

UPCOMING EVENTS: Refer to the Oakura School App – under the 'calendar' tab.

Tēnā koutou katoa

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OAKURA SCHOOL COMMUNITY SURVEY: Thank you to the people who have completed the survey. We truly value your feedback and will look forward to analysing it and using it to inform our plans for the next three years. **The survey closes at the end of the first week of the school holidays – Friday 6 October.** We hope this gives you time to fill it in during the school holidays, when things are a bit quieter.

If you haven't completed it yet please use the following link to complete the online survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/ShWp9KPAujMOaj2N2>. We have heard there was some difficulty filling in the digital form if you didn't use Google Chrome as your browser. Paper copies are available at the school office. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

AIMS (Association of Intermediate Schools) GAMES UPDATE: Our students had an amazing experience competing against both national and international competitors at the AIMS Games in Tauranga last week. The level of competition was very high. The students placed as following: **Cross country** - Renee Donovan 20th, Harry Looney 65th, **Sailing** – Reuben Kiss 14th out of 48 in the Silver Fleet, **Gymsports** – Caeley Hattle 16th, **Multisport** – Oscar Anderson 54th, **Basketball team** – Brodie Ferguson, Connor Clough, Owen Ellington, Jago Robertson, Isaac Barbour, Charlie Bridges, Stuart Holdcroft, Bastian Rung-Hansen, Fenton MacArthur, Oliver Day and Ed Shearer, 34th.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Hamish Goodhue a past pupil of Oakura School who has been selected to join the 2018 Youth Brass Band of New Zealand. Hamish plays percussion and is presently attending NPBHS. He is the youngest of three students from New Plymouth who have been selected. It is always exciting to hear of the special achievements of our past pupils.

YEAR 7 & 8 COASTAL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS: The following students achieved placings in the top ten in their year group at the Coastal Y7&8 Cross Country held at Omata School: 11yr girls: **1st Renee Donovan, 3rd Skyler McFetridge, 6th Ruby Henwood;** 11yr boys: **4th Mack Looney;** 12yr girls: **5th Kate Hilliam, 6th Caja Hancock, 10th Alana Juffermans;** 13yr girls: **1st Caeley Hattle; 2nd Ella Treacy-Wolnik;** 13yr boys: **1st Harry Looney.**

UKELELE: Next term we will be starting a ukulele group on a Friday lunchtime for any year 4-8 students who are keen to learn the ukelele. They will need their own instrument and be committed to meeting once a week for a 30 minute session. Sandy Taylor, Megan Culver, Helen DesForge and Gill Mackay will be supporting the group. If your child is interested please ask them to get a notice from the office with further details.

LOST PROPERTY: Once again we are gathering a large amount of clothing in the lost property box. Weather permitting we will put the clothing on display outside Room 4, 5 & Kauri next week. If your child is missing sweatshirts, jackets, shoes, socks etc. please check to see if any belong to

you. Any clothes not claimed by the end of term will be donated to charity. We also have some bikes that have been left at school!

SCHOOL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES NOW ONLINE: Our school has been working with SchoolDocs to create a website for our school's policies and procedures. We are excited to announce that the site is now live and available to the school community.

We invite you to visit the site at <http://oakura.schooldocs.co.nz/> (note that there's no 'www'!). Our username is oakura and password 4314 **The direct link will be on our soon-to-be-launched new school website.**

SAVE THIS DATE: Macbeth - Tuesday 26th September, 12pm and 2pm performances. The Year 7 & 8s have been learning about Macbeth and Shakespeare through our literacy programme this term. We invite you to our dramatic interpretation and performance of Macbeth.

POI WANANGA: We would like to invite you to help make poi for our performance Kapahaka group. Please join us in the staffroom next Thursday 28th September from 1:30 pm. Afternoon tea and all materials will be provided.

RIPPA RUGBY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: This week I was fortunate enough to take **Jack van Prehn, Kingston MacArthur, Siaoisi Kava, Zach Phillips-Lim, Elijah Lash, Eva Martin, Ariana Schafer, Ranui Rodger, Ruby Shearer, and Tiana Kensington** to Wellington for the National Ripa Rugby tournament. Mike van Prehn, our coach also accompanied the team. The trip was 100% funded by the Rugby Union for which we are very grateful. Our team did us proud, not only trying their best during the games, but also conducting themselves well over the three days. A huge thank you to Mike for giving up his time and preparing the team for the high standard needed for a national tournament. Thanks also to our parent supporters, you helped spur our team on. We finished 11th out of 20 teams which is a commendable result. Proud of you all.

Judy Ziletjes.

Ngā mihi, Natasha Jackson and Sandy Taylor – Deputy Principals

FOOS NEWS (Friends of Oakura School).

It's that time of year again! Our Cards & Calendar Art fundraiser is quickly approaching. The students are finishing up their artwork by the end of term and parents will be able to view artwork the FIRST week of Term 4. Order forms will go home with newsletters the LAST week of Term 3, and you may place your orders Monday, 16th October-Tuesday 24th October. You may also place your orders online via Kindo. All orders must be place by 3:15pm TUESDAY, 24th October.

\$5 FRIDAYS KELLY CLUB OFFER for first time clients for September and October.

3pm - 4.30pm \$5, 3pm - 5.30pm \$10. Conditions: Book online at www.kellyclub/oakura.co.nz
Offer only to families that have not used the facilities in the last 6 months. Bookings in advance. Pop in for more information or contact Lindsay on 027 874 557 or oakura@kellyclub.co.nz.