



Kia ora te whanau,

With only one and a bit week's worth of school left it is hard to believe that another year has almost flown by. We are very close to appointing two positions that have become available and will let you know later next week of the outcome. We are in full swing next week with senior expeditions and reports home at the end of the week. Do not forget to come along to our Helper's Morning tea at 10.30am on Wednesday 11 December.

Ngā mihi,

Mr D

TUI AWARD



India is that person who sees the silver lining in every situation. I mean who else can fall down whilst trekking 42km, landing in a pile of pine needles to resurface crying, slightly injured, covered in snot and pine needles, then proceed to blow a snot and pine needle bubble and erupt in to laughter? Yes this young lady can turn tears into laughter and snot into bubbles ☺, she is an eternal optimist, and nothing is ever too much trouble! I love this about India and this 'can do attitude' will get her far in life.

India is a true all-rounder, excelling across the curriculum with her academics as well as on the sporting field. From netball to surfing, this girl is a fierce but humble competitor. She has represented our school across a number of sporting activities throughout the year at the WHOT sport level as well as the Thames Valley level. She is to be commended for these efforts. India truly puts a hundred percent in to all that she does, she is gutsy and determined with all that she faces.

India shows pride in her culture and heritage and she participates with mana in Kapa Haka. Her singing voice is amazing, she is a natural born performer.

So, when I sum up all the factors that make India fabulous, I think to myself this young lady carries proudly the essence of what it means to be a successful Opoutere School student. R – Responsibility, E – Educational ownership, S – Self-awareness, P – Poutama (Exploring new heights), E – Environmental action, C – Character development, T – Tangata.

You are a most deserving Tui Award winner India, keep looking for the sunshine in all that you do and you will always shine!

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MANA AWARDS



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

SENIOR EXPEDITIONS

Here is the final details for expeditions next week. A big thank you to all of the adults who have volunteered to help. We could not run this day without you.

Below is a list of the day and meeting time for each group. A couple of groups have had to change days due to adult helper availability. Teams have printed off their gear lists to bring home but there is also a gear list below if needed. We look forward to catching up with many of you at the finish line at the Otahu Estuary to celebrate the hard work and amazing achievements of each group.

Expedition Program – Monday and Tuesday 9th & 10th December

- 8:30 – Meet at Williamson Park. Expedition briefing and gear check.

Note: some groups are doing a big expedition and may plan to start earlier.

- 9:00 – 10:00 – Teams dropped off at expedition starting point.
- 4:00 – 5:00 – Teams finish expedition at Otahu Estuary.
- 5:30 – BBQ and debrief at Otahu Estuary
- 6:00 – Pick up students from Otahu Estuary

Gear & Food

- Shoes
- Comfortable backpack
- Rain jacket
- Polarfleece
- Thermals
- Sunhat
- Sunscreen
- 3litres of water
- Big lunch
- MTB and helmet (if biking)
- Kayak, paddle, lifejacket (provided)
- First aid kit (provided)
- Maps (provided)
- Compass (provided)

Monday 9th

Group	Adult	Meeting place/time
Zoe, Katie, Nea, Caitlin	Lin Alchin	Staying Sunday at Zoe's. Alchins will drop off.
Lincoln, Owen	Shanan Duffull	8:30am Williamson Park
Holly, Aliyah, Sky	Nicky & Brandan Utting	8:30am Williamson Park
Ivy, Izzy, Aiyana, Torah	Mrs Webb	8:30am Williamson Park
Lila, Lucy, Milly, Hope	Cam McQuarrie	8:30am Williamson Park
Archer, Lazslo, Archie	Mrs Kennings	8:30am Williamson Park
Brandan, Kaleb	Janette Lloyd	8:30am Williamson Park
Kingston, Mairangi, Shiloh Joden	Hauoira Rau	8:30am Williamson Park
Marlee, Jani, Lola, Nixon, Tyrese	Melissa Whiteman Pete Anderson	7:30am Estuary boat ramp, Kotuku St

