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Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: William and Mason Xiao, Andrew Zozulya, Andrey Pelekh, Calista Chin, Adam Alkazaz, Chris Hou, Kimberly Mou, Milane Fourie

Upcoming events

7 December	Year 6 Graduation Disco 5:30pm	
12 December	Final House Assembly 2pm	
12 December	BOT Meeting 5:30pm	
13 December	EOTC Year 3 – Red Beach Surf Life Saving Club	
14 December	Awards Assembly – Yrs. 1 & 2 9:30am to 10:30am, Yrs. 3 & 4 11.30 -12.30 pm, Yrs. 5 & 6 1:30-2:30pm	
16 December	Awards and Assembly – Yr. 6 Graduation 11:30am – school finishes at 12:30pm	
7 February	School starts at 8:50am	

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



Staff News

The end of the year is a time to farewell and thank staff who are leaving and to welcome new staff.

Teachers may leave for a range of reasons, and while we are sorry to lose them it is great to acknowledge their hard work and wish them all the best in the future. This year we will farewell the following teachers:

- Chantelle England, who has won a Deputy Principal position at Wellsford School. Chantelle has been with us for 5 years and has contributed positively to our school with her knowledge and expertise in STEAM, and her ability to ensure all children's needs are met in an inclusive environment. Chantelle has been an Across School Leaders in our Kāhui Ako for 3 years. Her new role is a promotion and is the result of her hard work.
- Max Powderley: Max has been with us for 3 years, since starting as a Beginning Teacher. Max has been a great teacher, who has worked hard at developing positive relationships with all his children. He has won a job teaching at Maraetai Beach School, close to where he will be living.
- Jeewan Cheema: Jeewan has been filling in for Kirstin Craggs who was on Maternity Leave. Kirstin returns next year. Jeewan fitted in very well to our school.
- Andy Gaskell: Andy came to us to replace Mrs. Michelle Casey, and he has been a positive addition to our staff.
- Warren Spanhake: Warren started up a New Entrant class in Term 3, and we have enjoyed his wealth of teaching experience
- Suzy Fury: Suzy started up a New Entrant class for us in Term 4, and her experience in teaching has been invaluable to the children in Rm 23 in their first term at school
- Jenna Coote has left to have her first baby, and we are looking forward to seeing the new addition to her family some time next year.

Welcome:

I am pleased to welcome two new teachers to the Oteha Community: Kealan Munro and Jacob Moorhouse. Kealan and Jacob both come from Verran Primary School, and we are incredibly lucky to have them in our school from next year. They are both passionate and very enthusiastic teachers and I know they will both make positive contributions to our school.

I am also pleased to announce that Rosy Oh has won a permanent position from 2023.

As mentioned, we will welcome back Mrs. Kirstin Craggs at the beginning of the year, as she returns from Maternity Leave. We will also welcome back Mrs. Caitlin Winter at some stage when she returns from Maternity Leave.

Board of Trustees News

Congratulations to Brad Hicks who was unanimously elected as the Presiding Member of the Board of Trustees.



Staff Organisation

We have finalised our staffing for 2023 and a full list of teachers, year levels and room numbers is attached. You will be able to log into Hero, our Student and Learning Management system on **Thursday 8 December** to find out which class your child will be in next year and who their teacher will be.

Children will meet their new teacher and classmates on Friday 9 December.

Organising children into classes is a very complex and important process. We use a software programme, designed by a NZ teacher, Pluto, to organise classes for the following year. Teachers input a range of data, including academic, behavioural, social, and other factors into the programme and we can then generate several different class options. Teachers and Senior Leaders look very closely at all placements to try to ensure we get the best possible placement for every child. Your child may not be in the same class as a best friend, but that will be for good reasons. Sometimes children are better to be in a different class to their friends to help ensure they learn to their best potential. They can still see friends at break times, after school and in the weekend.

We ask that you are positive when talking to your child about next year's class and teacher. We do not consider requests for class changes so please do not request a change of class or teacher for your child. Children need to learn to relate to different people; teachers and children, and new classes are an opportunity to make new friends.

All teachers have been collaborating with other teachers in the same year level this year, so children are much more used to, and benefitting from close interactions with a range of teachers and children, not just their 'class' teacher and classmates.

End of Year Class Awards

The end of the year is always a special time as we celebrate children who have shone and demonstrated our school values, consistently throughout the year. Teachers have selected 3 children from their class to receive one of our special end of year awards. This year, teachers were asked to choose the child who best demonstrated the following:

Aroha- compassion Maia- courage Pākiki- curiosity

We are unable to have everyone in the hall at the same time so we will have three special assemblies on Wednesday 14 December:

 Year 1 & 2
 9.30

 Year 3 & 4
 11.30

 Year 5 & 6
 1.30

Unfortunately, there will not be space for buggies/pushchairs in the hall, so you will need to leave these outside the hall and carry your child in to the hall.

