

Kia ora te whanau,

We are currently advertising for two teaching positions created within our school. Mrs Kennings is taking 1-year refreshment leave and we are also looking for a teacher to replace Mr Robinson from earlier in the year. The deadline for applications is next Wednesday 20 November and we will shortlist by Friday 22 November. Interviews will happen the following week beginning Monday 25th November and we will let you know the outcome as soon as possible. Our advert was very specific around what sort of teacher we wanted and focussed on personalised learning, collaborative and innovative practice, being passionate about children, authentic learning, interests in EOTC, environmental sustainability, relational/cultural pedagogy and tikanga/ Te Reo experience. Watch this space!

Ngā mihi,
Mr D

TUI AWARD

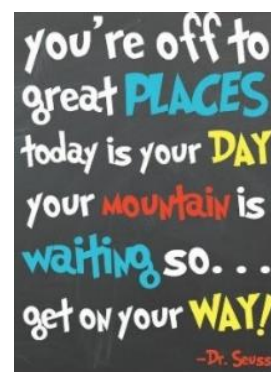


Bright shining smile, a calm demeanour, a positive mind-set, a quiet but steadfast determination to achieve, gracious and humble in these achievements, a person you can rely on, a person who radiates kindness to all....sound like someone you know? Well I've had the pleasure of knowing and teaching this person for some time now and she is all of these things and more!

Georgia consistently shows RESPECT for self, people, the environment and opportunities. She is an outstanding example of what it means to be a successful learner and citizen of Opoutere School. She is a true role model to younger students in the way that she conducts herself with her learning, on the sports field, in leadership roles and just in her general daily interactions with other people. I actually can't think of a more worthy Tui Award recipient!

I will miss Georgia as she moves on to other adventures in the senior school but I know she will continue to thrive and grow with all things learning as she already possesses many of the skills that will ensure future successes.

With that said, congratulations Georgia Trebilco on being this week's Tui Award winner!



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MANA AWARDS



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

WAITERE O WHANGAMATA

Waitere o Whangamata...5 girls from Whangamata Area School, 3 from Opoutere School and 1 from Waihi College are gearing up and ready to hit the waters of Rarotonga to compete in the Matson Vaka Eiva Waka Ama competition, held annually, in Rarotonga next week. Jayda Williamson, Talia Thompson, Kayla Hersom, Taya Davies, Bridie Pugh, Kyarna Gilbert, Brooke Trebilco, Maddie Downs and Mai September-Rawhiri have been tirelessly training, fundraising and being coached by Simone Hughes for months now preparing to make their way over the Pacific. They will be competing against other countries from around the globe and giving their all representing Te Whanau Waka Ama o Whangamata.

We would like to thank all the sponsors and supporters of these girls who have helped to make this happen for them and wish the girls all the best on their journey in Waka Ama.



RED T-SHIRTS

We still have a number of Opoutere School red t-shirts that have not been returned. Please send these back to school washed and folded. These t-shirts cost the school a lot of money and we therefore need to make sure they come back. Please have a good scout around and return them ASAP.

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WHOT ATHLETICS RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students for placing at the WHOT Schools Athletic day and being selected to represent our cluster at the Thames Valley Athletics next Wednesday 20 November. We wish them all the very best.

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Ivy Joyce	8										
Ezra Honeycombe	9										
Ollie Dyer	9										
Aliyah Ward	9										
Marlee Jacobs	10										
India Kennings	10										
Holly Utting	10										
Wairarua Noa-Paul	11										
Georgia Treblico	11										
Jani Vesala	11										

POOL OPENING

Great news everyone. The pool is up and running and in record time thanks to Kurt and his hard work. Our swimming timetable is now underway, so please remember to bring your togs for class and lunchtime swims. It is a good idea for students to apply sunscreen before coming to school.

Pool keys will be available for summer. We require a \$10 deposit and \$60 for the summer. Please let us know at the office if you are interested.

YR 8 CAMP

Te Haerenga - Wharekawa

Day 8 (or is it day 7??)

It's really easy to lose track of time these last few days. When you're disconnected from media - our screens in particular - and start responding to the rhythms of nature, it's a really nice way to live. Our wake-up alarm has been the incredible birdsong of tui and bellbirds, plus a seeming myriad of others joining them in their dawn chorus. Beautiful!

So have we missed our screens? Nope! Not at all! We haven't heard a single mention of television, or phones, or Netflix. The kids have interacted with each other - have conversed and played and learnt - in ways that are genuine and real. They've all talked about knowing each other better - having meaningful korero, one-on-one, that has helped them better understand what makes them all tick. It's been really nice to see.

It's been an interesting transition back into civilisation, here at Wharekawa, from our time in the Mangakahu Valley. And we must admit, we really appreciate modern conveniences! Having instant hot water, showers, soft beds and electricity to cook with, is a luxury!

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However, it's also been really interesting hearing the kids talk about how they miss their time in the bush - the fires 🔥, the smell of smoke 🌫️ (permeating everything!), the fireside chats, the bivvies ... the adventure! And they all recognise just how special that time was for them - overcoming challenges, bonding with each other, experiencing new things and a different way of life - without the distractions of modern life.

For Gina, it's been a real eye-opener just how much she's learnt about these kids over the last week - that even after having most of them in her classroom for nearly four years, there are things she's learnt - important things - that are really helpful for her as their teacher. She's also realised that girls can do anything, and that Mike makes a mean camp-oven bread!

