



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

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Ratu 14 Hakitea 2010

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

Well we're there!! Another very successful year for Ōtaki Primary draws to a close. 2010 has seen further progress for our school. Beginning with our first gala for many, many years, grounds development with our new safer carpark, new fence and various art works the school is certainly a far more attractive place. We can be proud of the progress here!!

End of year assessments reflect the hard work our skilled and dedicated teachers put in daily to ensure all students are given the very best learning opportunities. With reports coming home on Thursday I am sure you will see the progress that your children have made.

I know you would join with me in thanking all of the teaching staff, support staff, admin and cleaning/caretaking folk for their efforts this year, we have a great team!!!

I would like to wish the Year 8 and Year 6 leavers all the best for their future education knowing that Ōtaki School has given them a very sound base to work and grow from.

To you, the friends and whānau of our school I thank you very much for your continued support. 2010 has been an exciting year and we look forward to the challenges of 2011.

"Great things are happening here!!!"

Ngā mihi

Chris Derbidge



Welcome to Otaki School

Nikau Gardner

We hope that you really enjoy our great school.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDER

Dec 14 Choir to Coastlands 11 am
15 Junior School Play 6.30pm
16 End of Term 4 – 2pm close

2011

Jan 26-28 Teaching staff to 'Teachers Matter' Conference in Rotorua
Feb 2 Term 1 starts
22 School Picnic at Waikanae Pools \$3.00 per child
Mar 19 Otaki School Gala
April 15 End of Term 1

Teachers/Classes for 2011

Principal – Chris Derbidge

Room 1 Year 5/6 Bi lingual Alice Derbidge Deputy Principal

Room 2 Year 5/6 Phillipa Batey

Room 3 Year 4/5/6 Maharata Nikora Davis

Room 4 Year 6/7/8 Makaore Wilson

Room 5 Year 0/1 Yvonne Tahere Assistant Principal

Room 6 Year 1/2 Anahera Taiaki

Room 7 Year 2/3/4 Janeen Davis

Room 8 Year 0/1 Elaine Houston Lead Teacher Junior School

Room 9 Year 1/2 Maara Redward

Room 10 Year 3/4 Viv Pansters

Room 12 Year 4/5 Christine Kyle

Herewini Katene – Gifted and Talented Programme

Rose McAuslan – Reading Recovery Tutor



Otaki College Uniforms

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

Wednesday 19th & Thursday 20th January 10.00 – 3.30 pm

Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th 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 10th 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.

Performing Arts Nights Room 12

On 2nd December, the children of Room 12 held a Performing Arts night for their parents and friends. The children have been studying forms of dance and learning songs for just over a term, and along with some cool gymnastics wowed the crowd. A huge turnout of parents packed the hall where they were enthralled by the talent of their children. What a great evening!





End of Year Trip Rooms 12 & 2

Rooms 12 and 2 went visiting Wellington on the 7th-8th of December. It was a fun packed experience for all. We visited the Weta Workshop caves, travelled on the Cable Car, were entertained by some great guides at Te Papa, went out for a yummy dinner at the Lone Star restaurant then headed to the Zoo to have an

overnight stay. What an experience, patting and feeding giraffes, touching spikey lizards, watching the tigers and cheetahs in close proximity. It was awesome. On the way home we stopped to have a cool swim at the Porirua pools. A huge thanks to Liz and her helpers who worked tirelessly fundraising and organising, to make this trip a great one!



KIA KAHA

What a memorable time we had on Kapiti Island last week. We learned amazing things about the island, our native manu, the ngahere, the rocky shore and so much more. How lucky we were to see the kiwi feeding and to witness the pods of orca whales as they swam through the waters of Rau o te Rangi. Thank you whanau for making the visit possible. Thank you also for your support throughout the year it has been a privilege to work with your wonderful talented children.



Te Po Kanikani: What a fantastic night. Everyone looked stunning! The tamariki did a great job with their dances. Thanks heaps to all the parents who supported the evening by getting their tamariki there looking glamorous. Thank you for the kai. We will be having a ball in term 3 next year so hang up the tuxedos and gowns.

Tamariki leaving: We will be saying goodbye to Bridie, Irihia and Meronea this week. Bridie is off to Australia with her family to live, Irihia is going to Te Rito, and Meronea is going to complete year 8 at Otaki College.

