



## OTAUA SCHOOL

55 Maioro Road, RD 2, Waiuku. 09

235 2741,

[admin@otaua.school.nz](mailto:admin@otaua.school.nz),

[www.otaua.school.nz](http://www.otaua.school.nz)



# Newsletter

Term 4, Week 1, Thursday 15th October 2020

**Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau**

Welcome back to school for the last term of 2020! Incredible to think that it is Term 4 already ... it's been a very challenging year so far. Fingers crossed for a smooth run to finish the year off. We've started the term with crickets sessions run by Counties Sport and today the whole school is enjoying learning about bees and honey production with The Bee Lady. This was planned for Term 3 but was pushed back by Lockdown.

It's always a busy term so make sure you keep up to date with notifications and newsletters for key dates.

### **Alert Level 1**

It's great to be back at Alert Level 1. This means that drinking fountains are open for drinking and we are able to have both team and whole-school assemblies. Our first assembly for term 4 is this Friday at 1:50pm in the MP room. You are most welcome to join us.

To help us maintain school as a safe and healthy place it is still very important to keep your child/ren home if they are at all unwell. This is a directive from the

Ministry of Education, in line with Ministry of Health guidelines. 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.

### **Calf Club Committee**

Thank you so much to the Calf Club Committee for their fantastic organisation of our day last Saturday. The new format, with events spread throughout the day, worked really well. Thank you to everyone who was able to help in some way on the day. It was fantastic to be able to enjoy some yummy BBQ treats, the best hot chips around, and a delicious blueberry ice-cream to wash it all down! Well done to all of the children who did such a fantastic job with their animals. Bird feeder projects have been coming into school this week - they will be judged tomorrow and the winner announced on Dojo.



### **Kapa Haka Uniforms Fundraiser**

Mrs Harris has been liaising with Caroline Watene, one of our fantastic parents, to create a kowhaiwhai pattern which reflects all that is important to us in Otua with special links to our local iwi, Ngati Te Ata. The orders for our new kapa haka uniforms have been submitted. Once we have the final design in a digital format, I'll share a photo with you so that you can see what to expect. Many thanks to the PTA who have generously donated the remaining funds needed for us to be able to

purchase these uniforms. You'll see them in action at Prize-Giving on the 16th December.



#### **Term 4 Teacher-only Day**

Schools are required, by the Ministry of Education, to give their parent/whānau community one month's notice of planned teacher-only days. Please note in your diary that school will be closed for a teacher-only day on Friday 23rd October.

#### **Coming up this term...**

Mufti day: Friday 30th October - Gold coin donation (beekeeping suits)

School athletics day: Wednesday 4th November

School photos day: Friday 6th November

Group athletics day: Wednesday 11th November

Save day for group athletics: Thursday 12th November

Zone athletics day: Wednesday 18th November

PTA meeting: Tuesday 27th October @ 7pm

Year 8's orientation visit to Waiuku College: Monday 30th November

Year 7's tech orientation visit to View Road School: Monday 14th December

From Waiuku College :

With the return to Level 1 - The Waiuku College Open evening will now be held on:

5.45pm Wednesday October 28<sup>th</sup> in the Waiuku College School Hall.

## Agenda

- Welcome and Opening address by the Principal
- School Tours
- Information Session with year 9 Deputy Principal, Dean and Key staff
- Q & A

## End of year dates

Here are a few dates to note in your diary...

Year 8 Dance: Thursday 10th December

Prizegiving: Wednesday 16th December at the Waiuku Town Hall

Last day of school: Thursday 17th December (lunchtime finish)

Don't forget to vote this coming Saturday, if you haven't done so already. There will be a voting station in our MP room which will be open from 7am until 7pm.

It's great to have Carol back at school with us this term. We continue to keep her and husband, Ian, in our thoughts and prayers.

In the meantime, take care and stay safe.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Jocelyn and Carol



Tomorrow is **Pink shirt day** as an anti-bullying promotion. Students are asked to bring a gold coin. The school leaders are organising this and the funds collected will be donated to Waiuku Family Support. Thank you.

**For Sale:**

Year 8 Social Dress size 10 Black lace Dotti Dress \$30

**Otaua Combine Church:**

Next service is Sunday 18th October at 11.15 am. This month's service is Anglican Holy Communion by Rev Judith Hall, all welcome.

Any enquiries to Jo 235 2715.

**House for Rent:** 4 bedroom 2-living area home for rent in Otaua, perfect for a family! Bus stops at the gate for Otaua School and Waiuku College. Grazing is an option. Can view on Trademe or contact Caroline Booth 0225852601.

**Youth Group - Friday Night Friendly:**

For all young people age 10- 13 years

Friday's 6-8 pm Term Time

Gold coin donation

St Andrews Centre, 83 Queen Street Waiuku, contact Frann  
0272796041

**Calf Club Bird Feeder Project**

Thank you to all the children who entered their projects. I am overwhelmed with the standard. I'm so glad I am not the one who has to make a decision regarding judging. I have asked our wonderful builders to judge these tomorrow before lunch so that the winners can be announced at Assembly tomorrow.

