

# NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF

## Otaika Valley School

### TERM 1

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2018  
Week 3 of 11



Dear Parents & Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa.

## SCHOOL INFORMAL SOCIAL GATHERING

### Picnic Dinner

### School BBQ available

- WHEN:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
**TIME:** 5:00pm to 6:30pm  
**WHERE:** Otaika Valley School  
**WHY:** Get to know your school community  
**HOW:** By eating your picnic dinner, chatting to your child's teacher,  
meeting your child's classmates and parents.  
Playing a big game of Rob the Bank.

### **WHY:**

The idea is to come along and eat your dinner with your child's class in an informal setting. To get to know other parents. To see who your child talks about. To talk with the teachers and other parents.

The purpose of the evening is to get to know our community of children, parents and teachers. This fits with our major goal of 'Community Learning Together' and our school vision of 'Together We Grow.' The better we know and support each other the more we all benefit.

If you feel you need to meet the teacher to discuss your child's learning, then please make contact throughout the term if you would like to arrange a time. Many parents already do this from time to time, if the need arises.

Term 3 Three Way Conferences will still be held at the beginning of Term 3 to discuss the mid-year report and goals for the second half of the year.

### **Activity:**

If it is fine, we will run a massive game of 'Rob the Bank.' All students and parents are welcome to play. This game is played on the rugby field with 2 home bases marked by a square in front of the rugby posts. Each large team (bands/non-bands) defends their half of the field and the 20 large balls stored in the home square. The objective of the game is to run through the opposition's half of the field without getting tagged, get 1 ball at a time out of their home base, run back over half way and put the ball in your home base. The winning team is the team with the most balls in their home base when the final whistle goes. If you get tagged in the opposition's half then you sit down until rescued by a team member. Hula hoops are placed on the field as safe zones to strategically elude any chasers. It is lots of fun. Ask your son/daughter how to play. So bring your running shoes or bare feet if that floats your boat!

### **Lunches:**

The humid weather at the moment (and summer in general) is ideal for bacteria to thrive. Just a reminder to ensure that if your child is going to have food that needs to be eaten cold (eg: meats, cheeses, yoghurts etc) to pack the food in a chiller/cooler bag.

### **Welcome to new staff**

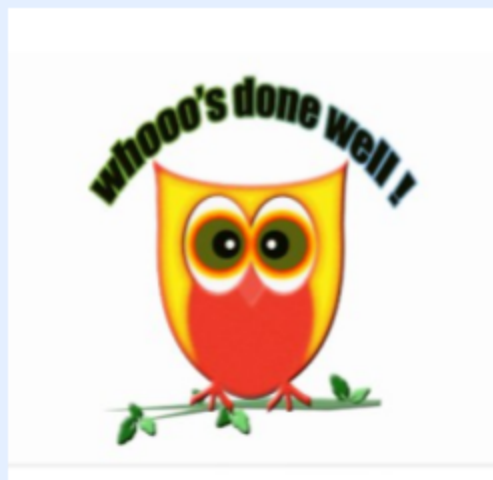
- Kirstin Pitiroi is teacher aiding in Room 7.

Kind Regards,

Terry Brock  
Principal

## **THIS WEEK'S RURU AWARD RECIPIENTS...**

### **JUNIOR**



**Syria Quelch - Rm 2**

### **SENIOR**



**Zoe Roberts - RM 7**

## CLASS AWARDS

**Rm 1:** Arlo Hurley

**Rm 2:** Syria Quelch

**Rm 3:** Sashia Avison, Daniel Herman\_Le Roux,  
Joel Marsh

**Rm 4:** Naomi Grew, Mattika Legg, Kaedyn  
Stevens, Madison Wilson

**Rm 5:** Taylor Mawson, Jacob Noble, Logan  
Pukeroa

**Rm 6:** Jacob Kluge, Phoebe Ly, Nathan Muth

**Rm 7:** Isabella Cochrane, Isobelle Holehan, Haani  
Murray, Ava Parry-Timms, Tayla Pukeroa

### **Kia ora, greetings from the library,**

Just a quick note to remind whanau of class library days:

- Room 1 Monday
- Room 2 Wednesday
- Room 3 Tuesday
- Room 4 Monday
- Room 5 Wednesday
- Room 6 Tuesday
- Room 7 Thursday

Children can choose up to 5 books each week, as long as they return their books from last time. The library is open till 2.30 pm and at break times, Monday to Thursday. Children can exchange books on any of those days if they miss their class library day.

Whanau are also welcome to borrow books - all you need is a barcode which takes minutes to arrange. Just let me know by our facebook page or email me: [library@otaika.school.nz](mailto:library@otaika.school.nz). All I need is your full name and contact details.

We don't charge for replacing lost or damaged books but do ask that children take care of the books - our budget is not a large one.

Thanks

Donna Watene

# Netball

We now have a team for the Year 3-4 students, but we only have a few students in the Year 1-2's and Year 5-6's.

If any students between Years 1-2 and 5-6 is interested in playing netball for Otaika Valley School, please leave your name and contact details with Jen in the office.

Team Registrations are due on **Thursday 29th of March**. We won't be accepting any late registrations.

## Miniball Singlets from 2017

If you have (or you know someone who still has) a miniball singlet from last year, could you please return them to school? We have 2 miniball teams but only a few singlets for them at the moment.

**The local 2018 winter football season kicks off in a couple of months.**

**FC Whangarei invite any interested / existing players to pop down to the club (11 Rawhiti Street, Morningside) for the 2018 Club Rally Day on Saturday the 24th February for the upcoming season, from 2pm onwards.**

**Come along and meet the committee and existing / other prospective club players.**

**If you are unable to make this date, the club will be open on Tuesday evenings from 615pm for registrations.**

**Mens preseason training is underway and this happens on Tuesdays from 6pm at Morningside Park and is open to all interested and existing players.**

**TABLE TENNIS NORTHLAND**


**Table Tennis for children in Years 5-8**  
Come and have fun and learn Table Tennis skills in our top class  
Table Tennis Stadium at Kensington Park.

**When :** **WEDNESDAYS** 3.30-5.00pm Beginning Wednesday **21st February**  
(If they wish to stay longer supervision & coaching will continue until 6.45pm..  
Secondary students will also play during this time.)

**Cost :** \$40 subscription for a year or \$2 casual fee per session.  
We have bats for sale or they may be hired for \$1.

Soft soled non marking shoes must be worn.

Enquiries Ph Jessica **0279254538**.