



Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Baylee and Kaylee Elliot, Ruby Good, Leon Philcox, Jaane Ibrahim, Nicole Hsu, Frank Chen, Chloe Zhang, Charlie Hirst, Dylan Chang, Ethan and JoJo Zhou, Kameron Cross, Luna Posadas-Brunt, John Paul Villarina, Edward Liu and Lory Cheng.

Our new classroom block is progressing well, and we are getting to the stage when we can start thinking about the inside of the building. The roof is on, and the next exciting stage will be when the walls are up, and it starts to look like a real building. COVID and delays to building materials have pushed back the completion date. At the latest meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Education, Architects from GHD, Woodview Construction and Beca, the project management company, I was advised that the building will be completed at the end of May 2023.



Upcoming events

7 September	Parent meeting for Yr's 5 & 6 volunteers Rm 19, 6:30pm Voting for BOT Election closes
12 September	Year 5/6 Whanau/Parents – Information Meeting Positive Puberty 6:30pm
14 September	Positive Puberty Yrs. 5 & 6 sessions
16 September	EPro8 Challenge – Inter School Event
19 September	BOT Meeting 5:30pm
26-30 September	Camp Yr 6
30 September	End of Term – school finishes at 2:50pm
17 October	Term 4 Starts at 8:50am

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

Staff News

We are farewelling two of our teachers, who leave at the end of this term.

Mrs Jo Illing in Room 4 has been at our school for over 4 years. Mrs Illing has been involved with our Travelwise programme and I would like to thank her for the work she has done in this area. Mrs Illing has been appointed to a teaching position at Ahutoetoe School, which is a new school that is opening next year, and we wish her all the best for the future.

Mrs Michelle Casey of Room 27 is also leaving us and is moving down to Katikati for family reasons. Mrs Casey has also been with us for over 4 years. Mrs Casey has been involved with our gardening club and environment. We wish her and her family all the best.

I am pleased to be welcoming Mrs Suzy Fury back in Term 4. Mrs Fury will start up our New Entrant class in Room 23. Mrs Fury is familiar with our school and curriculum, and we look forward to seeing her.

I am pleased to announce that Mrs Caitlin Winter one of our part time teachers is having her second child Mrs Winter will be leaving at the end of Term 3.



BOT Election

Voting closes today at 4pm and our new Board takes office on the 14th of September.

Thank you to those parents who put their names forward to be considered for a role on our Board of Trustees. We had 8 candidates and 5 of them will form our new Board of Trustees which will be announced on the 14th September.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our outgoing members who chose not to stand again: Lynn Tao, Justine Haves and Georgina Dew. Lynn joined the Board following on from our last election in 2019 and has been a valuable member of the Board. Justine Haves joined the Board over 4 years ago and has worked tirelessly for the school, in particular on our BOT property committee. Justine has been involved in the beginning stages of planning our new classroom block. Justine's passion for our school and community and her knowledge of governance has been a huge asset.

Georgina Dew joined the Board over 4 years ago also and agreed to be the Chairperson (now known as the Presiding Member). Georgina and I have worked closely over the past 4+ years and she is so enthusiastic and committed to our school and community. Like Justine, she has been involved in the planning of our new classroom block. George's empathy and ability to communicate with everyone has been an asset to the Board.

We are going to miss their knowledge, expertise, and passion for our community. They will certainly be invited back to the opening of our new classroom block next year.

Moving School/Not Returning

We will receive our provisional staffing for 2023 from the Ministry of Education, at the end of September. We will then start the very detailed process of planning for next year. Please contact the school office if your child will not be returning to Oteha Valley School next year. It is helpful for us to know this information as soon as possible, so we can make informed decisions about staffing and class and teacher organisation.

Pre-Enrolments 2022/2023

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.otaha.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@otaha.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.

Daffodil Day

Thank you to everyone who helped raise money for Daffodil Day. We raised \$835.52. This money will help the Cancer Society support people with cancer and their families. The whole school supported this, and we were certainly very yellow! Each team did different activities related to daffodils, and I loved walking around all the classes seeing the results of all their mahi. Ranginui team had Whānau Friday and they invited parents in to help decorate cupcakes the children had made the previous day. Papatūanuku invited parents in to help paint daffodils.



Let's get reading! Kia panui tatau!



5-16 September

The Readathon has started! The children are excited to be reading as much as they can over the next 2 weeks. We have lots of activities going on at school and we hope they will read at home too.

Please help them to get sponsors to encourage them to read, read, read! We have lots of prizes to give to out so it's worth everyone trying.

We have not been able to fundraise in the last 2 years, so we really want this to be successful. We desperately need a new stage for the hall and so the money raised will go towards that.

Thank you for your support!

We have been fortunate to have prizes donated from local businesses and companies so children can win spot prizes just by reading!

Here is a sample of some of the prizes that were donated.



