



OPUA SCHOOL

*Manaakitanga me te Awhina
Caring and Sharing*

4 August 2022
Term 3 Week

SAUSAGE SIZZLE - TOMORROW

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The BOT is responsible for determining the strategic direction in which the school is heading (in consultation with parents, staff and students). The board must also ensure that its school provides a safe environment and quality education for all its students. Boards are also responsible for overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance and administration.

The Principal is the board's chief executive in relation to the school's control and management. The Principal is required to comply with the board's general policy directions; but has complete discretion to manage the school on a day to day basis. Yesterday the nominations closed and as we had the number of valid nominations equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following nominees duly elected:

Glen Caulton
Rochelle Nafatali
Susannah Dorssers
Malcolm Shaft
Ty-Ray White

Staff representative - Juliette Ridge

The new Board takes office on the 10th of August.

Thank you so very much to our outgoing members; Mark Woolley and Michele Wilson. We truly appreciate everything you have done for the staff and the pupils at Opua School. It has been a marvellous team effort and we look forward to working with the new board.

Maree Caswell - Returning Officer

SCHOOL SHARING - ROOM 1
Friday 2-3pm All welcome



WHAT'S HAPPENING?

EVERY MONDAY - SCHOOL ASSEMBLY 9AM-9.30AM

EVERY WEDNESDAY - CLUBS 2PM-3PM

EVERY FRIDAY - SCHOOL SHARING - 2PM - 3PM

17 AUGUST - YEAR 8 ORIENTATION DAY AT BAY OF ISLANDS COLLEGE

18TH AUGUST - COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP - WHOLE SCHOOL - HELPERS NEEDED!

26 AUGUST - THE BEAST MUD RUN - FOR SOME OF THE ROOM 5 PUPILS - PUKETONA/HARURU

29TH AUGUST - KIDS LIT QUIZ - ONE TEAM FROM OPUA SCHOOL WILL TAKE PART IN THIS FUN COMPETITION IN KERIKERI

31ST AUGUST - SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

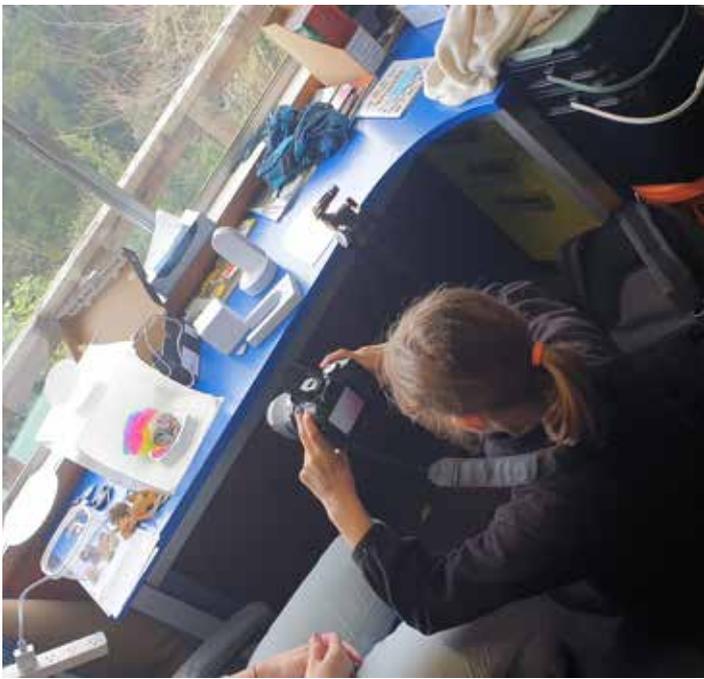
8TH SEPTEMBER - SCHOOL X-COUNTRY

23RD SEPTEMBER - INTER-SCHOOL X COUNTRY - UNITED CLUBROOMS

**** CLUBS 2022 WEEK 2 ****











Board & card games offer opportunities for early learning.

Even simple games help young players identify colours, count spaces, and develop hand-eye coordination and dexterity in moving cards and pieces around the board. Plus, learning to wait your turn and follow the rules are important lessons that serve kids far beyond the living room floor.

They boost their language skills.

Board games can be a sneaky way of helping school-aged kids work on skills they're struggling with.

Meanwhile, games in which players have to remember several pieces of information at once (memory, go-fish, who did what, and where) might help a child who's having trouble with reading comprehension — all while still having fun.

They sharpen your child's focus.

Board games, when played without interruptions, can help lengthen a child's attention span

If your family sits down for a game of Chinese checkers, be sure to complete a full game without everyone checking their phone.

Finishing a board game without interruptions will help lengthen the declining attention span of kids in a world filled with digital distractions.

They teach the value of teamwork.

Board games often offer kids meta-messages about life: Your luck can change in an instant, for better or for worse. But in addition to teaching them that nothing is guaranteed, board games are a good way to encourage kids of different ages to team up and work together — something they'll need to do throughout life.

Board games are an alternative to time out. The next time you find yourself going through a rough patch with one of your kids, consider playing a board game together instead of sending them to their room. Taking turns and practicing patience during a game — even when things don't go their way — can help little ones practice more respectful responses than stomping off and slamming their bedroom door

shut.

Board & card games can soothe anxiety.

They may help anxious kids learn how to navigate friendships more easily. For kids who struggle with striking up conversations with others try guessing games, Memory, Go-Fish, Old-maid.

They show kids how to be a good loser.

Playing board games is a great way to have fun and bond as a family. But any game begs the question: do you let your kids win so they feel good about themselves and stay interested, or do you play fair—and win sometimes—at the risk of discouraging them?

A few simple strategies will ensure your little one can compete, even in a mixed group.

Consider playing in teams, so that young kids can benefit from the advice of an older player, especially for games that might be the next step up developmentally.

This will also help soften a loss, as role models can demonstrate good sportsmanship whether they win or lose.

If you're playing a game that involves some skills that your child is still working on, go ahead and give him a handicap or a head start, but be upfront about it. Say, "I've played this game many times, but you're just learning it. Why don't you take an extra card to start?"

After you've accounted for any imbalance in skill level, let yourself win!

Remember that losing—or winning—gracefully is something that may need to be trained.

Board & Card games are a great way to unplug.

The lack of technology required to play board games makes them special. They are a simple way to get quality, screen-free time with the kids — and you might be surprised by how much they love playing. Board games provide a tool for emotional connection to each other and they may create a life-long love for playing cards and board games.

