



# OPUA SCHOOL

*Manaakitanga me te Awhina  
Caring and Sharing*

26th February 2020  
Term 1 Week 4

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

We have received dispensation from the FNDC to keep our pool topped up so we are able to use the pool every day. YAY!

Swimming at Opua School is **COMPULSORY**.

Please ensure your child/ren come to school with their swimming gear **EVERY DAY**.

If your child cannot swim for a **MEDICAL** reason please send a note to the teacher, otherwise **ALL** pupils are required to participate in the lessons.

## **Water Safe Lessons**

Over the past four weeks we have been lucky to have had Matua Tupara come to the school and give our pupils some excellent Water Safety lessons. We are grateful to Top Energy for sponsoring such an important service and we are lucky to still have an operational pool. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the lessons and have hopefully taken away many new techniques so that they can be confident around water and safe in our waterways.

Thank you Matua Tupara and Top Energy!

## **OPUA SCHOOL 2020 EASTER GALA**

The **OPUA GALA** is to be held at the school on the 4th of April.

Thank you to our P.T.A. who are in the advanced stages of preparing for this year's Gala. My gratitude also to all those wonderful businesses and members of our community who either already have or will soon contribute to this, our major, annual fundraising event. Your generosity is very much valued by this school.

The organising committee are asking for donations of toys, books, jolly jars and other bric-a-brac. The collection boxes are situated in the main office, please feel free to drop off anything you might have to donate. The Annual Gala is a major fundraiser for Opua School and is also a wonderful community day. If anyone would like to join the committee or volunteer please feel free to come forward and leave your name at the school office or contact Katja 0212938647.

Thank you!

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# 2020

## Paihia Football Club TRAINING DAY

Every Thursday Afternoons  
Bledisloe Domain, Haruru Falls  
4.30pm - 5.45pm Juniors (4-15yrs)  
6.00pm-7.30pm Men & Women (16+)

*Any enquiries;  
Ring or text 0274402608  
Email: paihiafootball@gmail.com  
Or Facebook: Paihia Football Club*

**PTA MEETING 4th MARCH  
- 3.15 - ALL WELCOME**

### **DONATIONS FOR THE GALA WANTED**

WHAT IS A JOLLY JAR?

Jolly Jars are a non-sweet alternative to a lolly jar – a little treat that children can purchase with their own pocket money at the Gala. Jolly Jars are a jam jar filled with something small and fun interesting for a child.



You can donate a jar of 'unwanted' birthday presents, leftover party bag fillers, or toys that are no longer age appropriate and decorate it to make it eye catching.

Some Ideas: Hair clips/hair ties, marbles, Matchbox cars, McDonalds toys, crayons or pencils, Barbie accessories, random lego pieces, loom bracelets/bands, collectible cards, water balloons, kids craft bits & bobs, play jewellery.

THANK YOU.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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27TH MARCH - RUGBY LEAGUE TRAINING

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28TH FEB - OPUA SCHOOL FUN SWIMMING SPORTS.  
9.30 - 1PM. ALL PUPILS ARE TO PARTICIPATE :-)

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3RD & 10TH MARCH - FOOTBALL TRAINING

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5TH MARCH FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT  
SELECTED PUPILS - INFO COMING HOME - PARENT  
HELP WILL BE REQUIRED :-)

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6TH MARCH MUFTI DAY - FUNDRAISER.

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12TH MARCH - RUSSELL SWIMMING SPORTS -  
MORE INFO TO COME.

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19TH MARCH - YEAR 7 & 8 VACCINATIONS

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20TH MARCH - KI O RAHI TOURNAMENT

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27TH MARCH - BOI SWIMMING SPORTS KAWAKAWA  
POOL

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4TH APRIL - OPUA SCHOOL EASTER GALA

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAN  
STALLS AT THE OPUA SCHOOL  
GALA**

**FREE  
MARKET STALLS FOR PUPILS AT  
THE OPUA SCHOOL GALA**

**PLEASE CONTACT KATJA IF YOU  
ARE INTERESTED**

**021 293 8647**

**Sausage Sizzle this Friday - \$2.50  
Juicies - \$1 -  
Order at the school office before 9am.**

**\*\*\* NO SCHOOL SHARING THIS FRIDAY \*\*\***



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CAN COOK**

**WE ARE SEARCHING FOR NEW ZEALAND'S  
HOTTEST JUNIOR CHEF!**

Do you like the taste of good food?

Have you got a favourite dish  
you love to cook?

Are you in a Northland School  
and in Year 1-8?

If the answer is yes, we want you!



To be held at:  
The Opuia School Easter Gala  
Saturday 4th April 2020  
Opuia, Bay of Islands  
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Heaps of Fun  
Fantastic Prizes  
An Amazing Experience

**REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL IN A FUN COOKING COMPETITION!**

For more details and the entry form go to:

**[www.nzchefs.org.nz/Competitions](http://www.nzchefs.org.nz/Competitions)**

This year we are having the Northland regionals at the Opuia School Easter Gala on the 4th April 10-2pm  
The 2020 Kiwi Kids Can Cook is sponsored by vegetables.co.nz group. Competitors are now only required to have ONE recipe to cook on the day but it must be a savoury dish that contains at least three fresh NZ grown vegetables.  
See Maree at the school office for an enrolment form or go to [www.nzchefs.org.nz/competitions](http://www.nzchefs.org.nz/competitions) for more details!

## **School Stationery Fee**

Opua School provides our pupils with all their stationery needs  
throughout the whole year.

To help cover costs we are asking for \$50 per child,

THANK YOU

Internet Banking - Opua School Board of Trustees 123102 0085328 00  
(reference 'child's name' and 'stationery')

Thank you very much to those who have paid already.



What a fabulous day we all had Long Beach last week. The weather was beautiful, the water stunning and the sea life in the rock pools as engaging as ever. A huge thank you to all the parents who came along to support, we love days like this!



**THIS SATURDAY!!**

Bay of Islands College  
**LEAP YEAR**  
**GALA DAY**

SATURDAY 29 FEB 2020  
**10AM-4PM**

FOOD | ENTERTAINMENT | ACTIVITIES  
 STALLS | ONSITE PARKING | BOUNCY CASTLE  
 AND SO MUCH MORE

**FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**

*Join us in a day of fun as we leap into the new year*

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