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Newsletter

Term 4, Week 2, Thursday 22nd October 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau

We have made it to the end of week 2 - please remember that **Friday 23rd** is a **Teacher Only Day** and the school will be closed for instruction.

PARKING

I'm sorry to grumble but we still have parents parking their cars in the bus bay on Factory Road in the mornings. The morning bus uses that bay every morning and the Tech days (once a fortnight) and in the afternoons uses the bay around the corner. Please help us by keeping the bus bay in Factory Road clear of cars before school. Thank you.

PTA DISCO

The PTA have a junior and senior disco planned for Friday 30th October. Please see the poster on the back page of the newsletter for details.

MUFTI DAY

Our senior students have organised a Mufti Day for Friday 30th. No theme, wear what you like. Gold coin donation. Money raised will be used to purchase more protective gear for working on the bee hives.

YEAR 8 DANCE PRACTICE

The first mass year 8 practice is next week. Mrs Harris will be sending home a notice asking for transport to and from this. Please help us if you can ... in past

years this has always been a hard one to get sufficient transport for our kids and we would appreciate any offers. Practices are to be held in Waiuku.

PTA MEETING

Tuesday 27th October 7pm. All welcome

BUS AND MANUAL FEES

Invoices were sent home for this term's bus fees and overdue manual fees. We know it has been a difficult year with weeks away from school so term 2 bus fees were waived. We would appreciate prompt payment of all fees. Our afternoon bus is very full so we may find that some hard decisions will need to be made around access to the bus with priority given first to our eligible students, then those who have paid their bus fees.

BUILDING UPDATE

There has been a crane here this week lifting poles into place and steady progress is being made. At our last meeting the builders are still aiming for an end of January completion. We had a meeting with MOE people this morning regarding the modular classrooms we are getting.

2021

Planning for 2021 is underway. We are currently looking at class lists and placements, the levels teachers wish to teach at and responsibilities to be shared.

Mrs Harris will be leaving us at the end of the school year. She is undecided at this point about what exactly she will be doing but we wish her all the best in whatever role she chooses.

Mr Morse also leaves us early November and we will miss him too.

As we lose a larger than usual year 8 group this year, we will start with 7 classrooms next year with the view to requesting a roll review and the possibility of another class starting up through the year if we need to. The BOT has agreed to fund a teacher so that Mrs Brodie can remain released from the classroom to work on programmes with students who would benefit from extra support. Mrs Cherry Matheson (currently in room 2) will stay on next year.

We will open next year on **Tuesday 9th February** - Monday the 8th is the “Mondayised” Waitangi Day. There will be teachers only days in the week prior. Our end date will be the same as this year - 17th December.

CALF CLUB GROUP DAY

This was held today and we had students representing Otua there. The date the committee has set for next year is Saturday 2nd October.

Kind Regards,
Carol Graham

CHEF G

We have finally been able to lock in a day with Rama and Chef G for their Lockdown Cooking Class for 30 children. They will be here on Thursday 5th November. They will hold two classes of 15 children in each.

CALF CLUB INDOOR EXHIBITS

Firstly, we would like to thank all those children who entered the Bird Feeder project for Calf Club Day. Despite our Calf Club Day being postponed to cater for Covid levels and numbers restricted we still had an amazing number of outstanding entries. Congratulations to -

First Junior	Oscar Fitzgerald
Second Junior	Cormac Barriball
Third Junior	Caleb Wallis
First Senior	Callum MacEwan
Second Senior	Kepa Muriwai
Third Senior	Loren Spacey



Our overall winner who will represent Otua School at the Franklin Competition at Yard Art in Pukekohe is **OSCAR FITZGERALD**. If you are in Pukekohe please go into Yard Art and vote for Oscar!!