



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

# ŌTAKI SCHOOL TE KURA TUATAHI O ŌTAKI

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

Over the last month or so you would have witnessed all the digging wending its way down Mill Road - it is of course for the fibre optic cabling running through to Te Wananga o Raukawa. We were thrilled that TWOR have allowed us to bring the cable in to Ōtaki School at a very reasonable charge - at present we have fibre into the building but are not hooked up yet as we compare different prices.

The Board is also looking at the possibility of running our phones through this system as we should be able to make savings here in the long run.

The neat thing is we now have high speed internet access available which will be a tremendous benefit to our school in the future. This would not have happened for a very long time without the generosity of TWOR. A big mihi to Te Wananga!!!!

As mentioned in the last newsletter we are in the process of gathering and collating assessment data - this will provide information for the teachers in report writing and the data once analysed is also used to highlight areas which we need to target for improvement next year.

This may be a school wide target such as 'addition' across the school, or the focus could be on a particular group of students such as reading comprehension in Year 4 boys.

Once the targets are set they become a particular emphasis for the year and progress against them is reported back to the BoT at the end of the year.

Following in the newsletter is a list of events between now and the end of the year trips, camps, parent evenings, a ball and so on - stay involved we're nearly there.

"Great things are happening here!!!"

Ngā mihi

*Chris Derbidge*

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDER

Nov	28	Ratana Church
	30	Assembly Room 12
Dec	2	Room 12 Parent Evening 7pm
	6	Board of Trustees meeting 7pm
	7 & 8	Rooms 2 & 12 End of Year Trip
	8 & 9	Kia Manawanui to Kapiti Island
	9	TKW Ball
	13	Year 6 Graduation
	14	Assembly Room 1 TKW Year 8 Graduation Choir to Coastlands 11am
	16	End of Term 4 – 2pm close
<b>2011</b>		
Feb	2	Term 1 starts
	22	School Picnic at Waikanae Pools \$3.00 per child
Mar	19	Otaki School Gala



**Welcome to Otaki School**

**We hope that you really enjoy our great school.**



### Otaki College Uniforms

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

Saturday 4 December	9.00 – 12.00 midday
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 – 3.30 pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> , Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00 – 3.30 pm

We have a plentiful supply of second hand uniform at good prices.

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

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

# **Urgent! Urgent! Urgent!**



Please use the pedestrian crossings whenever you escort or collect your children to and from school. We are trying to keep your children safe yet parents are deliberately ignoring the crossing even when the students are on patrol! We are reluctant to request police assistance but will do so if adults continue to ignore the road safety rules.

**PLEASE USE THE CROSSING WHEN LEAVING OR RETURNING TO YOUR VEHICLES!**

## Teachers Matter

A good education is the most precious gift that we can give our children, therefore we need teachers who are passionate about children and about learning. Government is still rejecting our pay claims and are wanting to erode our current conditions! How can you help us to make a difference in the life of your child. Write letters to the Minister of Education Anne Tolley and her colleagues, send her an email! Tell her and the rest of the world that teachers do matter! Hands Up for Learning!



## Have You Noticed?

the beautiful artwork that has just been completed around the school? The kowhaiwhai patterns around Whare Manaaki our hall, were designed by three of our past pupils Rakairoa Grace, Ngatai Derbidge and Jordan Tahere who won a competition to create designs for the local belt manufacturer. Matua Arthur Thatcher a parent of the school, transferred the designs on to kowhaiwhai boards. Thank you Matua Arthur, we know you put hours and hours of work into this project. Thank you boys what a pleasure it is to celebrate the gifts you left behind when you left us. Your artwork is magnificent.

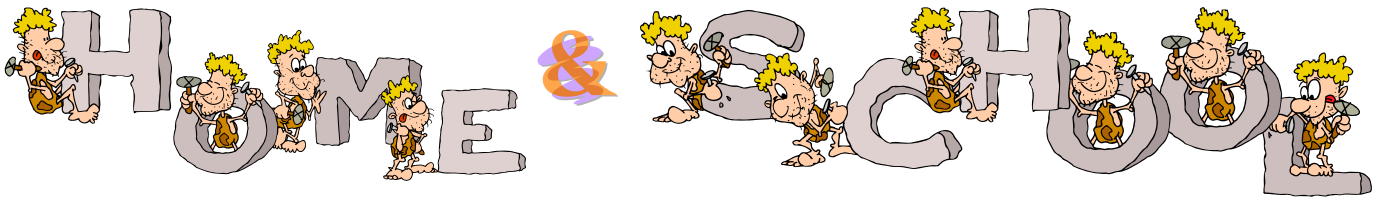
The mosaics on the side wall which were hung this week, is the result of the clay artwork undertaken by our years 5,6,7,8 students under the tutorage of accomplished potter Rod Graham. Each year our senior students will have an opportunity to create a piece of art which will be displayed proudly in the school forever! Pop along to school and share their accomplishments! The clay murals are stunning!



