



OPUA SCHOOL

*Manaakitanga me te Awhina
Caring and Sharing*

11 June 2020
Term 2 Week 9

SCHOOL SHARING STARTS AGAIN NEXT FRIDAY!

IN THE SCHOOL HALL, FROM 2 - 3PM. KOWHAI HOUSE WILL BE SHARING THEIR WORK WITH EVERYONE.

ALL PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GRANDPARENTS/FAMILY MEMBERS ARE
WELCOME TO COME ALONG!

ALERT LEVEL 1

Our school borders are OPEN again now we have moved to Alert Level 1!

All visitors need to register at the office as per usual.

We will continue to reinforce the GOLDEN RULES

If people are sick, they should stay home (phone Healthline or your GP and get tested if you have cold or flu symptoms). Please keep your children home if they are sick;

We are continuing to regularly wash and dry hands, and reminding everyone to sneeze and cough into elbows;

Soap, water and the ability to dry hands is always provided in our school bathrooms;

We are regularly disinfecting shared surfaces;

We continue to request parents to collect their children from the school gates and not come onto school premises unless absolutely necessary or there is a scheduled meeting as "Physical Distancing" is still 'encouraged' at Alert Level 1;

We will continue to keep the water fountains closed due to shared mouthpieces. Please continue to provide a water bottle for your child. We will turn the water bottle filling station (the Dolphin) back on for bottle filling only.

We will begin restarting our whole school events. Our whole school morning assemblies and fitness programme are running again. Our first Sharing Assembly will be on Friday 19th June from 2 to 3pm. Kowhai House will be sharing their work. Our Kapa Haka tuition with Matua Horrace will also begin again as soon as possible.

**THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR HELPING US
MANAGE OUR SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT SAFELY
DURING ALERT LEVELS 3 AND 2.**



TOMORROWS LUNCH (FRIDAY 12TH)

~ BEEF + CHEESE BURGER

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER TODAY

ALL MEALS **\$6.50**

pre order x8 meals for \$45

NEXT WEEKS MENU

~ MONDAY 15th

SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE



~ FRIDAY 19th

BEEF + CHEESE BURGERS



TO PRE ORDER PLEASE TEXT

02102295512

please state childs name, meal,
date and class room.

ONLINE PAYMENT - ASB 12-3102-0010342-51

PLEASE BEAR WITH US WHILE WE WORK ON FUNDING

Dates for the remainder of the 2020 School Year:

Term 2: ends Friday, 3 July;

Term 3: Monday, 20 July - Friday 25 September;

Term 4: Monday 12 October -

Friday 11th December

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WE ARE FOCUSING ON IMPROVING ACTIVE LISTENING SKILLS

HOW YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

Listening is an important component of learning. A student's ability to listen actively has a major impact on building the communication skills needed both inside and outside of the classroom.

WHAT IS ACTIVE LISTENING?

Active listening means giving full attention to the speaker and trying to understand the complete message being sent. Active listeners show verbal and nonverbal signs of listening. Positive reinforcement, remembering, and questioning are all verbal signs of active listening. Non verbal signs include smiling, head nods, posture, and avoiding all distractions.

Active listening also involves encouraging positive conversation. This means acknowledging the other person's point of view and being able to repeat back what was said in your own words.

WHY IS ACTIVE LISTENING IMPORTANT?

Having active listening skills has many benefits; besides better comprehension in the classroom, active listeners tend to be better communicators and problem solvers. Being an active listener also shows good character, commitment, and is an essential component of being a leader.

ACTIVE LISTENING ACTIVITIES

Showing your child how to be an active listener by example is only the first step. It is also important to practice these skills. Try these activities to help develop and sharpen your child's listening skills.

Read stories to your child. Ask him or her to predict what will happen next. The prediction requires your child to listen to the details to make a logical guess.

Cook with your child. Read the recipe to him or her, having your child listen to and follow each step to complete the recipe correctly.

Have conversations about things your child is interested in. This gives your child a chance to engage in a real conversation, practicing both speaking and listening.

Play the telephone game. Get together with a group and have one person whisper a sentence to the next person. Each person repeats it to the next until the final person. Have this person say the sentence aloud and see how much the two sentences have changed.

Create a list of questions with your child for him or her to ask you or a sibling. After one person has answered, see how many the other can remember. Switch roles and see how well the other person does.

Play the "spot the change" game. Read your child a short story. Then read it again, making some changes. Each time your child hears a change have him or her clap or raise his or her hand.

Get creative with "follow the directions." Give short, simple instructions and have your child draw according to the directions they hear.

It takes a lot of concentration and determination to be a better listener. Practicing active listening techniques will help students become better communicators and build listening skills they will use for life.





During Term 3 we invite parents, caregivers and community members to come forward and spend some time with the students of Opua School.

It is only one hour per week for about 9 weeks. Over the years we have had pottery, candle making, knitting, kites, sports and woodwork to name but a few. Both students and volunteers alike find the experience to be beneficial, it broadens the pupils interests and encourages community spirit. If you would like to donate some time and expertise during Term 3 please fill in the attached form. ☺ Clubs days are to be Wednesdays 2-3pm

OPUA SCHOOL CLUBS 2020 TERM 3

2pm-3pm each Wednesday for 9 weeks
(or something for three weeks)

I would love to help!

My name is _____

The craft/activity I would like to host is

The materials I need are _____
(We can reimburse you for any materials just supply a receipt)

OR

I would like to offer my time but I can't think of an activity!

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Parent-Teacher- Student Conferences

THURSDAY 2nd JULY 2020

2pm - 6.45pm

This year we are continuing with the 'triangular' format for
Parent – Teacher – Student Conferences
Why?

Not only are the students the best people to tell their parents what they have been learning, but we believe that students build on their learning by communicating what they know. Providing an opportunity for students to tell their family what they know can significantly boost that learning.

A strong link between the home and school is an essential component to academic success and forward progress. Without the support and trust of the parents, what the classroom teacher is trying to achieve may not come to fruition. The goal of every parent and teacher should be that their students develop a strong sense of responsibility while becoming increasingly independent throughout their schooling. The bottom-line is accountability. The students need to be accountable for their own successes and failures and develop a strong sense of intrinsic motivation based on those experiences. Parents and teachers need to exercise an open line of communication in order to support each others ideals and values.

Please keep in mind that you can approach the teachers ANYTIME to
discuss your child's learning, progress and behaviour.

The meetings will be 10-15 minutes.

Please indicate your preferred time on the form below and return it to school.
Maree will try to fit you in to the timetable as best as possible.

Child's Name	Teacher/Room	Preferred Time <u>2nd JULY 2pm - 6.45pm</u>

Daytime contact Phone #	Email address

If this day does not suit please indicate a day which does and we can arrange a meeting with the teacher(s) concerned.

You can also email Maree at office@opua.school.nz