



Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Wonjun Yoo, Marcus and Michael Zhang, Chanulya Wijesundara Mudiyansele, Dominic Tau, Elisa Chen, Allison Li, Lawrence, Julian, and Rose Smith.

Upcoming events

4 June **Teacher Only Day – School Closed**

7 June **Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – School Closed**

10 June **OVS Cross Country**

11 June **Rain Date – Cross Country Assembly Years 3 and 4**

15 June **Mathex Competition Northcross Intermediate**

16 June **Northern Bays – Bruce Mason**

17 June **PTP Mufti Day – Gold coin donation**

18 June **Assembly Years 5 & 6**

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

21 June	BOT Meeting Via Zoom
25 June	Assembly Year 1 and 2
30 June	Inter School Cross Country Parent Teacher conferences – School finishes earlier at 1.00 pm.
1 July	Parent Teacher conferences
2 July	Assembly Year 1 and 2

Staff News

Mrs Sue Wilson is leaving our school after working here for 14 years, mainly teaching part-time. She has been taking our Quick 60 Literacy Programme with small groups of children and also releasing classroom teachers for their CRT, or Classroom Release time. I would like to thank her for all her years of service and wish her all the best for the future. We will continue to see Mrs. Wilson around our school as she is going to do some daily relieving in Year 1-4 classes.

Kiwisport

Term 2 rocked off to an amazing start with two weeks of dance lessons for all classes by Omar from *Dance Curriculum*. This is the fourth year we have employed the skills, passion, and enthusiasm of *Dance Curriculum* to help all children learn some dance routines, but more importantly, they learnt the importance of persevering, trying something new and being resilient. The two weeks of lessons culminated in performances, and it was great to see so many parents, family and friends come and watch.

Jesters Pie Lunch

On Friday 18th June, we are holding a fundraiser lunch – Jesters Pie! For every pie bought, the school will receive \$2. Ordering will be completed through Kindo. More information will follow closer to the time.



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- Morning Glory**
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- Kentucky Delight***
Apples, blueberries and vanilla custard.
- William Tell**
Apples and cinnamon with vanilla custard.
- Maharaja***
A taste of Indian! Tender chicken and butter chicken sauce.
- Popeye***
Fresh spinach, button mushrooms and feta cheese.
- Vegan Thai Pumpkin Curry****
Pumpkins, spinach, red lentils, red capsicum, mushroom, pasta elbows, coconut milk, lime juice, turmeric and herbs.
- Dr Pepper**
Premium NZ steak with a gourmet peppercorn sauce.

* Gluten free version of selected flavours certified by Coeliac New Zealand and only available at participating Jesters stores. (Gluten free pies are \$1.00 extra per pie). ** May contain nuts.

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Matariki

Matariki is the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades (or Subaru in Japan). It rises in mid-winter and for many Māori, it heralds the start of a new year.

Traditionally, it was a time for remembering the dead, celebrating new life, and planting new crops. In the 21st century, observing Matariki has become popular again as a cross-cultural celebration. Kites, kai, balloons, and fireworks help mark the occasion. Iwi across Aotearoa celebrate Matariki at different times according to when its return is observed from their rohe (area). To some iwi, the new year in mid-winter was signalled by the dawn rising of Matariki (the Pleiades), while to others it was the rising of Puanga. Matariki or Puanga can be seen pre-dawn in the north-east of the sky, just above the horizon from mid-June to early July.

We are going to be celebrating Matariki in our school during the week of 21 -25 June. Classes will be participating in Matariki Activities, and we are delighted to announce that our two Kapa Haka will perform. We are very fortunate to have two teachers in our school this year with skills to teach waiata to the children. Miss Harman works with our Year 1 & 2 Kapa Haka and Mrs Craggs works with our Year 3-6 Kapa Haka. We will confirm times of the performances so parents and whanau can come and watch.

We are inviting our Māori and Pasifika families to a breakfast hui on **Wednesday 23 June** as part of our Matariki celebrations.

Our Year 3-6 Kapa Haka will also perform at the Oneroa Kāhui Ako Matariki Festival at Long Bay College on Friday 2 July. We had to cancel this event last year due to COVID, so we are all looking forward to being able to see our children and the children from our Kāhui Ako schools perform also.

Thank You

Many thanks to Dynamic Sport NZ for donating a bag of sports balls to every school in the Kāhui AKO.



Pink Shirt Day

Thank you to everyone for wearing something pink and donating to Pink Shirt Day. It was amazing to see so many children and staff in pink! A total of \$783.50 was raised.



