

OAKURA SCHOOL
'Learning To Think, Learning To Care'

Tēnā koutou katoa

25.05.17

School will close early (12:30pm) on Wednesday 31 May – to allow learning conferences to start at 1:00pm. Thank you for making alternative arrangements for your children.

CONGRATULATIONS: Our year 5&6 students took part in their first interschool competition against St Joseph's School New Plymouth last Friday. The teams were very successful and we were proud of the way that all the students participated in their games. Oakura came away with wins in the rugby, Netball A, football and chess, with St Josephs winning the basketball and Netball B.

Thanks to the following coaches who are giving up their time to coach our inter-school teams this term; Rod McQuaig for rugby, Jaynie McSweeney for Netball A, Megan Holmes for Netball B, Michael Connelly and Stefan Kiss for football, Karl Quinn who supervised the chess and Megan Culver who organised the basketball. Thanks also the NPBHS who provided two boys to referee the rugby and Helen Des Forges who refereed the Netball B game.

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT LEARNING CONFERENCES: Thank you to the families who have already booked the learning conferences for their children. Year 3-8 students are required to be present at the 3 way learning conferences.

Interview times are: Tues 30 May 3:30-6:15pm, Wed 31 May 1:00-7:30pm, Thurs 1 June 3:30-6:15pm.

Students will be bringing home a range of learning samples to share with their parents this **Friday 26 May.**

Please complete the feedback form that accompanies the learning samples that your child will share and return it along with the conference form on **Monday 29 May.**

MARAE VISIT AND HANGI: The weather has cooperated, and we are looking forward to our annual day at Oakura Pa on **Friday, 26th May.** All details are the same as last term's planned Marae Day. There are copies of the original notice and how to prepare your hangi lunch on the School App.

Please ensure that all hangi trays are labelled with your child's name and room number in vivid and are delivered to the Pohutukawa Centre between **8am and 8:20am** on Friday morning. They will be taken down to the marae at 8:30am. Any late trays may miss out as the hangi needs to be covered in and begin cooking before 9am.

If you are planning to join us for the powhiri please meet us in the carpark outside of the marae at **9:50am.** We will aim to have lunch at **1 pm.**

Students will walk back to school after Marae Day and will need to be picked up from school or travel home as usual.

Please remember that there will be no parking on the marae, all whānau must park at Corbett Park and/or walk to the marae for safety reasons.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: We will be having school photos taken on **Tuesday 30th May.** If you want to have sibling photos please collect an envelope from the office. Please return envelopes and payment to the school office by **Friday 26th May.**

BACK TO FRONT DAY: Thank you for supporting our Back to Front fundraiser held on Tuesday this week. We raised \$319.90 which will go to the 100% Pure Taranaki Society to help protect our native parks.

ENVIROKURA: EnviroKura (Oakura School's environment committee) is looking for anybody with the following skills who would be able to help us with some projects: carpentry, building, gardening. We would only be asking for a few hours of your time.

Also, it would be greatly appreciated if anyone could donate any of the following recycled resources, which we would use for upcoming projects: wire, plastic bottles, Tiger Worms, nails, wood, tools.

If you are able to help us with any of these environment projects, or donate the listed materials, please let us know by contacting us on any of the following emails;

bastianrh04@oakura.school.nz , hayleym05@oakura.school.nz , connorm05@oakura.school.nz , jay@oakura.school.nz

GIFTED AWARENESS WEEK: As part of Gifted Awareness Week the Taranaki Gifted Community Trust is holding a presentation on **15 June from 7- 8:30pm** at St John Bosco School, New Plymouth. Dr Yariv Doron, a child psychiatrist with a passion for the gifted child will be speaking about "Learning Difficulties and Gifted?"

If you are interested in attending please contact the school office for a flyer with all the details.

Ngā mihi,
Sandy Taylor – Acting Principal

FOOS NEWS (Friends of Oakura School):

A Toast on the Coast, Saturday 27th May. We are looking forward to this special fundraising event and would like to thank all those people who have supported us by buying tickets and providing items for the auction.

A reminder that a variety of silent auction items are on display at the school office and phone bids are welcome on the night by ringing Charlie Lewis ph. 021 751273 (Prior contact advised to ensure correct timing).

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