Tuesday 10th

Group	Adult	Meeting place/time
Kyarna, Maddi, Aneisha Livvy, Brooke	Mrs Kennings	8:30am Williamson Park
Fyn, Zach, Tyson, Rei	Paul Harris	8:30am Williamson Park
Ezra, Jackson B, Nikau	Mrs Webb	8:30am Williamson Park
Maisie, Tora, Eleanor, Karen, Seb	Jenny Beaver	Mum's Corner at 6:30am
Dylan, Sirius	Doug Stubbs	Doug will pick up and transport
Yazmin, Fleur, Kirra	Shanan Duffull	8:30am Williamson Park
Wairaraua, India, Georgia	Aroha Thompson	Mum's Corner at 6:30am
Felix, Ollie, Jackson T	Marius Lloyd	Mum's Corner at 6:30am

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY CHANGE OF DATE

Due to Expeditions happening Monday and Tuesday next week, we have moved our Assembly date to Wednesday afternoon at 2pm. We hope that you can make it along.

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HELPERS MORNING TEA

As a huge thank you to our whanau and parent helpers, we invite you all to attend a special morning tea on Wednesday 11 December at 10.30am. We really appreciate the support we receive from our community and we hope to see you next week.

PRIZE GIVING NIGHT

All trophies are now at the engravers, including the House Shield. Prize Giving is a special evening where we celebrate the achievement of our tamariki. We invite all family, friends and whanau to this event on **Tuesday 17 December 6pm** at the Memorial Hall. This is a semi-formal evening and we encourage students to wear shoes and be looking smart. Please no scuffs or hats.

POOL KEYS FOR SUMMER

Pool keys are available for summer. We require a \$10 deposit and \$60 for the summer. Please let us know at the office if you are interested.



REQUEST FOR PAYMENT

Thank you to those parents who have been settling their outstanding invoices. You should have received a request for payment, letting you know what fees are still owing on your account for the year. Please settle your account by **Wednesday 18 December**. If you did not receive, your request for payment, please let us know ASAP and we can arrange to get this to you. Please call Caryl in the office if you have any queries regarding these fees or if you require another invoice. We appreciate you all keeping up to date with your 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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SUSHI FRIDAYS

Last week for Junko Sushi! Please get orders in by Thursday (orders in by 3pm) for a Friday delivery.



RIMU SAPPHIRE SPRINGS END OF YEAR TRIP

As an end of year celebration, Rimu have booked a day at Sapphire Springs on Thursday 12 December. The day will consist of swimming, a picnic (shared lunch) and a bush-walk.

The cost of this is \$5 per child. Consent is covered by the blanket consent from the beginning of the year.

We will be meeting at the carpark opposite Breakers Motel at 8.45am. We are looking forward to a great day.

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KOWHAI FISHING DAY

As the end of year super fun summer celebration, Kowhai class are going to spend a day at the Whangamata Wharf on Monday 16th December. Activities available on the day will include fishing, swimming, kayaking, ball games and a sand castle competition.

We will need a high adult/student ratio for this water activity based day so if you are able to come along for half or all of the day please let Miss B or Caryl know ASAP. There is a cost of \$5 per child to cover the fish'n'chips and refreshments provided by the Ocean Sports Club. All fishing tackle has been kindly donated by Bubba's.

Outline of the day:

9:00am	Everybody meet at the wharf
12:00pm	Fish'n'Chips (inside the outdoor area of the Ocean Sports Club)
2:45pm	Home Time

Please note: *Your child will need to be dropped off at 9am and collected from the Whangamata Wharf at 2.45pm.*

Gear List:

Sunblock
Togs and towel
Hat
Water bottle
Life jacket - if your child has one*
Anything you think might add to the fun i.e. boogie boards, spades, water guns

LIBRARY BOOKS

We are currently doing our annual Library stock take. Please check your child's bag and around the home for any Oputere School Library books. Please return these over the coming week so that we make sure all our books are back.