Vice House Captains

We recently announced our new House Vice Captains. All these children have consistently demonstrated our school values and show respect and a willingness to help others and take risks. Congratulations to the following children:

Batten - Joanna Liao and Ryan Deng

Hillary - Carolyn Ba and Dean Kim

Rutherford - Lena Huang and Earl Legasto

Sheppard - Yuuna Kishita and Lucas Qian



Northern Bays Cluster Arts Festival

Miss Harman and Mrs Craggs have been working with a dedicated group of performers from Years 5 & 6, in preparation for their performance at the Northern Bays Performing Arts Festival which will be held at the Bruce Mason Centre on Wednesday 16 June. The children have been working hard to practise their item which is a routine incorporating traditional and contemporary dance. The theme for the festival is "Aotearoa", and our item has a very unique Aotearoa 'flavour'. We also have a small display of some Visual Art at The Bruce Mason Centre that you can view on Tuesday 15, 22, 29 June and on the evening of the Performance.

Mathex

A group of children have been selected to compete as a team in Mathex at Northcross Intermediate on 15 June. Thanks to Mrs. Coote who has been training the teams for the competition. Good luck to all the mathematicians who will be going to Mathex.

Winter Wonderland Disco

The Winter Wonderland disco held last Friday was a great success. It was lovely to see lots of children (and some of the staff) dancing and having a great time. I would like to thank all the members of the PTP (Parent-Teacher Partnership) for their organisation and to all the parents and staff who gave up their time to help out on the night. \$4,500 approximately was raised and will go towards some projects that the school and PTP are prioritising.

It is so good to be able to have events like this again, where our community comes together.



ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools)

ICAS Assessments are available for students in Year 4, 5 and 6. ICAS is designed to target students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science, Writing, Spelling and Digital Technologies. You can learn more about ICAS here: <https://www.icasassessments.com/products-icas>

All ICAS Assessments are conducted online in school during the school day. If you wish to register your child for ICAS Assessments, please visit the school's website <https://www.otaha.school.nz/quick-links/noticeboard> to download the Parent Information letter and permission form. **Registrations will close on 25th July 2021.**

Teacher Only Day

On **Friday 4th June** we have a **Teacher Only Day and school is closed**. We have a facilitator, Tamsin Hanly, who is going to work with teachers on developing our understanding of Aotearoa, NZ History from a Bi-Cultural perspective. From 2022, all schools are required to teach Aotearoa NZ History as part of their local curriculum.

If you wish to book your children into SKIDS, for the Teacher Only Day, please follow the instructions below:

Go to Aimy website at <https://skids.aimyplus.com/>

1. Register parent account and add child details (if new to SKids)
2. Load booking – select Special Day as booking type. For assistance with booking, please email otehavalley@skids.co.nz.

Monday 7th June is a public Holiday to celebrate Queens' Birthday weekend, and **school is closed on this day also** so families can take advantage of the Teacher Only Day on Friday as well, to have an extended weekend with the family.

Netball Uniforms

We recently received sponsorship for new netball uniforms. We were able to provide uniforms for just about all the teams.

I would like to thank New World Albany for the sponsorship and Cordelia Girdler-Brown for organising them. The girls look very smart in their new uniforms.



Cross Country

All classes are busy training for the annual school Cross Country, which is being held at school on Thursday 10 June, with a Saving Day on Friday 11 June. With our growing roll we have had to make changes to the organisation of Cross Country. To make the course more challenging the year 5/6 children will run part of the course out of the school.

This year we will run 3 separate 'events'

Year 5/6 9:25am

Year 3/4 11:00am

Year 1/2 12:20

The Cross Country is always a great event, and we would love to see as many parents as possible, caregivers and grandparents here to support the children. From the Cross-Country results, we select a team of older children to represent our school at the Cluster Cross Country on the 30th June at Long Bay. If we have to postpone and run the races on Friday, race times will change. We will let you know.

Travelwise

It was great to see the children participating in Beep Beep Day and Wheels Day last week. This was to promote children to travel to school in a sustainable way and encourage children to travel by wheels.



Congratulations

to Isabella and Ivan Zhang who have recently competed in dance and piano competitions.

Isabella came first in five categories of dance for the Kiwi Classic Dance Competition, "Juvenile Princess", she was awarded EduExperts, Student of the Year and ABRSM, Merit in Grade 6 Piano Performance and Distinction in Grade 5 Music Theory

Ivan came first in Kiwi Classic Dance Competition in Juvenile 1 L1 ProAm/AmAm Cha Cha. He also received Merit in Grade 5 Piano Performance

Well done Isabella and Ivan on your achievements.

We would love to acknowledge special achievements of any of our past OVS students, so please let us know of any outstanding achievements of ex OVS students by emailing

enquiries@oteha.school.nz

This week is Samoan Language Week. Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa celebrates the third most spoken language in New Zealand.

Tofa Soifua



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=PLOpLvAhe58NIYqXS5FBZrQMV5xbDwUdrD>

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