You will be notified if your child will be receiving a special award and we ask that you do not tell them, as we like it to be a surprise to them. If your child is not going to be at school on this day, please let the classroom teacher know so they organise a time to give your child the award before they leave.



2023 Student Leaders

We will be announcing our 2023 House Captains and Vice Captains to all the Year 5 classes on Monday 12 December at 2.00 p.m. We are announcing 8 House captains and 4 Vice Captains this year. An additional 4 Vice captains will be announced during Term 1 2023. You will be told if your child is going to be a House Captain or Vice-Captain-please don't tell them!

I would like to thank our outgoing Captains and Vice Captains for their leadership this year. Mrs Nicola Faulkner has worked with the Student Leaders this year.

Travelwise Leaders:

Thanks to Mrs Kristie Daniels-Burl and the 2022 Travelwise Leaders. Like the House Leaders, we look forward to new Travelwise Leaders being announced at the start of 2023.

Year 6 Graduation

The end of the year is a particularly special and memorable time for our Year 6s who all start at a new school next year. Many of our Year 6s have been with us since they turned 5 and despite the uncertainty and disruption from COVID in 2020 and 2021, they have been a great group of children and we will miss them all. I know we will see some of them from time to time and we always look forward to hearing about their success at Intermediate, Junior High, College and beyond.

We are delighted to be able to continue our tradition of farewelling our Year 6s with a Graduation disco and dinner on Wednesday 7 December at 5.30 p.m. On the last day of school, we have a special assembly and farewell for the Year 6s at 11.30 a.m.

Stationery 2023!

Stationery for 2023 can now be ordered using the online service offered by Office Max. Go to https://www.myschool.co.nz/otehavalley and order the items listed for your child's 2023 year level. If your child has any unused items from this year, they are welcome to bring these instead if they are part of the requirements for the following year.

Office Max offer many options for payment, including layby, and orders are delivered to your home or work at a time which suits you. We do suggest you order by mid-January to ensure delivery before the start of the new school year. We prefer that you use Office Max for your stationery purchasing as they offer competitive pricing and good quality items which have been specifically requested by teaching staff. We have had an ongoing issue with exercise books falling apart this year and some of the books listed for the senior school have been chosen to address this.

Please note that we will not be selling stationery items from the school office until the end of February.

School Donations and Kiwisport payments can now only be made through Kindo. These will be loaded next year and can be paid from the beginning of Term 1.





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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 12**[®] 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 11:30 a.m. -12:30 pm and Year 5-6 from 1:30pm-2:30pm. 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 6's 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 6's move on to the court where they are farewelled with a haka. This is a very special time for our Year 6's 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.

New Classrooms Update

All staff and Board of Trustees were invited to a roof shout inside the new classroom block. This was an opportunity for them to see how the learning spaces look like from the inside. Thanks to Woodview Construction for providing the refreshments. At this stage we are still hoping to move in to the new building for the start of Term 3 2023.

When the new classroom block is completed the Ministry of Education will organise for the temporary classrooms (Rms 21-24) to be removed. We will then utilise this space for more playing areas for the children.

At some stage in the future, the remainder of the temporary classrooms, Rms 25-30, will also be removed.

Moving School/Not Returning

We have completed our organisation for 2023 and placed all children in a class. If your circumstances have changed and 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: <u>enquiries@oteha.school.nz</u>



Second Hand Uniforms

If your child is not returning to school and you would like to donate their uniform, we would appreciate any clean items to help other families. You can drop off any clean uniform items to the school office. We donate these to families in need as well as using them for children who may need a change of uniform during the day.

School Leavers – EZLunch/Kindo

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use EZLunch or Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school log in, go to My *Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.

If the new school your child is going to, is NOT on the list, use the 'close account' button on that screen. You can choose to donate your balance to school or have it paid out to your nominated bank account.

Vandalism/School Grounds in the Holidays

I would like to thank our Property Manager, Paul Taylor, for all his hard work on our school grounds, despite all the rain we have had this term.

Over the Christmas holidays we ask you all to be detectives and help us to keep our school tidy and damage free so we can all enjoy it.

If you see anyone damaging our property, or dumping rubbish etc., please write down the vehicle registration plate if they are in a vehicle or get a photo of them so we can report this ongoing vandalism to the Police.

We are immensely proud of our school environment, and we need your help to keep our grounds and buildings in good condition and free from mindless vandalism.