Sun Hats

All children must wear their school sun hat when they play outside for terms 4 and 1. You can purchase a hat by either ordering uniform through the school website or through Kindo. If you order through Kindo your purchase is instant and we will name, the hat and give it to your child.



JAD

Do you know what JAD is? Do you wonder what your child does at school each Friday? JAD is our acronym for *Just Awesome Day!* Of course, we hope that every day at OVS is Just Awesome, but on Fridays teachers have 'permission' to throw out the timetable and pursue interests and passions that are really inspirational, creative, and driven by the children. JAD was inspired by the Senior Leadership Team listening to a live presentation by the late Sir Ken Robinson.

Our school curriculum and timetables are very full and busy and often it is the creative activities that were being left out. We know how important these are for all children, and our children certainly love JAD. There is a huge range of different activities that have happened during JAD across all classes, and it is heartening to see and hear children talking with excitement and enthusiasm about their JAD.

Children have been constructing, imagining, exploring, collaborating, designing, finding out about things they are interested in while learning new skills. JAD gives children the opportunity to be curious, develop critical thinking skills, find solutions and work on a range of STEAM (Science, Technology, Arts, Engineering, Maths) activities. Ask your child about JAD, find out what they have been doing, and be amazed at their ideas and what they have been working on.

Epo8/Robogals

Earlier this month, Year 5 ran an in-school event to select 2 teams to enter into the next round of the engineering competition, [Epo8](#).



At the inter-school events, each team will be allocated a workstation, which contains an impressive assortment of easy-to-use equipment and challenges to complete.

They won't have enough time to finish all the challenges and will need to be strategic about which challenges best suit their skills and abilities.

We are excited to announce our two teams for this year are:



Ōteha Speed Queens	Ōteha Tūi
Claire Lu Room 15	Ketia Hema Room 16
Shagun Prasad Room 16	George Han Room 15
Sahana Prasad Room 14	Lucas Deng Room 15
Eva Hoffman Room 15	Elly Wen Room 15



Robogals

On Friday 2nd September, Robogals visited us at Ōteha Valley and ran a 90-minute workshop with some of our Year 5 and 6 girls.

Robogals is a non-profit global organization with chapters throughout Australia, Asia, Europe and America. Our local chapter, Robogals Auckland, is a student-run club based at The University of Auckland.



They aim to inspire, empower and educate young women to pursue STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) and promote diversity of the STEAM field. They achieve this by running fun, interactive workshops in Primary and Secondary schools throughout Auckland using their Lego Mindstorms robots.

Our scientists, technicians, engineers, mathematicians, inventors, and creators really enjoyed this amazing workshop.



Congratulations

- Nina Chen Year 2 competed in a snowboard competition at Snowplanet recently and she came 2nd place for the freestyle snowboard challenge, and 3rd place for the snowboarding race. Well done, Nina!
- Huge congratulations to Bryden McKinnie, Declan O' Sullivan, Jayden Huang and Nolan Guo who have made the U11 Harbour Basketball rep team. Well done.

Netball Teams – well done to the following teams who finished at the top of their league in the Winter competition. Thanks to the coaches and managers of all the teams.

Sapphires (Year 1-2) Jaycee-Lee Hartley-Carter, Rose Smith, Avery Cheng, Sophie Juthan, Viha Wijesekara, Mia Sherman and Peyton Morris-Taatu

Garnets (Year 2-3) Emma Montgomerie, Jemima Bhattarai, Nina Chen, Rainey Zhou, Jessica Zhao, Sineli Maduwela, Ava Carmen and Monica Wu

Rubies (Year 3) Zoe Talbot, Gracie Smit, Eleni Gao, Ella Cranston, Angela Zheng, Kenzie Hicks, Scarlett Orseno, Lorelai Flores and Aarav Devgan

Moana Production

Congratulations to the children and teachers in Ranginui Team for their *Moana Production*. This was going to be a Year 5 & 6 Production in 2021 and castings and rehearsals had begun and then we went into Lockdown. Rehearsals carried on via Zoom each week, but as the COVID restrictions continued we could not run the shows last year. Teachers made the decision to run it just with the Ranginui team, as many of those children had been chosen in the cast last year.

After a few nervous weeks of increasing COVID numbers and cases in the school and community they were able to shine in the shows they performed. All children in Ranginui were involved in some way and after 2 dress rehearsals, a matinee, and two evening shows, they were all exhausted, but very proud of their achievements.

I would like to say a HUGE Thank you to Nana Pat, who made most of the costumes for the show, and spent many hours at school helping. Thank you, Nana Pat!

Thank you to all the Ranginui teachers for their mahi in helping to make this such a success.



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- Information for your [Caregivers](#)
- [Withdrawal](#) options of credit balances

Letting your caregivers know

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Content for your Caregivers

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Further changes in line with those new Terms are being implemented, starting today and over the next few weeks.

