

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

Tēnā koutou katoa

27.07.17

The year is flying by – it is hard to believe it is term 3 already. It was great to see everyone this week and catch up on all the news from last term. Having a sabbatical for ten weeks gave me lots of opportunity to further my study and reflect on our school's next steps. I would like to thank Sandy Taylor and Natasha Jackson who stepped into my role while I was away and to all other teachers who took on extra roles to support them. We are incredibly fortunate to have a talented team of professionals on our staff who work very hard to make Oakura School a quality learning environment.

On that note – thank you to our staff who were at work until 8:00pm on Tuesday night completing the first half of their first aid training refresher. They complete the second half next week. I really appreciate the commitment they show by doing this extra study following on from a normal work day.

WELCOME: to the following students and their families who started at our school this term – **RG - Chloe Milestone-Webb, Hank Reinders; RP - Jahna Irving; R4 - Jayden Dellow; R5 - Ellie Richling, Ana Reinders; R6 – Jannes Reinders.**

We also welcome **Mrs Lois Amery** who will be teaching part days in Room G and P for the first five weeks of this term. Following this, Lois will be teaching full time until the end of the year in Room 1.

TERM 3 FOCUS: We have been reviewing and updating our school's 'Graduate Profile – now named 'Oakura School Learner Profile'. Thank you to everyone in our community who has provided feedback on this – your ideas have been woven into our current model. One of the dispositions we want our students to have, is being **confident – maia**. This will be a focus in our classroom learning programmes this term.

CONGRATULATIONS:

- To the following students selected for the U13 Taranaki Representative Hockey Teams: U13 Girls Collier Team: **Angela Spurdle**; U13 Girls Rawleigh Team: **Amelia McLorinan**; U13 Boys Curtis Team: **Charlie Bridges**
- We have had three semi-finals at our school this week for the Y5&6 interschool sports competition – rugby vs Inglewood, netball vs Puketapu and football vs Waitara East. Oakura School teams won all three semi-finals. Our students are to be congratulated on the way they hosted the other schools and showed excellent sportsmanship.

POI WANANGA: Thank you to those parents and teachers that joined us at Oakura Pa in the holidays for the poi workshop. We learnt a lot about poi and the challenges of 'four plaiting'.

Now that we have the knowledge and skills in this we look forward to having more parents join us in poi workshops to help us develop our set of competition poi. Keep an eye out in the newsletter for upcoming workshops at school, and feel free to email Natasha if you wish to get started earlier! (natasha@oakura.school.nz)

Yr 7&8 INFORMATION EVENING: This year's 'Year 7&8 Information Evening' will be held on Tuesday 8th August, in Room 11 at 5:30pm. This is an opportunity for parents of Year 5 & 6 students to come and develop more understanding of the year 7&8 programmes and the teaching and learning we offer here at Oakura School. Prior to the information evening we also invite any interested parents to an 'Open Afternoon' on Tuesday 1st August. We are opening our classrooms from 1:30pm - 3:00pm so that any interested parents and students can visit us while students and teachers are in the classroom working. If you do want to visit on this afternoon, please pick your child up from their year 5/6 classroom prior to your visit. If you'd like any further information, please contact Natasha. (natasha@oakura.school.nz)

ENVIROCENTRE WORKING BEE: We will have a shortened working bee on Sunday 13 August, from 10am - 11:30am. Any families and students are welcome to join us in helping to do some weeding around our seedlings. Please bring your own gardening gloves.

PLASTIC FREE JULY: Our school is supporting a nationwide initiative to reduce the amount of plastic we use as part of our commitment to being an Enviroschool. Next term there will be a class competition to reduce the amount of plastic students and families use in lunch boxes. This is a great opportunity to buy a Waxy Wrap to help support your child/rens' efforts. They are available to purchase at the school office from \$15.

STREP THROAT: We have had another case of strep throat in the school, which is infectious. Early symptoms are headache, vomiting and a sore throat. If your child gets this they must be kept home until they are well or until 24 hours after antibiotics have been started. At this time of the year there are often different bugs going around. If your child is unwell please do not send them to school until they have recovered as this helps prevent this infection being spread.

Ngā mihi, Lynne Hepworth - Principal

FOOS NEWS (Friends of Oakura School): The new 'lunchonline' for ordering school lunches is fun and convenient. Simply login at www.lunchonline.co.nz. You can order your lunch up until 9am on Friday morning.

PUBLIC NOTICES:

Spotswood College Open Night: This will be on 10th August 2017 - 6.30 pm in the School Hall
New Plymouth Boys' High School Open Evening: This will be held on Tuesday 1st August. 3:30 – 4:00pm School Tours; 4:30pm Headmaster's Presentation; 5:00pm School Tours; 5:45pm Headmaster's Presentation

New Plymouth Girls' High School Open Evening: This will be held on Wednesday 2nd August. 5:30 – 6:15pm School Tours; 6:30pm Principal's presentation; 7:00 – 7:45pm School Tours