



Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school:

Yinuo Li, Ben Huang, Lucca Bao, Mia Guo, Michaela Roscoe, Bella Yang, Kiara Perera, Ayin Cho, Mariela and Rafael Rodriguez, Xavier Milner, Viha Wijesekara, Bella and Amy Lee and Carter Wu

Upcoming events

3 July	House Day – children to wear house colours and bring a gold coin donation to support I Am Hope Foundation
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3 July	End of Term – school finishes at 2:50pm
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20 July	Term 3 commences at 8:50am BOT Meeting via Zoom 5:30pm
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Upcoming events are also on our calendar on our website: www.oteha.school.nz

Staff News

More Baby News! We are excited to announce that Miss Sarah Dainty and her partner Bevan are expecting their first baby in December. We wish them and their new family all the best.



Rm 26: I am delighted to welcome back Mr Warren Spanhake who will be taking over from Mrs Winter as she goes on Maternity Leave. Mr Spanhake taught Rm 15 in Term 1 and is a very familiar and popular face in our school.

Rm 19: Rm 19 is fortunate to have two amazing teachers, Ms Bex Wills and Ms Therese McKinley. From the start of Term 3 Ms Wills will teach Rm 19 four days a week, Monday- Thursday and Ms Mc Kinley will be in there on Fridays.

Rm 1: Miss Rosie Muir and Mrs Sammy Beadle have job shared a class for a few years now. Mrs Beadle goes on Maternity Leave and Miss Muir will teach in Rm 1 every day from the beginning of Term 3.

Farewell to Prue Hansard and Gillian Swanberg:

We are sad to be farewelling Mrs Prue Hansard and Mrs Gillian Swanberg, who team teach in the Kelston Deaf Education Centre (KDEC) in Rm 14. Prue and Gillian have been an integral part of Oteha Valley school for the past 10 years. They have helped at all our Oteha Valley School events such as Family Fun Night, Productions, Cultural Festival, Wearable Arts, Camps, and many other events. They are both leaving teaching to spend more time doing things they enjoy with their respective families. I would like to acknowledge the contribution they have made to our school and community and wish them both all the best.

Kindo is Live 4th July!

Kindo is a software programme designed to make it easy for you to manage school payments and complete school forms through our website. For those of you who already use *Ezlunch*, this is an extension of this, and you will be able to use your existing login details. This will be available through *Quick Links* on the school website. **Kindo will be live as from 4th July.**

If you don't have an existing account, you will need to create one by going to the school website to do this. You must use the email address that you have given the school for your child. Both parents/caregivers can have an account.

You will be able to view what is outstanding over the holidays, as we are still completing the transition this week. Kindo can be used on Apple phones and Android phones. Call the helpdesk on freephone 09-869 5200 if you need a hand, or email hello@mykindo.co.nz.

Kindo will be linked to our Student Management System which enables parents to pay and print receipts including donation receipts. The school will no longer be issuing receipts once we transition over to Kindo.

Simply visit our school website <https://www.otaha.school.nz/quick-links/lunch/> to log on or to make an account. There are payment options, you can build up a balance with regular bank deposits or pay as you go. To top up use the Bank Transfer option (fee free) to set up an automatic payment from your bank account into your Kindo account, so that you always have funds on hand when you need them. See other payment options below:

- POLi – instant – 1% fee capped at \$3
- Visa / Mastercard / American Express / China Union pay – 50c + 2.5% fee.

Want to see how the online shop works? Click the link for a short 3-minute tutorial to guide you through.

[Online tutorial](#)



Collaboration Team Names

Our school is made up of 7 Collaboration Teams and our Teams have all chosen a name that reflects an aspect of our bicultural heritage and something that is unique to Aotearoa New Zealand.

Children will be learning about what the name of their team means and what is significant or important to them about their team name.

Rooms 1-4	Paikea
Rooms 5-8, 31&32	Pohutukawa
Rooms 9-12	Uenuku
Rooms 13-16	Papatūānuku
Rooms 17-20	Rangi
Rooms 22-24	Kaitiakitanga
Rooms 25-30	Manaakitanga



Website Changes

We are currently making some changes to the website to help you navigate your way around this and find information you want more easily. This process will take a while, but we will let you know when this has been completed.



Parking Complaints and Issues

We are still receiving numerous complaints from residents concerned that people are parking across their driveways when they are dropping off or collecting children from school. This is illegal and selfish as neighbours have been unable to get out of their own driveways at times. Auckland Transport have been notified and they will continue to make regular patrols before and after school to help ensure this behaviour does not continue.

We value the relationship we have with our neighbours and want to ensure this relationship is a positive one.

Please be courteous to our neighbours and leave all driveways clear at all times.

Flexibuzz /SchoolApps

The app that we use to communicate with parents Flexibuzz is no longer going to be activated in New Zealand as from the end of this term.

We have therefore gone with a new app called SchoolApps. This will be live from the beginning of Term 3, 20 July. SchoolApps works in a similar way to Flexibuzz and is android friendly. To continue to receive notifications and the newsletter from us you will need to create an account in SchoolApps. We will let you know how to do this next term.

