



Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Joseph Huang, Jessica Tolley, Jasper Bi, Jessica Ma, Shawn Yu, Autumn Nguyen-Visethsinh, Nicolas Valente Motta, Brina Wan, Mila Farac

Upcoming events

7, 8 & 9th April	Class and Individual Photos
14th April	Northern Bays Cluster Swimming
16th April	Last Day of Term
3rd May	Term 2 commences

Upcoming events are also on our calendar on our website: www.oteha.school.nz

Staff News

We are excited to Announce that **Mrs Katherine Wyllie** and her husband Kelly are expecting their first baby in July. We wish them and their new family all the best!



Farewell to:

Mrs Annie Meissner is moving to Australia with her husband to live. Mrs Meissner has been at school for 2 ½ years and leaves at the end of the term.

Mrs Steph Kennedy has accepted a teaching position at Silverdale School. Mrs Kennedy has been at school for 1 ½ years.

We wish them all the best for their new adventures.

Welcome to:

Ms Natalie Colville has been appointed as a teacher for Room 18 and starts on the 12th of April. She will teach the remainder of the year in that class.

Miss Emily Hamill has been appointed as a teacher and will start up our New Entrant class in Rm 7.

I would like to welcome them both to our school.

Learning Conferences

Teachers enjoyed the opportunity to meet with parents and children to discuss learning goals and how children have settled into the new school year. If you were unable to make a time to meet with your child's teacher and would like to do so, please email them to arrange a time to meet.

Learning Conferences will be held again at the end of Term 2.

Class and Individual Photos

We are excited to welcome Tanja from Little Doves Photography to our school. Tanja has photographed most of the classes today and will finish the remaining rooms on Friday. Tomorrow she and a colleague from Wellington will photograph each child individually. There is also the opportunity for your child to be photographed with their Oteha sibling(s) on Friday. Should you wish for your children to be photographed together you will need to email Tanja – tanja@littledoves.co.nz and give her the names and rooms of your children by the end of today.

At the beginning of next term images will be uploaded into an online album and you will receive a link to access this. Orders can be made for prints and digital images. If your order is received before 17th May it will be delivered to school on 24th May. Orders made after 17th May will incur a cost for post and packaging. Information will follow how to order photos when they are available.

We would like to advise that we will not have organised sports team photos this year. This is because previous photographers have reported that they receive very few orders for these. We suggest that you take lots of side-line photos during the respective sports season.

Kāhui Ako ANZAC Poetry Competition

All the schools in the Oneroa Kāhui Ako are participating in an ANZAC Poetry competition. Our local MP, Erica Stanford, is going to be the judge and will select winners in the following categories: Year 1-3, Year 4-6, Year 7&8, Year 9&10, Year 11 -13. Each category winner will receive a \$30 Westfield Voucher and the overall winner will receive a \$50 voucher.

We will publish the results in an upcoming newsletter.

BOT News

Kia ora from the Board,

As a board and indeed as a school community, I know we are all devastated at the news of 5-year-old Joanna Kong's tragic death from the injuries she sustained after being hit by a car in her school carpark last week. It is an absolute tragedy, schools and communities all over the country are carrying Pigeon Mountain Primary in our hearts.

It sadly highlights the dangers for our children around cars, carparks and roads. We each individually need to play our own part in keeping ALL of our children safe in and around our school. This means:

- The Kea Crossing is positioned on Fields Pde to ensure a safe place to cross with clear sight for small people crossing the road. Please be a good role model for our children with how & where you cross the road.
- Parking your car where you are not obstructing road corners or sight lines for those crossing at the Kea Crossing or the small side roads around our school.
- Park further away from school and walk to pick up your children. Even choosing to park around Nimstedt Ave and Gleanor Ave is a great idea. It is a short walk to school and helps to keep heavy traffic away from the Kea Crossing zone.
- Children can be unpredictable; we need to do all that we can as responsible adults to make the safest choices on their behalf.
- Our staff and parents out on duty are there to do all that they can to keep our children safe, please respect them in this role and do as they ask of you.

If we each take responsibility to try to park kindly, stay vigilant and keep our vehicles further away from the immediate school zone it will make the roads where our children walking are much safer.

In our BOT meeting in March we:

- reviewed the end of year statistics and data for our learners during 2020
- Discussed the results and the focus moving forward for 2021
- Discussed our Seesaw / LincEd / Hero / School apps
- Reviewed the budget



- Discussed education outside the classroom 2021 for years. 5/6
- Property update
- Reviewed the school protocol documentation that was for review this term
- Considered some IT recommendations

Stay safe out there,

Ngā mihi nui

Georgina Dew

Building Update

We are getting closer to the start of our new classrooms. We have been advised by the Ministry of Education that they are very close to finalising a contractor for the project and we should know who this is very soon. Once the contractor has been finalised we will have a start-up meeting with them, and I will keep you updated on timelines and progress.

