



Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all



### NEW STUDENT

We welcome Van Keech who is a new entrant in Kowhai class. All the best for your next steps in your learning Van.

**Our roll stands at 117 students**

### STAFF CHANGES 2020

I am pleased to announce the new staff members who will be replacing our 3 teachers on maternity leave in 2020:

<b>Caitlin Scott</b>	<b>New Entrants (Kowhai)</b>
<b>Jessie-Jo Ball</b>	<b>Year 2 (Pohutukawa)</b>
<b>Larna Culpan</b>	<b>Year 4/5 (Totara)</b>

Caitlin is an experienced ECE trained teacher now moving into the Primary sector, Jessie-Jo and Larna are beginning teachers who have just completed their Bachelor of Teaching Degrees from the Waikato University.

### FIREWORKS GALA NIGHT

What a fantastic night we had at our recent fireworks fundraising gala. The approximate amount raised for this event was **\$12500**.

A massive thankyou to Samantha Usher and her Supporter's team for planning months in advance and setting up on the night. Also, thanks to the parents who gave up their time to assist with the events and to our school staff for helping out as well.



The Supporter's Group are a small dedicated group of parents who fundraise for the benefit of **all** students. A few members will be relinquishing their roles next year, so we need parents to step up to become a part of this amazing team in 2020. Without this parental support, our wish lists for items such as astro-turfing our courts or purchasing new laptops will not happen.

### OTOROHANGA AGRICULTURAL GROUP DAY

Congratulations to all students who represented our school at this event. A huge number of these students received a variety of ribbons. We are pleased to announce that Kio Kio School won all 3 shields: calf, goat and lamb shields. Well Done!

### SUN HATS

Please keep encouraging and also ensuring your child is bringing a hat to wear at school each day.



### SWIMMING

Our classes are swimming each day, so all students are required to bring their togs and a towel to school. It is extremely important that our students spend as much time in the pool to gain the confidence and skills when swimming in our lakes and oceans. We will endeavour to heat our pool using our solar system which is attached to our Rec Centre roof.



### YEAR 7 & 8 INFORMATION EVENING

Thank you to those parents who attended this evening on Monday night which outlined the comprehensive programme our year 7 and 8 students will receive in 2020. Thank you to Helen Twentyman for organising the evening.

### OUTSTANDING MONIES

There are still fees outstanding from the start of this year for camps, sports and stationery etc.. We require these to be paid before the end of the year. The school has been carrying these costs, which have come out of our Operations Grant, money which is spent on teaching and learning and other operating costs. If you would like to set up a weekly automatic payment to help clear these amounts before the end of the year, please contact Rachel in the office.

## **COPS ATHLETICS**

Yesterday, we sent a large group of students to COPS Athletics at Otorohanga South School. This was a very organised and successful day for South School. Our students competed extremely well against students in our local area with some excellent results. These students will be recognised in the next newsletter.

Thanks to Mrs Telfer for organising our team and transport, Mrs Coleman for assisting at the Long Jump event and our parents who provided transport and supported our students.

## **POOL KEYS**

Next Tuesday, families will be able to hire a school pool key from our school office. Our Board will be setting the cost of using the pool over the Summer break at our meeting on Monday night.

When you purchase a key you will need to sign a Hire Use Agreement before using the pool.



## **SENIOR SCHOOL CAMP DATES 2020**

Totara	Monday 16 - Friday 20 March
Kahikatea	Monday 2 - Friday 6 March
Kauri	Monday 9 - Saturday 14 March

## **END OF YEAR TROPHIES**

**If your child received a trophy or cup at our end of year prizegiving in 2018, could you please return it cleaned to school ASAP. Thanks**



## **WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?**

14 Nov	Lions Reach Awards
15 Nov	Celebration Assembly
15 Nov	Oto College Experience Day
19 Nov	Tennis Cup
20 Nov	Korakonui Formal (Y7/8)
26-28 Nov	Survivor Camp (Kauri)
02-03 Dec	Kowhai Camp
05 Dec	Sports Prizegiving
06 Dec	Xmas Parade
09 Dec	School Picnic / Water Day
11 Dec	Final Prize giving

*Ngā manaakitanga*

**Kevin Jones - Principal**



## **2020 TERM DATES**

**Term 1:** Monday 3 February - Thursday 9 April

\* Closed Thursday 6 February

\* Closed Friday 7 February

**Term 2:** Tuesday 28 April - Friday 3 July

**Term 3:** Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September

**Term 4:** Monday 12 October - Tuesday 15 December

## **SUBWAY COLLECTION ROSTER**

**15 November - BJ Mark**

**22 November - Louise Collingwood**

## **SCHOOL BANKING DETAILS**

**Account number is:**

**BNZ Otorohanga 02-0392-0021774-000**

**School Phone: (07) 873 1816**

**Text Messages/Absences: 027 3981725**

## **Otorohanga Swimming Club**

New enrolments welcome

Junior squad - can swim one or more lengths in 2 or 3 strokes.

Intermediate squad - can swim multiple lengths in 3 or 4 strokes.

Senior squad - age 13+ can competently swim multiple lengths in all strokes.

Free assessment and introductory session.

For more information and enrolments phone or txt

Vanessa 027 6354436

or email [otoswimmingclub@gmail.com](mailto:otoswimmingclub@gmail.com)

## **Otorohanga Squash Club**

*Juniors aged 9 -16 yrs  
Monday afternoon 3 - 5pm*



*Social squash Monday from 5pm open to everyone and new players welcome  
Ladies squash Friday from 9am open to everyone and new players welcome. Coaching available.*

*Squash is a great way to meet people and keep fit!*

**Please contact Cheryl Clark 0275094720 for further information.**

