



Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Daniel Zozulya, Chloe and Charlie Liu, Matthew Xie, Yaroslav Pelekh, Ethan and Effie Wang, Charlie Chen, Sophia Takhirova, Emika Kishita, Kayleigh Lee, Jan Jaramillo, Gordon Xia, Avian Fourie, Mia Du Plessis, and Dasha Zuraeva.

Upcoming events

5 August	PTP Mufti Day – gold coin donation
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6 August	Jesters Pie lunch - fundraiser
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11 August	Yr. 6 children to visit Northcross Intermediate
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16 August	BOT Meeting via zoom
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18 August	Keeping Ourselves Safe Parent Meeting 2pm in the hall
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20 August	Yr. 3/4 Art Exhibition
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27 August	Teacher Only Day – no school
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Upcoming events are also on our calendar on our website: www.oteha.school.nz

Staff News

I would like to welcome back Mr Warren Spanhake to our school and Mrs Shay Behague. Both teachers have been relieving at our school and will now 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 have moved into Rm 31, so that the two classes can collaborate on their learning.

I would like to farewell Ms Candice De Villiers in Room 20 who has been appointed a teaching position at Grey Lynn School. Ms De Villiers has been a teacher here for two years. Her last day with us is Friday 6th August. We will miss her, and we wish her all the best at her new school.

I would like to welcome Mrs Alana Job who will be teaching in Room 20 for the remainder of the year. Mrs Job is a regular reliever at our school, and we welcome her back, as a full time teacher.

I am sad to be farewelling Mrs Antoinette Botha, who has been a Learning Assistant and an English Language Assistant for the past 3 years. Antoinette has also been a very active and supportive parent in our school, coaching netball and helping out at all school activities. Antoinette's family are moving to Cambridge to live. We will miss them all and wish them all the best in their new venture. Antoinette's last day at Oteha Valley School is Friday 6 August.

Jesters Pie Lunch

There will be another lunch in conjunction with Jesters Pies on **Friday 6th August**. Every pie that is purchased the school will receive \$2. To order your pie please go through your kindo account.

PTP Mufti Day

Please support the PTP mufti day tomorrow. They are fundraising to buy more equipment for our children to use at school. Mufti Day money can be paid through Kindo. Thank you.

Keeping Ourselves Safe

Over the next few weeks our school will be teaching the *Keeping Ourselves Safe* programme. *Keeping Ourselves Safe* has been designed by the New Zealand Police Education Unit to give children the skills to cope in situations involving abuse. It has three overall aims:

- To develop and strengthen children's skills to keep themselves safe with other people
- To support and encourage abused children to get help from caring adults
- To make teachers and parents more aware of the need to keep children safe from abuse by adults or other children.

The first unit of *Keeping Ourselves Safe*, Knowing What to Do Me Mōhio Kia Pēhea, will be taught by your child's teacher, with help from the Local Police Education Officer as required.

To be successful, *Keeping Ourselves Safe* needs your help and support. For example, your child might have Home Book Activities to work on with you. You will also get a copy of a publication *Keeping Kids Safer*, which will give you information about child abuse.

It is important that you participate as much as possible and talk to your child about what they have been learning. This will help reinforce the messages the school is giving and help your child to use their new skills with confidence.

There will be a Responsible Adults Information Meeting in our school before the programme begins to address any questions or concerns you may have:

Date: 18th August Time: 2 pm

Location: Oteha Valley School Hall.

Further information about the course can be found here: <https://www.police.govt.nz/advice-services/personal-and-community-safety/school-portal/information-and-guidelines/information>

Parent information reply slip

Please use this link to tell us whether you will be attending the parent information meeting as this will help us to organise for the event.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cT5xMAX8X0-duHeugkUiZslep-zUlcxPrqZ5nlXodpRUNIZYOUZDSTc5OURINTc2OTUwVIMzRjFVSiQIQCN0PWcu>

Thank you for your help and support.

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that there is a Teacher Only Day on **Friday 27th August**. Teachers will be working at another school for the day with a facilitator, Nathan Wallis. Nathan is a Neuroscience educator and child development expert. SKids will be offering a full day programme. Registrations, enrolments, and bookings are made via Aimy, the SKids online Parent Portal and Booking System.

