



# OPUA SCHOOL

*Manaakitanga me te Awhina  
Caring and Sharing*

10 June 2021  
Term 2 Week 6

## MATARIKI DAY

'Matariki Day' at school is on Thursday, 1st July. If you, or you know of any individuals who could help for a day teaching our students a skill or craft, please tell them that we would be delighted to hear from them! Some ideas are Flax/material Weaving, Maori games, Rakau, gardening etc. We will rotate groups of children around each activity, so the adults would be 'teaching' the skill / craft for about 30 to 45 minutes to a group of children and then a new group is rotated to them and they teach the skill / craft again to that group. Hopefully, this will mean all our students learn the early basics of an exciting new skill or craft for them. If you are able to help in any way please see a teacher. Thank you!

## \*\*HEADLICE\*\*

We have been suffering from a prolonged outbreak of head lice at school - especially in Rooms 1, 2 and 3. We are asking all of you to please check your children's hair tonight. If we all do it at the same time then we stand more chance of getting rid of them. Please check and treat all family members. We have treatment and combs available at the school and there are alternatives at the pharmacy or supermarket.

PLEASE, PLEASE CHECK  
AND TREAT ASAP.

We also ask that all long hair (boys or girls) be tied up at school as this does seem to help prevent the spread of nits.

## CLUBS - TERM 3

Last week Mr McGowan sent an email around to all parents/caregivers asking for volunteers to take part in our annual Clubs activity in Term 3.

We are looking for people who can commit to an hour a week (on a Wednesday from 2-3) for 10 weeks. There will be three different groups - so that will be 3 weeks with each group. Clubs is a wonderful initiative that enables us to make connections with our school staff, whanau and wider community. In the past we have had people come in and teach kids to build go-karts and gardens, potters have made sculptures with clay, also there has been fishing off the wharf, art, games and so much more. If you can help, please let us know! Thanks :-)

## Bay of Islands Animal Rescue BLANKET COLLECTION

POINT



If you have any old, spare blankets, towels, duvet inners or the like please consider donating them to the Animal Rescue.

Winter is a tough time for the animals and they need snuggly bedding to keep warm.

An Opua School parent has placed a box in the school office for donations to be put into.

THANK YOU!

## TOTARA SHARING THIS FRIDAY



**This is a notice letting you know about our upcoming teaching unit Knowing What To Do - Me Mohio Kea Pehea, which is part of the personal safety programme Keeping Ourselves Safe 28 & 29 June and the 5 & 7 July.**

Keeping Ourselves Safe enables children and young people to learn and apply a range of safety skills that they can use when interacting with others. Students recognise the differences between healthy and unhealthy relationships, and those who have been or are being abused are encouraged to seek help.

Knowing What to Do - Me Mohio Kia Pehea, will be taught by Rob Drummond the local Police Education Officer and with help from your child's teacher as required.

To be successful, Keeping Ourselves Safe needs your help and support. It is important that you participate as much as possible and talk to your child about what they have been learning. This will help reinforce the messages the school is giving, and help your child to use his or her new skills with confidence.


If you have any queries please do not hesitate to pop in and see a teacher or Simon. For further information please google Keeping ourselves safe NZ Police.



On Queen's Birthday weekend Jojo, Gweny and I went to the Tai Tokerau Low and Slow BBQ cooking competition which was held at the Top 10 Holiday Park at Te Haumi.

Wow what a treat! The air smoldered with yummy BBQ smells. The competitors were all so lovely. They chatted with us, showed us some of their amazing tools and we

watched them cook some of their competition dishes. We were even lucky enough to try 2 competitors steaks on Saturday.

But their slow cookers were designed to impress. Here is a photo of my favourite. 

Take your friends and family next year if you are in town. It was only a gold coin entry and you will not be let down.

It's 5  from me!

Report by T McEntee







Rooms 2 and 3 had a wonderful outing last Thursday. They studied all sorts of life in the waterways/drains by the park in Kawakawa and had a FABULOUS time at the new library at Te Hononga Hundertwasser Memorial Park. Thank you to Rosie and Ray from the Drains to Harbour programme, Nic and Megan from the Kawakawa Library and the parents for their support helping to make our day fabulous!





# Kawakawa Library







# AWHINA CERTIFICATES

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15 JUNE - YR 5 & 6 KIWI TAG

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17TH JUNE - PROJECT ISLAND SONG - ROOM 4 TRIP

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22ND JUNE - ROOM 3 - OPONONI TRIP

25TH JUNE - MAROMAKU SCHOOL RUGBY/NETBALL DAY

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28TH & 29TH JUNE & 5TH & 7TH JULY - KEEPING OURSELVES SAFE WITH CONSTABLE ROB

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THURSDAY 8TH JULY - LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Northland District Health Board Oral Health Service is a FREE community-based dental service for children under 18 years across the Northland Region.

We provide comprehensive oral health care through School, Adolescent, Community and Hospital Dental Services.

### **BABIES**

Babies born in the Northland Region are registered with the oral health service at birth. Children are due for their first oral health appointment at six months old and are seen by a dental therapist at their nearest oral health clinic every year from their 1st birthday. You can call 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384) to make an appointment.

Visit our website for more information <https://www.northlanddhb.org.nz/myteeth> or google MYTEETH

### **PRESCHOOL CHILDREN**

Preschool children see a dental therapist, by appointment, every year at their nearest oral health clinic or mobile clinic. You can call 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384) or click here to make an appointment.

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### **SCHOOL CHILDREN**

School children are seen annually, by a dental therapist, either at a mobile clinic at their school or at their nearest clinic. You can call 0800 MY TEETH (0800 698 3384) to make an appointment.

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THE DENTAL CARAVAN IS COMING TO OPUA SCHOOL! EITHER THE END OF THIS TERM OR BEGINNING OF NEXT.

### **FREE DENTAL CARE FOR TEENAGERS**

Teenagers receive their dental care from either a dentist in their community or the Northland District Health Board Oral Health Service. You have the right to choose your provider and both options will continue to provide FREE dental care until their 18th birthday. A Ministry of Health Enrolment form will need to be filled out for this service.

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### **COMMUNITY SERVICE CARD HOLDERS**

If you are an adult with toothache, we provide a limited dental service (relief of pain only). You can self-refer or be referred by a general practitioner or private dentist. There is a \$40 co-payment charge for each appointment. To access this service you must:

- be experiencing toothache/pain
- hold a current Community Services Card
- normally reside in the Northland area.



 Spit, don't rinse after brushing  
Tuwaha, kaurā e opeopea i muri i te taitaitanga

**Avoid eating or drinking after brushing your teeth; especially at night**

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