



**ŌTAKI SCHOOL
TE KURA TUATAHI O ŌTAKI**

MILL ROAD, ŌTAKI

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Thursday 1 December 2011

Rapare te ra 01 Hakihea 2011

He mihi mahana ki a koutou katoa - warm greetings to you all!!

WOW!! School is a busy place at present. With the government shortening the term from 10 to 7.5 weeks to accommodate the Rugby World Cup it means that we have to complete all of the usual end of year tasks in less time. Lot's of pressure and stress but we are getting there and all still smiling.....most of the time!

The classes/teachers for 2012 are organised and will come out with your child's end of year report on Tuesday 13 December.

At a recent assembly our school was awarded a Cancer Society "Sun Smart Accreditation" in recognition of our efforts in keeping our pupils sun safe during the hot summer months. We do have lots of trees for shade at school and with our new "Sun Safe" hats courtesy of Ōtaki Rotary and "Sun Smart" education programmes in classes your children are well catered for in this aspect. We will be encouraging you to provide sunblock for your children in the New Year as this is something the school can not afford to do on a daily basis.

Looking back on the year there have been a number of major achievements we can all be proud of - among them are;

- Our schoolwide development in childrens writing has proved very successful with most students making substantial gains
- The community consultation which proved to be very insightful and has led to the development of an exciting new Strategic Plan to guide us through the 2012 - 2014 period
- The review and revision of our appraisal systems which will lead to improved teaching/learning programmes across the school
- The establishment of a Junior Bilingual class which means that our school now offers 3 learning pathways- English Immersion, Bilingual and Māori Immersion. That is something special - something we can all be proud of!!!

Ōtaki School - Great things are happening here!!

Ngā mihi
Chris Derbidge

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Dec	1	Yr 5/6 Camp
	2	Yr 5/6 Camp
	5	BOT meeting
	6	Assembly Room 9
	7	Room 12 Parent Evening 7-9pm
	8	Choir to Coastlands
	12	Yr 6 Graduation 6.30pm
	13	TKW Graduation Patrol Reward Trip
	14	Junior School Christmas Concert
	15	End of Term 4 2011
Jan	31	Start of Term 2012

OTAKI COLLEGE UNIFORM SALE DAYS



The college office will be open for Uniform sales on the following dates:

Tuesday 24th, Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th January 10.00 – 3.30 pm
Monday 30th & Tuesday 31st January 2012 10.00 – 3.30 pm

If parents are unable to purchase uniform during these times, the school office is open from 8.30 until 2.00 pm for you to bring your child in for a fitting. Last day to do this is Thursday 8th December.

We encourage parents to purchase uniform before the rush in January. Come in and get your child fitted and we can hold unpaid uniform until next year. If uniform is purchased and your child has grown over the holidays we are happy to exchange it **as long as the labels are kept on the garments.**

If you are a WINZ client, come in and get a quote to take back to WINZ.



Cans Movie Festival

We are collecting cans of food so that we have a supply in event of an emergency.

Every student who brings a can of food to the office will be on the list to see a movie in the last of week of school.

Boys – a can of spaghetti, baked beans or something savoury

Girls – a can of fruit

Bring your cans to the office next week.

Thanks for your support.



TKW fundraiser - Po Kanikani 2011 & Te Pae Tamariki 2011 DVD's for sale - \$10 each





E ngā mātua ngā mihi nui kia koutou katoa

A few reminders from last weeks panui...

Year 8 Graduation: Our special night for our Year 8's will be on Tuesday December 13th, starting at 5-30 sharp. This is a compulsory hui and it is expected that all tamariki will be there to support their tuakana on their final send off to secondary school. Could each whanau please bring along kai for potluck. Could we have some whanau prepare the kai in the kitchen during the celebration?

Te Reo Rangatira Speech Competitions: We have the results from the recent speech competitions and we will be announcing the winners on the night of the Graduation. The level of speeches was excellent and the scores were very close.

TKW Uniforms: Uniforms will be issued out to whanau in 2012 for a \$50-00 bond. This decision was passed at Term 3 hui. The reason being is that we are fast approaching 100 tamariki in TKW and the uniforms are a huge resource to manage. The \$50-00 bond will be the fee for a family – not for each uniform issued. The bond will be returned when your whanau leaves TKW and if the uniform is complete. As your child grows we will re-issue your child with another one. If a part or a whole uniform is lost you will be expected to pay the full cost of replacement of that part or whole. A new uniform will not be re-issued until the old one has been replaced.

The breakdown cost for the uniform is:

- T Shirt \$22-50
- Trousers \$80-00
- Jacket \$80-00

Once the uniform is issued under no circumstances is the uniform to be worn outside of TKW events or trips.

Could each whanau please be prepared for the \$50-00 at beginning of 2012 school year. The bond can be paid at the office in full or you can organise an automatic payment through the school office.

Parent T Shirts: Only three people have responded to last weeks panui regarding buying a T Shirt – Sorry not enough to put through an order!

Mistletoe Bay Trip: If you haven't paid your \$40-00 ferry crossing by end of year it will be presumed you will not be travelling as a parent support. The Interislander ferry needs to know names of travellers for Maritime reasons. We also need to have the final list of travellers as the trip is very early in the term and we want to organise cabins, cabin leaders, kai amounts, menus, work groups and activities etc - the list goes on! If you wait until next year you will have to organise your own travel at a much higher price – plus be in a tent!

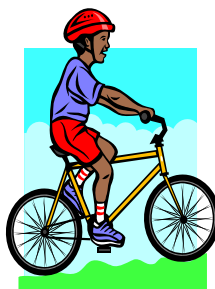
The full cost for a parent is \$105-00 plus koha for Waikawa Marae.

