



# OPUA SCHOOL

*Manaakitanga me te Awhina  
Caring and Sharing*

3rd MARCH 2021  
Term 1 Week 5

## **\*\*\* BOOK AMNESTY \*\*\***

Library book reminders have been sent home so if families could please search high and low to return the books it would be much appreciated. If you find our readers along the way we would love that they too could be returned. If you think you have returned books but you have been issued a reminder can you please note which book it is on the notice and return it to school so we can look for it. THANK YOU

### **CELLPHONES AT OPUA SCHOOL**

In general - we tend to discourage children bringing cellphones to school.

Pupils are only allowed to have cellphones at school if they deliver them directly to Maree [or Mr McGowan if Maree is not here] and collect them from the same person at the end of the day.

The only reason for having them at school is if they need to contact mum and dad etc. regarding an unusual after school pickup.

Finally, if pupils have to make such a call, they must do so when one of the school's staff is with them. In other words - we are keeping them safe and cellphone usage is controlled, monitored and safe.

If you would like to discuss this further please come in and see Mr McGowan.

### **OPUA SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS DAY 11th MARCH**

**GET READY FOR A FUN AFTERNOON!**

**Next Thursday we will have an early lunch - 11.30-12.30pm and the swimming sports will start at 12.30pm (so the pool is as warm as possible!) It is a fun, friendly afternoon and all pupils will be participating.**

**All pupils are to have their togs or a note excusing them from swimming (with a good explanation). Please ensure your child has a swimming cap and goggles and warm clothes to wear when they are waiting their turn. Parents are welcome to attend but viewing space will be very limited.**

**If we are still in Level 2 we will be doing it in small groups to keep the numbers down. This MAY mean we cannot have parents. Fingers crossed for Level 1!!**

**NO SCHOOL SHARING THIS FRIDAY – due to Level 2**



# 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 -

[https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/GroupAcceptance.aspx-  
?E=40605&G=120369](https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/GroupAcceptance.aspx-?E=40605&G=120369)

## PTA FUNDRAISER



**MORE THAN A...**  
**GARAGE  
SALE**

WHEN: SATURDAY 27TH MARCH 2021  
TIME: 10AM - 1PM  
WHERE: OPUA SCHOOL GROUNDS  
EXTRA PARKING: OPUA GYM GREEN, KANE ST

**:: SAUSAGE SIZZLE : CAKE STALLS  
:: BACON/EGG SAMMIES : HANGI  
:: THAT COFFEE GUY : KOHA SWIM  
:: NEW/PRE-LOVED GIFTS/GOODIES  
:: RAFFLE : TABLE OF FREE STUFF**

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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App Store

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# SCHOOL SHARING UPDATE NEW CHANGES!

Friday 5th March - NO SHARING - LEVEL 2

Friday 12th March - Room 5

Friday 19th March - Rimu

Friday 26th March - Room 4

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday

Friday 9th April - Rooms 1 and 2

Friday 16th April - Totara

PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS OF  
CLOTHING CLEARLY.

Or better yet - sew some coloured material, wool, cotton on the inside of the jumper/tee so that it is easy for your child to recognise/identify.

We do our best to keep the right child with the right uniform, please make it easy for us to find the right owner.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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POSTPONED - YR 7/8 KIWI TAG TEAM TRIP

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POSTPONED - ROOM 5 SAILING EXPERIENCE

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11 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

5 & 6 APRIL - EASTER MONDAY & TUESDAY

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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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**THIS WEEK'S HOT TOPIC IS.....HEADLICE!**  
Please check and treat your children's hair this weekend so we can get rid of these parasites from our school.

To get head lice under control the community must act together at the same time. Each parent/caregiver is responsible for their own children. Please make the most of the school holidays to check for and treat head lice/nits.

Head lice have a lifecycle of 3 weeks and it takes 7 days for an egg to hatch. Daily wet combing with a fine tooth (nit) comb is a very effective, cheap option.

Although helpful, head lice shampoo is generally not effective on its own. Wet combing with conditioner needs to be done daily for at least one week and sometimes longer as often some are missed.

Remember to get as close to the scalp as possible as this is where the eggs are laid and the lice live. Whether your child has head lice or not it is recommended you still check weekly.

Long hair needs to be tied up. Although lice don't jump they do crawl from head to head.

If any parent/carer needs any further advice please feel free to contact our Public Health Nurse - Pip van der Pol - 021 46 10 18 or 0800 537 43 42

## **IMPETIGO (SCHOOL SORES)**



**IMPETIGO IS A HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS BACTERIAL SKIN INFECTION WHICH, IF UNTREATED, COULD LEAD TO A SERIOUS ILLNESS SUCH AS KIDNEY INFECTION.**

**TRANSMISSION** – The bacteria are spread from one infected person to another through a break in the skin, such as a cut, scratch or a bite.

**SYMPTOMS** – Impetigo usually starts as a little blister that turns into a sore. There may be one or more sores and these may spread to other areas of the body. The sores are generally red around a dry honey-brown crusted centre. Sometimes the sores contain pus and they may weep. The sores don't heal naturally and it is important to see a doctor for treatment.

**MANAGEMENT** – If symptoms develop the person should be kept home from preschool or school.

The child (and any person handling the infected child) should:

Wash and dry hands after going to the toilet and before preparing and/or eating food.

Keep fingernails cut short and be discouraged from touching the sores.

Have individual towels and face cloths.

Keep the sores covered with a dry dressing. The dressing should be changed twice a day.

Any person with a skin infection must not swim or play contact sport until the sores are healed.

**TREATMENT** – A course of oral antibiotics will probably be prescribed. Sometimes an antibiotic ointment will also be prescribed.

**FOR TREATMENT THE PERSON NEEDS TO SEE A DOCTOR**

Children should be excluded from preschool or school until 24 hours after treatment has begun.