Graduating year 8's: 12 year 8's leaving – the biggest group yet! We wish the following tamariki all the best at their new colleges for 2011 Karere Uruamo-Taiaki, Te Rangiamohia Nikora-Davis, Maria Logan-Richards, Makere Rice, Teina Davis, Raiha Malcolm, Conor Te Maipi, Kapua Thompson, Lavinia Cook, Maharakura Tawhai-Johnson, Te Aniwaniwa Black, Mariarangi Carkeek.

Powhiri 2011 Tuesday 2nd Feb: We will begin our first day of 2011 with a powhiri for new tamariki coming in from Kohanga Reo. Powhiri will start at 9-30. We have tamariki coming from He Iti na Motai, Turoa Kohanga Reo, Kauri St Kohanga Reo and Punahau Early Childhood Centre.

2011 TKW whanau hui for term 1: Wednesday 16th February at 6-30pm (Compulsory)

Junior School



End Of Year Concert: Mystery Island

Our Christmas concert this year is a play written by Mrs Pansters and performed by the whole Junior Syndicate. We would like the children to be at school by 6.00pm to get into costumes and make-up, and the play will start at 6.30pm and will finish at about 7.00pm. Entry at the door will be by a gold coin koha. We ask that all children are on time as it is important for the younger children that we get started on time. Please bring all your whanau as it will be a fantastic night and the children have been working really hard on the performance.

Picnic in the Park.

We are planning to take the children to Haruatai Park on the last day of school (Thursday) for a picnic lunch. We will leave school at 11.30 and will walk to the park, and the children can have a play. We will have lunch at 12.30 and will return to school by 1.30. We would love to have parents and families join us to share in the picnic. Children will need to bring lunch, a drink and a hat (we are hoping for a sunny day and we will only cancel this if it is pouring with rain!)



Book Bags.

Please return all book bags and reading books to school by Wednesday. Teachers will then pass these on to your child's new teacher at the beginning of next year. We will also pass on any leftover stationery from this year.



Thank you again for all your help and support over the year, the teachers and children really appreciate this.

Finally we wish you all a very happy Christmas, a safe holiday, and look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Teachers of the Junior Syndicate: Elaine Houston, Maara Redward and Viv Pansters.

Weekly Road Sense Fact – Did you Know?

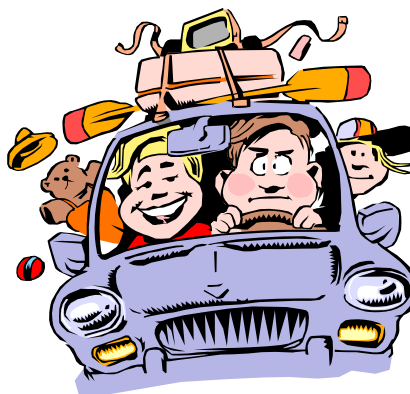
Did you know



That a good safety belt can save your life in a crash.

That worn or damaged belts place a greater risk of serious injury or death in a crash.

That all modern cars must be fitted with safety belts in the front and back seats.



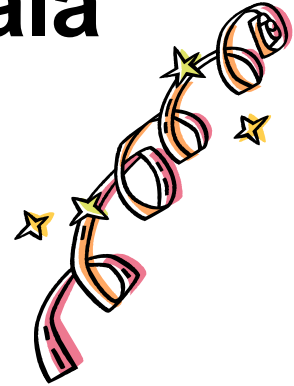
Holiday Time !!



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

Community Notices

Otaki Athletics Club are hosting a fundraiser on Saturday, 11 December 2010 from 1.00–3.00pm
Buy, Sell & Swap for Bikes of all shapes & sizes, trikes, baby buggies & scooters

At the Waitohu School Hall, Te Manuao Road, Otaki

If it has wheels & takes human effort to move it we want YOU to get it moving - out of the shed!

Dust it off & bring it along to SELL, SWAP or DONATE.

Or just come along to grab yourself or your child a bargain, just in time for Christmas.

Experience bike technician available for FREE assessment for bikes needing a little TLC to get them safe & roadworthy.