Whanau Kai: Whanau kai will finish at end of this term. We will not carry on next year. If you have any whanau kai i.o.u to pay could you do so before end of term – kiaora.

Nā Whaea Yvonne

Weekly Road Sense Fact – Did you Know?

Did you know



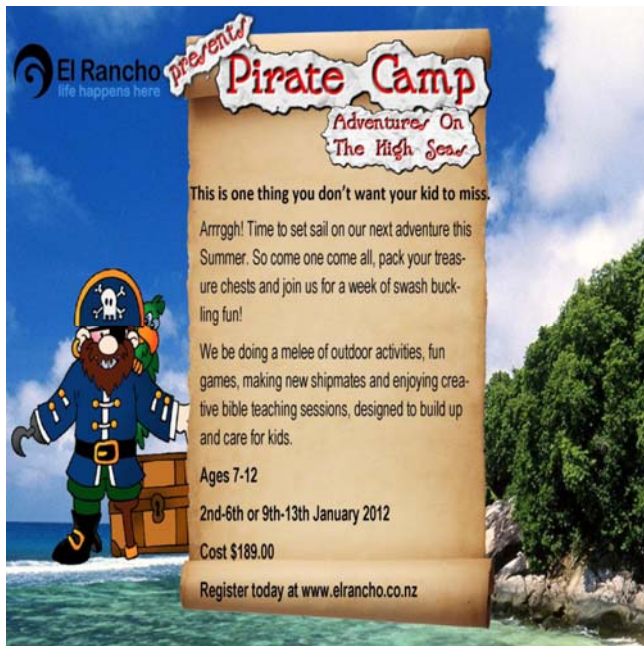
NZ ranks just behind USA with 14.4 deaths per 100,000 population (Aus 9.5).

Adults must always set a good example e.g. by wearing a safety belt: children learn by copying what we do.

That when you put a child in a restraint always check that: the buckle is done up, the straps or belts are not twisted, they fit snugly, not loosely.



Community Notices



Give your kids a week away – somewhere they can be challenged, have fun, be safe and learn about God. Each school holidays we run camps for kids 7-12 years old. These residential camps are packed with a wide range of outdoor activities, fun games and crafts and include a creative and energetic guest communicator who shares the Gospel message and stories from the bible. On-site leaders provide 24 hour care and supervision and a “camp mum” is on hand for scrapes, bruises and medical needs. At our children’s camps we have an average of one leaders to every 5 campers. This provides close supervision of activities and lots of personal attention to the needs of individual campers.

Please note the 2 camps are identical.

Enrol Now KidzOwn School Holiday Programme (O.S.C.A.R)

Spots filling fast. Enrol now & save yourself the last minute stress. Cool Activities Include – Splash Planet, Carnival Day, Friday 13th Fear Factor, 2 day Dance Workshop, Paintball, Horse Riding, Gymnastics.....Plus loads more fun activities all specially catered to our Juniors & Seniors. Download Enrolment Form from our website www.KidzOwn.co.nz or contact our friendly Head Office Team on 0800 543 9696 or Enquiries@KidzOwn.co.nz.

KAPITI 10PIN BOWLING

Happy Hour 4pm - 7pm
Thursday and Friday

\$4 per game per person

Food and Drinks available

Ring 04 298 3674 for bookings

Fuse Circus
Campground
CHAOS
FANTASTIC ALL AGES
OUTDOOR CIRCUS
Maclean Park
Paraparaumu Beach
Dec 15th - 18th
8pm daily and 2pm weekend matinees
Koha/Donation suggested \$5 kids/\$10 adults
FUSECIRCUS CO NZ
FACEBOOK/CAMPGROUND CHAOS

Kapanui School presents: “Christmas @ Nga Manu”

SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER 5.00 pm.
Tickets are available from Kapanui school office,
Take Note Waikanae & Kingdom Music
Paraparaumu.
\$5 per ticket for \$20 family.
Look forward to seeing you there!

**Kāpiti Bookbusters'
Summer Reading Club**

Kāpiti Coast District Libraries are once again running their very popular Summer Reading Club. A **FREE** family-oriented incentive-based reading programme for children aged 5-12 years.

REGISTRATIONS BEGIN

28th November 2011

Places Limited

So sail into your local library to get signed up

Need more information...check under 'Services' 'Kids' on our webpage...

www.kapiticoastdistrictlibraries.govt.nz

OTAKI POOL FUN DAY

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 1PM – 3PM

ENTRY FEE:- GOLD COIN ALL
PROCEEDS TO
TIMATANGA HOU AQUATIC SWIM
TRUST
OR
CAN OF FOOD FOR THE OTAKI FOOD
BANK

SPOT PRIZES,
BUBBLE MACHINE,
BOUNCY CASTLE,
WATER SLIDE,
LARGE INFLATABLE,
MUSIC
FUN FUN FUN,
FATHER CHRISTMAS ARRIVES 2PM

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

You're their lifeguard - Keep your Child safe at the pool this summer!



Over the Summer School holidays many families will be enjoying all the fun and excitement local swimming pools have to offer.

Water Safety NZ and NZ Recreation Association would like to remind families about the Pool Alone policy that public pools in New Zealand are required to adhere to:

Children under 8 must be actively supervised by a caregiver 16 years or over.

Actively supervised means watching your child at all times; Able to provide immediate assistance*

Lifeguards are an important safety feature, but they are not intended to replace the close supervision of parents or caregivers.

Tragically many drowning deaths occur in the few seconds that parents are distracted. The role of a lifeguard is to ensure people are safe in the water - they are not babysitters.

Remembering this when you take your family for a swim will help our pools to remain safe and fun places for everyone to enjoy.

**Please note that some pools have a stricter policy than the one above*

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