



# OPUIA SCHOOL

*Manaakitanga me te Awhina  
Caring and Sharing*

26 NOVEMBER 2020  
Term 4 Week 7

## **ATHLETICS DAY - TOMORROW** **FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER**

We have a 54 seater bus coming to take the majority of the pupils to Bledisloe. If you have put your name down to help with transport, thank you. If your child would still like to go on the bus, then by all means let them. If we need to transport pupils it will likely be the more senior pupils (ones that do not need a car seat).

Room 2 pupils are going on their school trip tomorrow so it is only Rooms 1, 3, 4 & 5 going to Athletics Day.

If you have not yet filled in the permission form that came home last week then please return it ASAP. :-)

The notice DID say that all pupils require a sports t-shirt - we currently DO NOT have any sz 8, 10 or 12 in stock. The normal red polo tee with collar will be ok to wear.  
Thank you for your understanding.

Please feel free to come along to Bledisloe and take part in a fantastic day!

Please ensure that you have plenty of Sunscreen (Friday is meant to have great weather!). Please make sure to have LOTS of water and food for morning tea and lunch. There is likely to be food available for sale, but we don't know exactly.

The teachers will be arranging everything on Friday morning so please be there at 9am if you are helping with transport and please be at Bledisloe by 10am if you are helping with supervision. THANK YOU!!



# ROOM 5 CAMP 2020

Thank you very much to everyone who helped put on the Room 5 camp. We had a fabulous time and the weather was great! The pupils enjoyed a whole range of activities including surfing lessons at Matauri Bay with the O'Neill Surf Academy! Thank you to every single student who attended, your behaviour and can-do attitude was wonderful.

We are very proud of you all. Thank you to the parents and staff who came to support and thank you to Julia's mum for the wonderful photographs.

## THANK YOU!!



# TERM 4 2020 WHAT'S HAPPENING?

27 November - Room Two trip to Adventure Forest Glenbervie

27 November - Athletics Day  
(please return permission/transportation help forms asap)

Tuesday 1st December - Room Five trip to Adventure Forest Glenbervie  
(please return permission/transportation help forms asap)

2nd - 4th December - Room Three camp to Whangarei Heads  
(please make sure to pay for camp asap)

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

3rd December - Room One's Fun Day & Teddy Bears Picnic!

4th December - Paihia Christmas Parade

10th December - End of Year Prizegiving - 11AM

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 Opuia 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 please see Amy or Gemma to offer assistance...  
Thank you!

# ANNOUNCEMENT re. TIMING OF OUR 2020 PRIZEGIVING

Kia ora koutou

We have been discussing for some time now about altering our End-of-Year Prize-giving from an evening to a daytime event. All our staff have been canvassed and we were unanimous that we should try this earlier timing this year and review how it goes. The main reasons for the change are:

[a] Almost all other local schools run their End of Year Prize-givings as daytime not evening events;

[b] The children are already very tired at the end of a long, challenging school year and, especially for the younger children, to ask them to return to school in the evening and “be on their very best behaviour” is difficult;

[c] Feedback in the past from parents has been that it is sometimes difficult to attend due to the event being around evening meal time and the time when they would be beginning to prepare their younger children for bed.

So, we will hold our Prize-giving this year at 11am [before it begins to get too hot] on Thursday, 10th December. We will then have a review of how it went and make a decision in the new year whether we should stick with the new time or revert to the evening time.

Nga mihi  
Simon McGowan  
Principal



**Thank you to Tracey  
and Karen from  
Sea-Cleaners for  
coming to give a  
talk to Room 3 about  
their very important  
job.**

**We also went to the  
beach and had a big  
clean-up!**