## KIA KAHA

Thank you so much whanau for paying in your money for our Kapiti Island trip. Remember that the actual cost is \$155 but you are paying only \$76 per child. For those who haven't yet paid in full you have until the end of the month.

Our thoughts go out to one of our students Soraya Taipeti who has been in and out of hospital this term. Kia kaha kotiro. Ma te Atua koe e manaaki!



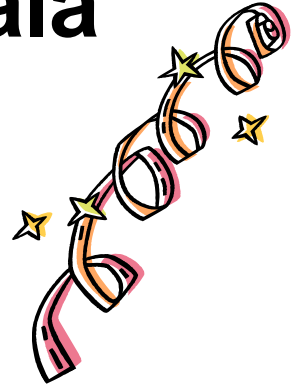
Thank you so much Home & School Committee who have offered to organise next year's Gala Extravaganza. We know you'll do a fabulous job. You will see how last year's money was spent just by looking around the school. Our school is looking amazing isn't it so thank you for helping us to create a school which we are proud of. We are now beginning to work towards making next years Gala another great success. For the next two weeks we are collecting BOOKS, DVDs and CDs. We are asking for BOOKS/DVDs/CDs which are in good order. You may send them to school anytime –if everybody brought a book or two to school we would have over 200 books to sell – sounds awesome doesn't! During the last few weeks at school we will be asking for toys! So let's start spring cleaning to see what treasures we might find.



# Otaki School Gala Extravaganza

Otaki School, Mill Rd, Otaki

**Saturday 19 March**  
**10.30am onwards**



We are organising our Gala Extravaganza for 2011 already so write this date in your calendar .Don't miss out! We promise you lots of fun, food and frolic!!

- Harley Davidson Rides
- Mini Cars
- Hair Braiding
- Bouncy Castle
- All day entertainment
- Kapa Haka

- Decorate your own cupcake
- Pony Rides
- Face Painting & moko
- Nail Painting
- Weaving/harakeke
- Bands

## **FOOD GALORE!** **STALLS!**

Hangi  
Café  
Sausage sizzle  
Steak sandwiches  
Hot Chips  
Cakes, Sweets & Drinks  
Candy floss

## **STALLS, STALLS,**

Plants  
Crafts  
Books  
Toys  
White Elephant  
Books  
Clothing



*For further information contact Otaki School 06 364 8704*



**Po Kanikani Miharo:** Our annual Po Kanikani Miharo is on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December at the Otaki Memorial Hall. A finger food plate is required by all whanau for supper. We would like to start the evening at 6pm sharp so could all tamariki please be there by 5-45pm. Gold coin koha for entry. All tamariki have been partnered up with someone else so it is important that they are all there on the night to show off their dance skills that they have been working hard on this term. Last year a couple of tamariki did not turn up and that was really sad for their partners. All tamariki need to be dressed smartly. If you have any old ball dresses or tuxedos that someone else could wear please bring them to school – kiaora

**Year 8 Graduation:** The graduation of our year 8 tamariki is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December in the Whare Manaaki. All whanau need to bring along a plate for potluck hakari afterwards. We would like to start at 6pm sharp. We have 12 tamariki leaving TKW this year. This is a very special evening for the tamariki that are leaving us so we ask that every whanau please be there to support them on the night. Graduation is one of those compulsory hui that you all signed up for on enrolment.

**Uniforms:** Lots of TKW uniforms have not been returned after both Takiri o te ata festival and the kapahaka in Palmerston North. Could they all be returned asap – kiaora.

**Kapahaka Nohinohi:** Our nohinohi roopu have been invited to perform at the Montessori end of year breakup evening. Please note the date has changed to Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December (The night before the Kanikani evening). We need to have them up at the Waitohu School Hall by 4-55pm as the tamariki will perform at 5-30pm. What we would like to do is keep all the tamariki at school that afternoon, feed them, dress and prepare them here at school and have the parents come at 4-30 to help transport them up to Waitohu School. Whaea Andrea is letting us use her classroom afterwards to get changed in so you can take your tamaiti home from Waitohu School. If you would like to go back into the hall to watch the rest of the evening that is fine also.