For Mike, after running lots of these courses for older youth and adults over the years, realising just how capable these year 8s are has been awesome. They've taken on challenges, and pushed through fears that many would've said they couldn't do. But they did it - and mostly with a smile! He's also finding coming to grips with his daughter's last year at Opoutere, a difficult pill to swallow... there really is something special going on here. And to say we're family - we're whanau - is not just lip service. The values of whanaungatanga and manaakitanga are alive and well at te kura Opoutere.

But probably the biggest thing we've realised, is just how much we'd love to hang on to these kids for another couple of years. To be able to continue reinforcing the values and culture of what our school has created, during what are some of the most important and critical years of our kids lives, would be an absolute joy.

So, we have a few days left with our precious taonga - and we'll be making the most of it!! Mountain biking, surfing later today, fishing, floundering... art with Miss Jammy, raranga (flax weaving) with Donna... adventuring!

So stay tuned and watch this space...


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CONGRATULATIONS TRAE COONEY

Trae Cooney has won the Head Boy position at Whangamata Area School for 2020. We are delighted that a past student of Opoutere School will be taking up this leadership position and responsibility. Congratulations Trae!



Macaroni & Cheese on Tuesday yummy.... 19-11-19

**Kyarna is fundraising for her Waka Ama trip to Rarotonga
So...at lunch on Tuesday we will be making MAC 'n' CHEESE.
Bring your monies to school on Monday or Tuesday and PRE
ORDER from Kyarna.**

\$5

PRIZE GIVING TROPHIES

Thank you to those tamariki who have brought in their trophy from last year. Just a reminder that we need all prize giving trophies in so we can prepare for the end of year prize giving. Many thanks.

SUSHI FRIDAYS

Good news! Junko Sushi is available every Friday. Please get orders in by Thursday (Orders in by 3pm) for a Friday delivery.



SUNSAFE

Please make sure your child has a sun hat at school. They can wear their school hat or their own personal hat. As the summer months warm up we would also advise families to apply sunscreen before school.

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PROJECT ENERGISE

GLOBAL FLAVOURS

MALAYSIAN FRIED RICE

Ingredients:

- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 tsp oil
- 1 c cooked rice
- 1 c mixed frozen veges
- 1/2 Tbsp soy sauce
- 1/2 Tbsp toasted sesame seeds (optional)
- 1 – 2 Tbsp spring onions, thinly sliced

Heat pan over medium heat, add oil. Pour in beaten eggs. As eggs cook, break them into smaller pieces using a fork. Add rice when the egg is partly (70 – 80%) cooked and stir. Add mixed veges and soy sauce and gently mix. Add sesame seeds and spring onions, gently toss to coat. Serves 2.




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NGAA NAMUNAMUAA O TE AO

HE RAIHI PARAI NOO MAREEHIA

Ingredients:

- 2 ngaa heeki – kua whakaranua
- 1 tsp o te hinu
- 1 c o te raihi
- 1 c o ngaa hua whenua maatao rerekee
- 1/2 Tbsp o te wairanu soy
- 1/2 Tbsp o ngaa kaakano sesame toohi (he mea koowhiringa)
- 1-2 Tbsp o ngaa aniana tupu, tapahia kia tino piirahirahi rawa

Whakawerahia te hoopane kia aahua wera ai, taapirihia he hinu. Riringitia ngaa heeki kua whakaranua. I te waa e tunu ana ngaa heeki, maa te paoka, waawaahi kia iti rawa. Taapirihia te raihi i te waa kua aahua (70 – 80%) te tunu, aa, koororitia. Taapirihia eetahi hua whenua me te wairanu soy, aa, aata koororitia. Taapirihia ngaa kaakano sesame me ngaa aniana tupu, aata ranuhia kia korowaitia.




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CALENDAR

TERM 4	
Monday 18 November	BOT Mtg
Wednesday 20 th November	Thames Valley Athletics
Thursday 21 st November	Yr 8 Teen Esteem
Tuesday 26 November	Senior Leadership Rainbows End Trip
Monday 2 December	Yr 8 Transition Week at WAS
Wednesday 4 th December	Leaver's Dinner
Monday 9 December	Expeditions
Tuesday 10 December	Expeditions
Wednesday 11 December	Helper's Morning Tea
Friday 13 th December	Reports Home
Monday 16 November	BOT Mtg
Tuesday 17 December	Prize Giving
Wednesday 18 December	Final day of school

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

For her Tiki project, Tora Beaver (Totara class) is asking for donations of toiletries, Christmas food and treats, and family gifts to give families in need a little love at Christmas time. Christmas can be a hard time for some local families and Tora would like to ease the burden for these families. Ka pai Tora, compassion and love is what the world needs more of.



Whangamata Community Kids Club
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Whangamata Area School

8:30am – 4:30pm

Wed 11 Dec	Thu 12 Dec	Fri 13 Dec
		
Water wars and outdoor games	Christmas crafts & letters to Santa	3 hour Art Lesson with artist Pauline Goodwin Underground Market Waihi
On site \$15	On site \$15	\$35 – Trip (optional) or \$15 - onsite

Mon 16 Dec	Tue 17 Dec	Wed 18 Dec	Thu 19 Dec	Fri 20 Dec
				
Outdoor games	Day Trip Waikino Train Ride and picnic	DIY Snow Globes and Xmas baking	Mini Golf Playground Hot chips for lunch	Box Day Build a fort, car, house
On site \$15	\$30	On site \$15	\$20	On site \$15

Mon 23 Dec	Tue 24 Dec
	
Day trip to Tauranga MOVIES Ticket, popcorn and drink	Christmas Scavenger Hunt and party games FUN & PRIZES Finish at 2pm On site
\$45	\$15

Numbers are limited.

Pick up an enrolment pack from Whangamata Area School, Opoutere School or Whangamata Community Services Trust – 101 Casement Rd