



## Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Masha Gao, Aubrey Lu, Femke Sijbertsma, Anaru Hema, Austin Wang, Charlie-Rose Morris-Taatu, Ashia Santiago, Bob Zhou, Bella Boni

## Upcoming events

**9 July** Term 2 ends at 2.50 p.m.

**26 July** Term 3 commences  
BOT Meeting 5.30 p.m.

Upcoming events are also on our calendar on our website: [www.oteha.school.nz](http://www.oteha.school.nz)

## Staff News

I would like to welcome back Mr Warren Spanhake to our school and Mrs Shay Behague who has been relieving at our school. Both teachers will be job sharing in Room 3 while Mrs Wyllie is on maternity leave.

I am also pleased to welcome Miss Rosy Oh, who is starting up our latest New Entrant class in Rm 32 (the MPR). Miss Huang and Rm 10 are moving into Rm 31 for the start of Term 3, so that the two classes can collaborate on their learning.

## Jesters Pie Lunch

Last term we held a Jesters Pie lunch fundraiser, via Kindo. Thank you to everyone who supported this. We received \$379.

## PTP Muffi Day

Thank you to everyone who brought a gold coin donation for the muffi day last term. We raised \$734!

## Kāhui Ako Matariki Festival

We were all saddened to learn of the sudden death of our kaumatua, Rawiri Wharemate, who passed away after an accident. Matua Rawiri was a highly respected kaumatua and his loss will be deeply felt by his family, whanau, and our community.

Out of respect to Rawiri, his family and whanau, the Kāhui Ako Matariki Festival, that was to be held at Long Bay College was postponed.

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## Mathex Competition Winners

Congratulations to our winning Mathex Team, Karry Gong, Barry Xu, Ryan Deng, and Gavin Xin. They competed at the Junior Mathex Competition at Northcross and came first!

Our other Year 6 team was placed 3<sup>rd</sup>. Team members were David Zhang, David Dong, Terry Zhang, and Gordon Peng.

Our Year 5 teams: Ethan Yuan, Isabella Zhang, Yudi Wu, Jimmy Wang, placed a credible 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 55 teams.



*Our Winning Team*

Thanks to Mrs. Coote for training the teams and to the parents who supported on the day.

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## Pink Shirt Day

Our school did an amazing job supporting Pink Shirt Day and along with the other 6 schools in the Oneroa Kāhui Ako, we raised a total of \$4,500 for The Mental Health Foundation. Here is the message we received from them for our efforts:

*Tino pai Oneroa Kāhui Ako – and a huge thank you from the team at Pink Shirt Day Aotearoa! The seven schools in your community have done amazing mahi, raising awareness of the issues around bullying and more than \$4,500 for Pink Shirt Day this year. Your support will help the Mental Health Foundation to continue the Pink Shirt Day kaupapa, raise awareness about bullying prevention and provide resources that promote inclusive workplaces, schools, and communities. Ngā mihi!*



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## Cluster Cross Country

Well done to all the runners that went to Long Bay Regional Park last week competing in the Cluster Cross Country race against 10 other schools. We did really well and even had two runners finish in point scoring positions; congratulations to Keelan Viljoen (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Chloe Hughes (5<sup>th</sup>). It was a long, difficult track to race on, with so many other children all battling to overtake each other. We cheered, clapped, congratulated, and overall had a great day out together. Special thank you to the parents that came along to support our racing tamariki and to support the running of the trip. Thanks to Mr. Killen for organising the School Cross Country and taking our top runners to the Cluster event.

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## Matariki Breakfast

Last week we invited our Māori children and their families and whanau to a special Matariki breakfast. It was lovely to see some of our families able to make the time and we enjoyed our korero and our kai. Thanks to Mrs. Rose for her mahi in organising this and thanks to the children and parents who came and celebrated Matariki with us and shared some ideas as to how we can further celebrate our unique bi-cultural heritage.



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## Thank You

Thank you to Karry Gong, who has been busking in Albany to help raise money for a new projector screen for our hall. When Karry heard we needed a new one he decided he wanted to do something to help, so he decided to utilise his singing talents to raise money to help us purchase a new screen, he has raised \$67.50. This is a great effort, Karry and we really appreciate it.



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## Northern Bays Cluster Arts Festival

Thanks to Miss Harman and Mrs. Craggs for their work with our performers, and congratulations to all the children who performed at the Northern Bays Cluster Festival at the Bruce Mason Centre. The variety of items from schools was impressive, and our children certainly stood out on and off the stage. Thanks to Mrs Prangley and Mrs Gregory for selecting and displaying our Visual Art pieces, which looked stunning.



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## Congratulations

Miss Harman and Rm 11 who made a video and entered it into the "Madagascar Move It" Competition and won tickets for all the class to see the live show at the Kiri Te Kanawa Theatre in the holidays. The children made up a dance, chose their own costumes and broke out some great moves. I am not surprised they won! I hope they all enjoy the show.





