



# OPUA SCHOOL

*Manaakitanga me te Awhina  
Caring and Sharing*

9 JUNE 2022  
Term 2 Week 6

## **SAUSAGE SIZZLE - TOMORROW**

**\$2.50 - ORDER AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE - BEFORE 9AM**

**LUNCH WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS AT 1PM**

## **PROPERTY WORK**

During our regular property inspections and work, an expert engineer has suggested that our Room 5 needs to have the land below it checked more thoroughly and carefully. There is nothing for anyone to be concerned about. The only major issue it causes us is that we have had to move our Room 5 into our Hall for their lessons whilst monitoring work occurs. As you would expect, Mrs Halse, after the initial shock, has already set up an amazing teaching and learning environment for Room 5 children in the Hall.

I want to thank Mrs Halse, the Room 5 children and all the other wonderful people who have “mucked in” and helped with the move [which was done in a record 2 days!]. As ever, we recognise the ability of our teachers and children to cope with change and stay focussed on what is most important here – ‘teaching and learning’ and ‘caring and sharing’. Due to the resourcefulness and creativity of Mrs Halse and her Room 5, we will still be able to have our Monday morning assemblies and our Friday afternoon Sharings in the hall. We will still run our Kapa Haka tuition but out of Room 2 [for the Juniors] and Room 4 [for the Seniors and our Te Roopū Whakangahau ō Opuā].



# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

## **re. teachers' Paid Union Meeting**

**Next week, on Wednesday, 15 June, teachers in our school will be attending a paid union meeting in the run up to the re-negotiation of their collective agreement.** The meetings will discuss the teachers' Time 4 Tamariki | Wāwāhi Tahā campaign, which aims to win smaller class sizes, more support for high needs students, better recognition of cultural skills, greater job security for our essential relievers and to value and recognise teachers' work fairly.

Our union, NZEI Te Riu Roa, has scheduled online meetings to minimise disruption to teaching and learning and our school will aim to ensure the least disruption to your children's learning while upholding the right of teachers to participate in their union meeting.

**Normal classrooms will not occur from 1.30 through to 3.00pm on that day.** We are going to be having an earlier lunch from 12.30 - 1.30pm. In the afternoon, Mr McGowan and teacher aides will supervise any children who remain on site. If you are able to and would like to collect your child[ren] from school early that day, it would be very helpful. **Children can be collected at any time from 12.30 to 1.30pm. MOST IMPORTANTLY: if you are collecting your child early, please ensure that you have notified either Maree in the office or Mr McGowan before any child leaves the site. If you have a different caregiver collecting your child, please let us know in advance of collection.** Thank you for your support and help.

# Clubs! Term 3 2022

Just a follow up reminder and request - if you are able to offer your expertise in teaching a skill or activity to a small number of children for one hour a week next term, please let us know. You could be one of our Clubs' tutors! Clubs will be happening each Wednesday afternoon for 9 weeks from Wednesday July 27th to Wednesday, September 28th. If you can help, please ring or email Simon or Maree at school. Your offer of help would be most appreciated.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING?

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10 JUNE SHARING - KOWHAI

ALL WELCOME!

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15 JUNE - YEAR 5/6 RIPPA TEAM GOES TO MOEREWA  
FOR A TOURNAMENT

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17 JUNE - ROOM 5 MATARIKI TRIP TO WAITANGI

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22 JUNE - YEAR 7/8 KI O RAHI TEAM TOURNAMENT

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23RD JUNE - TEACHER SWAP DAY!

THE TEACHERS WILL BE SWAPPING CLASSES FOR A  
DAY - SHOULD BE FUN :-)

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24 JUNE - MATARIKI - LONG WEEKEND

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1 JULY - SCHOOL MATARIKI CELEBRATION DAY

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8 JULY - LAST DAY OF TERM AND MUFTI DAY

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## A NEW SCHOOL APP IS COMING SOON!

What is the @school Parent Portal?

Our Student Management Providers, eTAP, have recently put out an app for parents, on which parents can see information about their child, receive messages, log an absence and much more!

The @school Parent Portal offers parents and guardians real time access to their child's information at school - assessments (in the future), attendance, school activities, class activities. The Parent Portal is an easy to use communications tool that allows parents to take a more active role in their child's education.

Who may access the Parent Portal?  
Parent(s)/guardian(s) who have a user name and password. Each parent/guardian is issued with their own logon and password.

Only parents/guardians at schools using the eTAP student management system can access @school.

**CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW THE YOUTUBE VIDEO EXPLAINING THE SIGN-UP PROCESS FOR THE NEW PARENT PORTAL**

<https://youtu.be/HOCMtvCXxkw>

**WE WILL EMAIL OUT USERNAMES EARLY  
NEXT WEEK.**



# AWHINA CERTIFICATES





# OPUA SCHOOL

## Saturday Netball Team



Kindly supported by



### TOTAL PLUMBING & GAS

Round 1 - 8.45 - Court 3 vs Oromahoe

**TO CELEBRATE MATARIKI**  
**THE ALL BLACKS ARE COMING TO NORTHLAND!**

**WHERE:** Kerikeri Rugby Club  
**WHEN:** Matariki Friday 24 June  
**TIME:** 9.00am - 11.30am

**COME ALONG AND SEE THE TEAM!**  
**ALL BLACKS**

**TOTAL PLUMBING**

OWEN PATERSON  
 CERTIFYING PLUMBER

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TOTAL\_PLUMBING@HOTMAIL.COM

**Clarity**  
 ACCOUNTING

# PTA Raffle

- it's so easy to enter with awesome prizes to be won!

Gemma Langsdale was the lucky winner last month!

Simply deposit ANY amount of \$4 or more (per family) directly into the PTA account with your surname as reference and, once a month, we will randomly select a family to receive the prize. Every \$4 gets one entry.

Don't miss out on any of the raffles by setting up a monthly direct debit... 0PUA SCHOOL 12 3102 0085328 00

We have 2 x prizes up for grabs this month! The June raffle will, in part, also be sponsored by Total Plumbing & Gas who have kindly donated a prize of \$40 BP fuel vouchers. Also, another local good sort is Kenzie & Riley's mum (aka Karen White from Clarity Accounting) who has given a \$50 Third Wheel Vending Cafe voucher as a prize.... for the next 4 months!





## **WHITEBAIT CONNECTION - A FRESHWATER COMMUNITY CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAMME**

The team at Whitebait Connection have a vision:

- \*To have schools, tangata whenua and community groups actively involved in stream and catchment restoration throughout New Zealand
- \*To provide ongoing support for all participating groups and schools incorporating cutting edge, practical environmental education
- \*To gain a better understanding of the distribution and the abundance of whitebait and other freshwater fish species as well as pest fish species
- \*To share knowledge about the effects of landuse practices on freshwater ecosystems and to strengthen the relationship between government departments, schools, community groups and tangata whenua.

Today our pupils from Rooms 2 and 3 headed to the Waiomio River today, in Kawakawa in order to put into practice everything they have been learning about. The children were so engaged and excited to learn the scientific techniques behind keeping track of such precious resources.

We will have more photos and hopefully 'reports' from the pupils in next week's newsletter. Thank you very much to the parents/caregivers who assisted in today's transport and supervision. We really couldn't do it without you all. Nga mihi.