



OTAU SCHOOL

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Newsletter

Term 2, Week 8, 20 June 2018

Dear Parents and Whanau

From the Calf Club committee

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Mycoplasma Bovis Announcement #2

Last night it was decided that Otaua School would now follow the decision of Waiuku Combined Schools Group Day and cancel Calf Club day for this year. This is also a recommendation from MPI. This means no calves, lambs or goats.

However we are continuing to plan an alternative day on the same date (Saturday 29th September) now called **Spring Fling** that will host most of the same things you would get at our traditional Calf Club days, like chicken rearing, raffles, cake stalls, children's projects/art work/indoor displays and food stalls plus a few added extras.

We are still looking for sponsors for this day, if you are interested in sponsoring Spring Fling please contact us or Willy Muir or a Committee member.

Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. There will be more information in a couple of weeks.

Professional Development

On Monday we had Jana Benson, our IT facilitator in school and we will have Murray Gadd tomorrow and Friday.

Paid Union Meeting

On Monday afternoon, the NZEI (primary teachers' union) is holding a paid union meeting in Pukekohe that our members must attend. Our teachers will be leaving school at 1.30 to go to this. Two of us will still be here. The school will not be closed and the bus will run at the usual time, but you have a choice. If you wish to pick your child/ren up at lunchtime you can, or you can leave them here till the end of the day and they will be supervised. In order for us to plan for this though we would need to know what your plans are. Can you please fill in and return the slip below/text or dojo a message letting us know what you have decided to do.

Mufti Day

In order to support what a couple of our parents are doing, (see this week's Waiuku Post -front page) we will have a mufti - bring a can/non-perishable food item day. House points will be collected for any donations. This is scheduled for Friday 29 June.

Matariki

We have two days of activities planned for the last week of this term - Thursday and Friday. Friday is Whanau Day and you are welcome to join in with your children. We have a hangi lunch as last year and orders need to be in by Monday 25 June. (See separate order form that went home last week)

Speech Contest

Our annual speech contest will be held next Wednesday evening at 6.30pm in the MP room. We will have finalists from Year 5, 6, 7 & 8 with a couple from Year 4 in the interval - not as part of the competition, but as an opportunity to "have a go".

There will be separate notices sent home to those involved. Our year 7 & 8 winner goes on to represent our school at the Waiuku Schools' competition run by Waiuku Rotary annually. This year it is on Wednesday 4 July.

Bell Times

For the next couple of weeks, we are trialling new bell times. The first block is the same as it has been but we have increased blocks 2 & 3 by 15 minutes making lunchtime 12.45 - 1.30. This gives an hour for the afternoon block but extra time for the key learning areas in the mornings. We still have two snack breaks between the two morning blocks, so plenty of opportunity for eating and drinking.

Junior Poems

I really enjoyed listening to the poems/speeches in Rooms 1, 2, 3 & 7 yesterday. There has obviously been a lot of work go into these and it was great that so many parents/grandparents could be an audience. Public speaking is difficult for lots of us and starting young provides an opportunity to "have a go".

Poetry Writing

Last Wednesday we had a group of secondary students from Wesley College spend some time with some of our juniors, writing "Sense" poems in groups. This is one that was written by a group from R3 and Ms Reilly and the girls would like to share it with you



Happiness is the best
Happiness is with smiles
It **smells** like flowers under sunshine
Matching honey with a hot chocolate and kittens
Happiness **looks** like a family and friends
It **looks** like doing art with others and second chances
Happiness **tastes** like honey filled buttercups
And sharing them with friends
Eating chocolate and lollies under the sun
Having some fun!
Happiness **sounds** like lurking, buzzing bees
in the big forest trees



It sounds like lolly wrappers making everyone say "please"
and shouting with glee
Happiness, the lolly potion that simply makes you HAPPY!!!

Written by Talya Moss; Jazmin Davy; Olivia Jeffries and Penny Smith - Ruru

There will be more over the next couple of weeks.

Kind regards
Carol Graham
Principal

Hangi Orders

Please make sure your Hangi is in by Monday next week as we will not accept late orders. You can pay with cash, eftpos or into the school bank account - 12-3052-0142792-00. If you chose internet banking please make sure you still send in your order form so this can be collated.

Adult orders will be added to the list with the oldest child in the family. This way our littlies, who take much longer to eat, will be served first. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this.

Paid Union Meeting Return slip - please circle your chosen option

_____ (child/ren's name/s) will be :

a) Picked up at lunchtime (12.45pm)

Or

b) Remaining at school (please indicate if they will be catching the bus as usual)

Signed _____

