



Kia ora te whanau,

The Opoutere School Adventure Race is happening next week on Thursday 26 September, which we are very excited about. Thanks to James and Rach for allowing us to run this year's event on their farm out towards Whiritoa. We have received many entries so far and still have just under a week to go. In addition, next Wednesday 25 September we will run a shorter two hour race for our Juniors. If you have not already, please volunteer some time to help make these events successful.

We look forward to seeing all our parents, whanau and caregivers next Tuesday for Showcase evening from 3.15 – 6pm. Please take the time to share in your child(rens) learning from Term 2 and 3. You are always welcome to make an appointment to see your teacher if you would like to discuss your child's learning further.

Nga mihi,

Mr D

TUI AWARD



Zach has been at our school for a number of years and in that time we have seen him grow into a solid, reliable and mature student. He demonstrates a caring and respectful attitude towards his fellow students, teachers and his environment.

Zach has shown a fantastic "can do" attitude towards his learning, which has resulted in an all-round boost to his achievement. He is always cheerful, making it a pleasure to have him in class and be around.

He is well liked by his peers and always takes time for his friends. Not only that, he has a caring and considerate nature when helping younger children also.

He does not mind hard work and does his very best in leadership roles within the school. He can be relied on to get the job done and done well.

Zach has worked really hard lately, being consistent and upholding our vision of showing respect for self, people, the environment and opportunities.

Congratulations on being this weeks Tui award winner Zach Shoemark.

MANA AWARD



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

INVOICES & BUS FEES DUE

As we near the end of the term, now is a good time to check that AP's are on track, bus fees are up to date and any other outstanding fees. If not, please arrange payment immediately. Thank you to all those parents and caregivers who are up to date with their payments. Invoices will come out on the 1st of October during the holidays but please ring and ask if you are unsure about your account.

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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OPOUTERE SCHOOL SENIOR ADVENTURE RACE

Last week you should have received a notice asking for marshalls and food helpers for our Opoutere School Adventure Race on Thursday 26th September. We are very excited about the upcoming Opoutere School Adventure Race, especially as the entries keep coming in.

For this to be successful and a worthy school fundraiser we are asking for volunteer Marshalls to help be on the course. Please, please, if you are able to help we would love to hear from you. This is an important event for our school and we hope you can spare some time to help make it amazing and fundraise along the way. Last year we made \$3000 and we hope to better this amount for 2019.

Please lend a hand where you can.

Please get in touch with Caryl in front office 07 8659077 or return your volunteer slip ASAP.



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OPOUTERE SCHOOL JUNIOR ADVENTURE RACE

We will also be running a Junior Adventure Race on Wednesday 25 September around the school and on the farmland behind Oputere School. This allows our budding younger competitors to experience a smaller version of an adventure race. All junior students are in teams who they will compete with on the day. The race involves using a map to find checkpoints. Teams have to locate as many checkpoints as they can within 2hrs. It will start at 9.30am and finish at 11.30am.

Please feel free to come along and be part of the morning. If you are able to volunteer as a marshall or help out in some other capacity on the day please return the volunteer slip that went out earlier this week or contact the office. After the race there will be a free sausage sizzle for everyone. Hope to see you Wednesday 25 September.

THAMES VALLEY SPEECH COMPETITION

Congratulations to Zoe, Eleanor, Yazmin and Felix for representing our kura at the Thames Valley Speech Competition at Parawai in Thames. This year the competition received the most entries ever in its history and our students did an outstanding job against some very tough competition. The reports were that although we did not place, our students did a magnificent job delivering their speeches at a very high level. We are very proud of you all. Congratulations! Here they are with their participation certificates.



SHOWCASE EVENING

We warmly invite you to come and celebrate your child's learning at our Term 3 Showcase evening next week. This term we are trying something different and will hold both the Junior and Senior Showcases on the same evening. We wanted to bring our whanau closer together, make it easier for families with siblings and celebrate learning across the whole school at the same time.

All classes

Tuesday 24th September

3.15pm – 6pm

Classrooms will be open from 3.15pm where you and your child can share together their learning and experiences from Term 2 & 3. Teachers will be available for conversations as your child takes the lead moving throughout their classroom and hall. Please arrange an appointment with the classroom teacher if you wish to discuss your child's learning further. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 24 September. A free sausage sizzle will be available from 4.30 onwards for any whanau who are around.

JUNIOR TOUCH RUGBY

Junior touch is all set to go for Week 1, Term 4 starting Thursday 17 October. Children will be coming home with a notice today. If your child is interested in playing, please return your slip with entry fee of \$15 by **Friday 27 September**. Please also consider sponsorship or managing a team.

Like and follow the Whangamata Junior Facebook page for regular updates and info.

<https://www.facebook.com/WhangamataJuniorTouch/>



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PURIRI TREKKING

Matua Ryan was busy taking some of our Tuia 250 leaders to a haka powhiri practise at Wharekaho so Mr D stepped in to ensure that Puriri still had their outdoor trekking adventure for the week. Puriri set off through the pines north of the school with maps in hand until they hit the Tawa Tawa River and then followed this to the large culvert under SH 25. They continued into the Redwoods on the other side of the road for some quick exploring as time was against them. Then they had to quickly high tail it back to school just in time for the buses. Check out some of their photos below.



TREES FOR SURVIVAL

Puriri and Rimu both had the chance to help repot juvenile natives as part of our Trees for Survival programme. Beccy came into show our students the correct potting technique and talk about the natives they were planting. Many of these trees grow to a PB3 size over time, ready for planting in our local area. Kia ora Puriri and Rimu!



YUMMY STICKERS – LAST CALL

There is only ONE week 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.

