



OPUA SCHOOL

*Manaakitanga me te Awhina
Caring and Sharing*

21 May 2020
Term 2 Week 6

WELCOME TO TERM TWO

Welcome back everyone. It is so nice to see so many pupils back at school during these uncertain times. As a school we are doing our very best to abide by the Ministry's guidelines as well as our own Health and Safety procedures.



We have eased our way into this week by being mindful of everyone's different levels of anxiety and have been discussing emotions and mindfulness. We have told every pupil to let us know if they are needing to talk or share their feelings that they can let us know at any time and we will listen. Every classroom has hand sanitiser stations and soap and water. We are not having morning assemblies and are exercising and eating in class groups. The sports shed is open at playtimes but we are discouraging any contact sports/play.

The drop off/pick up plan is working amazingly well. Thank you all so much for co-operating and adapting so well (it also eases up on afternoon traffic congestion!).

If you do need to come into the school grounds please pop into the school office and sign the register. If you would like to come and talk to Simon about anything, please call ahead to make an appointment.



Please visit (and like) our FACEBOOK page (Opuia School) to keep up with what's happening at school.

Also our website opua.school.nz for newsletters and more!

Ms Halse updates the page regularly with wonderful photos and news items.

Please contact the school if you do not want your child's image on social media.

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WELCOME DEBBIE COOKE

This Term we would like to welcome Debbie Cooke onto the staff. Debbie is going to be teaching Room 5 four days a week

(Mr McGowan will be teaching one day). Until recently Debbie was the principal of Maromaku School and has been a teacher for *many* years (she wouldn't let me disclose the exact number of years). The pupils are in very good hands and we all look forward to working with Debbie.

Ms Lange is on sick leave and we wish her well.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

LOTS OF GREAT IN-SCHOOL LEARNING AND ACTIVITIES.



THANK YOU WHAEA 'SHELL

We would just like to say a huge thank you to Shell Wilson who was in Room 5 last term. Due to the abrupt ending of Term 1 we did not have the opportunity to say thank you formally and have a proper farewell to Whaea Shell (and our wonderful international students who had to catch a plane to get back to their homes). Mrs Wilson was a breath of fresh air, a wonderful teacher and a bundle of energy to have on the staff.

We all thoroughly enjoyed working with her and we wish her well in her future endeavours.

A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board would like to publish their gratitude towards the staff for the way last Term was handled so expertly. With Mr McGowan away on sabbatical everything that could go wrong, did go wrong!

Ms Ridge stepped up to the Acting Principal role after Ms Lange had to take leave. Northland had a drought and unbelievably a pandemic reared its ugly head amongst numerous other things.

The Board believe the staff of Opuia School handled each situation with professionalism, positivity and unity. It is so very encouraging to have such a tight-knit team who can cope with anything life throws at us.

NO SAUSAGE SIZZLE THIS TERM - SEE BACK PAGE!

ANOTHER MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We have pledged to keep our pupils as safe as possible and the Board of Trustees would like to request that if you (and/or your bubble) travel out of the region please let the school know for our Contact Tracing.

Thank you for your understanding. (email the office or txt 0272014121)



INTRODUCING.....

NIC NOCK'S TUCK SHOP

PRE ORDER YOUR CHILD'S HOT LUNCH!

MONDAY - NACHOS

**Premium Mince, Beans, Carrot, Zucchini
Served with Corn Chips and Cheese**

FRIDAY - MAC 'N' CHEESE

Loaded with Cheese, Bacon and Broccoli

Vegetarian options available upon request.

For a start all meals will be served in an environmentally friendly container but if I get enough interest I will look at reusable options.

Pre-order and pay by Sunday each week.

**To order please text 021 022 955 12
Please include child's name(s) + classroom + what day/meal.**

**Please transfer \$ with child's name as reference
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**\$6.50 PER MEAL -
DELIVERED AT LUNCH TIME TO OPUA SCHOOL.**

