



# OTAUA SCHOOL

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## Newsletter

Term 2, Week 9, Thursday 11th June

### Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Welcome to school under Alert Level 1. There will be a few changes, which I have talked about in my latest Dojo message. In case you missed that, here they are...

#### Alert Level 1

Both front and back gates are fully open and parents are welcome on site for school drop offs and pickups. Schools no longer need to keep a contact tracing register. However, the Government contact tracing app is posted on our office window and we encourage you to use it to support their contact tracing efforts. As per usual, children being picked up through the day for appointments (or dropped off after an earlier appointment) will need to be signed out/in at the office.

We have noticed that, during Alert Level 2, students were regularly arriving at school **on time** for the start of the school day. Some students, who may have found the start of the school day a little challenging, pushed through this difficulty and found an inner strength which helped them to bravely walk through the gates and into a positive day of learning. We really don't want to lose these gains ... please continue to do the great things that you have been doing to promote responsibility and resilience.

Student cell phones continue to be collected by their classroom teachers, rather than dropped off at the office each morning. Drinking fountains are no longer

restricted, but it's still an excellent idea for children to bring their own named water bottle to school.

Please remember that it is very important to keep your child/ren home if they are at all unwell. Phone Healthline (0800 611 116) or your GP and get tested if you, or your children, have cold or flu symptoms. Please make sure you and your family members are regularly washing and drying your hands thoroughly, and sneezing and coughing into elbows.

### **Assemblies**

Junior and Senior teams are resuming team assemblies/gatherings this week. Our first whole-school assembly will be held on Friday next week (19th June - week 10).

### **PTA Lunches**

Friday lunches were highly anticipated last week, our first opportunity to resume this tasty treat. Tuesday hotdogs remain on hold at the moment - I'll keep you updated.

### **Kapa Haka and Bible Class**

Both of these activities resumed last Friday and were enjoyed by those who participated.

### **Emergency Drills**

We have had a fire drill and a lockdown procedure drill this week as part of our regular commitment to ensuring everyone is aware of what to do in an emergency, and how to keep ourselves safe.

### **Calf Club Committee**

After thorough research Willy Muir, President of the Calf Club Committee and the Group Day Committee, recommends that we go ahead with Calf Club for 2020. The Board of Trustees agrees with this decision. Bookmark the first Saturday of the Term 3 holidays (26th September)! There will be information coming out shortly regarding animals so that the children can get up and going.

### **Parent/Teacher Interviews/Conferences**

As with all schools in the Waiuku district, Otua School will not be producing formal mid-year reports this term. However, we want to celebrate the learning that your children did, with your support, during Lockdown and highlight how well

they have settled back into school. We will be holding parent/teacher meetings early in Term 3. Further details will be made available to you before the end of our current term.

We continue to keep Carol and her husband, Ian, in our thoughts and prayers.

Take care everybody, stay safe.

Nga mihi,  
Jocelyn

**PTA EASTER RAFFLE:**

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle:

1st: Rob Roden

2nd: Ayla Yorke

3rd: David Cathcart

Thank you to everyone who supported this raffle.

**JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAY SWIMMING LESSONS:**

July School Holiday Intensives running for one week from Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July.

Cost \$50 per child for 5x30 minute sessions.

Classes - Active 1 - Active 6. Suitable for children aged 5 - 10 years.

Contact Susan or Ashleigh on 09 2385240 or email on

[fplswimschool@belgrqavialeisure.co.nz](mailto:fplswimschool@belgrqavialeisure.co.nz)

July Holiday Swimming Clinic running from Monday 6th July - Friday 10th July.

Suitable for enrolled Active 6 and Junior Squad embers only

Cost \$60 per child for 5x1hr targeted sessions.

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## **BOOK FAIR**

Last year we held a very successful book fair in conjunction with our Parent / Teacher Conferences. We have decided to do this again as it not only gives parents a chance to browse books but also gives our school library a percentage of sales to be taken in books for our library. More details to come.

## **NATURE WARRIORS**

Yesterday morning we were excited to welcome our bee hives. They are in an "out of bounds" area but will be monitored by our keen Bee Group for any silly behaviour at break times. This will lessen once they become more of a fixture! Sympathy for bee stings will be in short supply.

## **GARDENS**

After the excitement of yesterday it was very disappointing to arrive at school to see that some "person" had stolen all the plants out of the big pots in front of the office. These were planted by our keen gardeners and really is a huge disappointment for them. If anyone knows anything about this please let us know.