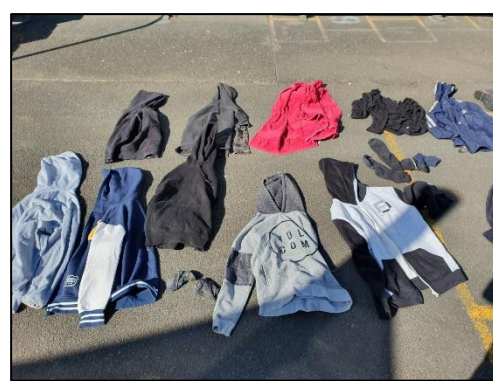


HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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

LOST PROPERTY

Please claim any lost property by next Friday. Lost property will be out daily next week for pick up. Any left will go to the local Op shops in the holidays.



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MEASLES NOTICE

We will make contact with the parents of students whose vaccination records we do not have (This is only a few). This is precautionary and for the school to identify who has or has not been vaccinated. The Ministry of Health has also sent the following information below for parents to consider.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Waikato District Health Board

Urgent: Measles (Mitara)

**KIA HIWA RA, KIA HIWA RA
KIA KOKIRI, KIA MATARA WHĀNAU MA**

There is a **very large outbreak of measles** in Auckland hitting our Māori and Pacific Island communities and is now in the Waikato region. Measles can be **very serious** for all ages and it spreads very easily.

WHĀNAU we need to stop measles in its tracks!

PLEASE don't assume you are immune.

FREE, FREE, FREE, with 3 steps:

1. Ring your doctor to **CHECK** your whānau immunisation status
2. If you are not immune, **BOOK IN** to get the vaccine
3. **GET VACCINATED**

Patai / question?

Where do I go? Ring your doctor / GP (General practice) clinic. Another good place to ask questions is free phoning Healthline 0800 611 116.

What if I do not have a GP? Find one here:

- Pinnacle Midland's Health Network (Rotorua, Gisborne, Taranaki and Waikato district): www.itsmyhealth.co.nz/medical-centre/search
- Hauraki PHO (Hamilton, Tokoroa and Hauraki area): www.haurakipho.org.nz/practice-directory/
- National Hauora Coalition: www.nhc.maori.nz/waikato

How much does it cost? It is **FREE**.

What is the vaccine called? There is a good vaccination for measles called MMR.

Who should have the vaccine? Everyone between 12 months and 50 years old

How many injections do I need? Having two doses of MMR is the best protection for your whānau against measles. The first dose is the most important one. The second dose can be given at 4 weeks or more after the first.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Waikato District Health Board

Measles Symptoms

EARLY SYMPTOMS

- High fever
- Cough
- Runny nose

LATER SYMPTOMS

- High fever
- Rash

If you or your whānau have symptoms or have been close to someone with measles please:

STAY at home and CALL your nurse, doctor, or Healthline (0800 611 166).

- Healthline has interpreters – say you'd like an interpreter.
- Call before going to a clinic or the hospital – protect others by not spreading measles if you are sick.

#MeaslesInWaikato
#Immunise
#StayAtHome
#ProtectYourWhānau

Endorsed by:
Dr Richard Hoskins
Medical Officer of Health/Public Health Physician

Measles
spreads easily and can cause serious illness

Don't assume you are immune.

MOREPORK BOXES

There are not many boxes left! 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



SNACKS VS. TREATS

Snacks and treats often get confused. Try these smart swaps for less fat & sugar and A LOT more goodness for our bodies.

TIP: snacks don't have to come in packets

Chips	Cheese & grainy crackers	Biscuits	Homemade mini muffin
Fruit string	Fruit	Muesli bars	Nuts, seeds or dried fruit

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NGAA KAI TIMOTIMO ME NGAA KAI REKA

I te nuinga o te waa ka pooheehē, ka rangirua pea taatou ki ngaa kai timotimo me ngaa kai reka. Whakamaaturia eenei rereketanga kia iti ake te hinu me te huka, aa, he mea pai ake moo te tinana.

HE TOHU: Kaore ngaa kai timo e puta mai i te paakete

Maramara riwai	Pihikete wiiti me te tihi	Pihikete	He mawhene ooti noo te kainga
Aho huarakaau	Huarakaau	Pihi pata kai	Nati, kano, huarakaau maaro ke raanei

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CALENDAR

TERM 3	
Tuesday 24 th September	Showcase Evening
Wednesday 25 th September	Junior Adventure Race
Thursday 26 th September	Opoutere School Adventure Race
TERM 4	
Tuesday 15 th October	Coromandel Cultural Festival
Thursday 14 th October	Junior Touch Rugby starts
Friday 18 th October	Tuia 250 Haka Powhiri
Tuesday 29 th October	Opoutere School Senior Athletics

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.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM



- 30 SEPT. TO 11 OCT.
- MONDAY TO FRIDAY
- 9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

**BRAZILIAN JIU JITSU , TEAM SPORTS AND
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**

**5 – 13 YEARS OLD
\$20 PER KID/ DAY
JUST BRING YOUR LUNCH AND ENJOY**



AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS COACHING

Following from last summer we are starting up tennis coaching again on Wednesday 16th October. These sessions are designed to develop interest and skills in tennis.

Group session 1

Start time 4.00

Is for 8-5 year olds and works on eye – hand skills using equipment for this age group, from correct racquets, tennis balls to smaller net.

Group session 2

Start time 5.00

This is for the older children 9-14 year olds and is on the full court, working on swing pattern, movement and balance and having rallies. Also how a game is played from scoring through to where to be on the court.

If your child does not have a racquet they can borrow one, same as last season.

For booking please email:

Whangasports@gmail.com

Cost for the term is \$35.00 and is payable to Whangamata Combined Sports

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Looking forward to seeing you

John Carlyon

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