1. visit Aimy, <https://skids.aimy.co.nz/>
2. register parent account
3. enrol child(ren)
4. finalise bookings (for the Full Day

Programme, select 'Special Day' as the Booking Type). If you have any questions or require any assistance, please email SKids at otehavalley@skids.co.nz or call 02102376188.

Pre-Enrolments 2021/2022

If you have a child starting this year or next year, please ensure you have completed a pre-enrolment form. These are available on the website: https://www.oteha.school.nz/files/3715/8949/9200/Pre-enrolment_form.pdf or alternatively you can get this form from the school office.

Once completed the form can be emailed to school (julieb@oteha.school.nz) or delivered to the school office.

It is best to pre-enrol your child when they turn 4 so we can add them to our database and contact you with pre-enrolment information and school visits.



Term Dates 2022

The Board of Trustees has confirmed the start date for children for 2022 will be **Tuesday 8th February 2022**.

Teachers will be attending two days of professional development on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th February.

Term dates are as follows:

Term 1 Tues 8 February- Thurs 14th April

Term 2 Mon 2 May – Fri 8 July

Term 3 Mon 25 July – Fri 30 Sept

Term 4 Mon 17 Oct – Fri 16 Dec

Public Holidays and Teacher Only Day

Waitangi Day- Monday 7 February

Teacher Only Day- Thursday 14 April

Good Friday- Friday 15 April

Queen's Birthday- Monday 6 June

Matariki Public Holiday- Friday 24 June

Labour Day- Monday 24 October

School events are listed on the calendar on our website.

We endeavour to give you as much notice as possible of upcoming events and will put reminders in the newsletter where possible and Mail Chimp notices out.

Children Not Returning in 2022

If your child is not returning to our school next year, please let the office staff know. We also need to know if your child will not be starting on Tuesday 8th February 2022 our first day. This helps us plan for classes in 2022.

Year 3/4 Art Exhibition

The Year 3 and 4 team are holding an Art Exhibition - Taiao Toi, on Friday 20th August to showcase art they have been working on. The artwork is based around the theme of nature and New Zealand as we wanted to become more aware and mindful about the environment we live in. Each class took on a different perspective and used a variety of media. Year 3 and 4 parents are invited to join us on Friday to attend the exhibition which will include musical performances. Exhibition times are 9:30 - 10:00am, 12:00 - 12:30pm and 2:00 - 2:30pm in the school hall.

We look forward to sharing our hard work with you.

Cyber Safety Code of Conduct

If you haven't completed this yet, please head to your Kindo account and complete this for each child/ren. This is so they can continue to use the devices online.

The questions need to be answered (YES). This will only take 2 minutes to complete. Please read the questions to your child/ren so that they understand what they are answering. One needs to be completed for each child that attends OVS.

Yummy Stickers

Our school is collecting Yummy Stickers you can get from Yummy apples, either bags with cut-out labels or individual apples with Yummy Stickers on them. You can print off the Sticker Collect Sheets from this hyperlink: [https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SSP-pdf Sticker Collection Sheet compressed.pdf](https://www.yummyfruit.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/SSP-pdf%20Sticker%20Collection%20Sheet%20compressed.pdf)

Place the Yummy Stickers on the Sticker Collection Sheets and when it is completed, hand it in to the school office. Our school can earn free sports gear, so the more you collect, the more sports gear we can get!



New Classrooms

On Monday 26th July, the first day of Term 3, we had a small ceremony to mark the beginning of our new classroom block. Representatives from the Ministry of Education, GHD Architects, Beca, Woodview Construction, BOT members, staff and some children braved the wet and windy weather to witness the turning of the first sod on the ground where the building will be. It was a very exciting and auspicious occasion, and one we have been eagerly awaiting for a number of years.

You will be able to see the progress of the building each time you come to school, and I will keep you updated as we go along.



Unfortunately, the beautiful magnolia tree that was at the back of Rooms 21-24 had to be removed to make way for the new building. We will have the opportunity to plant more trees and shrubs when the building work is completed.

