



Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Nolan Viljoen, Kairan Hetaraka-Zanders, Ellie Luo, Alina Shi, Nidia Elamana Marakkadatah

Upcoming events

3 November	Badminton Cluster Competition
8 November	School Athletics Day
9 November	Year 1 EOTC - Wenderholm
11 November	Saving Date Athletics
14 November	Kiwisport starts - dance
21 November	BOT meeting-Zoom
29-30 November	Year 4 EOTC
29 November	Cluster Athletics Day

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



Staff News

I am pleased to welcome Miss Jess Houlding, who is releasing teachers for their Classroom Release Time, and other responsibilities and Mrs Jessica Chen, who is supporting some of our younger children in classes.

Congratulations to Miss Clarisse Harman who is getting married this Friday. She will be known as Mrs Taylor when she returns.

School Athletics Day

The children have all been training hard for the upcoming School Athletics Day on Tuesday 8th November. Mr. Killen has organised a fun day where children can compete in some traditional athletics events, as well as some fun activities. Parents and caregivers are welcome to attend. Year 1 & 2 9:15-10:30, Year 3 & 4 11:00-12:30pm and Year 5 & 6 1:00-2:30pm. Teachers have been recording the names of children who have excelled at particular events during their training sessions, and a team of our top Year 4-6 athletes will be selected for the Cluster Athletics. We do need parents to help at some of the activities. Please email Mr. Killen: mattk@oteha.school.nz if you can help make this a great day for everyone. Children to wear house colours that day.

New Stage

I am delighted to let you know we have ordered a new stage and this will be here for the start of 2023. With your support over the past couple of years, and with the support of our PTP, we have managed to raise enough money to buy a new stage. The existing stage is 18 years old and has been used every day for all that time, so it has lasted well.

Over the Christmas holiday break we are getting the inside of the hall painted, and hope to get some court markings on the floor.

Kiwisport

We are really looking forward to welcoming back Omar from NZ Dance Curriculum, in weeks 5 & 6 of this term. All classes will have two weeks of dance with Omar, culminating in performances for parents. The school subsidises the cost of the dance lessons and parents are asked to pay \$20 per child for 10 lessons. If you have not paid for this yet, please head to your Kindo account to pay this.

Stationery 2023!

Online stationery packs for 2023 will be available to order in December. Information on how to order will follow in the next newsletter.

By supporting our stationery campaign this year, we were rewarded with over \$1,000 which was spent on art materials.



Stationery purchased will be posted to your home address. Purchasing online will support the school to purchase additional resources for the classrooms, ensure your child has the correct stationery, and means you can avoid long queues in the Stationery shops in January!

End of Year Events

The end of Term 4 is always a busy, but special time as we end the year with some very special events.

The first of these is our final House Assembly on **Monday 12th of December at 2:00pm**. This is where our 2022 House Leaders share some of their highlights from their experience as a House Leader. It is also when we announce our 2023 House Leaders. If your child is going to be a House Leader in 2023 you will be notified prior to the assembly as we hope you can make time to come and see them presented with their House Leader badge.

On **Wednesday 14th December** we have our Awards Assemblies. The year 1-2 Awards Assembly is from **9:30-10:30 a.m.** and Year 3-4 from **11:00 a.m. -12:00 pm** and Year 5-6 from **1:30pm-2:30pm**. Throughout the year teachers take special note of children who consistently demonstrate the qualities of our school values. Each teacher selects one child to receive a certificate for one of the values and these are presented at the Awards Assembly. Other children who have had whole school responsibilities are honoured as well. You will be informed if your child will be receiving an award so that you can attend if you wish.

Our last day of school for the year **Friday 16 December** is when our Year 6s present their Graduation Assembly to the rest of the school at **11.30 a.m.** Our Year 6 trophies are awarded along with Graduation Certificates. After the assembly, the Year 6s move on to the court where they are farewelled with a haka. This is a very special time for our year 6s and a lovely way for them to remember their last day at Oteha Valley School.

We ask that you do not tell your child if they are receiving an award at any one of the above assemblies, as we like to keep it a surprise.

Moving School/Not Returning

We are in the process of sorting out children into classes for 2023. If your child is not going to be returning to OVS in 2023, or they will not be here on the first day of the school year, 7th February, please let us know by emailing: enquiries@oteha.school.nz This helps us try to ensure that our class numbers across each year level are as even as they can be.

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.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.



Congratulations to....

Isabella Zhang from Room 17 who entered the 2022 New Zealand Open Dance Championship held in Wellington. She received 2nd place for Juvenile A Grade Latin, 2nd Place for Juvenile B Grade Latin, 2nd place for Juvenile Open Grade Latin and 3rd place for Juvenile B Grade New Vogue.

Isabella will also be competing in the Australia Championship in December this year. Good luck Isabella!



Helena Hou who also competed in the same competition and received 8 medals for 2nd and 3rd place in all her Latin dances. Well done Helena!



Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Rose" followed by a stylized flourish.

Rose Neal, Principal



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