



OPUA SCHOOL

*Manaakitanga me te Awhina
Caring and Sharing*

21 OCTOBER 2021
Term 4 Week 1

**SAUSAGE SIZZLE TOMORROW - ROOM THREE FUNDRAISER -
\$2.50 - ORDER AT THE OFFICE BEFORE 9AM.**

TERM 4 2021

At Alert Level 2 we are still being told that we have to take a precautionary approach and avoid gatherings on site until we are back at Level 1 [for many reasons, not least of which is because we will not know the vaccination status of people coming onto the school site]. So, at Alert Level 2:

Our staggered finishes will continue. 2.30pm for Rms 1 and 2, 2.45pm for Rm 3, and 3pm for Rms 4 and 5.

We will not be holding any assemblies. We will have separate Junior and Senior Sharings on Friday just for staff and children so the children do still get recognised and rewarded each week for their work and achievements. We will reopen Sharings to parents again at Alert Level 1. We will still take photos of your children who might get certificates etc. and send them to you and/or post them onto our Newsletters.

We are desperately trying to ensure all our Term 4 trips happen. Having said that, they will only be able to go ahead if the receiving organisation is OK with us attending at Alert Level 2 and if we can get enough parent helpers who can attend. Rules around the vaccination status of helpers is unclear. We are seeking clarity from the Government. If we can't go to certain events or get enough parent helpers, then we will change overnight camps into day trips or trips out into fun events at school. We will let you know as soon as we know about each event.

We cannot hold our Student-Led conferences in Week 2. In an attempt to try and meet the goal of these conferences, instead, we are going to try and have each child put together a short video for their parents which shows how they have done on their goals and has them display and talk about a few pieces of work that they are proudest of. These short, personal videos will be uploaded onto Seesaw or Google Classroom for parents and caregivers to see and celebrate.

If we are still at Alert Level 2 in December, then we will not be able to hold a normal prizegiving ceremony. If this is the case, then we will hold separate Junior and Senior ones at school [with just children and staff attending] and we will record the events and share them digitally in some way.

**A gentle reminder that school
STARTS at 9am. Please try not to
be late too often. It is important that
everyone is at school before 9am -**

Thank you

Dates for the 2022 School Year

Term 1: 2 February - 14 April

Term 2: 2 May - 8 July;

Term 3: 25 July - 30 September

Term 4: 17 October - 14 December

SUMMER UNIFORM & SWIMMING TERM 4

From this week on we require all pupils to be in their summer uniforms. Our sunhats are part of the compulsory uniform during Terms 4 and 1. Most pupils will have their hats from Term 1 either at home or in class. Pupils may purchase our hats from the school office (\$12).

OUR SUPPLIERS ARE HAVING A VERY HARD TIME TRYING TO GET HOLD OF SMALLER RED BUCKET HATS SO WE ARE IN SHORT SUPPLY FOR OUR JUNIORS.

In the meantime, if your child has a bucket hat at home they may bring it to school until we can source small sized hats.

We have plenty of larger sizes. :-)

Girls need to have shorts or skorts/culottes

- please no short-shorts!

PLEASE NAME EVERY ITEM OF CLOTHING!

Help us help you by making sure every item of clothing is named, especially now that we will be swimming this Term. Towels, undies, togs, red T-shirts, shorts etc all need to be clearly named and identifiable to your child.

Thank you!

**Please ensure children have their togs, towel and cap
with them every day after Labour Weekend.**

**As the weather changes constantly,
it pays to be prepared.**

Swimming is part of the curriculum and is compulsory for all pupils.

**If your child is not to swim a note/email must be provided for each day with
an acceptable explanation.**

WHAT YOU NEED:

TOGS (GIRLS - ONE-PIECE PLEASE)

TOWEL

SWIMMING CAP

GOGGLES (OPTIONAL) - SWIMMING/PLASTIC BAG

Monday 25th October - Labour Day

Wednesday 27th October - Year 8 Orientation Day at Bay of Islands College

**Wednesday 27th October - Northland Football Federation
Soccer Training Sessions**

3rd November - Room One and Two trip to Adventure Forest

3rd November - Boating Safety Skills - Years 5-8

17th November - Photo Day

19 November - Year 7 & 8 Touch Tournament

22 November - Room One and Two Fun Day

22 - 24 November - Life Education Trust Caravan

24th - 26th November - Room Five camp - Adrenalin Park

30th Nov - 2nd December - Room Three Camp or 3 Fun Days

1st - 3rd December - Room Four camp to Coopers Beach

End of Year Prizegiving - To be advised

10th December - LAST DAY OF TERM 4 - SCHOOL ENDS AT 3PM.



FUN FOCUS THURSDAYS

Fun Focus Thursdays are all about having a go at something new and learning skills that might be new and are definitely something different to normal classroom activities. For the majority of the year each year group has taken it in turns to participate in: Creative Movement with Kylie, Maori Games/Myths and Legends with Mrs Going, Ukulele with Whaea Ramari, STEM/Coding with Mr Acton, Art with Ms Halse, Drama with Mr McGowan and Food and Nutrition with Ms Ridge. Each of these activities enhance what is being taught in the classroom and enable the children to bond.