Whangamata and Opoutere Schools.

LIMITED SPACES FIRST IN FIRST SERVED

MOREPORK BOXES

There are not many boxes left! If anyone is interested in purchasing one of these, they are available for a koha (donation). Please get in touch with Caryl in the front office if you would like to buy one. We really appreciate the support and long standing relationship we have with Wharekawa Catchment Care Group. Two of these Morepork boxes will be going up in our native area to entice the Ruru into our area.



CRICKET EXPO

Next Tuesday (17/9/19) from 2pm until 4pm Thames Valley Cricket will be visiting WAS to promote the upcoming cricket season. Thames Valley will be running a Saturday morning competition for students in Years 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8 this summer, with games commencing on Saturday 2/11/19.

If you have students in these age groups who are keen to register for cricket, please bring them along between 3 and 4pm to sign up. Obviously, we will also be looking for coaches and managers for these teams, so if you are able to help out in any capacity, come along next Tuesday and have a chat.

We will also have current Black Cap Neil Wagner, former Black Cap Dean Brownlie, and current Northern Knights player Jo Carter with us to promote cricket to our young people. There will be a range of cricket based activities set up with a speed gun for those who wish to see if their claims of bowling in the 130's have validity (adults and children welcome to have a go). See the poster below for all the details.



Thames Valley Junior Cricket Muster

COME & MEET
some of the Black Caps and Northern Knights

Open to all year
2 – 8 students

WHANGAMATA
17th September, 2pm onwards
at Whangamata Area school

THAMES / NGATEA
19th September, 4pm onwards
at Rhodes Park

- Spot prizes
- Inflatable nets
- Speed gun!
- Games

For more info contact
ramesh@wvca.co.nz

NORTHERN DISTRICTS CRICKET
WHANGAMATA VALLEY CRICKET
sportswaikato

COMMUNITY DONATIONS

Whangamata Community Services Trust are running low on essential items for local families who are in need. These include: cooking oil, deodorant, dishwashing liquid, shampoo and conditioner, longlife milk and any food items. We have put a large box in the front office and it's filling up. If you can help with any donations at all that would be wonderful. When the box is full we will deliver it to Whangamata Community Services Trust on Opoutere School's behalf. Let's make a difference and help out with the amazing work the WCST does for our community.



PROJECT ENERGIZE



BANANA OAT COOKIES

Got a bit more time to prep your snack? Try this cookie recipe!

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe bananas - mashed
- 1 ¾ cup rolled oats
- ½ cup of either cranberries, raisins, nuts or seeds

Pre-heat oven to 180°C. Mash the bananas and combine with the other ingredients, mixing well. Place tablespoons of the mixture onto a lined baking tray and bake in the oven for 15-20mins.

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HE PIHIKETE PANANA OOTI

He waa waatea taau hei whakarite i oo kai timotimo? Whai pea i eenei tohutohu tunu pihikete!

Nga Kai Kiinaki:

- Kia 2 ngaa panana taangoongoo –
- kia penupenu ngaa panana
- Kia 1 ¾ ngaa kapu ooti
- He kapu haurua o te karepe (cranberries), te karepe maroke/reihana, te nati, te kano raanei

Whakakaangia te umu ki te 180 °C. Penupenu ngaa panana, aa, whakakotahi ai ngaa kinaki katoa, kia pai te koororioro. Raua atu he pune nui o ngaa kai ki te rihi kua whakarikihia i te pepa tunu. Tunu ngaa ki roto i te umu moo te tekau maa rima ki te rua tekau meeneti (15-20min)

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TCDC INFO

Emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere. It's up to you to take steps to make sure you're prepared.

Your Council is committed to ensuring you are informed, prepared and resilient.

Living in this beautiful Thames - Coromandel district means that we also must consider some of the hazards that presents.

When disaster strikes, it is ordinary members of the public, not emergency services, who will be first to respond. In the Canterbury quakes, most assistance came from people close by. Help for those in need came mostly from neighbours, existing community groups and other voluntary organisations. This underlines the importance of emergency management being community-driven.

Self-activation, self-sufficiency, self-responsibility and self-management were identified as key traits that contributed to individual and community resilience in the days following the earthquakes. Essentially, individuals, organisations and communities have to own and be responsible for their own preparedness.

Resilience starts at home.

What can you do?

- Prepare a plan with your family
- Ensure you have useful supplies to help you during an emergency
- Speak to your neighbours

Please check out this cool new get ready website to help you get prepared and stay informed -

<https://getready.govt.nz/>



TERM 3 INVOICES & BUS FEES DUE

It is half way through the year and a good time to check that all school payments are up to date. If not, please arrange payment immediately. Setting up an AP for the year also helps in spreading the cost. If you have not done this already please do so ASAP so we do not have to chase you up. Thank you to all those parents and caregivers who are up to date with their payments.

Caryl attends the office between **8:30am – 3pm weekdays**. Please ensure that absences, bus changes and notices are called into the office during office hours.

OPOUTERE SCHOOL PAYMENTS

Please remember to state in the reference column what the payment is for.

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CALENDAR

TERM 3	
Tuesday 17 th September	Cricket Expo Totara Tawa Tawa Hikoi
Tuesday 24 th September	Showcase Evening
Wednesday 25 th September	Junior Adventure Race
Thursday 26 th September	Opoutere School Adventure Race
TERM 4	
Tuesday 15 th October	Coromandel Cultural Festival
Friday 18 th October	Tuia 250 Haka Powhiri
Tuesday 29 th October	Opoutere School Senior Athletics

All term events are added to the Parent's Google calendar found on our School website.

<https://www.opoutereschool.net/school-calendar>

Please visit this regularly for updates and new events.

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