

Kia ora te whanau,

Another busy week has flown by with plenty of more action on the horizon. It was great to have Whangamata Area School Year 11's visit and take each class for some ball skills. Thanks to Mr McKeown for organising this. Just a reminder to keep your children home next **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September** as it is a Teacher Only Day and our staff will be attending a day of learning at Tairua School with other schools in our CoL. Only a couple of weeks until finals night for the Prime Ministers Award and we cannot wait!

Nga mihi,

Mr D

#### **TUI AWARD**



What a delight Dylan has been since he started at Opoutere School. You couldn't ask for a nicer more considerate kid. He has fitted into our class like he has always been there which says a lot for his easy going nature.

Academically he is on to it! Written tasks, mathematics and more, Dylan often goes above and beyond when it comes to his school work. He is confident in his sharing and the delivery of his work and has a neat sense of humour. You should see his skits on camp...oh so witty!

Dylan is fierce but fair on the sports field. He has ability across a wide range of sporting activities; however, it is on the soccer field that he really shines. He is a well skilled player with ambition to go further. I would not be surprised if we saw him taking it to the next level on the soccer field in the future.

So with all that said it is fairly obvious that Dylan encompasses all that it means to be a successful Opoutere student...how lucky are we that he chose to come to our school?

Congratulations on being the Tui Award winner Dylan you are such a welcome addition to our school whanau.



#### **MANA AWARDS**



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

# **BALL SKILLS WITH YR 11 WAS STUDENTS**

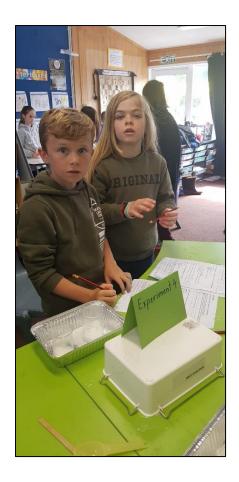
Big shout out to Mr McKeown and his Yr 11 PE Students from Whangamata Area School for giving up their time to come out and run some fun and exciting ball skill lessons and games. Great to see High School Students interacting with our younger tamariki and some past students having the chance to come back to visit their old school and catch up with their teachers. Our tamariki loved their activities and the Year 11's did a great job planning and running their activities. Tuakana Teina in action!





## **PURIRI SCIENCE**

Puriri had a middle science block before lunch. Mrs Dyer set up four different science experiment stations exploring changing matter. The students had to conduct their experiments following instructions, make observations and decide whether the experiment showed physical or chemical change. Check out these budding young scientists...









# FRACTION FUN WITH RIMU

Mr Dyer was in Rimu for part of the day on Thursday and had heard that Rimu were learning about fractions. What better way to learn about fractions than to make a few honey, peanut butter, vegemite or jam sandwiches. Students then chose which fraction their sandwich would represent. They then had to cut their sandwich into the fraction they chose. We talked about making sure they were as equal as possible. After all their hard work, they were rewarded with a "sneaky" fairy bread for their efforts. Great fraction work Rimu.



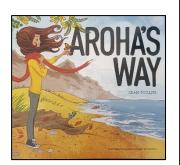






#### **AROHA'S WAY**

Thank you so much Sharee, Antz and Sky for donating two beautiful books. Sharee came to Tuesday morning whole school whanaungatanga to present the books. She shared Sky's own personal journey with anxiety and the emotions that go with this, which we really appreciated as it is a courageous thing to be open about. The book is a lovely story about Aroha, who wards off nervousness, fear, worrying thoughts and apprehension and provides simple yet effective tools that everyone can use to help with these emotions.





## **YUMMY STICKERS**

There are four weeks to go to get any yummy stickers you may have on the fridge or lying around. Please return these ASAP to Mrs Keenan. Last year we raised \$620 dollars to spend on sports equipment for our school. Let us try for more this year. Thanks for your support.

## **TEACHER ONLY DAY**

Tairua School will be hosting a Teacher Only Day next **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September** 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.

### **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.



#### WCS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

It's happening! Whangamata Community Services Trust will be running a SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME. Pick up an information pack & enrolment forms from the school office or WCST, 101 Casement Road. \$15 per child per day (trips extra and optional) Ages 5-13 years, for children enrolled at Whangamata or Opoutere Schools. LIMITED SPACES FIRST IN FIRST SERVED

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### **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





### 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 he 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 <sup>th</sup> September	Thames Valley Cross Country		
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Community of Learning (COL)		
	Teacher Only Day – No school for students.		
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Prime Minister Awards Ceremony		
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Thames Valley Speech Competition		
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Showcase Evening		
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Junior Adventure Race		
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> 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**



