



Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Gyuho Sim, Blake Opai, Ryder Yu, Nicole Zhang, Felix Tang, Shariya Sharma, Yara Hazou, Carter Wu, Karimah Amidu, Hugo Yan, Alex and Olga Domracheva, Peyton and Meilani Morris-Taatu, Emily Yao, Tiger Isla, Yahya Abanna, Luke Vasic-Wooler, Thiago Retamales, Frederick Meng and Juli Lopez Garay

Upcoming events

5 Aug	Yr. 6's to Northcross Intermediate
12 Aug	Powhiri for new families at 10:30am
13 Aug	Positive Puberty Yr5/6 Whānau/Parents information evening 6.30 p.m.
17 Aug	BOT Meeting 5:30pm
21 Aug	NE Parent Morning Tea 9:15am
28 Aug	Teacher Only Day – School closed

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

Staff News

I would like to welcome Mrs Kirstin Craggs to our school. Kirstin has returned to New Zealand after teaching in the UK. She is teaching New Entrants in Room 5.

Mrs Danielle Burdett is one of our hard-working parents on the PTP. Danielle is a Learning Assistant and is supporting children in classrooms

We all extend a very warm Oteha Valley School welcome to them both.

Kindo

We are excited to announce that Kindo is up and running. Please pay any donations, ICAS and activity fees through Kindo. You will need to create an account.

Please ensure you use the same email address that we have on our data base for you. **Please do not make deposits for these items through the school account.**

Call the helpdesk on freephone 09-869 5200 if you need a hand, or email hello@mykindo.co.nz.

Visit our school website <https://www.oteha.school.nz/quick-links/lunch/> to log on or to make an account.

Life Education



This term the Life Education Trust will be in our school from 4th – 22nd September. Life Education educates and empowers over 250,000 children each year to embrace positive choices for a healthy mind and body. Below is what each year level will be covering.

Year 1-2- Personal Growth and Development-what makes a good leader? What makes the brain the control centre for our body? What are the impacts of the decisions we make?

Year 3-4 Flipping the Lid and follow with 'How can we deal with change'

We will be looking at how the brain works and why we do/feel the things we do and how to manage these feelings and behaviour.

Year 5-6 will be looking at the brain and how it controls our emotions and actions. Students will have the opportunity to relate this to two of their learning concepts this term – Positive Puberty and Digital Citizenship.

All children will have lessons in the Life Ed caravan with the Life Ed teacher, Charlie Pollard, ably assisted by Harold the Giraffe. The cost of this is \$7. **Please pay this through Kindo.** Parents will be required to give their permission when going to pay for this.

Absences can now be submitted through SchoolApp and you will find that there are also links to EZLunch, Hero and Kindo. **In the event of an emergency we would be using SchoolApp to communicate with you, and therefore we urge you to download it.**

Learning Conferences

Wednesday 19th August 1:30 – 6.00 p.m.

Thursday 20th August 3:20 – 6:30 p.m.

This year there will be two options for meeting with your child's class teacher.

On the first day, Wednesday 19th August, you can make a 20-minute booking to go with your child to their class where they will show you some of the learning that they have been doing. You will be able to chat to the teacher informally. Up to 4 families will be in the room during that period. During this time, the teacher will be roving to answer questions or prompt your child if they need help. The idea behind this, is for your child to select some work they are proud of to share with you. You will be able to see what they have been working on, and what their next learning steps are.

If you wish to book for one of these sessions, go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code **chgyd**.

On Thursday 20th August 10-minute individual sessions will be offered for parents to discuss their child's progress with the teacher. These 1-1 sessions are for parents who would like a more formal meet with the teacher about a concern. Should you wish to book for this go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code **fwr7r**.

Hsin-Yi Yang and Hee Soo Kim will be available for translation on Thursday 20th August only. Should you wish for their support please contact them directly and they will book a time for you. For Mandarin translation please email - hsiny@oteha.school.nz. For Korean translation please email - heesook@oteha.school.nz.

Please note that school will close at 1:00 pm on Wednesday 19 August for all children, to allow for conferences to start at 1.30 p.m. Children need to be picked up at 1:00 pm even if an early appointment time has been made.