PROJECT ENERGISE

GLOBAL FLAVOURS

FRESH ASIAN STIR-FRY

Ingredients:

- 1 tsp oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- fresh or frozen vegetables
- choice of meat, thinly sliced

Brown onion in pan with oil and add meat. Cook for 5min then mix veges through. Stir-fry until veges are just cooked – they should still be a little crunchy. Add soy sauce for flavouring. Serve hot with brown rice or udon noodles.

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NGAA NAMUNAMUAA O TE AO

HE PARAI KAURORI NOO AAHIA

Ingredients:

- 1 tsp o te hinu
- 1 te aniana, tapahia
- Koowhiria eetahi miiti, aata
- tapahia
- Eetahi hua whenua maatao, maaota raanei
- 1 tbsp o te wairanu soy

Aata tunu i ngaa aniana ki roto i te koohua ki te hinu, taapirihia te miiti. Kia rima meeneti te waa tunu, kaatahi ka kauroritia ngaa hua whenua. Parai Kauroritia ngaa hua whenua kia tunu ai ngaa hua whenua – kia aahua kakukaku tonu ngaa hua whenua. Taapirihia te Wairanu soy kia reka ai. Horahia te raihi paraone wera, te nuura udon raanei.

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CALENDAR

TERM 4	
Monday 9 th December	Expeditions
Tuesday 10 th December	Expeditions
Wednesday 11 th December	Helper's Morning Tea 2pm Assembly
Thursday 12 th December	Rimu end of year trip to Sapphire Springs
Friday 13 th December	Reports Home
Monday 16 th November	Kowhai end of year fishing trip to the Wharf BOT Mtg
Tuesday 17 th December	Prize Giving
Wednesday 18 th December	Final day of school
TERM 1 2020	
Monday 3 rd February	Teacher Only Day
Tuesday 4 th February	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 5 th February	School starts
Thursday 6 th February	Waitangi Day

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Are you interested in Hosting an International Student in 2020? Whangamata Area School host Senior International Students from various counties and are looking for more Host Families for 2020. Please click on the link below to find out more information about how you and your family could benefit from welcoming an International Student into your home.

<https://docs.google.com/.../1V0x4r1Uv6R-1tew7XdHaQJxQsz.../edit...>

If you are interested in becoming a Host Family, please email Dee Ross:
international@whangamata.school.nz

Whangamata Community Kids Club
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
Whangamata Area School
8:30am – 4:30pm

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<p>Wed 11 Dec</p>  <p>Water wars and outdoor games</p> <p>On site \$15</p>	<p>Thu 12 Dec</p>  <p>Christmas crafts & letters to Santa</p> <p>On site \$15</p>	<p>Fri 13 Dec</p>  <p>3 hour Art Lesson with artist Pauline Goodwin Underground Market Waihi</p> <p>\$35 – Trip (optional) or \$15 - onsite</p>
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<p>Mon 16 Dec</p>  <p>Outdoor games</p> <p>On site \$15</p>	<p>Tue 17 Dec</p>  <p>Day Trip Waikino Train Ride and picnic</p> <p>\$30</p>	<p>Wed 18 Dec</p>  <p>DIY Snow Globes and Xmas baking</p> <p>On site \$15</p>	<p>Thu 19 Dec</p>  <p>Mini Golf Playground Hot chips for lunch</p> <p>\$20</p>	<p>Fri 20 Dec</p>  <p>Box Day Build a fort, car, house</p> <p>On site \$15</p>
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Mon 23 Dec	Tue 24 Dec
	
Day trip to Tauranga MOVIES Ticket, popcorn and drink	Christmas Scavenger Hunt and party games FUN & PRIZES Finish at 2pm On site
\$45	\$15

Numbers are limited.

Pick up an enrolment pack from Whangamata Area School, Opoutere School or Whangamata Community Services Trust – 101 Casement Rd



ONEMANA SLSC JUNIOR SURF PROGRAM

Registration day: Friday 27th December
Held every Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday
Time: 10am-12pm
Location: In front of the Surf Club
Talk to one of our friendly lifeguards or send
us an email for more information



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