



Learners today, leaders tomorrow
Ko ā tātou tamariki ngā rangatira ō āpōpō.

ŌTAKI SCHOOL **TE KURA TUATAHI O ŌTAKI**

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Raapa te rā 3 Hui-Tanguru 2010

Kia ora koutou katoa! Warm greetings to you all as we move into the 2010 school year. How exciting it is to be back school again. The staff and students are enthusiastically looking forward to the challenges a new year of learning brings.

You will have noticed how our school environment continues to improve. Isn't it looking amazing! This morning Koro Rowdy Akuhata blessed two beautiful carved pou which Matua Arthur Thatcher presented to the school. There are no words to express how appreciative we are of your gifts that you have given us Thatcher whānau. Thank you so much! The stories about the taonga will be published in the next newsletter.

We are developing a new car park at the front of the school. Once the new park is completed no vehicles will be permitted past the office during school hours, this will make our playground a much safer place for the children.

There is much more information in the newsletter about the exciting things happening this term at Otaki School, including the school picnic, the swimming sports and of course the gala. I look forward to working with you all again in 2010.

Chris Derbidge
Principal



Welcome to Otaki School to Genevieve McAlpine, Demetrius Te Whiu-Hing, Tiapo Kapukai-Taumaa, Tongouri Bennett-Te Peeti, Ngatuaine Kingi, Andrei Read, Gvanni Taylor-Edwards, Moana Edwards and Tiraha Edwards.

We hope that you really enjoy our great school.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Feb	1-5	Donations for Gala – BOOKS
	3	School swimming starts
	3-5	Room 3 at Tainui Marae
	4	Gala Meeting 3.30
	8-12	Donations for Gala – GROCERY ITEM
	10	TKW Whānau Hui 6.30
		Technology at Otaki College starts - Year 7/8
	11	Maara kai hui 3.30
	15-19	Donations for Gala –WHITE ELEPHANT
	15	School Picnic at Waikanae Pools
	17	Kia Kaha (Room 1) whānau Hui 6.30

	19	TKW Triathlon
	22-26	Donations for Gala - CLOTHES
	22	Japanese Group visit
	24-26	TKW at Tainui Marae (except Room 3)
	26	Teacher Only Day
Feb	28	Ratana Church Service 10am
Mar	3	School Swimming Sports
	5	HPV's Year 8
	13	OTAKI SCHOOL GALA !!
	22	Sports Festival at the Westpac Stadium - Year 5/6
	28	Ratana Church Service 10am
April	1	End of Term 1
	19	Start of Term 2

SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2010

Principal:

Mr Chris Derbidge

Teaching Staff

Room 1	Year 5 & 6	Teacher Mrs Alice Derbidge (Deputy Principal & Leader Kia Manawanui Syndicate)
Room 2	Year 5 & 6	Teacher: - Ms Phillipa Batey
Room 3	Year 7 & 8	Teacher: - Mrs Maharata Nikora-Davis
Room 4	Year 5 & 6	Teacher: - Mr Herewini Katene
Room 5	Year 0 & 1	Teacher: - Mrs Yvonne Tahere (Assistant Principal & Leader of TKW)
Room 6	Year 1 & 2	Teacher: - Mrs Anahera Taiaki
Room 7	Year 3 & 4	Teacher: - Mrs Janeen Davis
Room 8	Year 0 & 1	Teacher: - Mrs Elaine Houston (Team Leader Junior Syndicate)
Room 9	Year 2 & 3	Teacher: - Mrs Maara Redward
Room 10	Year 2 & 3	Teacher: - Mrs Viv Pansters
Room 12	Year 4	Teacher: - Mrs Christine Kyle
Reading Recovery: -		Teacher: - Mrs Elaine Houston 1 hour per day
Resource Teacher of Literacy: - (Relieving)		Teacher: - Tineke Giddy
Resource Teacher of Learning & Behaviour (Maori): -		Teacher: - Mrs Hariata Chaffey-Green
Part time Teacher (Junior Syndicate)		Teacher: - Jodie Perfect (Term 1)

SUPPORT STAFF

School Administration Officer

Mrs Aroha Te Wiata



In-class Student Support Workers

Mrs Karen McMurchie, Mr Ray Neilson, Mrs Marise Raika, Mrs Eva Ballard,

Kaihapai i te Reo

Mrs Cynthia Nikora, Miss Aroha Taurima, Tuihana Nikora

Social Worker in Schools: Ms Aroha Connor

Caretaker: Mr Andy Hardy
Cleaner Mr Merv Tunoho

Dental Nurse: Ms Leanne Harrison

SCHOOL VALUES

AT OTAKI SCHOOL

We try our best in all we do
We are honest and tell the truth
We work together
We care for our school and everyone in it

Ka rapaia nga whaingā, ka ora ai tatou katoa!

BELL TIMES

9.00 a.m.	- School starts
10.40 a.m.	- 11.00 a.m. Morning Interval
12.30 p.m.	- 1.25 p.m. Lunchtime
3.00 p.m.	- School finishes.