New School App



As you will have read in our July newsletter Flexibuzz, the app that we use to communicate with parents is no longer activated in New Zealand. We are now using an app called School Apps. This will work in the similar way that Flexibuzz worked.

To download the app click this link
- <https://otehavalley.apps.school.nz/install/>

Once downloaded you can join up to the room, year level and collaboration team your child is in so that you can be sure to receive important notices from these groups.



After School Care at SKIDS will be available from 1:00 pm onwards in our school hall. You can make a booking for this by going to <https://skids.aimy.co.nz/>, registering your parent account and then enrolling your child(ren). Select 'Special Day' for the Booking Type.

Prior to the Conferences on the 19th and 20th August, you will be advised when you can log on to HERO to view the updates on your child's learning. More information will be sent home to you about this, but this information may form the basis of your conference with your child's teacher.

Please remember you do not need to wait for the Conferences if you have an urgent concern about your child.

- Hurting oneself or talking about hurting oneself
- Talking about death or suicide
- Outbursts or extreme irritability
- Drastic changes in mood, behaviour, or personality
- Frequent headaches or stomach aches
- Changes in academic performance
- Avoiding or missing school

You can send Tina an email hkwo002@aucklanduni.ac.nz with your child's name, room number and reasons why you would like her to see them.

Whānau Friday Feedback

We have had a positive response from parents/Whānau for our Whānau Fridays where we invite you into your child's classroom from 8.30 – 9.00 a.m. to talk with the teacher, meet parents of other children in the class and for your child to share some of their learning with you. On our first Friday we had 74 parents who spent some time in their child's classroom. We hope that this number increases each week and would love to see lots more of you on a Friday morning.

Counselling Service for Children at School

A reminder that Tina Kwok is working in our school every Friday this term. Tina will be supporting children's development of emotional literacy, so that they can recognise and regulate their emotions better. Tina does this through games, role plays, art, movements, music, and storytelling. As a parent or caregiver, you are very welcome to contact her if you are concerned about your child's wellbeing. Some signs to look for may include the following:

- Tiredness or sleepiness
- Persistent sadness — two or more weeks
- Withdrawing from or avoiding social interactions

Teacher Only Day

A reminder that there is a Teacher Only Day on **Friday 28th August**. Teachers will be working at school for the day with a facilitator, Tamsin Hanly. Tamsin has written a series of books for teachers in New Zealand to explain our history through a Bi Cultural lens. From 2021 schools must teach NZ history as part of the curriculum and Tamsin's work will give us a good basis to prepare for what we will teach.

Teachers have been doing professional readings provided by Tamsin and will be working through these in 2021 also.

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.

2021 Start Date

The Board of Trustees has confirmed that the starting date for 2021 will be **Wednesday 3rd February**.



Pre-Enrolments 2020/2021

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.

Children Not Returning in 2021

If your child is not returning to school next year, please let the office staff know. We also need to know if your child will not be starting on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 our first day. This helps us plan for classes in 2021.

Cardboard Wanted

We are looking for good size cardboard for teachers and children to use in classrooms. We do not need cardboard boxes. If you have access to this it would be appreciated. Please drop in at the school office.

Library

As our school roll continues to grow, we have had to use our library for additional classrooms for the past 3 years. Last year we were able to set up a 'pop-up' library in Rm 21 but this year all our classrooms are occupied, and we have two classes in the Multi-Purpose Room (which used to be the original school library).

Teachers order library books from The National Library for the class and we have set up a small area in our Resource Room where teachers can borrow books for the classroom. Our local libraries are free to join and we encourage you to take your children along, sign them up and they can select books to read for pleasure or information.

Powhiri

We are very proud of the diverse cultural 'make-up' in our school. For several years, we have welcomed new families once a term with a special Powhiri, which is a ceremony to formally welcome new children, parents, family, Whānau and staff into our Oteha Valley School Whānau. We were unable to hold a powhiri in Term 2 due to COVID, but we are delighted to welcome all new families/Whānau to our school to a special powhiri on 12th August at 10.30. Invitations to this will be sent home shortly.

Mathex

Mrs Coote and Mrs Faulkner have been working with a keen group of Year 5 and 6 mathematicians at lunchtimes to prepare them for the Primary Mathex Competition to be held at Northcross Intermediate on 18th August. We have entered 3 teams this year.

