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Rāapa te rā 4 Poutu te rangi 2010

Kia Ora Koutou. Warm greetings to you all.

Planning for our school gala on Saturday 13 March is progressing well with lots of donations regularly arriving. We have not run a gala here for a very long time and I believe it will be of great value to our school. There will be of course the obvious financial gain but as well as that is the opportunity the gala provides for all of us, the school community, to come together and work towards a common goal. Please do continue to send along requested items and do please ring the school if you are able to help in any other way.

Paid Union Meetings – You may be pleased to know these have been postponed until April/May. School will be open as usual on 23 March.

On a more somber note: recently we have been subject to a break in, an attempted break in and several outbreaks of graffiti. The police are aware of who is responsible and are following these incidents up. We are working so hard to make Otaki School an exciting and attractive environment for your children to learn in and these incidents though relatively isolated are very frustrating.

Please keep an eye on our school and if you see anything suspicious call the police. Ph 364 7366

I have included a copy of our Homework Procedure for your perusal and comment.

My email address is chris.derbidge@otaki.school.nz

Chris Derbidge

Principal



HOMEWORK/MAHI KAINGA PROCEDURE

Responsibility of the Principal and Staff

Each Board, through the Principal and Staff, is required to:

- NAG 1 (i) develop and implement teaching and learning programmes:
- (a) to provide all students in years 1-10 with opportunities to achieve for success in all the essential learning and skill areas of the New Zealand curriculum;
 - (b) giving priority to student achievement in literacy and numeracy, especially in years 1-8;

AIMS:

1. To practice work mastered at school.
2. To foster a link between home and school.
3. To encourage a regular routine of homework.

GUIDELINES:

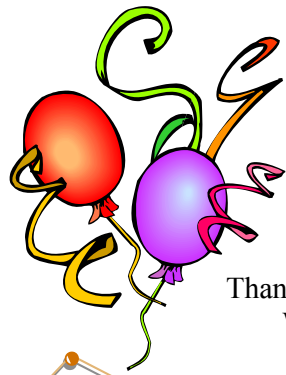
- All homework should be at an independent level (reading, basic facts etc)
- Wherever possible parents should be asked to comment on the time taken, suitability and level of the work set.
- Homework must be acknowledged/monitored by the class teacher.
- Homework should not be excessive.
- Extra curricular activities are valued and encouraged and will be taken into account when setting and managing homework.

Welcome to Otaki School to Havaiiki Riroroko-Winterburn.
We hope that you all really enjoy our great school.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mar	5	HPV's Year 8
	9	Assembly Room 3
	13	OTAKI SCHOOL GALA !!
	16	Junior Assembly
	19	TKW Triathlon
	22	Sports Festival at the Westpac Stadium - Year 5/6 Duffy Hero Assembly 9.45
	23	Assembly Room 4
	26	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
	28	Ratana Church Service 10am
	30	Junior Assembly
April	1	Bike to school day End of Term 1
	19	Start of Term 2

OTAKI SCHOOL GALA EXTRAVAGANZA



When: Saturday 13 March 2010
Time: 10.30 onwards



LESS THAN A FORTNIGHT TO GO!!

Gala meetings are held every Thursday at 3.15pm.
All welcome, many hands make light work.

Thank you to all those who have donated items and returned the slip with offers of help.
We are still looking for more people to help man stalls, bake, make sweets etc.



Teacher Only Day March 26 – School closed

On 26 March the school will be closed as teachers are involved in professional development on the use of interactive white boards. This course runs on Friday 26 and Saturday 27th March

Swimming Sports

We held our swimming sports at Haruatai Pool yesterday. Well done all you swimmers!!

We are sending a small group of our elite swimmers to the Kapiti Schools swimming sports tomorrow, Friday 5th March. Good Luck to you all.



Sport Notices

For any sports notices, please look on the notice board in the office foyer.