BUS

Bus students will line up outside Room 2 at 3.00 p.m. If it is raining they are to assemble outside Room 2. The bus controller Mrs Kyle is responsible for these students. Students who are eligible to use the bus will receive a pass.

CARS IN GROUNDS

The Board of Trustees has decided that only staff or service vehicles are permitted to enter the school grounds between 8.30-3.30.

No vehicles are to enter or leave the school grounds between 8.30 and 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 – 3.15 p.m. **This is a safety issue, so please co-operate.**



CELL PHONES

We will not leave messages on cell phones as we have found that 95% of them are not responded to for a variety of reasons.

We will only allow children to contact parents by cell phone in emergencies.

Children are discouraged from bringing cell phones to school as they may get lost or stolen. If it is essential for a child to have a phone at school, it should be handed into the Office for safekeeping. Phones will be confiscated if they are used during school hours.

PARKING

Please do not park on the restricted area near the crossing, especially between 8.30 a.m. - 9.00 a.m. and between 2.50 p.m. - 3.10 p.m. This puts the Road Patrols in danger, because they have to go out further onto the road to see the traffic properly.



PEDESTRIAN CROSSING



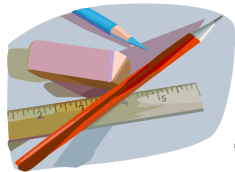
The **Mill Road** crossing is in operation with patrols from 8.35 a.m. to 8.55 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. to 3.10 p.m. daily. A duty teacher supervises the patrols.

The **Waerenga Road** crossing is not patrolled.

It is important that children use the crossing and good modelling from parents would assist us. **Regrettably we now publish the car registrations of those few parents who are irresponsible and act dangerously. We will also notify the police if these dangerous actions continue.**

SWEETS AND FIZZY DRINKS

Sweets, large packets of "Twisties", "Chippies" fizzy drinks etc are not allowed at school as they impact adversely on the children's learning and behaviour, as well as their health.



STATIONERY

We have class stationery packs available until the end of February at very reasonable prices, then we only sell replacement main line books and pencils, rulers, rubbers and pens. The Principal will approach families who have not purchased stationery.

SWIMMING

Our swimming and water safety programme begins this week, it is a compulsory part of the school's curriculum so please ensure that the swimming fees are paid and that your children bring their named swimming togs and towel to school every day. Kia Manawanui senior syndicate will be swimming at Haruatai Pools every Wed, Thurs and Friday. Their first day for swimming is Wed 3 February. TKW will be swimming three days a week also - starting this Wednesday at 1.45pm. The cost per person is \$10 for the ten lessons. There are no special family rates. If your child is in Room 5, 6, 8, 9, 10 they will be swimming in the school pool at no cost.



SWIMMING POOL SAFETY

Over the holiday period, many of us will be using pools.



Swimming is healthy and fun, and swimming pools are generally safe and healthy environments. However there are bugs and infections in the community that can be brought into the water and spread. It's important that we all do our bit to stop these bugs and infections from getting into pools.

The health and recreation authorities have issued guidelines to help everyone to stay healthy in and out of the water by following a few simple steps:-

Before you swim in a pool

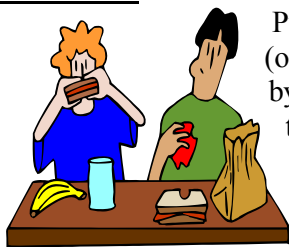
- If you have had diarrhoea (upset tummy) in the last two weeks – don't go into the water.
- If your child has had diarrhoea in the last two weeks – don't let them go into the water.
- Take children to the toilet before they swim and wash hands after going to the toilet.
- Where possible shower yourself and your children before you put togs on, using soap and warm water.
- Babies/toddlers are now required to wear 'swimming nappies' in public swimming pools.



In the water

If you think someone has had an accident in the pool tell a lifeguard, (or at school, a teacher). They will tell you when you can get back in the water. At the beginning of the year each child will bring home a leaflet covering the above steps, in more detail.

LUNCHES



Pyramid meal deals are available from school on Mondays and Fridays. They cost \$4.50 (or \$4.00 for a mini meal). Milk drinks are available for \$1.50. These meals are provided by the Horowhenua Hospital Kitchen and have the Heart Foundation backing. A copy of the menu can be obtained from the Office. Orders are to be placed at the office before 9.00am. Children are discouraged from leaving the school grounds during lunch hours. Please help us to keep your children safe by providing them with cut lunches or buying a meal deal from school.

HATS & SUN BLOCK

It is summer time and we are anticipating some scorching weather, please insist that your child/children bring (and wear) brimmed sunhats to school every day. It is also a good idea for them to bring sun block to school, especially if they are susceptible to sunburn. Please help us to keep your children sunsafe.



