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Newsletter

Term 3, Week 1, Thursday 23rd July

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau

Welcome back everyone, it's great to see you all and be back into the swing of teaching and learning in Term 3. There's a lot happening this term so make sure that you keep up to date with newsletters and Dojo messages.

Alert Level 1

With the increase in active COVID-19 cases can I remind you that it is very important to keep your child/ren home if they are at all unwell. This is a directive from the Ministry of Education. 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.



School Speeches

Well done to Zak Barton who represented Otaua School at the Franklin Speech Competition last night with his speech titled: Why People Should Be More Kind. Twenty schools were represented with a very high standard of research and presentation. Congratulations to Zak for stepping up to this challenge and doing such a fantastic job.

Building Works

There was much excitement at school when the digger was on site this week! Little boys (and big boys) had faces pressed to the fence during break times. The next big thing to look out for is the concrete pour on the 3rd of August.

PTA Lunches

There's nothing quite like a Friday lunch treat at the end of the school week! Friday lunches continue to be highly anticipated and enjoyed. **Tuesday hotdogs will resume on Tuesday 28th July (Week 2).**

Parent/Teacher Interviews/Conferences

As with all schools in the Waiuku district, Otatau 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 in Week 2, Term 3 on **Thursday 30th July** from 3pm to 7:30pm. Booking information was sent home this week with the eldest, or only, child from each of our school families. If you haven't yet done so, please send your completed time request form in so that I can finalise the schedule and confirm appointment times for everyone.

Book Week Character Dress Up Day

Next week (Week 2) is our Book Week. The library will be open each afternoon between 2:00 and 3:00pm for children and their parents to look at a selection of books, posters and pencils, etc from Scholastic and consider making a purchase. The library will also be open on Thursday until 4.30pm for parents attending interviews. We will be having a book character dress up day at the end of the week.

Reading Together Workshops

Reading Together is a gold-standard, research-based programme which helps parents/whānau to provide effective support for their children's reading (and thereby also supports teachers in their classroom programmes).

The programme has been shown to raise children's reading achievement in a significant and sustained manner, and to improve relationships between children and parents, and between parents and teachers.

We have four workshops coming up this term which our junior teachers are hosting. Each session has a different focus and goes for approximately 50 - 60 minutes.

The first three workshops are held at school, with the final workshop being held at the Waiuku Library. Childcare is available at school if required. If you would like to learn more about how children learn to read and ways in which you can support your child/ren with their learning at home please contact Carrie Whyte, our Junior Team Leader on carrie@otaua.school.nz to register your interest.

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| Workshop 1 | Thursday 6th August 2:40pm |
| Workshop 2 | Thursday 13th August 2:40pm |
| Workshop 3 | Thursday 27th August 2:40 pm |
| Workshop 4 | Thursday 10th September 3:00pm |

Calf Club Committee

Don't forget to set aside Saturday 26th September for our annual Calf Club community day. Chickens arrived on Tuesday this week. Children who are raising sheep, goats and calves will be selecting their animals and getting ready to love, care and grow them. Information is available on the school website and at the office. Children who are choosing the project option this year should start hunting around for ideas for their bird houses and thinking about how to turn their ideas into reality.

Coming up:

- Netball tournaments (Week 2)
- Trees for Survival Planting Day (Wednesday Week 2)
- Parent/Teacher Interviews (Thursday Week 2)
- X-Man classroom programmes (Weeks 3 and 4)
- School cross country (Wednesday Week 4)
- School visit with the Bee Lady (Thursday Week 4)
- Cross country group day (Tuesday Week 5)
- Chef G workshops with Lockdown Challenge winners (Thursday Week 5)
- Life Education learning programmes (Week 8)
- Puberty talks for Year 5, 6, 7 & 8 students, including a whanau information evening (Week 8) - more information will be available closer to the time.

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

In the meantime, take care and stay safe.

Nga mihi,
Jocelyn

Calf Club Entries

You can send your entry forms in any time now. Please don't forget we need these all back by 21st August so we can meet the deadline for ordering ribbons.

PTA AGM

The PTA AGM will be held at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th July in the staff room, we will have three vacancies being; Treasurer, Grants Officer and Tuesday Hotdog co-ordinator. There will be a handover period for all positions so if anyone is interested they won't have to jump into it cold. If you are interested you can email Chris Britnell for any further information Chris.Britnell@hotmail.com.

FUNSTICKS WAIUKU:

Friday's 4.00 pm - 5.00 pm at the Waiuku College Turf

\$80 for an 8 week programme

31st July to Friday 18th September

To Register visit our website

www.cmha.co.nz/juniors/funsticks or email grassroots@cmha.co.nz



WAIUKU SQUASH CLUB:

Three Wednesday sessions to choose from all ages;

3.30 pm - 4.15 pm

4.30 pm - 5.15 pm

5.30 pm - 6.15 pm

COST: \$80 per person per programme for 8 weeks

Individual and Private Group Lessons also available

Individual- \$40 for 45 min session

Group - \$60 for 45 min session (max 4 people)

To register contact Julie Voykovic

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