Registration Fee for sellers - \$5.00 for up to three items. Proceeds to Otaki Athletics Club.

Prices to be agreed by both parties, all proceeds are the seller's to keep.

Enquiries & to arrange collection of donated items - Barbara Franks – PHN: 364 7711 or 027 485 8888.

Proceeds from the sale of donated items on the day go to Otaki Athletics Club.

Summer Holiday Programme: SKIDS (Safe Kids in Daily Supervision)
20 Dec – 24 Dec 2010 and 17 Jan – 1 Feb 2011 based at Raumati South School Hall. Open to all. WINZ and CYFS approved. Fun, Action packed and Exciting activities!. Brochures at School Office or contact: Sonia South (06) 3648852, 027 739 1986 email: raumatisouth@skids.co.nz; www.skids.co.nz

Kittens, Male, 6 weeks old,
1x Tabby, 1x Black and White
\$130, includes Vaccination, De-sexing, worm and flea treatment
Otaki Veterinary Centre
Ph: 364 6941
269 Mill Rd, Otaki

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2011 FREE FULL TIME DAY PROGRAMMES

TRADE SKILLS

RETAIL-CUSTOMER SERVICE

MAHI TAHI O TE PAINGA – literacy, life skills etc

*Travel assistance may apply

*Work experience, job and life skills included in all day programmes. 16 years old +

FREE NOHO/WEEKEND BASED T.W.O.A

TOI PAEMATUA RARANGA/WEAVING

KAWAI RAUPAPA – introduction to korowai

For more information, on any of the above

programmes make the first step, contact us at:

Phone: 06 3681638 Email: tekokiri@hotmail.com

Address: 18 Hokio Beach Road, Levin

Christmas 2010 & Summer Holiday 2011

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

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

French Holiday Programme in full immersion at the Alliance Francaise for ages 3 years & upwards.
Please call 021 207 0114 or email us at office@alliancefrancaise-palmerstonnorth.org or check us out at www.alliancefrancaise-palmerstonnorth.org

The Kapiti Gymnastics Club will be running a Holiday Programme over the period 17 – 28 January 2011 for children 5 -12 years.

Bookings are essential – please telephone 298 7010 or email kapitigym@xtra.co.nz for more details.

OTAKI PLAYCENTRE ANNUAL GARAGE SALE!!!

To raise money for Otaki Playcentre will be held on Saturday 29th January from 9am.

Please donate your unwanted goods



'Can Your Child Swim . . . Will They Survive?'

Swim Magic Swim School Lessons are on offer in our nice warm pools at Otaki Pool during the School Holidays and in Term 1 2011.

Holiday dates: Week 1: *Monday 17th January – Friday 21st January*

Cost: \$55 per week

Term 1 dates: *Monday 7th February – Saturday 16th April 2011*

Cost: \$110 per term

To book your swimming lessons
Contact Kimra on 3645542 or email kis@clmz.co.nz



Tennis Coaching!

When: 17th and 18th of January 2011

Where: Haruatai Courts, Mill Road, Otaki

Ages: 5 – 15 yrs old

Kieran Putt, Isaac Cant, and Ashleigh Andrews will be running the coaching sessions, who have all played tennis at a regional level in Wellington.

Cost: \$25 for one day, \$45 for two days. Sessions will start at 9am and finish at 12 midday, with a morning tea break in-between. All experience levels are welcome. Morning tea will be provided.

These sessions are very dependent on numbers and we need a good turnout for it to be worthwhile.

If you are interested or have any questions please contact us:

Email – kieranputt@hotmail.com

Phone – 364 3435

School Holiday Cricket Academy

For all primary school aged children

Pre Christmas

December Fri. 17, mon 20, tues 21, wed 22

January 2011

January tues 4, wed 5, tues 11, wed 12, tues 18, wed 19, tue 25, wed 26

Coaching split into hardball and softball groups

9am-12 and 12.30-3.30pm

half day \$20 full day \$35

Skills Coaching, games and fun cricket activities. Book for all days, a few days, half day, one day - whatever suits you

Where? Paraparaumu Cricket Club rooms Whyte Street, Kena Kena Park

Places limited so go to

www.ugmcricket.co.nz to register

or call/text 027 2557581