We have regular checks and patrols from our security company, Simply Security, throughout the day and night and if you all help ensure that everyone respects our grounds and equipment, it helps all of us. Thank you for your support.

Kiwisport Dance

It was fantastic to see so many parents at our dance displays last Friday. I know all of you who were able to come enjoyed seeing all the children perform, and also the bonus of seeing Omar dance for us. We are dancing again in 2023! Omar will be back to teach the children new dance moves, in Term 2. 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. This will be loaded on to Kindo for you to pay.

Teacher Only Days

All teachers will attend two days of professional development before schools start for children on 7th February 2023.

We are having one Teacher Only Day in term time next year-**Monday 24 April**. Tuesday 25 April is ANZAC Day public holiday and so Term 2 will start on Wednesday 26 April.



Start Date 2023 and Term Dates

School commences at 8:50 am on **Tuesday 7 February 2023**. We are taking any new enrolments on **Tuesday 31**st **January from 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.**

Term 1	Tuesday 7th February – Thursday 6th April
Term 2	Wednesday 26 th April – Friday 30 th June
Term 3	Monday 17 th July – Friday 22 nd September
Term 4	Monday 9 th October – Wednesday 20 th December

Public Holidays

Friday 7 th April	Good Friday
Tuesday 25 th April	Anzac Day
Monday 5 th June	King's Birthday
Friday 14 th July	Matariki
Monday 23 rd October	Labour weekend

Congratulations To

Melody Xue & Sharon Song won three first places and one second-place in the 2022 New Zealand Inter-School Dancesport Championships.

1st Place for Primary (Competition level) Jive

1st Place for Primary (Competition level) Cha-cha

1st Place for Primary (Competition level) Samba

2nd Place for Primary (Competition level) Rhythm Foxtrot

Well done!

Leon Philcox competed in gymnastics for boys aged 5-6 years and he received a silver medal for the beam and a bronze medal overall.

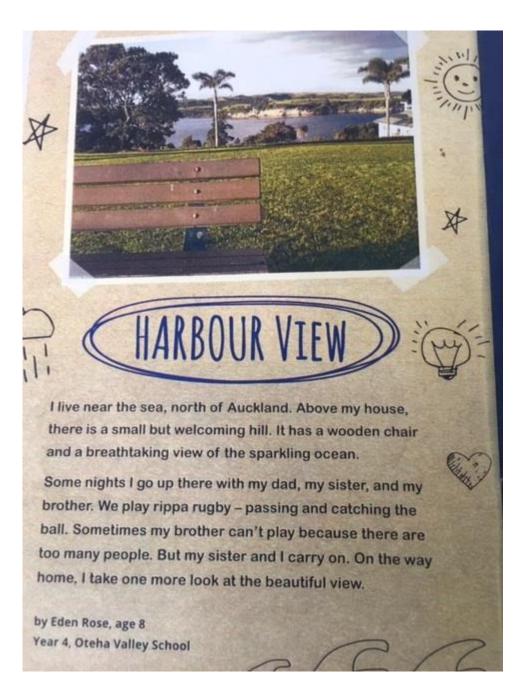
Well done!





Congratulations also to **Eden Rose** who has had a piece of writing published in one of the latest School Journals. Schools throughout NZ are provided with copies of journals, and they form an integral part of teachers' reading resources. Eden's writing will likely be read by hundreds of other children throughout the country. Well done Eden.

Here is her writing that was published.





A Last Word from me

As we come to the end of another year, I have been reflecting on how fortunate we are to have been able to have school open all year. We used to take this for granted, but COVID has made me (and many of you) realise that nothing can be taken for granted.

We have all enjoyed having the children back at school and being able to offer most of the school activities and events that we used to be able to, and those that make our school special.

I would like to thank all the staff for their unreserved commitment, dedication, and enthusiasm for their job. This includes our teachers, Learning Assistants, Office Staff and Paul, our Property Manager. Everyone has pulled together when we needed to, and the result has been a very enjoyable and positive year.

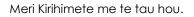
For those of you who have children in Year 6, and no other children at the school, I hope that your memories of OVS are great ones! We have absolutely loved having all your children with us and wish them all the best for their future. It is always hard saying goodbye to children and parents each year, but it is tempered with welcoming and getting to know all the new children starting.

There is no doubt that education is in a process of constant change, and you can all be assured that we are always looking to the future needs of your children and making changes to what and how we do things, to ensure we are future focused.

I would like to thank all of you for trusting us with your children, and for all your ongoing support of all of us. The relationship between parents, children and the school staff is particularly important to us, and we are committed to continually seeking your feedback, and welcoming you into our school.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank two of our outgoing Board of Trustee members; Georgina Dew and Justine Haves, who have been such avid supporters of our school for a number of years, in their role as Trustees of the school, and in all the other ways they have been proactive, in particular their role in the design of the new classroom block. Arohanui to you both.