Change to Last Day of Term 4

The Ministry of Education required the school to be open for 384 half days this year. This has now been reduced to 380 half days due to changes made because of lockdown. You will recall we cancelled the planned Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day on Thursday 9 April, due to the Covid 19 Lockdown. Therefore, our last day of school will be on **Tuesday 15th December at 12:30pm.**

Teacher Only Days

We advised you at the beginning of this year that school would be closed for Ministry of Education approved Teacher Only Days for Teacher Professional Development. These two days are still going ahead, and this means that school will be closed on **Friday 28th August and Tuesday 27 October.** (Monday 26th October is Labour Day so is a public holiday) SKiDs will be open on both those days. Teachers will spend these days working on relevant professional development. On Friday 28th August we have engaged a Facilitator to work with us on developing a thorough understanding of our Bicultural responsibilities and the history of New Zealand through a Māori lens. This is essential as we have obligations under (Te Tiriti of Waitangi - The Treaty of Waitangi) we need to understand and put into practice.

The focus for the second Teacher Only Day is still being finalised.

House Captain/Vice Captains

On Friday we announced our House Vice Captains and a new House Captain for Sheppard, as our original Captain has been unable to return to school. All these children have consistently demonstrated our school values and show respect and a willingness to help others and take risks. Congratulations to the following children:

House Captain- Sheppard: Gosha Gusev

Vice Captains:

Sheppard: Joshua Park and Coco Dou

Rutherford: Ryan Newth and Ciara Kraatskow

Hillary: Ye Hao Lou and Cleo Huang

Batten: Joshua Cha and Melody Mao



BOT News

Kia ora from the Board.

What a year 2020 has been so far, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of our staff at OVS. The first term blurred into the second term with the school holidays in between being spent on preparations for our online learning platform. Then Term Two has been a mixture of online and classroom learning. Thank you all for your versatility, understanding and support for our children, families, and community during this time. I know you are all ready for a very well-deserved break.

School uniforms

We are mindful of the cost of purchasing new uniform items, particularly at the beginning of a school year when there are many other costs for families. As you know we use Argyle as our school uniform supplier and as part of our contract we receive a small annual contribution of approximately \$5 per student at OVS which is used for the benefit of our children. We just wanted to remind everyone of the other options for quality second-hand uniforms that we encourage you to use where possible:

1. Donate your outgrown uniform to another family within our school directly.
2. Preloved uniforms is a website specifically designed for selling your unused uniforms. <http://www.preloveduniforms.co.nz>
3. Donate your uniforms back to the school. We are able to re-distribute the uniforms to families in need or alternatively keep them as spare changes of clothes for the children if required during the school day.
4. Trade me
4. Facebook group: ECB Uniforms, Sports & School Items; where you can buy and sell uniforms at no cost (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/696451837061139/>)

School property development

Hopefully you have all received the notification around the new 18 classroom build that is projected to begin later this year/early next year. It has been a winding road to get to this point with many changes to the proposal along the way. The board's property team have been working for many years to get to where we are and we are really looking forward to getting underway and providing further updates to you as it progresses.

We hope you all have a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you again in term 3.

Ngā mihi nui

Georgina Dew

Board Chair

ICAS

ICAS Assessments are available for students in Year 4, 5 and 6. ICAS is developed by UNSW Global, a wholly owned subsidiary of the University of New South Wales and is designed to target students' higher order thinking and problem-solving skills. You can learn more about ICAS here: unsw.global/ICAS.

All ICAS assessments are conducted online in school during the school day. If you wish your child to enter ICAS this year, please fill out the permission form which can be downloaded from the school's website (<https://www.otaha.school.nz/quick-links/noticeboard/>) and email it to enquiries@otaha.school.nz **before 5 Aug 2020**.

Term 3 Changes

We have enjoyed trialing some new procedures and activities as we returned to school after Lockdown and some of these have been very successful, so we are going to continue with them for Term 3.

1. Break Times: Our roll continues to grow and over the winter terms, terms (2 and 3), our hard-court space is not large enough for all our children to play safely at the same time. We have trialled a couple of different break options over Alert Level 2 and 1 and we are going to continue with separate break times



for year levels. Teachers and children have all found that having shorter learning blocks with a break time in-between has helped with focus and concentration, so we are continuing with this. Over the past two weeks we have experimented with having all classes out on breaks at the same time on a Wednesday, so that children have an opportunity to play with children from other year levels, and staff have the opportunity to catch up with staff/teachers from other year levels. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays Years 1 and 2 have their break times together and Year 3-6 have their break times together. On Wednesday, all classes have break times together. Our Term 3 break times are attached.

