



OTAUa SCHOOL

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Our Values

Citizenship Fairness Trustworthiness Responsibility

Thursday 10th December 2020

Dear Parents/Whanau

BUILDING UPDATE

We are looking at a mid February completion which isn't entirely unexpected given that there has been some delays getting stuff due to Covid. It's all good.

SCHOOL MAGAZINE

This is being printed by Sharp at the moment and will be distributed with the reports on Wednesday of next week - one per family. The proof we saw looks fantastic so I am sure you will enjoy reading it. Congratulations to Mrs Harris and company for putting it together.

PTA

There was a class dojo message about the bake sale on Saturday and about the raffle books so please check your messages if you haven't already :-)

Thank you to all those who have supported the PTA in their fundraising ventures this year.

YEAR 8 SOCIAL

This is on tonight and I'm sure the year 8's will have a wonderful evening. This is always a special night for our seniors. We will be meeting them and their parents here at about 6.15 so that photos can be taken and they can show off a couple of the dances.

SURVEY

Thank you for the 10 we have received back - there are some useful comments. You will be put in a draw and notified of the winner. The date for getting these in has now closed.

SCHOOL LEADERS

We listened to the year 7's who put themselves forward for a student leadership role yesterday and then all students voted. I was really impressed with the time and effort that had gone into the speeches the year 7's delivered - it was obvious that much thought had been put in. There are only 6 positions available and these will be announced at prizegiving. We will keep note of the candidates as there are other opportunities for leadership that come up during the school year. Thanks to the year 8's who helped with the voting process.

FUN DAY

We have a Fun Day planned for the **TUESDAY** of the last week of school. This will involve some fun activities, including swimming, for the morning and the School Service awards assembly in the afternoon. It will include a Christmas themed mufti day. Instead of a gold coin donation, we are asking children to bring a can of food that we can donate to the Waiuku Foodbank.

THANK YOU MORNING TEA

This was held this morning. I realise that it is difficult for working parents to attend, but please be assured we are appreciative of your support throughout the year and in a variety of ways. Schools rely heavily on families to help out and we are very lucky that we have such good support for most things.

PRIZEGIVING

This is scheduled for next

Wednesday the 16th December at
6pm at the Waiuku Town Hall.

This should take about an hour and a quarter. The Kapa Haka group will be on the stage facing you - this time in their brand new uniforms. The Year 8's can wear their social clothes and the rest of the school in school uniform, please. We will talk to the Year 8's and the Kapa haka group about this on Monday next week.

There will be some songs, our school band as accompaniment, some year 8 awards, class awards (5 - four values and one "wild card") and year group academic awards. We are celebrating excellence at this and acknowledging the award recipients. We have a programme for you and will give these out at the door. We have enough for one per family. Could I ask that you don't leave these behind or any other items at the end. We need to leave the hall in the condition we found it.

Kind regards
Carol



CALLING ALL BAKERS

On the 12th of December Otua School is holding a Bake Sale at The Waiuku Christmas Festival. We need as many donations of baked goods/sweets as we can to be brought to school Friday 11th.

All the money we raise will go towards a new school playground for our children!

We will have a roster out closer to the time if people are able to volunteer their time to help on the stall.

Please mark the 12th in your calendar and come and enjoy this local event with crafts, ice rink, music and stalls.

Bus and Manual Fees: We still have outstanding fees for this year, we would appreciate these being tidied up before the end of the year, our bank account number is 12-3052-0142792-00 please use your name as a reference.

Congratulations to Stacey Wallis - the winner of our \$50 grocery voucher draw!!

