



Kia ora te whanau,

Another busy week has flown by with lots happening such as Waimarino trip for Totara, Wheels Day on Friday, Kauri Camp to YMCA Shakespear Lodge and a couple of cricket training days thrown in the mix also. As I know you are all aware via media, New Zealand now has 5 confirmed cases of COVID-19 Coronavirus and are doing well and at home. In terms of our tamariki at school, we are business as usual and we continue to focus on good hygiene practices such as coughing into elbows and washing hands frequently. We do receive regular updates from the Ministry of Education and will pass on information to you as and when needed. Be rest assured that your children's safety is paramount and we will follow all guidelines and regulations. Here is a Ministry link that may be helpful when talking to your children about COVID-19

<https://education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/pastoral-care-and-wellbeing/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-coronavirus/>

Ngamihi,

Mr D

## TV SWIMMING SPORTS

Congratulations to all the Opoutere School students who gained places at 4 Schools Swimming and have been chosen to represent our WHOT cluster at the Thames Valley Swimming Competition on Wednesday 25 March in Thames.

They are:

Georgia, Wairaraua, Zoe, Torah, Brandan, Tyson, Katie, Aliyah, Felix and Holly. An excellent representation from our school. We wish you well at the upcoming competition.





## TOTARA WAIMARINO TRIP

Totara travelled to Waimarino just north of Tauranga to take part in the Te Tahiroa (The Long One Kayak). The photos say it all and by all accounts an awesome day was had by Totara and the parents! The tamariki took part in kayaking, sliding, climbing wall and many other water sport activities. Thank you to all the parents who transported and helped with the day. Check out some of the pictures below.







## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Good news! Children will be able to order lunches from Subway on Tuesdays (orders in by 9am the same day) or Junko Sushi on Friday (orders in by 3pm Thursday). This will start next Tuesday 18 February. Order forms are held at the front office for Subway and Junko Sushi.

## PTA DRIVE & SOCIAL EVENING

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March Opoutere School will host a social evening at Whanga Bar, 6pm for any prospective parents who would like to come on board our PTA. If you would like to be part of a social and proactive group that helps support our school with fundraising efforts then please come along for a quiet tippie and some finger food. This role is not scary or majorly time consuming with many fundraisers already set in place. It is more about helping with the organisation and sharing any other fundraising ideas. Many hands make light work and together we can raise substantial funds to benefit our children and school. Please come along. The more the merrier.

## THAMES VALLEY JUNIOR SMASH

A group of children have been chosen to represent Opoutere School in a Junior Smash Cricket Tournament **Waihi College grounds on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> of March 9-2.30pm.**

Below are the transport arrangements for the day:

**Meet:** Bus stop opposite Breakers

**Leave:** 8.00am, Monday 16 March

**Bring:** Hat, sunscreen, shoes, water bottle, morning tea and lunch. Red T-shirt provided.

**Return:** 3pm

Our students will take part in a modified cricket matches throughout the day. Waikato Valley Cricket will spend two sessions at our school preparing our students. The main objective of the festival day is to create an annual event where students have an enjoyable playing environment to experience and learn the game of cricket.

This will be a fun filled day. Feel free to join us at the event.

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## SKOOL LOOP APP

The Skool Loop App is free and can be downloaded from iTunes (OS) or Google Play (android). Once on your phone you can search and choose our school to get regular notifications about events, notices, school messages, sending absentees, newsletters and permission slips. We are currently setting up the functionality of the app and we hope to be using more frequently this year. Please spread the word and help each other so we can get as many people connected as possible.


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## KAURI CAMP







## BUS FEES

Bus fees must be paid every term or AP payments on target termly to achieve full payment by the end of the year. Bus fees have not changed for this year and are \$65 per child each term or \$115 per family. Please call us if you would like to know more about bus fees or discuss how you can pay. Thank you for your ongoing contributions and support.

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

BREAKFAST IDEAS



### BREAKFAST SWAPS

To lower our sugar intake and/or increase the fibre in our breakfast try these easy swaps.....

1. Nutrigrain to PORRIDGE
2. Coco Pops to WEETBIX
3. Spaghetti to BAKED BEANS
4. White bread to WHOLEGRAIN BREAD







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NGAA KOOWHIRINGA PARAKUIHI



### TE TUAPU PARAKUIHI

Kia whakaheke i te kai huka me te whakaheke raanei i te kaka ki roto i too parakuihi, whakamaatauhia eenei tuapu maamaa....

1. Nutrigrain, Coco pops raanei –
2. Witiipiki, paareti raanei me te miraka ngako iti
3. Keene Noke Paraaao – keene peeke piini
4. Paraaao maa – paraaao kaakano







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## TERM 1 EVENTS

All term events are added to the Parents Google calendar found on our School website.

TERM 1	
Monday 16 March	Yr 5-8 Waihi Cricket Smash Day
Wednesday 18 March	PTA Social Evening at Whanga Bar 6pm Kowhai/ Rimu Waka Ama @ Whangamata Harbour
Wednesday 25 - 29 March	Beach Hop
Wednesday 25 March	Kowhai/ Rimu Waka Ama @ Wharekawa Harbour Thames Valley Swimming
Tuesday 31 March	Thames Valley Primary Schools Triathlon
Wednesday 1 April	Kowhai/ Rimu Waka Ama Regatta Whangamata
Thursday 9 April	Term 1 Ends

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### JUNIOR RUGBY REGISTRATIONS

#### REGISTRATION INFO

2019 Members: Please check your inbox (possibly junk email) for an email from Whangamata Junior Rugby asking you to click on the link and re-register. Quick and easy! Subscriptions can be paid online for 2020. Look for this option at the end of the registration form.

New Members: Welcome aboard. Please visit the Whangamata Junior Rugby Club website:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/.../2020-Junior-Registration-F.../Tab-1>

Click on the 2020 Junior Registration Form and fill in all fields including the online subs payment. Boom! Done!

2020 Fees are:

Tackle \$40

Rippa \$25

Please pay via the 2020 registration form. The online payment option is near the end of the registration form. Once payment is received, registration is complete.

### JUNIOR SOCCER

Pre-season training for all grades. Every Wednesday straight after school at Whangamata Area School. Trainers please contact Rod Whatley 0276594133.



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