I wish you and your families and safe and enjoyable Christmas, whatever you are doing, or wherever you may be. I look forward to seeing most of you back for 2023.





Rose Neal, Principal



Organisation 2023

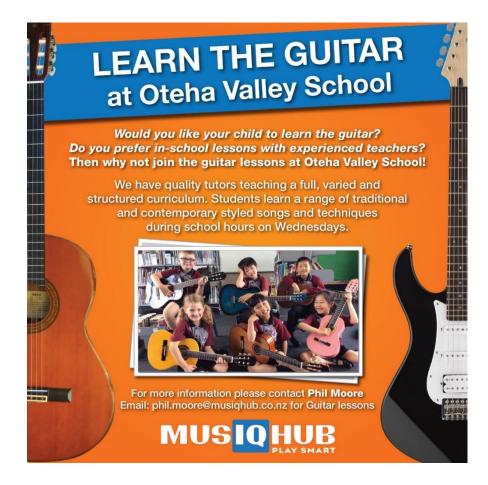
Room	Year Level	Teacher
1	1	Miss Kealan Munro
2	1	Mrs. Nicole Rose
3	1	Miss Emily Hamill
31	1	Mrs. Kirstin Craggs
32	1	Miss Rosy Oh
5	1/2	Miss Ann Huang
6	2	Mrs. Clarisse Taylor
7	2	Mrs. Kate Girvan
8	2	Mrs. Sandra Skinner
9	3/4	Ms. Rosie Muir
10	3/4	Mrs. Collette Newman
11	3/4	Miss Kimberley Currin
12	3/4	Miss Karen Liang
25 & 26	ESOL	Mrs. Hsin Yi Yang, Mrs. Siu Ling Kuan, Miss Ruth Lin
27	3/4	Mr. Matt Ingham
28	3/4	Mrs. Joyce Ah Ching
29	3/4	Ms. Carrie Withers
30	3/4	Mrs. Natalie Colville



13	5	Mrs. Nicola Faulkner
15	5	Miss Hannah An
16	5	Mrs. Kristie Daniels-Burl
17	6	Ms. Bex Wills
18	6	Mr. Matt Killen
19	6	Mr. Jacob Moorhouse
20	6	Ms. Charlotte Lee



Community Notices



THE MUSIC MAN" BROADWAY COMES TO TORBAY - DECEMBER MUSICAL ON-STAGE 8-17 December (*how* many trombones?)

Torbay Theatre's Christmas musical production this year is "The Music Man" with book, music, and lyrics by Meredith Willson. A Broadway hit in 1957, winning five Tony Awards, currently sold-out on Broadway – Skip the airfare and see it in Torbay!

The show revolves around conman band leader Harold Hill, his redeeming love for town librarian and piano teacher Marian, and is full of songs you didn't know you knew – including the iconic "76 Trombones led the big parade."

BOOK NOW from the website below - door sales often available, but many sessions sell out and we are forced to turn people away at the door.

For more information, and to book: www.torbaytheatre.com or see our Facebook page. 35 Watea Rd, Torbay Phone 09-473-7494





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Where: Murrays Bay Intermediate School.

Start date: 11th February 2023.

Cost: \$150 - \$250 for the whole year (this includes book hire but NOT instrument hire).

Age: Group lessons are open to 6 - 12 year olds but there are <u>age requirements</u> for some instruments. Instruments offered: Bass, Guitar, Ukulele, Saxophone, Clarinet, Keyboard, Trumpet, Recorder, Flute, and Cello. Drums, Violin, and Viola classes TBC. Click <u>here</u> to find more about each instrument.

Enrolments for 2023 will open on the 1st of December and need to be completed through Kindo. If you haven't already, make sure you have an account.

Spaces are limited and some of our instruments have sold out within the first 48 hours! So avoid disappointment and get in quick!

Any troubleshooting solutions will be online at <u>www.mbmusic.org</u> or email <u>mbmusic@mbi.school.nz</u> with any questions. Please check our <u>website</u> for more information.







Artz on Show School Holiday Performing Arts Workshop

This is a fun yet educational week for students aged 5 – 15 years.

Students participate in a range of performing arts and specialised classes, for an eventful week!

19 - 23 December 2022, 9am – 4pm daily Held at Raye Freedman Arts Centre, Epsom Girls Grammar School

View our website; www.artzonshow.co.nz or contact Hayley on either artz@artzonshow.co.nz or 09 294 7129











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