SCHOOL PICNIC – WAIKANAE POOLS

Our annual school picnic is on **Monday 15 February**. The cost is \$4 per child or \$10 per family for 3 children or more. A family includes brothers and sisters but not cousins please. We have ordered three buses and need additional cars to help transport our students to Waikanae. We hope that you will join us for the day! Look forward to seeing you there!

OTAKI SCHOOL ROCKS!

Meet Whāea Yvonne Tahere who is the assistant Principal at our school. She is the leader of Te Korowai Whakamana and teaches in Room 5 – Te Miri which is the new entrant class in Te Korowai. Whāea Yvonne is of Irish ancestry but speaks Māori – ka mau te wehi. She is a hard worker, loves teaching at Otaki School but has a wicked sense of humour! She and her husband Mike who is a Police Officer have 5 children and 7 ½ moko. Wow! Her hobbies are travel, gardening, making fried bread and ordering Mike around. By the way she's scared of mice – ssh don't tell anyone!!



OTAKI SCHOOL GALA EXTRAVAGANZA

When: Saturday 13 March 2010
Time: 10.30 – 2pm

We want our gala to be the best ever so please start thinking about what you can do to contribute to this great day. We expect every family to be involved in some way. This week is book week – have you got nice clean children & adult books in your home that you don't want anymore! Send them along to school for the book stall.

Next week is grocery item week for the quick fire raffles and/or baking ingredients as we have enthusiastic bakers who need supplies. The week after is white elephant week, followed by clothes week! You can of course send items to school any time.



ANZ BANK SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking is starting up again. If your child has an ANZ bank account they can bring their deposits to school and deposit it into the blue letterbox at their school. Once a week a staff member from the ANZ bank will collect their banking and deposit it into their account then return their book to them at school.

If you haven't got an ANZ bank account and are wanting to open one we can do this for you. During February we will be at your school to open accounts for your children (see your child's teacher with details of when we will be at school) or you can call into the ANZ bank in Otaki and we can open the account.

We will need identification for your child and yourself to open the account as well as the information below.

CHILDS NAME	
DOB	/ /
ADDRESS	
PHONE NUMBER(s)	
IRD NUMBER	
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME	

Required Identification:

Child: Birth Certificate/Passport/Student ID

Parent: Drivers Licence or Passport

Or 2 forms of other ID e.g ATM Card/Community Services Card

If you have any questions please feel free to give me a call on 06 3647865 or come down and see me at ANZ Bank Otaki.

Thank you

Anita Te Maipi-Rice

Branch Manager

ANZ Otaki

Anita will be at school for the next 3 Fridays between 8.30 and 9.00am

Weekly Road Sense Fact – Did you Know?



Did you know

That cyclists must give a hand signal 3 seconds before turning.

That a cyclist must use cycle lanes if available.

That a cyclist must ride with lights on from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise. (the same for motorists).



Community Notices



SHANE RUFER SCHOOL OF FOOTBALL

35A Batt Street
Palmerston North 4410
Ph.: 06 353 1910
Mobile: 021 622 101
Email: shane.rufer@inspire.net.nz

After School Football Programme Term 1 2010

Monday 1st February to Friday 2nd April
5 to 10 year olds 3.45 to 5 pm
11 to 16 year olds 5 to 6.30 pm

Venue: Palmerston North Intermediate Normal School, vehicle access South Street

Fees: \$100 per term for one lesson a week
For more lessons or family rates, please contact Shane.

Bring: Playing gear, own ball, boots, indoor footwear, shin pads,
drink bottle, snacks, change of clothes, togs, towel.

ENROLMENTS AND PAYMENT TO: Shane Rufer Soccer Ltd, 35A Batt St,
Palmerston North or phone: 021-622 101 or email shane.rufer@inspire.net.nz
Internet banking: 010178-0061855-00

TERM 1 2010 ENROLMENT FORM

SURNAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ MALE/FEMALE

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME/S: _____

POSTAL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (H) _____ (W) _____

EMAIL: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CLUB: _____ SCHOOL: _____

PREFERRED DAY(S): _____

I AGREE TO THE CONDITIONS BELOW. SIGNED: _____ PARENT/GUARDIAN

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I GIVE PERMISSION FOR MY CHILD TO ATTEND THE SHANE RUFER SCHOOL OF FOOTBALL AND FOR THE COACHING STAFF TO ACT FOR ME IN AN EMERGENCY. I HEREBY WAIVE AND RELEASE ALL COACHES AND STAFF FROM ANY LIABILITY FOR INJURIES SUSTAINED TO MY CHILD DURING THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE COACHING CLINIC. I ACCEPT FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY MEDICAL BILLS AND ASSOCIATED EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE EVENT OF ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS SUSTAINED DURING THE COURSE OF THE COACHING CLINIC.

SHANE RUFER SCHOOL OF FOOTBALL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MODIFY THE PROGRAMME AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY FOR THE BENEFIT OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. SHANE RUFER SCHOOL OF FOOTBALL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL CLINICS DUE TO INSUFFICIENT NUMBERS.