



OTAUVA SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Term 2, Week 7, 13 June 2018



Dear Parents and Whanau

We have three weeks till the end of term from Monday and busy ones planned. Please note, there is a **hangi order form** with this week's newsletter - we have the last two days of the term planned with **Matariki activities** and as last year, the hangi is part of it. We are using the same people as last year to provide this for us as we had so much positive feedback.

Senior Speeches / Junior Poems

Across the senior team, classes have been working on writing, practising and delivering their speeches. Although this culminates in the school speech final and the Yr 7/8 going on to represent us at Rotary, this is a part of the curriculum based around persuasive writing and presenting. This is not an optional activity - just like swimming, cross country, athletics, maths etc aren't. It's not everybody's favourite and we know this, but students are encouraged to "give it a go". Alternatively, it is a strength for some students and should be encouraged. Our school finals will be held on Wednesday 27th June at 6.30pm. We will let you know whether we use the MP room, the library or the shared space - depends on how cold it is that day! As the juniors don't do speeches, they have been asked to recite a poem or nursery rhyme. The Wesley College Poetry students performance will give them some inspiration I am sure!

Grandparents / Grandfriends Afternoon

This only involves Room 1, 2 & 3 - and is from 1pm tomorrow. Talking to the children, it seems this will be well attended!

Wig Wednesday

Don't forget that next Wednesday is Wig Day - not mufti. Children are asked for a gold coin donation - please see the flyer in last week's newsletter. It is not compulsory of course, but participation is encouraged.



Friday June 29th - Bring a can/packet Mufti Day

The family of Kaleb, Dre and Zeke Gee have been putting together some care packages to deliver to the city mission and women's refuge in town. This was as a result of the boys seeing the need that some people that live in there have. We have planned a mufti day for next Friday and encourage all children to bring a can or packet from their pantry (nothing past the use by date, please) just whatever you can spare. House points will be collected for this. If children don't participate, wearing their uniform is expected. Next term we have a mufti day/can drive set aside for Waiuku Family Support on our own doorstep.

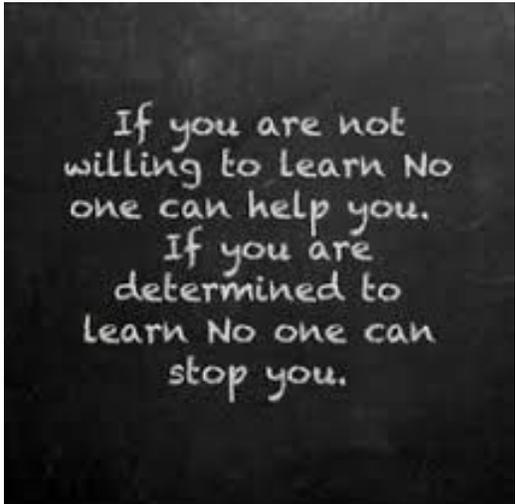
PLD

Next week is a busier than usual one for teachers with Jana Benson (our digital fluency facilitator) here all day Monday and Murray Gadd here, Thursday and Friday.

*"Murray Gadd is an independent literacy consultant who recently completed his PhD on 'what is critical in the effective teaching of writing'. He works nationally and internationally as an independent literacy consultant on literacy issues, particularly reading and writing. For the Ministry of Education, he led the team that developed the national writing exemplars, he wrote **Effective Literacy Practice in Years 5 to 8** and he worked closely on the **English sections of the NZ Curriculum.**"*

Kind regards

Carol Graham
Principal



If you are not
willing to learn No
one can help you.
If you are
determined to
learn No one can
stop you.

Congratulations

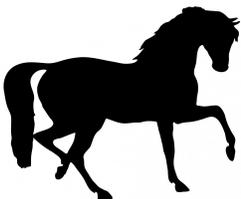
Fulton Amateur Swimming Team held their 2018 prizegiving last week. Calee Dally was the 11 year old female age group winner and second most improved female swimmer. Remy Burns was the 10 year old male age group winner and winner of the Sportsmanship award.

Otaua Combined Church

There is a community church service this week - Sunday 17th at the Otaua Community Church opposite the school. 11.15am - all welcome.

Money Management Course

Free Certificate in Money Management coming to Pukekohe. Take control of your financial future and join our Tuesday night classes. The course starts in mid July and runs for 14 weeks. This is a free course covering all aspects of personal financial management. For more information or to enrol please contact the tutor, Karen Wightman, on 027 592 1016 or Karen.Wightman@twoa.ac.nz. Places are limited to ring today about enrolling.



Puni Springs Pony Park

Winter holiday programme dates -

Thursday 12th July 9am - 4pm, Tuesday 17th July 9am - 4pm,
Thursday 19th July 9am - 4pm. Cost \$70 per day per child.

Come and join us for one day or three days of fun filled holiday programme days!

Our aim for these holiday days is to have our riders build their confidence and explore all that is horses.

Things we cover - parts of the horse, trough cleaning, poo picking up, painting ponies, mane and tail designing, grooming galore, obstacle course, water play, bareback riding, leading mastership, exercises on horseback, catching and turning our ponies.

Contact Sally to book: sallyann954@gmail.com or 027 488 4997. Check out our facebook page too.

