



Kia ora te whanau,

Congratulations to those who took part in the Adventure Race last weekend and well done on another successful event Matua Ryan. Thank you to all the parents and whanau who volunteered their time with marshalling and bag packing. This support has helped greatly with our fundraising efforts.

We have confirmed the date of Thursday 26th September for the Opoutere School Adventure race and have already had a lot of interest for this event. There will also be a Junior Adventure race the day before on Wednesday 25th September. These two events are always a great spectacle and we look forward to them in the last week of term. Nga mihi,

Mr D

TUI AWARD



It's been such a pleasure getting to know and teach Shiloh this year, and work closely with him to achieve his personal learning goals. Throughout his time at Opoutere, Shiloh continues to thrive and reach his goals. He has bucket loads of potential. Often he just needs a little nudge, encouragement and support to step outside his comfort zone and take on opportunities that are scary or hard. Because he can do it!

S is for strong, steady and such a special person. Soaring to new heights.

H is for Humble. He just has no idea how COOL he is!

I is for Individualistic. Shiloh is improving everyday. He impresses his teachers with his determination. He lights up the hearts of his parents and whanau.

L is for lovable.

O is for observant, organised and obedient. Shiloh is quick to notice things, he is always willing to comply with requests. He makes his own healthy lunches and oversees his personal hygiene at school everyday.

H is for headstrong (just ask his mum!).

turn your face to the
sun and the shadows
fall behind you

hurihia to aroaro ki te ra tukuna to
atarangi kia taka ki muri i a koe

Maori proverb

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MANA AWARDS



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

SENIOR ADVENTURE LEARNING IN ACTION

Puriri, Totara and Kauri all headed out this week to practice their trekking on Nigel Mulholland's farm behind the school. With maps in hand, they headed off to navigate their way along the Paritu River, venturing into some native stands of tawa tawa and summited the high point by following the ridge to the top. Students had a briefing and their gear checked before leaving to ensure that they had the safety requirements for the trip. It was great to see parents and whanau coming out and tagging along for the journey. Here a few pictures from Wednesday and Thursday.



ADVENTURE LEARNING BADGE SYSTEM

Our adventure learning programme has a unique badge system which we use as an assessment tool, developed by the teachers, to recognise student success in Adventure Learning and allow students to take ownership of and track their learning.

There are seven assessment categories and students earn a badge by meeting the criteria for that badge. Students track their progress in an Adventure Learning booklet in the following categories:



Leadership Resilience Kayaking Bushcraft Organisation Navigation MTBing

The badge system has three levels, which are Pāua, Matā and Pounamu. They are named after traditional local resources that students identify with. Students start at Pāua level in Year 4 and are able to work through the three levels until their graduation in Year 8.



WELLBEING SURVEY

As you may be aware, Opoutere School is a part of the Coromandel Community of Learning (CoL). In summary, the CoL exists for schools to work together for the betterment of teaching and learning in our area.

This year, in response to the needs of our communities, our CoL has placed a priority on the wellbeing of students and staff across our schools. Renee Stewart (Whangamata Area School) and Barry-George Colmer (Coromandel Area School) are heading up this project. Both are extremely passionate about the importance of wellbeing amongst both our tamariki, and our profession.

The next step in this project is to survey all year 1-4 students face to face, across all nine of our CoL schools. These surveys will be carried out by trained year 7/8 students from within our school. These year 7/8 students have been selected for their ability to relate to young people, responsibility and organisation skills. While surveying, they will be accompanied by either Renee or Barry.

During the surveying of years 0-4:

- Year level, gender & ethnicity will be recorded. Names will NOT!
- Students will have the option to pass on any questions
- Results will be recorded on paper to then be collated by Renee and Barry.
- Should a child raise any sensitive issues, school leaders will be notified.

Years 5-13

- Will be surveyed on similar wellbeing issues, later in the term
- Their survey will be online through Survey Monkey and again will NOT identify the individual.

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After the surveying:

- Once results are collated and hard copies are no longer required, they will be destroyed.
- Access to digital surveying (years 5-13) is password protected
- Results will be shared with school leaders - regarding trends, wellbeing concerns and celebrations
- Renee and Barry will drive a research based programme into potential interventions to address the findings.

This process

Is guided by The Ministry of Education's policies surrounding the collecting and sharing of information. Further details can be found at <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/student-support/special-education/sharing-information/sharing-aggregate-information/>.

From here

Years 0-4 will be surveyed between August 12 - 23. If for any reason you do NOT WANT your child to participate, please notify their teacher, or Renee/Barry on the details below.