## New Classroom Block

I am sure you have all seen the signs outside our gates giving you a glimpse of what our new, 3 level, 18 classroom block is going to look like. It feels like we have been waiting forever for this project to start, and I am delighted to confirm that work will start on 12<sup>th</sup> July. Woodview Construction were the successful tenders for the project, and we look forward to working with them over the next 18 months – 2years.

The first things that you will see is a 'road' around the back of our field, which is for all the trades vehicles to access the construction site. This will be fenced off to ensure children are not able to enter the site. While the work is being carried out, it is essential that parents DO NOT drive up the Medallion Drive entrance at any time of the day, even if the gates are open. There will be large trucks and machinery moving around and we do not want any accidents or congestion occurring because parents are driving up the drive.

Once the classroom block is completed, the Ministry of Education will organise for the temporary classrooms (Rooms 21-24) to be removed, allowing us to develop that area into additional playing space for the children.

We have done a lot of work over the past two years on developing a model of collaborative practice for teachers working in the new spaces and we will continue to refine this.

We are very excited to finally have a start date for our new classrooms. I would like to thank George Dew and Justine Haves, two members of our Board of Trustees for their contribution over the past 3 years, into the planning and design of our new classrooms, helping ensure they are flexible and practical spaces as well as being a good 'fit' with our school environment.



## Additional Garden and Play Area

As well as the new classrooms, we have some drainage work starting shortly on the grass area around the Year 3-6 Playground, as well as outside the MPR. These areas will then be covered with an artificial surface to make them able to be used all year round.

In the area next to the Year 3-6 playground there will be a garden with some seating, and this will be a very popular space for children during break times and parents after school and in the weekends.

This work will start in August, and it will mean the Year 3-6 playground will not be able to be used for a couple of weeks, but it will be worth it, when the area is completed.

The picture below gives you an indication of what it will look like.



Ngā mihi nui

*Rose*

**Rose Neal**  
**Principal**



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## 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>

To find out more about the lessons contact [phil.moore@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:phil.moore@musiqhub.co.nz) or 021761441



### We are looking for support

We will shortly be renewing the advertising section of our emailed newsletters. The newsletters are used throughout the year to keep our families and school community informed regarding school activities.

Should you, or anyone you know, like to place an advertisement on the school's newsletter please contact Craig Neeve of Newsletters Unlimited, ph (09) 817 3867, or email [newsletters@xtra.co.nz](mailto:newsletters@xtra.co.nz).

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### Art Day for children in the holidays (ages 7 - 12 yrs.)

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VENUE: St. Anne's Hall, Browns Bay, July 13th, 10.00am-3.00pm.

Cost: \$55

**Bookings:** eion@eionbryant.com, mob 0211327033 or 021 0606641

### MUSIC HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

#### MADAGASCAR THE MUSICAL



This smash hit musical features all of your favourite crack-a-lackin' friends as they escape from their home in New York's Central Park Zoo and find themselves on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien's Madagascar.

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### **BAND PROGRAMMES**

#### **JUNIOR BAND: AGE 8-12**

Monday 12 - Wednesday 14 July, 9:30am – 3pm

Cost: \$225

#### **SENIOR BAND: AGE 13 - 17**

Thursday 15 - Saturday 17 July, 9:30am – 3pm

Cost \$225

#### **For more information**

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## Reminder

### School Holidays Activity

#### Matariki Planting Day,

#### Jessie Tonar Scout Reserve, Northcote

10:00am, Friday 16 July



Te Ara Awa Awataha and Jessie Tonar Scout Reserve Regeneration project won the Mayor's Conservation Award for their new 1.5km greenway. Kaipatiki Project will host us and tell us about this project. Come and plant some native plants and other fun activities with your whanau for Matariki and be part of this amazing restoration.

**To Register follow the link: <https://forms.office.com/r/S1DAf4TOPF>**





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## 10 July - 25 July

**Matariki Storytime 3 – 6-Year-olds**  
**Every Saturday 10:30AM – 11:00AM**

**Matariki Jars**  
**Sunday 11 July 11:00AM - 12:00PM**

**Children's movie**  
**Every Monday and Friday 2:00PM – 3:30PM**

**Galaxy playdough**  
**Monday 12 July 11:00AM – 12:00PM**

**Weaving flax birds**  
**Tuesday 13 July 11:00AM – 12:00PM**

**Meet local author, Morgan Bruce**  
**Wednesday 14 July 11:00AM – 12:00PM**

**Stargazing and hot chocolate**  
**Thursday 15 July 6:00PM – 8:00PM**

**Bottle plant pots**  
**Sunday 18 July 11:00AM - 12:00PM**

**Aquarium jars**  
**Monday 19 July 11:00AM – 12:00PM**

**Maori myths and bird feeders**  
**Tuesday 20 July 11:00AM – 12:00PM**

**Auckland Zoo is coming to Albany Village Library & playdough fun**  
**Wednesday 21 July 1:00PM – 2:30PM**

**Our natural environment**  
**Thursday 22 July 10:30AM – 11:30AM**

**Afternoon movie**  
**Sunday 25 July 2:00PM – 3:30PM**

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