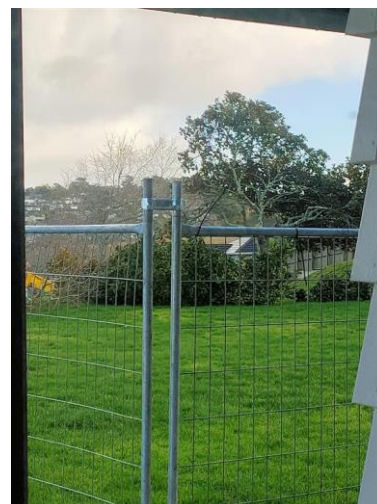
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BOT News

Kia ora from the Board,

It is hard to believe we are in term 3 of 2021 already! What a busy year we have had, and (thankfully) reasonably settled for the moment as far as Covid alert levels are concerned, I think we are all enjoying that!

No doubt you will have noticed the road being installed around the edge of the playing fields to ensure safe access for the construction crews and equipment for the 18 classroom block construction. This has been a massive project for the Property Subcommittee of the Board with planning for this project starting well over 5 years ago. Thank you to previous members of the Board, Steve Newman and Marty Bamford for their contribution to this project. I would also like to thank the current Property Subcommittee, Justine Haves, Rose Neal, Sherryl Prangley (and myself). There have been many, many hours spent discussing and considering these learning spaces, thank you all for your time, commitment and contribution to this project. We had a small, emotional ceremony on the first day of term 3 to "break the ground" for the project. It feels pretty amazing to have finally reached this stage in the process and we look forward to the completion of this exciting new building hopefully in 2023.

Earlier in the year the Ministry of Education (MOE) did their appraisal of the school property to assess the current status of the buildings and investigate improvements needed and desired by the school. It's part of a 5 and 10 yearly assessment of the school property. We are very happy that as part of this review the MOE have agreed to install heating in the hall and extend the outdoor breakout spaces for Pod 1. We are delighted to be able to deliver these for our learners in the coming years.

BOT discussions at July meeting:

Transitioning students from pre-school to primary, within primary and primary to intermediate.

2022 Term dates

Staffing

Priority Learners

Kāhui Ako

Health & Safety

Local Curriculum Updates

School counsellor reports (summary))

School Docs

Grant applications

I hope term 3 goes well for you all,

Ngā mihi

Georgina Dew

BOT Chair

Moana Production

If you have a child in Year 5 or Year 6 you will know that they have been busy working towards their big production of the Disney hit movie "Moana". This is the first time for a number of years we have done a big show like this, and the children and staff are very excited to be able to present this to all of you at the end of this term. Information on show days and times, and how you can purchase tickets will be sent out shortly. There will be limited seats for sale so you will need to make sure you get in early for your tickets.

Lunchtime Activities

Each lunchtime teachers take activities for children to participate in. We also have quiet rooms, or 'Chill Out Zones' for those children who prefer a quiet space to read, draw, play some board games or chat with friends quietly. Most of the lunchtime activities are for Year 3-6 children, but the Garden Club is open to all year levels. There is also a variety of PE equipment that is put out for children to play with. This includes, skipping ropes, balls, battle blocks, vortexes, to name a few. This term we have the following activities on offer:

Monday	Year 5&6 Quiet Zone
Tuesday	Chess Club, Sport- this varies each week, but may be table tennis, touch rugby, football, basketball, frisbee, etc.
Wednesday	Sign Language, Year 3&4 Quiet Zone
Thursday	Sport, Choir
Friday	Garden Club, Travelwise, Year 1 & 2 Quiet Room, Year 5&6 Quiet Zone





Thank you...

I would like to thank Craig Kilian from Amber Technology for sourcing a new projector screen for the hall at a very reasonable price.

Parking in the Surrounding Streets

The office receives regular phone calls from our school neighbours complaining that their driveways have been blocked by cars during the busy period at the end of the school day. Please can we ask that you be considerate to the people who live nearby school and leave their entranceways clear.

We need adults to be good role models for the children so parents, please use the Kea Crossing to get across the road. It is too dangerous to cross between cars.

Ngā mihi nui

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>

To find out more about the lessons contact 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.

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