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Withdrawal options of credit balances

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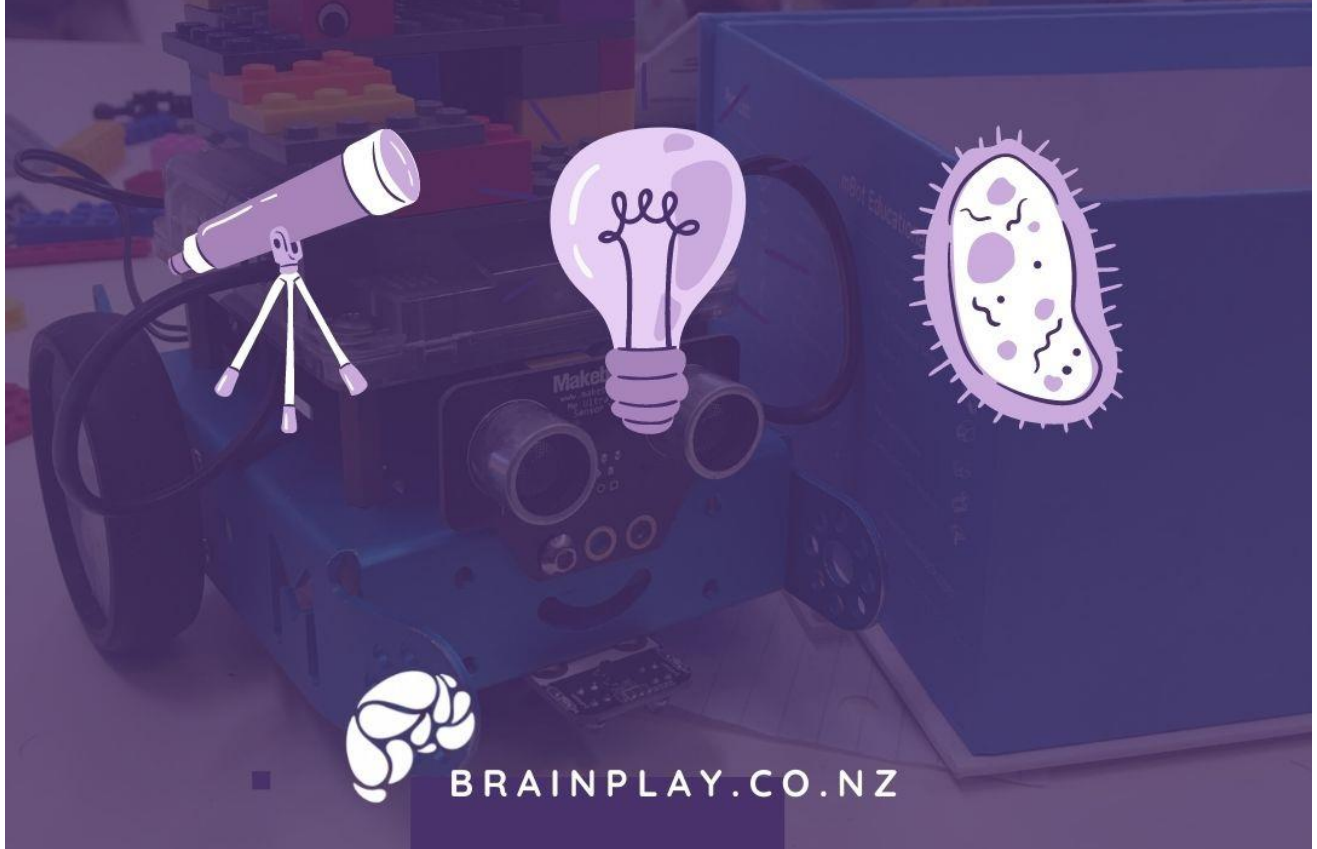
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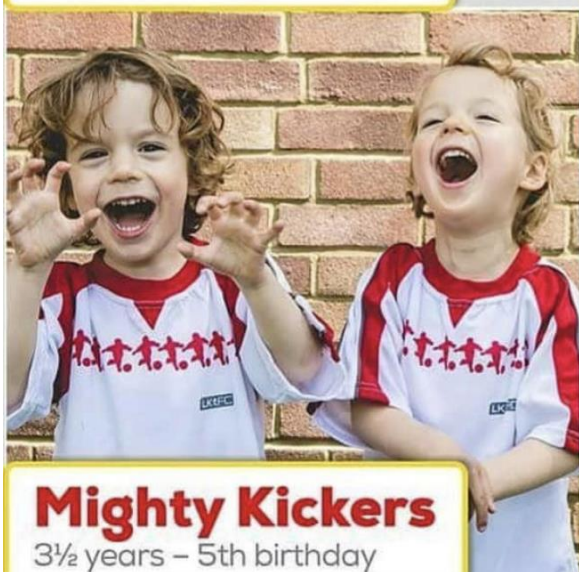
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