



Kia ora te whanau,

I received the most amazing news recently that our school had made the final four of the Excellence in Teaching and Learning category of the National Prime Minister's Award. This is national recognition of our shift in pedagogy in teaching and learning across our school through our unique Adventure Programme and the difference we are making to our learners. This has been a 5 year journey led by Mrs Kennings, Ryan Thompson, Mike Cooney and myself. Our wonderful staff, students and community have all made this vision a reality and strengthened our localised curriculum.

ERO are sharing their initial findings with senior management and the Board of Trustees this afternoon. We look forward to their report. I would also like to thank Michelle Thurlow, Lyn Duffin and Vasti Venter for their professionalism, advice and conducting the review in a very inclusive and positive manner.

By now, you should have received your ballot papers for the BOT election. Please read each candidates blurbs and vote for your preferred BOT members. Results will be announced Friday 28 June.

Nga mihi,

Mr D

## PRIMEMINISTER'S AWARD FINALISTS

It is with enormous pride and satisfaction that we can announce that we are Prime Minister Award finalists in the Excellence in Teaching category. This is an enormous accomplishment that we can all be extremely proud of. This is a massive achievement for our school. To put this in perspective, our entry was chosen as a finalist against Tertiary, Secondary, Intermediate, Primary and Early Childhood schools.

The following summary will be used on the Awards website. <https://www.pmawards.education.govt.nz/>

### ***Ōpoutere School***

*This school has developed an innovative and unique approach to teaching and learning through their Adventure Learning Programme which aims to build on the potential of their learners and improve engagement with students and their whānau.*

*The approach sought to move the focus from addressing disparity to expanding success for Māori learners through challenging outdoor experiences.*

*The school engaged a specialist teacher and shifted their pedagogy and teaching practices across the school to develop competencies that enable life-long learning. This includes fostering connections with students with their local environment, providing opportunities for leadership and service to others, and setting high expectations.*

*The result has been students' key competencies improving over time in relation to thinking, use of language symbols and text, managing self, participating and contributing, and relating to others.*

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The judges also provided this feedback about our entry:

*"The judges said that this entry demonstrates a good use of local resources with a strong identity and culture embedded in the school. They said the entry is visionary and the school has identified the positives and built their programme on these.*

*The judges liked the use of physical and adventurous activities to enhance learning. The school has made good use of their local community and what it has to offer their children. The school is working to embed the programme across the school as documentation over time demonstrates the programme is working."*

The winning school, kura or early childhood service in each of the four categories and Education Focus Prize will receive a package that includes a trophy, a certificate, a \$20,000 financial award and professional development opportunities. The Prime Minister's Supreme Award is then given to the single best overall entry among the four category winners and an extra \$30,000 financial award.

The categories for the Prime Minister's Award are below:

### **2019 EDUCATION FOCUS PRIZE**

#### **EXCELLENCE IN MĀORI-MEDIUM EDUCATION**

This award celebrates Māori-medium education in kōhanga reo and ngā puna kōhungahunga (early learning services), kura, schools and wharekura that delivers excellent outcomes for tamariki and rangatahi.

#### **EXCELLENCE IN ENGAGING**

This award celebrates working together as a community to transform relationships and strengthen achievement, leading to improved and sustained outcomes for all children and young people.

#### **EXCELLENCE IN LEADING**

This award celebrates leadership and its influence on strengthening professional capability and creating a change in conditions, leading to improved and sustained outcomes for all children and young people.

#### **EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING**

This award celebrates teaching that transforms the learning of all children and young people, and achieves improved and sustained outcomes.

#### **SUPREME AWARD**

The Prime Minister's Supreme Award

This award is selected from the winners in the four Award categories and celebrates the most outstanding entry received overall.

A 4-5 minute promotional video will be professionally created to illustrate the key points of our programme, the quality educational practice that underpins it and to tell our story. This film will be recognised across the country to inspire other schools who can learn from what we have done. The filming will happen on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

Judges will visit our school on 1 August Term 3 to explore and observe our entry in greater depth and develop a better understanding of what we have achieved. During their visit, they will interview BOT, management, staff, students, whanau and community.

Members of the team will be flown down to Wellington for the awards ceremony at Parliament House on 10 September. We are so proud of this achievement and cannot wait to hear the outcome.

## ERO VISIT

Michelle Thurlow, Lyn Duffin and Vasti Venter have been evaluating our school over the last four days. This afternoon they will conclude their visit by presenting their initial findings with senior management and the Board of Trustees. On behalf of Opoutere School, we would like to thank the team for their professionalism and guidance through this process. The review has been a positive experience with feedback and recommendations that can improve learning outcomes for our students. When the document becomes official, it can be viewed via the ERO website. We will let you know when this is officially released. We are very happy with the positive feedback we received this afternoon.

## BOT BALLOT

Below is information on how to return your voting paper. Please read carefully before voting! This is a postal election. The voting paper must be returned in the addressed envelope provided, and only one voting paper goes in each envelope.