New Entrant Parent Morning Tea

Parents of New Entrant children are invited to a morning tea on Friday 21st August at 9:15am. This is an opportunity to meet parents of other children who have recently started school and to talk to some of our Senior Leaders and ESOL staff. You will receive an invitation closer to the time.

This is a new initiative we are trying, and we hope that many of you can join us.

Term 2 Muffi Day

Last term children had a muffi day to raise money for The Hope Foundation. \$765 was raised. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this.



Epro8

The EPro8 Challenge is a competition, an engineering and problem solving race. Every year over 10,000 students from 900 schools from throughout New Zealand take part.

Teams compete to:

- build large sized structures
- solve practical problems
- engineer using pulleys, motors, gears, wheels and axles
- invent machines that can complete simple tasks
- undertake unusual and fun experiments.
- solve interesting problems using practical maths

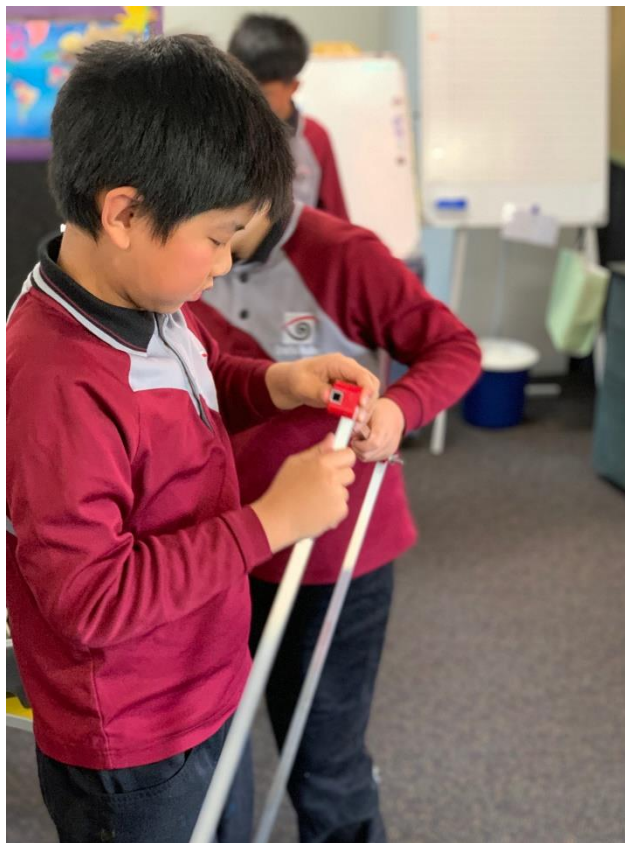
Heats are held throughout New Zealand. The top teams from each heat qualify for the regional semifinals and a regional grand final. The winning team will be crowned the region's EPro8 Challenge Champion.

This year, due to Covid 19 the heats will take place within schools. Oteha Valley has accepted the challenge set and bought its own EPro8 School Equipment.

In the run up to the competition, Miss Rich is working with 25 students who will be taking part in 'taster' workshops over the next 5 weeks. Throughout September the 4 chosen to go on to represent Oteha Valley will work together to complete a set challenge.

So far we have held one 'Taster Workshop'. The 5 students had a great time, showed great promise and came up with imaginative solutions.

Watch this space to find out who will be representing our school.



Kia kaha

Rose Neal
Principal



Community Notices

Acting with Passion

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Xtreme Rhythmix at North Harbour Gymnastics

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Precompetitive class (Tuesdays 3:30-5pm)

- * for 5-7-year olds
- * come and learn the building blocks of the competitive programme
- * develop flexibility, strength and coordination while learning skills with rope, hoop, ball, clubs, and ribbon

RG Squad (Wednesdays 5-7pm at Glenfield College and/or Saturdays 3:30-5:30pm at Eventfinda Stadium)

- * for 6-10-year olds
- * train once or twice a week
- * learn an individual routine and a pairs/trios routine
- * start having a go at competitions!

Kindy RG (10:30-11:30am at Eventfinda Stadium)

- * for 4 year olds
- * develop hand-eye coordination and musicality through a mixture of rhythmic gymnastics and ballet
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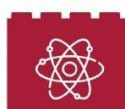
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