



Kia ora te whanau,

Opoutere School Cross Country was another excellent day for our students. In terms of participation and whole school support, it was outstanding. I was very pleased with the attitudes of all our students, right from our newest 5yr olds to our oldest 12 and overs. There was no whinging or backing out but instead, such a positive, supportive and encouraging vibe amongst our tamariki. Thanks to all those whanau and parents that attended and our staff for their support and guidance on the day.

Nga mihi,

Mr D

TUI AWARD



Tane is kind, empathetic and his teacher often hears him saying things like "Can I help you?", "Come and play with us", and "Are you ok?"

Adventure learning fits hand in hand with Tane. He is nature and nature is him. He is extremely connected to his whenua.

Tane climbs mountains, both outdoors and in the classroom with his learning. He faces challenges in his learning in the classroom, but he is always engaged and always tries his hardest. His hard work is helping him to make great progress in his personal learning journey.

When Tane is faced with adversity he problem solves his way through it. We want Tane to continue to develop his self-confidence and belief in himself as the amazing person he is.

We are confident that Tane will reach great heights (poutama). He shows great care for our environment, you may even liken him to 'god of the forest'. (whanaungatanga and manaakitanga).

This week's Tui award winner is Tane Wray.

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MANA AWARDS

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

OPOUTERE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The weather was not going to stop Opoutere School forging on with their annual Cross Country event. In between a few showers and the thankful shelter of the gazebos, our tamariki performed to a very high standard. Their goal was to accept the challenge and to perform to their best ability. And they sure did! Not only that they showed whanau house spirit, grit and determination. Another highlight of the day was the way our students supported each other. It was so impressive to see students finishing their races and then going back to run with their peers, encouraging them along the way. There was a wonderful turnout of parents and whanau despite the weather and a great afternoon had by all. Thank you to Nigel Mulholland for allowing us to hold the event on his farm. We appreciate his support.





CROSS COUNTRY WRITING

I saw mud squishing through my toes. I heard people cheering loud for me. I felt nervous. I wondered if I would win or lose. Billie was cheering for me too. Mud squirted up in my face and all up my back. It felt squishy. I came second. I felt amazed after the race. "Wow", said my Mum, "You were great!" I got a lolly after the race.

By Charlie

I saw slippery mud sliding through my toes. I heard people cheering for me – even Mum and Dad and Waira. I saw mud fly up in my face. "I can't see!" I said to myself. I felt dirty but when the rain came, the mud slipped off me. I was wondering if I was going to lose because I had to run two laps... but I won! I felt like my breath was going to go away. I felt happy.

By Kiara

Mud in my face. Can't see the finish line. I shouted to the crowd, "Have I made it?" I came third place. Mud came up my legs and it was cold! I felt happy after the race. Wow! I came third place. My Mum was happy after my race.

By Quinn

I saw my Mum cheering me on. I heard lots of noise. Clapping, talking and yelling. I wondered if other people were puffed out like me. I felt exhausted. I was amazed how fast people could run. "Go Lia" I shouted. "Go, go, go!" She came third and I came third as well. When I came back Mum gave me a big hug. I felt proud of myself.

By Zara

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TEACHER ONLY DAY

Tairua School will be hosting a Teacher Only Day for all teachers from our Community of Learning (CoL) and have developed a professional development programme for the day. Dr Lance O'Sullivan will be a guest speaker who has expertise in clinical and public health related practise with a focus on child poverty and rural communities. He is also a leader in utilising technology to overcome geographical barriers and constraints. Following this, teachers will take part in Professional Learning Workshops, one of which will be Opoutere School sharing their Prime Ministers Award journey. The Teacher Only Day is Set for **Friday 6 September, Week 7, Term 3**.

Please do not send your child to school this day as the teachers will not be present. Thank you for making alternative arrangements. We appreciate your support.

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.



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.



COMMUNITY DONATIONS



Whangamata Community Services Trust are running low on essential items for local families who are in need. These include: cooking oil, deodorant, dishwashing liquid, shampoo and conditioner, longlife milk and any food items. We will put a large box in the front office on Monday, if you can help with any donations at all that would be wonderful. When the box is full we will deliver it to Whangamata Community Services Trust on Opoutere School's behalf. Let's make a difference and help out with the amazing work this local service does for our community.

PROJECT ENERGIZE

SNACKS

GROW SNACKS

Meat and meat alternatives provide protein which is important for muscle growth. A great choice of snack for home, work or school are:

HUMMUS AND VEGES

NUTS

TUNA ON CRACKERS

EGG SANDWICH

CHICKEN

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NGA KAI TIMOTIMO

NGAA KAI TIMOTIMO TUPU

Ko ngaa miiti me ngaa momo miiti kee. He whaangai puumua he mea nui moo te whakatupuranga o te tangata. Anei ngaa koowhiringa kai timotimo pai ki te kaainga, ki te mahi, ki te kura hoki:

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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 – 3pm 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	
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

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

WHANGAMATA BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU

1 WEEK FREE

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

2X WEEK:
 1 KIDS/JR \$250.00 / TERM
 2 KIDS/JR ONLY \$450.00 / TERM (SAVE \$50)
 3 KIDS/JR 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
 CONTACT: (JEREMY) 027 210 9288

G.J. Gardner. HOMES

RUN WALK FESTIVAL Whangamata

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SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2019

5k - 10k Half Marathon

**\$2000
Travel
Spot Prize**
+ many more
spot prizes

This event supports
local community groups

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