Bike to School Day

Venue: Otaki School

Date: 1 April 2010

Time: 8.00 Shared breakfast in hall
8.45 Courses and jumps for bikers
9.30 Round the block bike ride
10.00 Courses and jumps for bikes

Bring your decorated bike to win a prize. Help celebrate bikewise month. Heaps of prizes. Nau mai, haere mai.

Weekly Road Sense Fact – Did you Know?

Did you know



Over one third of the pedestrians injured were children under the age of 15, and half were aged under 20. Teach your children to be safe on the roads and footpaths. Show them where it is safe to walk, and how to cross the road safely.



Show your children the safest way to school, the shops, the playground etc.
Remember the shortest route is not always the safest. Choose safety over convenience.

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CHILDRENS AFTERSCHOOL POTTERY CLASSES -
TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR TERM 1 AND 2. We have
vacancies in our Thursday sessions starting next week 4th
March. At present our Monday sessions are full,
but encourage you to put your name on my waiting list for
cancellations. Details of the classes are as follows -

Monday or Thursday

3.30-5.00pm,

4 classes \$25.00 inclusive of clay and firing (subsidised)

Sessions include coiling, slab or pinch pots and glazing

Children will make at least 1 or 2 items in each class

Approx 12 children per class at

Otaki Pottery Club (back of Otaki College)

Parent helpers welcome to stay and learn

8 years and older,

(children under 8years will be considered if a parent stays to
help)

Limited spaces available but can be put on a waiting list

Contact Michelle Retimana 04 905 8298.

OTAKI GYMNASTIC CLUB

For many years our club has been
teaching gym skills to kids aged 3-
12, using excellent equipment and
training up coaches. Due to some
of our long-standing (adult)
members moving on we need **new
blood on the committee** to keep
this wonderful opportunity open
to our community. If your kids are
keen on doing gym or you simply
have got a little time to give please
join us on **Wed 17 March at 25
Brandon St, Otaki** or contact **Jutta**
by that date under ph. **3548552**.

We would love to see the club
thrive to keep benefiting the
community, but we cannot do it
without your support. So, come
and join us for the meeting. Drinks
and nibbles provided. Once a new
committee has been established
sessions will be resumed soon
afterwards (exact date to be
decided at the meeting and
published subsequently).

HOOP CLUB – LEVIN FREE OPEN DAY

Saturday 6th March 2010 10:30am til noon

Horowhenua Events Centre- Sports Stadium

Come along and join in the fun and excitement of

Basketball with American and Kapiti Pro Basketballer Angelo Robinson.

Regular session will be Mondays after school, starting soon.

Ages 5-18. Anyone interested in assisting coach, please contact

Jacqui Kerins 367 3080 or 021 931 003

The Levin Basketball Association is very excited to introducing HOOP CLUB to Levin.
and it doesn't require any effort from the schools!!

Hoop Club will be starting up soon as a weekly activity at the Stadium at the Horowhenua Events Centre.

It is designed so that children can come along and have some fun while learning the skills of basketball.

Those skills will then belong to the player to take wherever they like eg. miniball, jnr basketball or rep teams.

There will be some games but there is not a league within the club itself.

There will however be tournaments where Levin HOOP Club teams can play against teams from the other Hoop Clubs that are already established around the wider Wellington and Kapiti regions.

Otaki Sports Club

Registration Days 2010

Otaki Junior Football (Soccer)

For all boys and girls aged 5 yrs to 14yrs who wish to play for Otaki this coming season.

Registration Dates

Tuesday 2nd March 6pm – 8pm

Saturday 6th March 1pm – 3pm

Venue

Otaki Sports Club (Above squash courts)

Haruatai Park, Mill Road, Otaki School

Fees

5-6yrs \$40

7-10yrs \$55

11-14yrs \$60

Pay your childs registration on the day and automatically go into the draw to WIN one of

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Wellington Phoenix Supporters Scarves

Any NEW Junior/Senior Men's players to the area are more than welcome to join

ENQUIRIES: Catherine 364 6014 or Paulette 362 6843