



# OPUA SCHOOL

*Manaakitanga me te Awhina  
Caring and Sharing*

16 NOVEMBER 2020  
Term 4 Week 6

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF OUR NEW ROOM 5 TEACHER FROM TERM 1, 2021

The appointment's process for the permanent, full-time position of Room 5 teacher from the start of 2021 has been a comprehensive, inclusive and positive exercise. I would like it known that all four interviewees were of a very high quality. The panel was, however, in unanimous agreement that there was one stand-out candidate who would be a wonderful fit for our school. I am delighted to announce that the successful candidate is RAMARI PIRIHI.

Ramari is the Deputy Principal of Ruakaka Primary School who has family in the Ruapekapeka area. She is an experienced educational leader and teacher with a very wide range of excellent curriculum knowledge with particular skills in Te Reo teaching [she is a fluent reo speaker], use of Digital Technology in the classroom, mathematics, sports and student achievement data assessment. I am completely confident that Ramari will fit quickly and effectively into our strong team and make a real difference for all children, especially those in Room 5, at our school.

At this point, I also want to thank Debbie for the amazing job she has done and is doing in Room 5. I will always be incredibly grateful to her for stepping in at short notice and taking on this challenging role with such commitment, energy and positivity. We have all benefitted immeasurably from having Debbie at Opua School and so willingly share her knowledge and experience with us for our benefit. Debbie will be in and out next year and it is wonderful that we will keep our connection with her regular and strong.

Ramari wanted to share a few words with our school community by way of introducing herself before her formal start at the beginning of next year:



Ko Manaia te maunga

Ko Te Renga Paraoa te

moana

Ko Rangiora te tupuna

whare

Ko Takahiwai te marae

Ko Patuharakeke te iwi

Ko Wiki Te Pirihi te tangata

Ko Ramari Pirihi toku ingoa

Tēnā tātou katoa

Kia Ora, I'm Ramari Pirihi.

I have 5 tamariki and 1 mokopuna and a wonderful partner, Benjie. I have been teaching for the last 11 years and I feel privileged and lucky to have been awarded this teaching position at Opua School.

I'm excited to meet my class next year and their whānau. I have an open door policy so please feel free to come in and say hello.

I love teaching and enjoy teaching all areas of the curriculum, however my passion is teaching digital technology and te reo Māori and I can't wait to share my knowledge with my class and, at the same time, learn alongside them as well.

In my spare time, I like to be active and outdoors, especially fishing, collecting seafood and hanging out at the beach with my whānau.

I guess I'm in the right place for that! That's it from me for now. See you all next year.

Have the best Christmas and New Year everyone.

Ramari

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ROOM FIVE'S CAMP ON WEDNESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY - We are aiming to leave school by 9.45. Due to the fact we can't be at Lonsdale until 12 noon we are going to visit the Waitangi Treaty Grounds from 10am - 11am.**

**We will make our way to Lonsdale after 11am.**

**Please could all helpers/transportation be at school by 9.15am. We will have the school gates open for you to drive your cars in for easy loading of camp gear.**

**Parents - please ensure the school is aware of any medications/illness or conditions. If there are any changes to contact details/emergency details let Maree know ASAP.**

**Whaea Deb, Mr McGowan and Maree will be also attending the camp.**

**Ms Ridge will be Acting Principal while Mr McGowan is away.**



Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate Margaret Lange's career and her time teaching at Opuia School. She was very moved by the speeches, cards, gifts and especially the pupil's performances. We were so proud of everyone who sat for such a long time and for their great singing. Margaret will be popping in from time to time to keep in touch with the staff and children.

# **TERM 4 2020 WHAT'S HAPPENING?**

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

18th - 20th November - Room Five camp to Lonsdale Park

27 November - Room Two trip to Adventure Forest Glenverbie

27 November - Athletics Day

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

3rd December - Room One's Fun Day!

4th December - Paihia Christmas Parade

10th December - End of Year Prizegiving

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

## **The Weetbix Kids Tryathlon website is LIVE!**

Enter your child/ren for the Bol Race (11th April 2021) to get the Early Bird Specials. Go to [TRY.WEETBIX.CO.NZ](http://TRY.WEETBIX.CO.NZ) and search for Opua School to enter as part of the school team.

## **PTA RAFFLE**

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS SOLD TICKETS TO THE RAFFLE SO FAR!**  
Such a fantastic effort. Thank you so much. Please send any books back with the unsold tickets to the office and we can find buyers for them. :-)

## **CHRISTMAS PARADE 2020**

The date is the 4th of December. The theme is 'Under the Canopy'  
If you would like to join Amy Crisp in brainstorming and organising a float for the school this year then you are WELCOME to come to the staffroom on the 17th of November (@3.15pm) and share ideas etc... Thank you!



## Health Check - IMPORTANT

Please check your child/ren for head lice. We are having constant re-occurrences which need to be addressed. Treating with recommended treatments and combing through the hair with a fine toothed comb is essential. Retreatment is meant to kill any surviving hatched lice before they produce new eggs. For some drugs, re-treatment is recommended routinely about a week after the first treatment (7-9 days), depending on the type of treatment used. We have some treatments and combs here at school if you would like to come and get some.

## Worming children and adults

Worms in the body block our digestive tract, rob us of nutrients and stop the digestive system from functioning. Tapeworm is not the only worm that affects our digestive system, there are several types of worms that can cause problems, including whip worms, thread worms, hook worms and round-worms.

Some symptoms may include: An itchy bottom, general irritability and behavioural changes, trouble sleeping, or restless sleep, sometimes resulting in bed-wetting or a sudden lack of appetite.

How infections can occur:

- \*Walking barefoot in the garden, playground or any infected soil; for example, hookworm larvae burrow through the skin of bare feet.

- \*Ingesting worm eggs through eating fruits, vegetables, grains, fish and meat contaminated with roundworm or whip worm.

- \*Washing fruits and vegetables with contaminated water.

- \*Transfer of the parasitic worms from pets to owner.

- \*Coming in contact with the soil that has been contaminated with human feces from an infected person.

- \*Not washing hands with soap and water after defecating.

Contact your local pharmacy to discuss worming treatments.



# Room 3 LOTTO DROP FUNDRAISER

**C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S !**  
to the following people :  
\$200 Bonus Ball - #15 - Melanie Uren  
\$50 Strike numbers- #10 - Esther Kruijver -  
#23 - Trina McEntee - #26 - Velyn Bristow  
- \$39 - David Cartwright  
Thank you everyone for your support.