



OPUA SCHOOL

Manaakitanga me te Awhina
Caring and Sharing

15 OCTOBER 2020
Term 4 Week 1

TERM 4 2020

Fridays – School Sharing 2pm – 3pm – All Welcome

Saturday 17th October – Election Day – Voting at Opua School Hall

Tuesday 20th October – Year 8 Orientation Day at Bay of Islands College

Monday 26th October – Labour Day

3rd, 6th, 10th & 13 November – Making the Right Choices with Constable Rob
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more info to come

Friday 6th November – Room Two trip to Waitangi

Friday 6th November – Mufti Day

18th – 20th November – Room Five camp to Lonsdale Park
(please return permission slips asap)

27 November – Room Two trip to Adventure Forest Glenverbie

Tuesday 1st December – Room Five trip to Adventure Forest Glenverbie

2nd – 4th December – Room Three camp to Whangarei Heads

2nd – 4th December – Room Four camp to Coopers Beach

10th December – End of Year Prizegiving

11th December – LAST DAY OF TERM 4
SCHOOL ENDS AT 3PM.

A gentle reminder that school **STARTS** at 9am. Please try not to be late too often. It is important that everyone is at school before 9am - Thank you

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Dates for the 2021 School Year

Term 1: 3 February - 16 April

Term 2: 3 May - 9 July;

Term 3: 26 July - 1 October

Term 4: 18 October - 14 December

*Please note that, under the teachers' Collective Agreement, there are 8 school days over the three years of the Agreement that can be taken as Teacher Only Days as long as our Parent Community are given a minimum of one term's notice. This means that these end of term dates could change but the required whole term's notice will be given if changes do occur.

On these days school will be closed for instruction and parents will need to find other means of supervision for their children.

We will always give our parent community at least one term's notice when we are going to take one of these days.

We will not be taking one in Term 1, 2020.

Please be prepared that we might be taking one of these in Terms 2, 3 and 4 next year, though.

We apologise in advance for the inconvenience this will cause but it is a nationwide situation affecting all schools so extra work can be done that will benefit all children.

PTA NEWS

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE COMING SOON!

This will be our major fundraiser for the year. ALL proceeds go directly to benefit your children for school camps, visiting shows and trips out and about. Please support us by selling as many tickets as you are able to.

There are three chances to win. Tickets coming home soon!

PTA 2021 - The PTA will be looking for a new committee next year. Please have a think about joining/forming a group of interested parents who are passionate about helping Opua School. Primarily fundraising to help cover the (ever increasing) costs of Education Outside The Classroom as well as helping out around the school wherever possible. We really appreciate everyone who has had an input this year and in the past.

SUMMER UNIFORM & SWIMMING TERM 4

From this week on we require all pupils to be in their summer uniforms. Our sunhats are part of the compulsory uniform during Terms 4 and 1. Most pupils will have their hats from Term 1 either at home or in class. New pupils may purchase our hats from the school office (\$12).

Girls need to have shorts or skorts/culottes which must be just above the knee - please no short-shorts!

PLEASE NAME EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING!

Help us help you by making sure every item of clothing is named, especially now that we will be swimming this Term. Towels, undies, togs, red T-shirts, shorts etc all need to be clearly named and identifiable to your child.

Thank you!

Please ensure children have their togs, towel and cap with them every day after Labour Weekend.

As the weather changes constantly, it pays to be prepared. Swimming is part of the curriculum and is compulsory for all pupils.

WHAT YOU NEED:

TOGS (GIRLS - ONE-PIECE PLEASE)

TOWEL

SWIMMING CAP

GOGGLES (OPTIONAL) - SWIMMING/PLASTIC BAG

Parent Consultation and Feedback

It is stating the obvious that it has been a very disturbed 2020 in which we have all had to engage in a significant amount of home and online teaching and learning, have moved up and down between Covid-19 Alert Levels and, sadly, have had to cancel a number of important school events and activities for safety reasons. Considering this, we are more keen than ever to get parent feedback on what you think the school could focus on as its goals and priorities for the 2021 school year within our overall 3 Year Strategic Plan framework.

Please would you fill in the table below if you would like to contribute any thoughts. Please would you return this form by the end of school on Friday, 23rd October.

Many thanks for your contribution,
Simon McGowan, Principal

The Opua School Board of Trustees has identified the Strategic Goals below for the school in the 3 year cycle from 2019 – 2021:

Have you any comments below on that goal and what we could work on to improve outcomes for our children in that area?

Strategic Goal 1: IMPROVING STUDENT LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT with a focus on Reading, Writing and Mathematics;	
Strategic Goal 2: IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LEARNING EXPERIENCES IN MAORI and FOR MAORI with a focus on accessing good professional learning for our teachers, quality Maori learning experiences for our children and being culturally responsive as a kura;	
Strategic Goal 3: IMPROVING THE SCHOOL'S FUTURE FOCUS [including reviewing and localising our curriculum, improving the availability of and effective use of Digital Technologies in learning experiences and maintaining and improving our environmental and sporting educational opportunities]	
Any other thoughts or ideas or aspects that you would like us to focus on? This is a very broad question. [To help, two such examples you might touch upon could be children's well-being initiatives and / or property related ideas?]	