



OPUIA SCHOOL

Manaakitanga me te Awhina
Caring and Sharing

16 SEPTEMBER 2021
Term 3 Week 8

CHANGE OF TIMES FOR OUR STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES.

Our Student-Led conferences were due to occur in the last week of this term. Unfortunately, the Covid-19 Lockdown has affected our plans as we have not been able to yet conduct our assessments that inform these conferences and indicate the progress children have made in their learning goals this year. Having now discussed this with the teachers, we all feel that these conferences are best slightly delayed until we have gathered as much of that information as possible. As a result, the new dates for these conferences are in Week 2 of next Term. You are welcome to attend one of:

either:

Wednesday, 27th October, any time between 5pm and 7pm;

or

Thursday, 28th October, any time between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

We have offered two different times to suit parents who might prefer to come earlier just after school has finished and those who can only make a later time due to work commitments.

Please remember that these are not 'sit down' meetings with the teacher. No times are scheduled. The format is that the teacher will be in the room for each of those two hours but your child will be showing you all they have done and achieved, especially related to the learning goals they set in Term 1. Your child might also have lots to show you and engage you in! You can spend as much time as you wish in the classroom with your excited learner!



NO FRIDAY SCHOOL SHARING UNTIL LEVEL 1

END OF OUR SCHOOL YEAR

KIA ORA KOUTOU

I would like to give our parent community plenty of notice that the end of our school year in December will now be on Friday, 10th December.

The school year will finish on that date at 3pm following our end of year Talent Show. I recognise that this is unusually early and so wanted to give everyone plenty of notice.

This date is early because of 2 reasons:

[a] This 2021 school year is unusually short anyway [190 school days] due to where the bank holidays have fallen. 2022 is 2 days longer and 2023 is 3 days longer.

[b] Following government rules and after Board of Trustees approval, the school will be closed for the last 3 days for Teacher Only days.

All teachers will be attending the final set of Professional Learning and Development days at school from Monday, 13th December through to 5.00pm on Wednesday, 15th December.

The first 2 days are training around being ready to deliver 'Real-time' reporting of achievement to parents from the start of 2022 and the third day is for Level 1 St John's First Aid training for the whole of our staff and up to 9 members of our community who would like to pay the St John's fee and train with us.

Please Note: Under the teachers' Collective Agreement, there are 8 school days over the three years of their Agreement with the government that can be taken as Teacher Only Days as long as our Parent Community are given a minimum of one term's notice. We have to take all these days before the middle of 2022 and we didn't take many in the first year of the agreement due to Covid so the training days have got somewhat squeezed together. These 3 days are our last 3 days of the 8 allowed and it should be the last occasion when I have to make such an announcement.

Please also note that all of this training is very important [and benefits our children, parents and community as well as our teachers] but, at the same time, I am very mindful that this can be a challenge and very inconvenient for our parents hence the long notice time. I don't make these announcements or take these decisions lightly.

Thank you all very much for your support and understanding.

FIRST AID TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

On Wednesday, 15 December from 8.30am to 5.00pm, all our staff are receiving First Aid training directly from St Johns resulting in all of us attaining Level 1 certification and being ready to best help children and adults with any injuries.

On that day we are allowed to have up to 20 participants. Our school staff will take up 11 of these places. 8 other places are available that I would like to offer to our parent community first. Obviously, they are very useful skills and it is a very good qualification to have and paying for the course would also help the school with the large fee it has to pay for the course.

This course covers NZQA unit standards 6401 & 6402 and you will receive a First Aid level 1 certificate.

The day-long course and the qualification paperwork costs \$99.00

If you would like to reserve a place, please see either Maree or Simon at school. We will have to take the first 8 who reserve a place. A \$25 deposit to reserve a place would be appreciated.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

NOT MUCH

1 OCTOBER - TERM 3 ENDS

SCHOOL WILL GO BACK TO NORMAL WHEN
LEVEL ONE IS ANNOUNCED
PICK-UP TIME WILL GO BACK TO 3PM
WE WILL HAVE ASSEMBLIES, KAPA HAKA AND
SHARING AGAIN.

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FUN RUN

WILL STILL HAPPEN UNDER LEVEL 1

MORE DETAILS THEN...

RIVERVIEW OSCAR SPRING HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

4 - 15 OCTOBER 2021

We accept children from ALL local Primary schools in years 0 - 6 onto our wonderful holiday programmes.

Please look at our full programme, it is crammed with arts and crafts, creative projects and baking. Our trips on Wednesdays & Fridays include; eel fishing, walking to the Stone Store Reserve and the Hidden Waterfall . Plus a skating trip!

The cost is \$50 daily and \$60 on excursion days (Weds and Fri). This includes all materials and a yummy afternoon tea. WINZ subsidies are available to eligible families.

Check out our full programme on the Riverview School Website, email oscar@riverview.school.nz or call Shelley Robinson, Programme Manager on 021296 4829.

Riverview OSCAR is there to provide a fun, safe, caring environment for children in their recreation time, so please get in touch with any questions you may have.



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Free Kids Only Holiday Surf Programme

We are running our popular holiday surf programme over the Spring School Holidays on Tutukaka Coast & Taupo Bay. This is free for 11-18 year olds

Fun, Active & Healthy

11-18yr olds | Monday-Friday | Morning or Afternoon Sessions

Tutukaka & Taupo Bay | 4-8 Oct & 11-15 Oct 2021

Suitable for beginner and intermediate surfers – developing surf skills and water confidence in a fun and safe environment.



Limited spaces | Please email to book
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