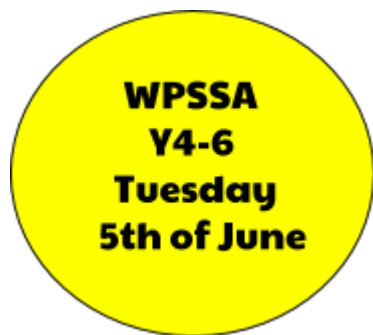


NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF

Otaika Valley School



TERM 2

Friday 1st of June 2018
Week 5 of 10



Dear Parents & Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa.

Paid Union Meeting

You may be aware of the nationwide crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

While there are many more children coming into the school system, there are not enough new teachers being trained. Urgent and significant changes are needed to ensure that the teaching profession can attract the people it needs and to ensure class sizes do not start to increase.

On **Thursday 21st June** the teachers from this school will be attending a NZEI Te Riu Roa paid union meeting regarding the *Kua Tae Te Wā* - It's Time campaign. The campaign aims to free teachers to teach and principals to lead, by getting the additional support and staff that schools need. The meetings will allow our teachers to discuss how the Ministry of Education has responded to changes that the union is seeking.

Our teaching staff are members of NZEI and legally entitled to attend this meeting. The teachers will be leaving school on **Thursday 21st June at 12:15**, to attend their paid union meeting which starts at 1pm.

I strongly encourage parents to make arrangements to pick their child(ren) up from school by 12:00 pm on **Thursday 21st June**. If you are unable to pick your children up then, please advise us so that your children can be supervised until 3pm. *We will not be able to run normal class programmes due to our staffing.*

I appreciate that this creates some inconvenience for families. However, I encourage you to support your teachers as they strive to achieve the changes which will safeguard quality education for all children and ensure we make teaching an attractive profession for graduates. After school care is available for our regular registered children from 3pm to 5:20pm.

Anyone who may need help with arrangements should contact the office.

WPSSA Sports Day

A reminder that the Year 4-6 students will be attending the sports tournament on Tuesday 5th of June. Please remember to bring appropriate footwear, mouthguards (if required). Warm clothes are essential as Kensington Park always tends to be chilly!

Principal School Visit

I will be away with a group of other principals visiting schools in Tauranga to look at their curriculum approaches and schoolwide organisation. I will be away from Wednesday to Friday next week. Please contact Heidi Nieddu (Deputy Principal) if you have any urgent issues.

Kind Regards,
Terry Brock

THIS WEEK'S RURU AWARD RECIPIENTS...

JUNIOR



Theodore Hurley - Rm 4



SENIOR



Juliet Stewart - Rm 6

Congratulations to our ex Otaika Valley School pupils who were selected to play rugby for the Under 13's Whangarei Bears!!

Well Done...

- Tai Clyde
- Pryce Davidson
- Sam Sloane
- Reef Sofala



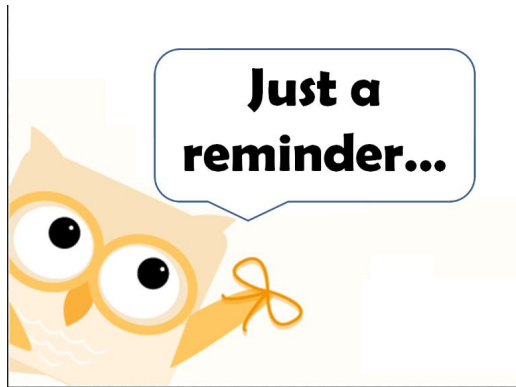
Fundraiser for Whangarei Bears Rugby - Under 13's Carwash and Sausage Sizzle

Sunday 3rd of June

9 am to 12pm

Carwash - outside Mr Rentals (55 Port Road, Whangarei)

Sausage Sizzle - outside Rebel Sport (Okara Shopping Centre)



PTA FUNDRAISER: HOT CHIPS

Thursday 7th of June

\$2.50 per punnet (only 1 order per student please)

Please have your order form & money at the office by Tuesday 5th of June.

Please note: payments are not to be internet banked into the school account. the PTA bank account is....12-3115-0006748-00

otherwise it is correct cash amount only please (no change will be given).

This makes it easier for our volunteer parents to manage the orders and money.

Upcoming events in Term 2

DATE	OVS	PTA
Tues 5 June	Winter Sports Day - Y4-6 at Kensington Park	
Thurs 7 June		Hot Chips Lunch
Sat 16 June		BBQ fundraiser outside The Warehouse - Rm 7
Thurs 21 June	Paid Union Meeting - school finishes at 12pm	Milo and sweet slice Fundraiser at morning tea (10-11am)
Wed 27 June	Have a go Ripa Rugby - Y3-4 at Tauraroa Area School	
Thurs 28 June		School Disco 6-7:15pm
Thurs 5 July	School RURU Fun Day	