Renee Stewart 0220 781 567 renees@whangamata.school.nz

Barry-George Colmer b_colmer@coroarea.school.nz

NEWSLETTER

The school newsletter will be sent out every Friday for the rest of this term. Now that Mr Dyer is teaching every Wednesday, Friday will allow for the final edit and changes before emailing out Friday afternoon. If we do not have your current email address please let us know. The newsletter is also available via our FB page and on our school website <https://www.opoutereschool.net/>

MOREPORK BOXES

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.



PROJECT ENERGIZE

SNACKS

GROW SNACKS

Milk and milk products give children calcium to help build strong bones and teeth. They also help adults maintain strong, healthy bones. Some great choices are:

Milk for Schools – if not already, get your school on board!

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NGA KAI TIMOTIMO

NGAA KAI TIMOTIMO TUPU

Ko te miraka me aana hua hei whakakaha i te tupu a ngaa wheua me ngaa niho o nga tamariki noa te konupuumaa. Kia pai hoki te oho pakari tonu ngaa pakeke me oo raatou wheua hoki

Anei eetahi koowhiringa pai: Miraka maa ngaa kura – ki te kore too kura e tautoko i teenei kaupapa, whakaeke mai ki teenei kaupapa!

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OPOUTERE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Opoutere School's annual cross country event will take place on the farm behind the school next week on Tuesday 20th August. We invite you to attend this event and support your child(ren) and their whanau group.

The details are as follows:

- 12.40 pm Assemble in houses. Briefing and instructions
- 12.50 – 1.00 Walk to track in houses with banners/ chanting!
- 1.00 pm Assemble in houses
- 1.15 pm Races: (Age is at 22 July – First day of Term 3)

Please ensure that your children are prepared with:

- ✓ Appropriate clothing (suitable for running in)
- ✓ Footwear (although bare feet is acceptable)
- ✓ Light showerproof coat
- ✓ A bottle of water
- ✓ A change of clothes (optional)



We expect all children to participate and support their friends and whanau groups. Races will be run starting with the 5 yr olds and finishing with the 12+ yr olds. Kowhai will go back to class after the 8 yr old races. Please let your child's teacher know if your child is not going home on the bus. All other students will go on the bus as usual.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO WEAR THEIR WHANAU GROUP COLOURS ON THE DAY

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.

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

TERM 3	
Tuesday 20 th August	Opoutere School Cross Country
Wednesday 4 th September	Thames Valley Cross Country
Friday 6 th September	Community of Learning (COL) Teacher Only Day – No school for students.
Tuesday 10 th September	Prime Minister Awards Ceremony
Friday 13 th September	Thames Valley Speech Competition
Tuesday 24 th September	Showcase Evening
Wednesday 25 th September	Junior Adventure Race
Thursday 26 th September	Opoutere School Adventure Race

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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

WHANGAMATA BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU

1 WEEK FREE

1X WEEK:
 1 KIDS/IR \$125.00 / TERM
 2 KIDS/IR **ONLY** \$225.00 / TERM (SAVE \$25)
 3 KIDS/IR **ONLY** \$325.00 / TERM (SAVE \$50)

2X WEEK:
 1 KIDS/IR \$250.00 / TERM
 2 KIDS/IR **ONLY** \$450.00 / TERM (SAVE \$50)
 3 KIDS/IR **ONLY** \$650.00 / TERM (SAVE \$100)

ADULTS \$30.00 4X WEEK

BENEFITS
 SELF-DEFENSE
 FITNESS/LOSS WEIGHT
 STRESS RELEASE/FUN
 SELF-CONFIDENCE

SCHEDULES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
3:15	KIDS 1		KIDS 1	
4:15	KIDS 2	GIRLS 1	KIDS 2	GIRLS 1
5:15	JUNIOR	GIRLS 2	JUNIOR	GIRLS 2
6:15	ADULTS	ADULTS	ADULTS	ADULTS

KIDS 1: 5 - 7 YEARS / 45MIN ADULTS: 14+ YEARS / 1 HOUR
 KIDS 2: 8 - 10 YEARS / 45MIN GIRLS 1: 5 - 8 YEARS / 45MIN
 JUNIOR: 11 - 13 YEARS / 45MIN GIRLS 2: 9 - 14 YEARS / 45MIN

ADDRESS: MEMORIAL HALL - LITTLE THEATRE
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G.J. Gardner. HOMES

RUN WALK FESTIVAL

Whangamata



enter now

SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2019

5k - 10k

Half Marathon

\$2000
 Travel
 Spot Prize
 + many more
 spot prizes

This event supports
local community groups

More Info:
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