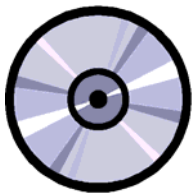
**Dates and hui to remember for TKW whanau:**

Po Kanikani – Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm (Compulsory)

Year 8 Graduation – Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm (Compulsory)

Kapahaka Nohinohi – Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup> / parents arrive at 4-45 for transport (Compulsory Nohinohi only)

2011 TKW whanau hui for term 1 – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 6-30pm (Compulsory)



**TKW fundraiser**

Australia trip DVDs - Once again Matua Eugene has excelled himself and put together a fantastic DVD of our trip to Oz. The cost is \$10-00 with proceeds going to replenish our fundraising account

**Weekly Road Sense Fact – Did you Know?**

Did you know .....



That higher speeds result in more crashes and in more severe injuries.

That speeding is just as dangerous as drink driving.

That fewer New Zealanders would be killed and injured if we all slowed down.



## Community Notices

### **For Sale**

1997 Mitsubishi Challenger  
2.8 litre diesel  
250,000ks – regularly serviced  
\$5,500  
Contact Chris at school

Shane Rufer School of Football  
After School and School holiday  
programmes  
[www.schooloffootball.co.nz](http://www.schooloffootball.co.nz)  
[shane.rufer@inspire.net.nz](mailto:shane.rufer@inspire.net.nz)  
Shane 021 622101

### **Otaki Pottery Club RAKU**

OTAKI COLLEGE  
Saturday December 4<sup>th</sup>  
10am – 4pm  
“Hands-on art experience for the whole  
family”  
“Come along, buy a pot, glaze it and fire it  
on the spot”  
Raku makes great Christmas presents.

REFRESHMENTS, BBQ, POTTERY  
FOR SALE

Lucky Draw for children

FREE ENTRY

### **Artful Kids FUN HOLIDAY ART CLASSES in Waikanae**

Fun and exciting Fine Arts for local kids aged 7 to 13  
years,  
Taught by experienced and esteeming child friendly  
local artists.

**All of the art materials are supplied. Only \$20 a  
morning.**

Run out of the Waikanae Arts and Crafts rooms.

**Monday 20th till Thursday 23rd December, 9.30  
till 12.00.**

Contact Rachel Benefield to secure your spot on;  
ph; 04 905 8219; txt 021 234 0949 email;

[artfulkidsnz@gmail.com](mailto:artfulkidsnz@gmail.com)

Class sizes limited to 15 kids a day.

Otaki Players present

"**No Sense in Murder**" is a Whodunit evening, correctly guess who the  
murderer is and you go in the draw to win a prize.....The play follows six  
friends gathered for an evening of fun and playing a board game. A  
seventh rejected from the group, places a curse on the house and those  
that gather there. This play is not predictable..... written by local  
resident Peter Carr.

Nov 25th 26th 27th... Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4th 8.00pm Civic Theatre  
Otaki. Tickets \$15: Bookings Otaki Railway Book Shop (opposite civic  
theatre) ... Donation of \$3 from each ticket sold to Otaki Food Bank..

### **Christmas 2010 & Summer Holiday 2011**

KidzOwn Otaki Christmas/Summer Holiday Program  
is out. We will be running our Christmas Holiday  
Program from Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December to Thursday  
23<sup>rd</sup> December 2010. Our Summer Holiday Program  
will start on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December.

For a free info pack you can call us on 0800 KidzOwn  
(543 9696) or go to [www.KidzOwn.co.nz](http://www.KidzOwn.co.nz)

**Summer Events @ The Library:** Kāpiti Coast District  
Libraries have lots of **free** activities planned for children  
this summer:

- ‘Kāpiti Bookbusters’ Summer Reading Club
- Christmas Stories and Craft
- Summer Stories and Craft
- Story Teller - Mary Kippenberger



**So sail on down to your local library to catch a  
brochure or check out our website for more details**  
[www.kapiticoastdistrictlibraries.govt.nz](http://www.kapiticoastdistrictlibraries.govt.nz)

# Manakau School

## Fair and Trolley

Pony Rides

Cake Stall

# Derby

White Elephant

Garden Stall

**November 27**

**10.30 - 2.30**

Harley Motorbike Rides

Quick fire raffles

Bouncy Castle

Petting Zoo

White bait fritters