A lot of work needs to be done to secure the building site before any work can commence and the safety of our children, staff and visitors will continue to be of the highest priority.

Year 6 Visit to Construction on Oteha Valley Road

Our Year 6 children have been invited to have a tour of the bridge and road construction that is happening on the other side of Oteha Valley Road. Dempsey-Wood is the company completing the work and they were keen for our older children to come and see progress on the work and have the opportunity to talk to the engineers about the project.

Once completed, this construction will help our children keep safe on their way to and from school, and will hopefully allow more of them to walk, bike or scooter to school, and help ease traffic congestion around our school.

Cluster Swimming

Some of our Year 5 & 6 children will be representing our school at the Northern Bays Cluster Swimming event to be held at the Millennium. It has been challenging for us selecting our swimmers for this event with two lockdowns. Good luck to all the children participating.

Kiwisport

In weeks 1 and 2 of Term 2, we are delighted to welcome back Omar from New Zealand Dance. All children will have 2 weeks of dance lessons with Omar, and this will culminate in a couple of performances for parents- date and time to be advised. All of you who were able to come and watch the performances in Term 4 last year, will appreciate how much our children learn from this experience and how much they enjoy it. You will also remember that parents are invited to dance with the children at the end, so get practising now!

Term 2 Dates and Events

Term 2 will commence on **Monday 3rd of May at 8:50am**. It ends on **Friday 9 July**.

We have several exciting events happening in Term 2.

On **Friday 21 May** we will join with hundreds of other schools and organisations to celebrate Pink Shirt Day. This is a day that symbolises a stand against bullying. Children will be able to wear a pink shirt (or something pink) to school that day.

On **Friday 4th June** we have a Teacher Only Day. We have a facilitator, Tamsin Hanly, who is going to work with teachers on developing our understanding of NZ History from a Bi-Cultural perspective. From 2022, all schools are required to teach NZ History as part of their local curriculum. **Monday 7th June** is a public Holiday to celebrate Queens' Birthday weekend, so families can take advantage of the Teacher Only Day on Friday as well, to have an extended weekend with the family.



On **Thursday 10th June** we will hold our School Cross Country. We were unable to hold this last year due to Lockdowns and Alert Levels, so we are looking forward to being able to hold this in Term 2. Saving Day is **Friday 11 June**.

On **Tuesday 15th June**, our best Year 6 Mathematicians, and strategists, will compete against other North Shore and Rodney Schools at the Mathex Competition. We have 3 teams entered and Mrs Coote is busy preparing them for this.

Along with our Kiwisport Dance programme, we have a group of performers who are practising for the bi-**annual Northern Bays Performing Arts show at the Bruce Mason Centre on Wednesday 16th June**. Miss Harman and Mrs Craggs have held auditions and are going to work with the children who will represent our school, up until the show day. On that day we will also have some artwork on display at the Bruce Mason Centre.

Learning Conferences will be held on **Wednesday 30 June** and **Thursday 1 July**. School will finish at 1.00 p.m. to allow Conferences to start at 1.30 p.m. Booking information will be sent home closer to the time.

On **Friday 2 July**, our Kapa Haka will participate in the Oneroa Kāhui Ako Matariki Festival, being held at Long Bay College. This event was another casualty of COVID and Lockdowns in 2020, so we are very excited to be able to start preparing for this very important occasion.

All these events and anything new that comes up are available for you to see on our school calendar, on the school website: www.oteha.school.nz

Despite our two periods of lockdown this term, we have had a positive and productive start to the year. Children and teachers demonstrated resilience by bouncing back and getting into school routines and expectations quickly after both lockdowns.

Hopefully, there will be no further interruptions to the year, but if there are, we now know what to expect and we can continue providing learning activities for children if Alert Levels have to change.

Thanks to all of you for your support this term. It was lovely meeting some of you who are new to our school at our Term 1 powhiri.

Please keep safe over the upcoming holiday break and I look forward to seeing everyone back for an action-packed Term 1 on Monday 3rd May.

Kia kaha



Rose Neal

Principal



Community Notices

Guitar Lessons at Oteha Valley School

Hi, my name is Phil Moore and I have been teaching guitar at Oteha Valley School since 2012. Students learn a range of traditional and contemporary styled songs and techniques **during school hours on Wednesdays**. The lessons are group classes in which students play and sing together a group and take turns to play to the group as individuals. It's a really fun format and is popular at the four schools I teach at on the North Shore.

To view some of my students in action, click on the following link...

<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLOpLvAhe58NIYaXS5FBZrQMV5xbDwUdrD>

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lessons contact phil.moore@musighub.co.nz or 021761441

Music Holiday Programmes

Mulan - The Musical (Ages 7-14) Sing, dance, act and create props. Learn the art of stage performance in our 4-day workshop focusing on key songs from Mulan. Dates: 27-30 April, 9am - 3pm Cost: \$260 Band programmes
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Art Day for children in the holidays (ages 7 - 12 yrs.)

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