



OPUA SCHOOL

*Manaakitanga me te Awhina
Caring and Sharing*

25th FEBRUARY 2021
Term 1 Week 4

Announcement of Lynette Lindsay's departure

On Monday this week, and with significant sadness, the Board of Trustees received a letter from Lynette Lindsay announcing her decision to resign her position at school. This is a personal decision that has been very difficult for Lynette to make and similarly hard for us to receive.

Lynette has been a wonderful colleague and a superb teacher at this school for almost six years. She joined us at a demanding time for the school and it soon became very clear that Lynette was not just a creative, experienced and committed educator but she was also a calm, positive and wise colleague. Her support and kind words on numerous occasions have assisted staff and children alike through the challenges they have faced. Lynette will be sorely missed but we will all join to wish her happiness and exciting new ventures when her last day with us arrives.

We now begin the significant task of trying to replace Lynette. Lynette has indicated that she would prefer to leave at the end of Term 1 if we have managed to secure a suitable replacement. In typically generous fashion, she has also indicated, though, that if that doesn't prove possible, she will stay for a little longer until we have a quality person that the children of Room 4 deserve to take her place. We will be working together to ensure, when Lynette's last day does arrive, that we can all gather as a school community to say a communal thank you and farewell Lynette in the right manner.

Lynette has indicated that she would be open to days of relief teaching at Opua School in the future so we will, from time to time, still be seeing and sharing time with Lynette.

If anyone has any questions about this situation and process, please don't hesitate to pop in and see me.

Simon McGowan
Principal

The P.T.A. have been instrumental in raising thousands of dollars over the years, to help pay for camps, trips, visiting shows and more. They also provide fun and entertainment to the children - discos, movie nights and our Galas. The extra income means that we can plan for extra experiences that our government funds would not stretch to. Thank you all for helping us out!



TITOKI SHARING ASSEMBLY TOMORROW 2-3PM

PTA FUNDRAISER



MEGA GARAGE SALE:

Is one of your goals for 2021 to cut the clutter and do some downsizing? Book a SPACE at the Opua School Garage Sale taking place in the school grounds on Saturday 27th March, between 10am - 1pm. Please register your interest with Maree at the office or message Amy on 027 528 9001.

Cost: \$25 per adult table or \$10 per pupil table (to be supervised by an adult dependent on age). The charge for each table will be collected by the PTA (to contribute directly back to school trips throughout the year).... but everything you make on the day is YOURS to keep! Kids can sell sweet treats, but no other food/beverage sales please (as we'll do a sausage sizzle/bacon butties and That Coffee Guy is coming!).

All other vendors welcome, so **BOOK YOUR TABLE NOW** as numbers are limited.

Lastly, we're asking that each pupil brings in a Jolly Jar to be sold on the day. 'Jolly Jar' = creatively decorated jars filled with goodies like sweets, chocolate, small toys, stickers, erasers, small pencils/pens/crayons – things you might find in a party bag. It's a great way to be creative with your kids, so thanks in advance for your support.

We'll start a collection of empty jars for people to use **AS WELL AS** jolly ones in the office this week. Let's raise some money!

SCHOOL SHARING UPDATE

Please take note of the change to the School Sharing Roster - Thank you.

Friday 26th Feb - Titoki House
Friday 5th March - Rimu House
Friday 12th March - Room 5
Friday 19th March - Room 4
Friday 26th March - Totara House
Friday 2nd April - Good Friday
Friday 9th April - Rooms 1 and 2

TEACHER ONLY DAY TERM 1 2021

School will be closed all day on THURSDAY, 18TH MARCH, 2021. All our teachers will be in Whangarei that day. Our School's Board of Trustees has approved this event and school closure. This is the 4th day of 8 permitted days that teachers have been given by the Government for training purposes in their latest union's Collective Agreement running from

1st July 2019 - 30th June 2022.

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Bay of Islands
Sanitarium
Weet-Bix Kids
TRYathlon

Event Date:
Sunday 11th April
2021

Event Location:
Waitangi Treaty Grounds
REGISTER NOW FOR YOUR
EARLY-BIRD PRICE.

ENROL ONLINE -
[WWW. /tryathlon.co.nz](http://WWW./tryathlon.co.nz)

Please note that we have already set up a School Group, so follow the prompts and you will find Opuia School. If you have any problems see Ms Halse.



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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2 MARCH - YR 7/8 KIWI TAG TEAM TRIP

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3 MARCH - ROOM 5 SAILING EXPERIENCE

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4 MARCH - OPUA SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS DAY

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11 MARCH - OPUA SCHOOL PTA MEETING 3.15PM

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12 MARCH - MUFTI DAY

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16 MARCH - YR 3/-6 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

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17 MARCH - RUSSELL WHARF SPORTS DAY

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18 MARCH - SCHOOL CLOSED

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26 MARCH - YR 7 BOOSTRIX & YR 8 HPV

PLEASE RETURN FORMS ASAP

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27 MARCH - PTA CAR BOOT SALE/MARKET DAY

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31 MARCH - KIDS LIT QUIZ @ KERI PRIMARY

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2 APRIL - GOOD FRIDAY

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9 APRIL - BOI SWIMMING SPORTS DAY

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16 APRIL - MUFTI DAY & LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who came along and helped with transport and supervision on Monday. The pupils had a wonderful time swimming, playing and having fun at Tapeka beach. As part of our 'Caring for the Earth' philosophy we picked up any rubbish in the vicinity. Thumbs down to whoever left ...half a bag of plastic bags bits, 5 plastic bottles, 1 old tyre, 4 plastic toys, 36 cigarette butts, 46 food wrappers, 6 plastic cups and 36 glass bottles. We brought the rubbish back and disposed of it properly.