



Kia ora te whanau,

BOT votes have now been counted and Mike Cooney, Steve Trebilco and Nigel Ward have been re-elected as trustees. Gina Kennings is also re-elected as Staff rep. Congratulations to Hannah Hoffman and Shannan Duffull who have been newly elected as board members. We are very excited about our new BOT and what they can all bring to the governance and direction of the school. Thank you so much to all those who put themselves forward as we are very lucky to have such a high calibre of nominees.

We concluded our Matariki week celebrations today. It has been an awesome week with many whanau coming along to join in on our activities. Grandparent's Day was our best one yet! We had many grandparents here on Wednesday, enjoying the company of their mokopuna and sharing in the special occasion. Thank you to our whole community for a wonderful week.

Nga mihi,

Mr D

TUI AWARD



Every Tui award tells a story of how students have risen to the challenge of excelling themselves to better their learning and personal growth and this week is no exception. In fact, Kaleb's story started back in 2015 with a move to Opoutere School. He had his challenges starting at school and had to spend time adjusting to school expectations and developing new relationships with their peers and teachers. The journey was rocky at times, and challenged Kaleb's inner strength and self-belief. To his credit, he continues to improve his independence, responsibility and maturity.

Kaleb changed from not wanting to take part in activities or not finishing tasks, to developing resilience and courage in the face of adversity. The most change we have seen has been recently. He is showing kindness, responsibility, and determination on a regular basis. Kaleb's discipline is most noticeable in Kapa Haka. He used to struggle to focus for more than 15 minutes and now can focus for a whole day learning waiata and haka.

There has been a huge shift in Kaleb's ability to self-manage his learning and behaviour. He does not always get it right but man what a massive improvement and something to be very proud of. Kaleb leaves us at the end of this year and we are over the moon with his progress since joining us. He has an exciting challenge and opportunity next year. One that we feel confident he will succeed with.

It is with huge pride that we give this week's Tui award to.... Kaleb Kara.

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MANA AWARDS



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

BOT RESULTS 2019

It was so heartening to have so many interested parents putting their names forward as nominees. A democratic vote is a much “healthier” way of electing BOT trustees. So, thank you for your effort and commitment for our school. Congratulations to our re-elected members, Mike, Steve, Nigel and Gina. We extend a warm welcome to Shanan and Hannah who will join our BOT. For published vote results please refer to today’s local Coastal News.

Oputere School would also like to take this time to thank Peter Anderson and Morven Gilbert for their service to Oputere School during their time as BOT members. They have both helped guide and govern our school into the thriving, exciting learning space it is today. Their support, vision and commitment has been much appreciated. We thank you for your service.

Declaration of Parent and Staff Election Results

I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Mike Cooney
Shanan Duffull
Stephen Trebilco
Nigel Ward
Hannah Hoffman

Staff representative

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare Gina Kennings duly elected.

Big thank you to Caryl for taking on the role of Returning Officer. Your professionalism and organisation was excellent.

MATARIKI COMMUNITY EVENING

What an amazing community evening last Friday to celebrate Matariki. It was a wonderful turn out of parents, tamariki and whanau. Both schools and Rainbow performed very well. Special congratulations to Tane Mahuta and Mrs Kennings for their beautiful rendition of their new waiata Eke Ngaru. It is a lovely song and was sung to a very high standard. A real stand out! Thanks also to the Matariki committee who helped plan the evening. Tu meke!



PROJECT ENERGIZE

MATARIKI

Tii TOOREA

A fantastic game to improve hand-eye coordination. Easy to make by using sellotape to roll up magazines or newspaper. Create actions involving throwing and catching at the same time to music. Check out our Tiitii Toorea Home Play Challenge video here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJ52RFW8YsQ

Developed by Sport Waikato 2019

MATARIKI

Tii TOOREA

Ko teetahi keemu pai e pakari ake ai ngaa nuka ringaringa ki ngaa karu. Maamaa ake nei te waihanganga o eenei mea, araa, maa te whakamahi i te teepaa, me ngaa maheni, nuupepa raanei. Waihangahia mai eetahi nekenekahanga kei roto eetahi whiunga, me eetahi hopukanga, e haangai ana hoki ki te rangi o te waiata. Tirohia taa maatou wero Home Play Tiitii toorea ki konei, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJ52RFW8YsQ>

*He mea waihanganga.
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MATARIKI WEEK

Matariki Week at Opoutere School has been another special time full of Matariki activities, fun and bonding. Our tamariki took part in Ahi e Kai (Open fire cooking), Hikoi to Rangipo and track maintenance, making Kiwi Poo (Bliss balls), Maori art and learning our new waiata- Eke Ngaru. Thank you to all our teachers and support staff for organising these great activities. Thanks also to the many parents who came out and helped too.



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GRAND PARENT'S DAY

Wednesday was Grandparents/ Kaumatua Day. The morning started with a mihi whakatau or welcome to our many grandparents. Our tamariki sung waiata and welcomed our kaumatua. Kia ora Junior for your whaikorero on behalf of the manuhiri. Following this, our students, dressed up in Kiwiana theme, strutted their stuff along the catwalk during the fashion parade. Grandparents were then treated to a morning tea and then got the chance to follow their mokopuna (grandchildren) and take part in Matariki activities for the morning. At lunchtime all those grandparents still here, staff, whanau and tamariki had a delicious shared lunch to celebrate the day. After lunch, everyone gathered for a poroporoaki (farewell). This was by far our biggest Grandparent's Day and a real privilege to have hosted our guests. We hope to see you all next year.



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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 | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 2 nd June | Tapu ae Tournament at WAS |
| Wednesday 3 rd July | Reports home Prime Minister's Award Film Day |
| Friday 5 th July | Term Ends |
| TERM 3 | |
| Monday 22 nd July | Term 3 begins |
| Thursday 1 st August | Prime Minister's Award Judging Day |
| Tuesday 13 th August | Opoutere Cross Country TBC |

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

Please visit this regularly for updates and new events.