1. If posting your voting paper, you must use the enclosed envelope and post it to: Returning Officer, Opoutere School, 1203 Tairua Rd, 3691) Your vote will not be counted unless the envelope is postmarked before the day of the election, (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June), and received by the returning officer not later than five days after the date of the election. Post it as soon as possible - New Zealand Post has reduced the frequency of its mail delivery service.
2. If your voting paper is delivered to the school, please ensure that it is delivered before noon on (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June) in the enclosed envelope.

Voting closes on (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June) at noon.



## PLEASE RETURN VOTING PAPERS BY NOON FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE

## ECE HUI PERFORMANCE REMINDER

Tane Mahuta have been invited to open an Early Childhood Community of Learning hui on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 9am, at the Whangamata Memorial Hall. There will be many educators from our Coromandel Community of Learning attending. The group will meet at Whangamata Memorial hall at 8.30am and perform at 9ish. All girls performing will get their costumes on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June and need to come dressed in their costume on Saturday morning along with their hair in a bun and feathers pinned in.

## MATARIKI KAPAHAKA PERFORMANCE

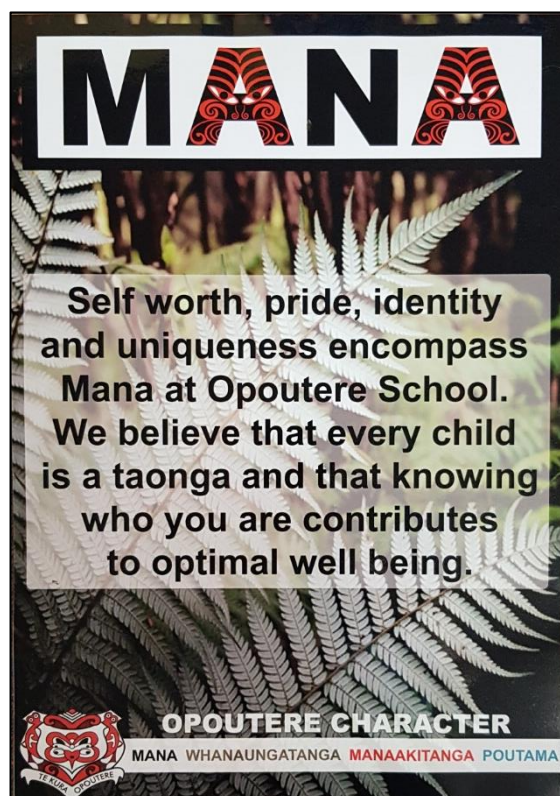
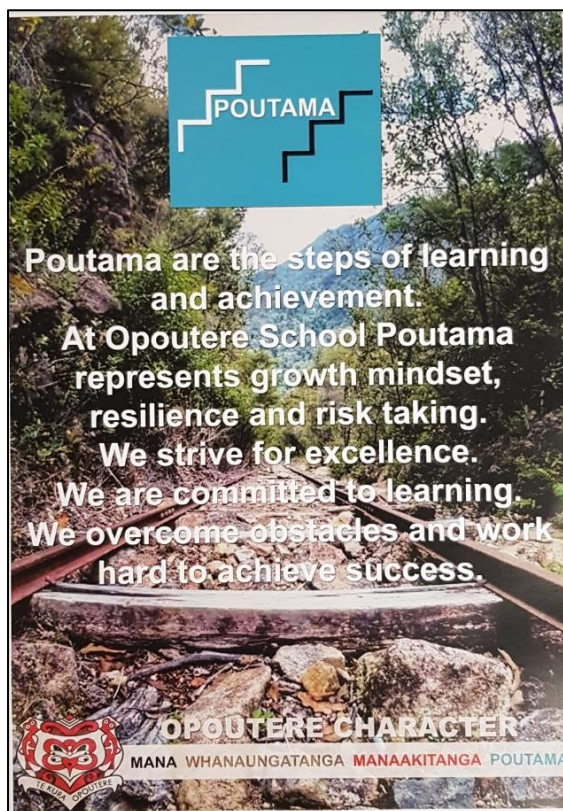
All of Tane Mahuta will perform for the Whangamata community next Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at the WAS gym for the Matariki community Kapa haka festival. The performances start at 6pm and there will be a koha kitchen open and a free sausage sizzle after the performances. A notice with more information will be sent home next week with students Tane Mahuta. The Koha Kitchen is needing kai (seafood, veges, cakes, slices) to offer on the night. If you are able to prepare some kai to donate to the kitchen please deliver it to the WAS gym on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. This is a community Matariki celebration, and we rely heavily on the generous support of our community to have a koha kitchen available to whanau.

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# OPOUTERE SCHOOL CORE BELIEFS

Earlier this year we shared Opoutere School's core beliefs. Matua Ryan has created these awesome posters to showcase these ideas:





## GRAND PARENTS DAY AND MATARIKI WEEK

The stars are beginning to align and Matariki will soon be rising at the tail end of the Milky Way just after dark. For our school and community this means that Matariki celebrations are just around the corner. Our Matariki week activities are planned for Monday 24 June – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>. Each whanau group will have a different Matariki themed activity during the middle block 10.50am – 12.50pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday which whanau are more than welcome to come along and join in with their child/children.

On Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of June will be **Grandparents Day**. We warmly invite all grandparents of our students to come along to share in a wonderful day and a shared “Kiwiana Kai” at lunchtime, which all whanau are invited to. More details to come next week.



## WINTER HOT SPORTS

Your child has been selected to represent their winter code at the annual Year 5-8 Winter HOT Sports at Tairua School, **Tuesday 18th June**. Players are picked based on a combination of their ability, the winter code they play outside of school and their year group.

**Venue:** Tairua Rugby Club

**Date:** Tuesday 18th June, **Week 8**. (Postponement date Thursday 20th June)

**Depart:** 10.00

**Time:** 10.30 - 2.00

**Return:** 2.15

**Teams:**

7's Rugby 1/2 Field - divisions Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 - field your best team. No boots, mouth guards only.

Netball - divisions Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 six aside - field you best team.

7 aside Soccer 1/2 Field - divisions Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 - boots required.

### Programme for the day:

- Meet at the Tairua Sports Club at 10:30am.
- Games will commence around 11:00am and conclude at 2pm.
- At the end of play, we will meet in front of the clubrooms for fairplay awards.
- There will be a sausage sizzle (\$2) available
- Can each school please provide one netball, rugby and soccer referee

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Yr 7/8 Rugby 7's	Yr 5/6 Rugby 7's	Yr 7/8 Netball	Yr 5/6 Netball	Yr7/8 Soccer 7's
Kingston	Ollie	Kyarna	Wairaraua	Zoe
Nixon	Felix	Maddi	India	Lola
Tyrese	Shiloh	Brooke	Kirra	Brandan
Zach	Marlee	Aneisha	Yazmin	Dylan
Fyn	Nikau	Katie	Myah	Jani
Jack	Joden	Eleanor	Sky	Seb
Tora	Ezra	Maisie	Aliyah	Tyson
Kaleb	Archer	Georgia	Izzy	Mairangi
	Dion (Hikuai)	Nea		Archie

**TO TAKE**

- Everyone – A red school shirt, take lunch & a drink, raincoat (Sausage Sizzle \$2)  
 Netball – Suitable shoes  
 Soccer – **Boots/shoes/shin pads** (optional) and a change of clothes if the grounds are wet & muddy  
 Rugby – **MOUTH GUARDS** are compulsory, **no boots** (bare feet), black rugby shorts and a change of clothes.

Please complete the volunteer transport form and return it to school by **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**, so that we can arrange transport. Please note that permission is **covered by your blanket consent** signed at the beginning of the year.

## PROJECT ENERGIZE



## INVOICES

Please check that your payments are up to date. If not, please pay immediately. These may include Stationery, Bus Fees, Chromebooks, Camps and Visiting Tech fees. 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 – 2:30pm 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

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

TERM 2	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup> June	ERO Visit
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Winter WHOT Sports
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	BOT Election Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Matariki Week
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Grandparents Day Kiwiana Dress up Day and shared Kiwi Kai
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Tapu ae Tournament at WAS
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Reports home Prime Minister's Award film day
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Term Ends
TERM 3	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Term 3 begins
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	Prime Minister's Award Judging Day
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Opoutere Cross Country TBC

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

Please visit this regularly for updates and new events.





# COMMUNITY NOTICES



WHANGAMATA FOOTBALL CLUB  
*presents*  
**NEON DISCO**  
WITH DJ **DANGERUST**  
WHANGAMATA AREA SCHOOL HALL  
FRIDAY 14 JUNE  
Y0-4 ~ 5pm - 6.30pm  
Y5-8 ~ 6.30pm - 8pm  
-SAUSAGE SIZZLE-GLOWSTICKS-DRINKS-  
-LOLLIES-SPOT PRIZES-  
\$5 ENTRY FEE AT DOOR OR  
TICKETS FOR SALE AT WWS OFFICE  
OR OPOUTERE OFFICE  
SPONSORED BY  




**COROMANDEL ECE CLUSTER**  
PLD FEATURING  
**Nathan Wallis**  
Aotearoa's renowned neuroscience educator, has been captivating audiences over 250 times per year to sell out events in New Zealand, Australia, & China. His professional background includes early childhood teacher, child therapist, social service manager, university lecturer and neuroscience trainer. You'll be absolutely captivated and walk away jam-packed with more than a few "ah-ha" moments.  
**\$50 - All day / \$30 - 1/2 day**  
BYO lunch - Morning/Afternoon tea supplied.  
**Bush Kura during lunch break**  
**SATURDAY 15 JUNE**  
9am - 3.00pm  
Whangamata Hall  
328 Port Road - Whangamata  
[www.eventbrite.co.nz](http://www.eventbrite.co.nz)  
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