

OAKURA SCHOOL
'Learning To Think, Learning To Care'

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

Tēnā koutou katoa

26.10.17

WELCOME: to the following student who started at our school this week: **Zoey Kerr (RG)**

SCHOOL MOTTO: At the end of the newsletter you will notice that we have worked with Te Reo Taranaki to have the school motto translated into te reo Māori. Matua Clive and the staff will be working with our students to ensure they know how to pronounce this correctly and know it as well as the they know the English phrase: **Kia ākona te manako me te manaaki**

PAPERFREE: We currently have 70 of our families who have chosen the paperfree option of newsletters. If you are happy to read it from the school app or from the school website please let Marilyn know so we can reduce our photocopying figures. Thank you for helping us look after our environment.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- The following students represented our kura at the Puanga Festival in Waitara today: **Maurice Hemara, Ollie Tito, Phoebe Bennett, Maisie Hinton, Evelyn Colgate, Solae Hareb-Hine, Connie Matheson, Gabrielle Robinson, Mahine Toscani-Piper, Livia McGregor, Rafferty O'Sullivan, Georgia Dinnison, Arla Bennett, Orr Carmi, Libby Tito, Lincoln Jacobs, Kohen Hareb-Hine, Darcy O'Sullivan, Rio Pendleton, Pearl Shearer, Myah Stolte, Lia Barton, Campbell Donovan, Milla Lash, Holly Robertson, Mason Down, Isabelle McLorinan, Sam Salisbury, Ariana Schafer, Matthew Connelly, Emma Jackson, Helena Rollins, Nate Florence, Alex Juffermans, Jason McGregor, Allie Quinn, Carys Read, Finley Pendleton, Tiani Kensington, Katie Clough, Scarlett Dinnis, Lalie Green, Cerys Hancock, Sasha Rasmussen, Maia Schafer, Kate Hilliam, Ellie Dinnis, Janaye Sullivan, Oliver Day, Bastian Rung-Hansen, Stuart Holdcroft, Charlie Bridges, Amelia McLorinan, Renee Donovan, Alodie Pickering Bruce, Hayley Meyburg, Alana Juffermans, Caja Hancock, Fenton MacArthur, Jago Robertson, Ryan Waite, Brodie Ferguson, Owen Ellington, Hinei Schafer, Violette Johnson.** Thank you very much to the staff and parents who help to make this performance possible.
- Several of our year 7 & 8 students represented our school at an indoor bowls competition this week. Congratulations to the following students who qualified for the next round: **Brodie Ferguson, Isaac Barbour, Jago Robertson, Sam Hemara, Elliot Hudson and Owen Ellington.**

POI WORKSHOP: Many thanks to the parents who helped make our competition poi over the last few weeks: **Mary Anne Shearman, Bianca Aldridge, Toni Peacock, Hayley Ander and Karen Chapman.**

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED: On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 8:45am to 9:40am we are requiring some help with running our perceptual motor programme. Prue Hilliam will be leading this programme which involves working with a small group of children to develop their coordination and motor skills. If you are able to help please contact Marilyn in the school office.

WANTED GLASS BEADS: If anyone has some old blue or purple or clear glass beads 1cm or larger that they no longer require could they please drop them in to the school office.

CAMP LEIGH FUNDRAISER: On Wednesday 8 November there will be a family bingo evening at Butlers 6:30pm to fundraise for Camp Leigh. Bingo cards will be \$10 each and can be bought on the evening. **We would appreciate any donations for raffle prizes – please contact Natasha Jackson if you are able to help with this.** Looking forward to seeing you all there.

WHĀNAU & GRANDPARENT LUNCH DAY: This event has been planned to coincide with the FOOS Book Fair. We hope this will give you an opportunity to view the books for sale and perhaps do some early Christmas shopping. It will be held on 17th November at 12:40 – 1:30.

2018 PREPARATION: The senior staff and I are currently reviewing the 2017 school year and planning for 2018. This includes: Analysing the community survey, reviewing the school charter, completing a review of the 2017 Annual Plan, writing the 2018 Annual Plan based on the 2017 analysis, developing next year's budget based on predicted student numbers and finalising the staffing and overall organisation of the school for next year.

Part of the 2018 school organisation process involves the establishment of class lists. This is a very involved, rigorous process. We consider: staffing that has been allocated to our school by the Ministry of Education, gender/age/maturity/ academic balance, school organisation needs, special needs, peer relationships – both positive and negative - and other concerns that parents have informed us about. We make every attempt to ensure that your child's learning and social needs are met – while keeping in mind all 360 students needs.

If you are leaving Oakura please let us know as soon as possible. If you have specific information that you would like us to take into consideration when we are doing the 2018 classes please put this in writing and drop it into the school office by Monday 30 October at the latest. This is not a chance to choose classrooms or teachers, but an opportunity to inform us of information that will assist with classroom placement. I will then share this information with team leaders when I meet with them to form the draft 2018 classes.

NPOB SURF CLUB SUBSIDY: Once again Don Harvey has very generously offered a \$20 subsidy on the NPOB Surf Club registration fee for school children from Oakura, Omata and CTS schools. When you register please state that you are from Oakura School. Registration day is Sunday Nov 19th 10.00am – 12.00pm. at the NPOB Club Rooms.

Ngā mihi, Lynne Hepworth - Principal

FOOS NEWS (Friends of Oakura School) The Annual School Disco is on Friday 10th November, with tickets on sale at the school office from 24th Oct. Some volunteers for the disco would be great - please sign up at the office if you can help.

Lunch Online - parents and children seems to be enjoying these hassle free Friday lunches, so please book up via www.lunchonline.co.nz by 9am on Friday morning.

KELLY CLUB: Kelly Club are now looking at introducing a Holiday Programme and a Before School programme. A survey will be coming home which we ask families to complete so we are able to see what interest there is for these extra programmes.

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