



Kia ora te whanau,

Welcome back to Term 3! There is nothing better after the holidays than seeing all the happy smiling faces streaming in through the front office on their first day back. This term is set to be another exciting 10 weeks with Prime Minister Award Filming and Judging days, Cross Country, Opoutere School Adventure Race, Junior and Senior Showcases, Thames Coromandel Speech competition plus more events as they come to hand.

This first week has started really well and staff are looking forward to and providing our students engaging activities for their learning to excel. Here's to a great term ahead.

Nga mihi,

Mr D

PRIME MINISTER'S AWARD FILMING & JUDGING DAY

Next week is a very busy one with both the Tuesday filming day and Thursday judging day. The film will be used to create a 4-5 minute promotional video which 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 Tuesday 30 July.

PLEASE RETURN CONSENT FORMS ASAP

Following this, on the Thursday 1 August two judges will visit our school 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. We are very excited about this and look forward to showcasing the wonderful teaching and learning at our school.

OPOUTERE CROSS COUNTRY

The annual Opoutere School Cross Country is on Week 5 this term, Tuesday 20 August with the postponement day the Thursday 22 August. Races will begin at 1.15pm starting with the 5 year olds. We expect all children to take part in this event and know that it is not everyone's favourite event, but is about setting goals and training to do their very best. Please encourage this attitude at home. For some it is about competing and for others about completing, both of which carry equal value. The cross country will take place on the paddock directly behind the school. We look forward to seeing you all there. More details to come.



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100 DAYS OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION

Happy 100th day of school! Here are a few of RImu's finished creations made with 100 things. They invited Kowhai to join them to see their displays. Then they had a fun treasure hunt to find every number from 1 to 100, which were hidden around the classroom, and finished off with sharing 100 MnMs! What a day!



ADVENTURE RACE MARSHALLS NEEDED

We have an amazing fundraising opportunity offered to us by Whangamata Events, who host the Whangamata Adventure Race to be held near Whiritoa on Saturday 10 August. We will receive \$3500 for providing 25 marshals for the Adventure Race and also packing the race bags the week before the race. The money raised will go towards learning resources at Oputere School, which will directly benefit Oputere School students.

This is a great opportunity to raise a significant amount of funds for our school. We are asking parents and whanau for your support by marshalling at one of the three options or helping with bag packing.

- RACE BAG PACKING - Tuesday 6 August - 3pm - 4:30pm.
- MARSHALLING Saturday 10 August
 - 12:30am - 6am (NIGHT SHIFT)
 - 7:00am - 12:00pm
 - 12:00pm - 4:00pm

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We value your support and understand that you all have commitments but **please** try to volunteer some time to help us achieve our goal of raising \$3500. Once we have an idea of who can help, Matua Ryan will contact you to give specific details of jobs. **Please return notices by Monday 29 July.**

Your contribution and support is vital to the success of our school and for that, we are truly grateful.

PAPA MAIRIE PLANTING DAY

Kauri and Totara classes are invited to take part in a community planting initiative managed by Rayonier Matariki Forests, Thursday 8 August at 10.15am approx. A section of land behind the mountain bike tracks near Otuwaheti Rd is being retired which lies adjacent to the Papa Mairie Wetland. The land will be planted in natives to create a riparian margin. Rayonier Matariki Forests will provide a bus free of charge for the students to be transported to and from school to the planting area. The bus carries 45 passengers. This means there will be space for eight accompanying adults and two teachers. Employees from the Rayonier Matariki Auckland office will also assist with the planting on the day.

Details

When: Thursday 8 August
 Departure: 10.15 am approx
 Return: 2.30 pm
 What to bring: Rain Jacket, closed in shoes (Gumboots are fine), lunch and water.

Permission is covered by the blanket consent sent out at the beginning of the year. If you can assist as a parent volunteer, please let us know via the office or return the parent volunteer slip.

LOOK WHO WE BUMPED INTO!

The Dyer whanau were at rugby in Whitianga on the first week of the holidays and then the all-important trip to Warehouse after! We walked around the aisle and who do we see? Miss Pretorius! She said she was missing our school but not the long drive! She said to say a special hello to Puriri and the whole school and to say she misses you all. Thanks Miss P! We miss you too!



SUSHI

Good news Junko Sushi is back on the menu for school lunches. Please get orders in by Thursday (Orders in by 3pm) for a Friday delivery. Junko Sushi order forms will come home Weds afternoons. Mmmmm! Sushi!

T3 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. These costs 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.

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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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PROJECT ENERGIZE



SNACKS

Snacks are an important part of our day as they give us energy to keep going between meals. Snacks are 'mini meals' and should come from the four food groups.

Vegetables and fruit

Milk and milk products

Meat and meat alternatives

Grain foods

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NGA KAI TIMOTIMO

He mea nui te kai timotimo kia whai kaha ki waenga i ia kai. Ko te kai timotimo he kai kinaki kua tiipakohia mai i ngaa roopuu kai e whaa.

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CALENDAR

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

TERM 3	
Monday 22 nd July	Term 3 begins
Tuesday 30 th July	Prime Minister's Award Filming Day
Wednesday 31 st July	Whangamata Junior Netball Tournament (Yr 5-8)
Thursday 1 st August	Prime Minister's Award Judging Day
Thursday 8 th August	Totara and Kauri Planting Day
Tuesday 13 th – 19 th August	Whangamata Dance Studio Exam Week
Tuesday 20 th August	Opoutere School Cross Country
Wednesday 4 th September	Thames Valley Cross Country
Friday 13 th September	Thames Valley Speech Competition

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

Please visit this regularly for updates and new events.

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