



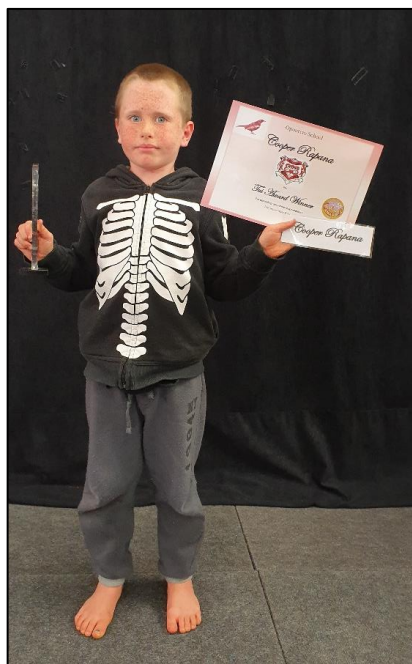
Kia ora te whanau,

Not long to go now until the winners of the Prime Ministers Awards are announced. Next Tuesday we will find out if we have won the Excellence in Teaching and Learning category. Win or lose, we can all be very proud of our kura and the excellent teaching and learning that is happening. Fingers crossed for a great result. Congratulations to our Thames Valley cross country competitors who ran on Thursday. Our school and cluster achieved some excellent results.

Nga mihi,

Mr D

TUI AWARD



Whanaugatanga - Cooper has a strong sense of belonging in Kowhai and within the wider school community. His older brother guided him when he first started school and of course, the rest of the school held him until he was ready 'to fly on his own'. Boy, you should see him now! Cooper is looked up to by the younger children in the classroom for support and he willingly offers his guidance and some reassurance to whoever needs it (even if they need reminding of the rules).

Manaakitanga - Cooper is a very generous individual, he has a fun loving personality and he is a kind and loyal friend to others. He always greets his teacher with a big happy smile in the morning and has positive and respectful relationships with all his peers, teachers and whanau.

Mana - Since starting at Opoutere School Cooper has developed persistence, self-confidence and agency with his learning. Cooper shows a real strength in the area of Adventure Learning as he has a keen eye for reading maps, orienteering and has a real ability to work in a team.

Poutama - Cooper maintains an excellent level of achievement in and out of the classroom. He is always willing and enthusiastic to participate in all school activities. Cooper will rise to a challenge and has demonstrated being able to go out of his comfort zone; he will climb high trees, get his hands dirty in the mud kitchen, construct epic huts and collaborate with his peers to make up fantasy games with rules, safety and fun in mind!

Congratulations Cooper Rapana, you are shining brightly and you rightly deserve to be this week's Tui Award winner!



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MANA AWARDS



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

PRIME MINISTERS AWARD

This Tuesday Matua Ryan, Mr D, Mrs Kennings and Mike Cooney will be flying with their partners to Wellington to attend the Prime Ministers Awards Gala evening. During the dinner, the winners of each category will be announced and the overall supreme winner named. We are very excited and can't wait to hear of the outcome. Win or lose, we are very proud of making the finals and providing a high level of teaching and learning for our tamariki. For anyone interested you can watch the livestream on Tuesday evening. See below.

Excellence in Teaching and Learning celebrates teaching that transforms the learning of all children and young people.

The 2019 finalists are:

- Opoutere School
- Rotorua Boys' High School, Tai Mitchell Hostel
- Te Kohanga Reo ki Rotokawa
- Winton Kindergarten



Watch the livestream of the Awards on Tuesday September 10.

Register to watch here: <https://bit.ly/2OwXc00> #PMAwardsNZ

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.



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THAMES VALLEY CROSS COUNTRY

What a great bunch of competitors who were so supportive of each other, running to the finish line to cheer each other on! Opoutere School was "punching" well above their weight with some awesome results. Congratulations to all eight competitors and special mention to Aliyah 3rd place, Ollie 5th place, India 9th place and Lola 11th place. Very proud of all our competitors and another strong showing from the WHOT cluster.



WCS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

It's happening! Whangamata Community Services Trust will be running a SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME. Pick up an information pack & enrolment form 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 and Opoutere Schools.

LIMITED SPACES FIRST IN FIRST SERVED

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TCDC INFO

Emergencies can happen anytime, anywhere. It's up to you to take steps to make sure you're prepared.

Your Council is committed to ensuring you are informed, prepared and resilient. Living in this beautiful Thames - Coromandel district means that we also must consider some of the hazards that presents.

When disaster strikes, it is ordinary members of the public, not emergency services, who will be first to respond. In the Canterbury quakes, most assistance came from people close by. Help for those in need came mostly from neighbours, existing community groups and other voluntary organisations. This underlines the importance of emergency management being community-driven.

Self-activation, self-sufficiency, self-responsibility and self-management were identified as key traits that contributed to individual and community resilience in the days following the earthquakes. Essentially, individuals, organisations and communities have to own and be responsible for their own preparedness.

Resilience starts at home.

What can you do?

- Prepare a plan with your family
- Ensure you have useful supplies to help you during an emergency
- Speak to your neighbours

Please check out this cool new get ready website to help you get prepared and stay informed -

<https://getready.govt.nz/>



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 have put a large box in the front office and it's filling up. 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 the WCST does for our community.

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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 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	
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.

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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
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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:
www.whangamatarunwalk.co.nz