2. Whanau Fridays: Thank you for supporting us by dropping your child off/or picking them up outside the Pod or classroom. Teachers and children say they enjoy this, and teachers continue to see growth in independence of our Year 1 children, in particular, coming into class on their own and being responsible for their bag and belongings. We are going to continue this from Monday-Thursday each week but on Fridays we are opening our doors again to all parents, caregivers, family, and whanau on **Whanau Friday**. On Fridays you are welcome to come into the classroom with your child and see what they have been doing, chat with other parents or the teacher. We will ring a bell at 9.00 to let you know it is time for you to leave. We have chosen Fridays to be our special day as it is our MADD (Make a Difference Day) where children have the opportunity to work on creative projects or ideas they have, guided and led by the teacher. Each term we will have a special time where we invite you all in for a block of time so you can see and experience 'learning in action'. More details on this will be sent out next term.

3. EZLunch: We will continue to offer EZLunch on Wednesdays only. With our different break times we cannot have lunches delivered at different times during the day.

4. School Carpark There is no perfect solution to the increasing problem of traffic in and around the school, but our priority has to be the safety of your children and staff, so we are going to continue restricting access to all cars through the school carpark, except for staff cars. Please **do NOT** drive down the driveway from Fields Parade. If you are dropping off/picking up your child at any time you need to find a carpark on one of the surrounding roads and walk down to the Office.

5. School Assemblies: In Term 3 Collaboration Teams are going to have their own celebration, sharing of learning at different times. We are going to trial this in Term 3 and ask for feedback from parents about how else we can share and celebrate what children are doing at school.

Kiva

We are a KiVa school

KiVa is an innovative antibullying programme which has been developed using cutting-edge research on bullying and experiences from earlier intervention programmes used around the world. We welcome this approach as a way to raise awareness of bullying and to respond in a way that changes the behaviour.



There are 3 key aspects of KiVa:

Prevention

Teachers take specific lessons and students play online games focussed on prevention of bullying. Students, teachers, and parents are clear about what bullying is and what it is not.

Intervention

Intervention is used when a bullying case is identified. It is targeted specifically to the children who have been involved in bullying as perpetrators or victims, as well as to several classmates who are challenged to support the victim. The aim is to put an end to bullying.

Monitoring

Monitoring the effectiveness of the programme is a key aspect of KiVa. We will do surveys every year to give feedback about the implementation of the programme as well as shifts in behaviour.

The programme was very successful last year and in a survey the results showed students had a better understanding of what bullying is and how to deal with it.

Entertainment Books for Sale!

Once again Entertainment books are for sale. This year all Entertainment Memberships are available **ONLINE only**. To purchase your 2020 Entertainment Membership, visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/100d152>.



Each copy that is sold, 20% proceeds will come to the school. Please help support this.

This has been a long and challenging 'term' for all of us. Teachers have noticed how tired the children have been over the past three weeks, so these holidays will be a good break for all of us. Thank you for your ongoing support in very difficult and unusual times- we appreciate it and it makes me very grateful to have such a supportive community.

We hope you all have a restful break, if you are not working, and we look forward to seeing all of our children back safe, sound and well rested on 20 July.

Kia kaha



Rose Neal

Principal



Break Times Term 3

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

	Block 1	Break 20 mins	Block 2	Break 20 mins	Block 3	Break 30 mins	Block 4
Year 1 & 2	8.50 -10.00	10.00 – 10.20	10.20 – 11.20	11.20 – 11.40	11.40 – 12.45	12.45-1.15	1.15-2.50

Year 3-6	8.50 – 10.20	10.20 – 10.40	10.40 – 11.40	11.40 – 12.00	12.00 – 1.15	1.15- 1.45	1.45 – 2.50
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Wednesday- all year levels

Block 1 8.50 – 10.50

Morning tea 10.50-11.10

Block 2 11.10 – 12.40

Lunch eating 12.40 – 12.50

Lunch play 12.50 – 1.25

Block 3 1.25 – 2.50

Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 will have alternate days on the Year 3-6 playground to minimise congestion and issues on there.

Community Notices

Guitar Lessons at Oteha Valley School

Musiqhub offer guitar tuition to students at Oteha Valley School with experienced tutor Phil Moore. 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. This format creates a fun environment for students and is hugely popular in schools around the country.

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Thursday, 25 June 2020

To our Auckland whānau

We would like to extend our gratitude for the support you showed our healthcare workers during the COVID-19 lockdown. During this period, there were national restrictions on services able to be offered to minimise the risk of spreading COVID-19. This included restrictions on routine dental treatments and check-ups.

We kindly request your continual support as we commence our COVID-19 Recovery Plan. For the Children's Community Dental Service (Auckland Regional Dental Service), this means we need to firstly offer our dental appointments to children of highest clinical need *before* routine check-ups can be offered.

We apologise in advance for the delays this will cause for children who are due a routine check-up. Please be assured that we will contact you as soon as we are able to offer your child an appointment with our service. If you would like to update your contact details and include an email address on your child's file, please email ARDS@waitematadhb.govt.nz.

In the meantime, if your child is in pain or you have immediate concerns with their teeth, please phone your nearest Children's Community Dental Service clinic or 0800 TALK TEETH. Our staff will be available to discuss your concerns with you directly, and will offer your child an appointment if required.

For more information as well as our top tips for keeping your child's smile bright, please visit ARDS@waitematadhb.govt.nz.

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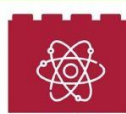
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