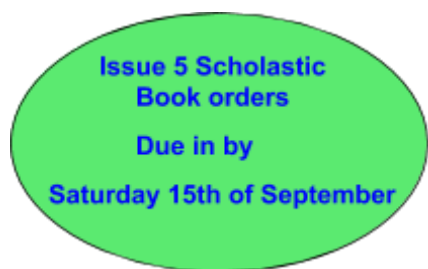


NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF

Otaika Valley School

TERM 3

**Friday 3rd of August 2018
Week 2 of 10**



Dear Parents & Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa.

Welcome to Brodie Walters who has joined us in Room 1.

Thank you to all parents/caregivers who attended the 3-way-conferences earlier this week. This mid year meeting should give the children, parents and teacher a shared understanding of their child's needs going forward. Some of you may have agreed to meet up again to discuss plans in more detail. It is important that you make your child's teacher aware of any concerns as they arise. I have enjoyed reading reports about progress and improvement as well as have a better understanding of any challenges students may be working through.

Lambs

We had 7 lambs (when I wrote this newsletter on Tuesday), enjoying each others company in the lamb pen. Those children with lambs have been wonderful at involving other students who don't have a lamb, to help with the preparation of milk and feeding. Thank you to those families who have filled in the forms (available from the office) about vaccination and drenching.

Fencing - possible help required

We are presently working with the Ministry of Education on safe fencing around our school site to keep a new student safe. The process and specifics of this is in its early but urgent stages. We may end up placing a perimeter fence around the school. Due to our new staff carpark taking away some of the playground area and also future proofing the school, I would like to see the back pig paddock fenced as well. For this to happen, the paddock needs to be cleared of long grass and the newly grown gorse, so that the paddock can be reinstated. If you can assist the school with clearing the paddock please contact me.

Staff update

We have employed Sue Jensen to take over Room 7 from week 6 to the end of this year as part of Frances Gouldstone's maternity leave. Sue has worked within our school and is known to our staff. We look forward to working more closely with her during this time.

Cross Country Date

The Waitotira Small Schools Cross Country is on **Wednesday the 22nd August** with no cancellation date. Please put this date in your diaries. The children continue to train for this event to be competitive in their races.

Y6 Intermediate information...

Tauraroa Area School, Whangarei Intermediate School and Huanui College invites Year 6 students and parents/caregivers to attend their Open days and Parent Information evenings. The Open days allows the Year 6 students and their parents/caregivers to take a tour of the school to gain information to help them decide which school may be best for them. Both Principals, staff and student ambassadors from these schools will be available to meet and of course answer any queries you may have.

EVENT	TAURAROA AREA SCHOOL	WHANGAREI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	HUANUI COLLEGE
VISIT TO OVS	Thursday 9th of August	Wednesday 8th of August	N/A
OPEN DAY	Monday 20th of August <i>*Please register by Wednesday 15th of August</i>	Wednesday 22nd of August and Thursday 23rd of August <i>*No need to register - just turn up</i>	Guided tour every Friday from 9:15am (during term time only)
PARENT INFORMATION EVENING	Monday 20th of August 5:30pm to 7:30pm	Tuesday 21st of August 6:00pm in the WIS hall.	Thursday 30th of August 5:00 pm guided tours 6:00pm information meeting
ENROLMENT DUE DATE	Thursday 27th of September. Submit online via WIS school website.	Monday 3rd of December	None - flexible

Please Note: If you are ready to enrol your child at either of these schools and are attending the Parent Information Evening, please bring your child's birth certificate and their last school report.

If you have any questions, please contact the school's directly:

Tauraroa Area School - 432 2643 or email Chris Townshend chris.townshend@tauraroa.school.nz

Whangarei Intermediate School - 438 8659 or email the office admin@wis.ac.nz

Huanui College - 459 1930 or visit www.hc.school.nz

Conference

A reminder that I will be at the Tai Tokerau Principal Conference from Wednesday to Friday. Heidi Nieddu our Deputy Principal will be able to deal with any urgent concerns outside of class hours.

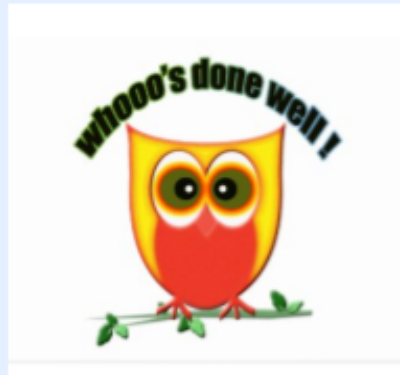
Kind Regards,
Terry Brock

THIS WEEK'S RURU AWARDS RECIPIENTS...

JUNIOR



Mila Rood - Rm 3



SENIOR



Annelise McDonald - Rm 5

CLASS AWARDS

Rm 1: Brodie Walters

Rm 2: Megan Martin, Zoe, Jacob Theodore, Syria Quelch

Rm 3: Janika Du Toit, Jorrel Henderson, Joel Marsh, Kade Palmer

Rm 4: Caleb Coutts, Dinique Du Toit, Isla Roberts

Rm 5: Owen King, Taylor Mawson, Rylie Roberts-Cross, Israel Sofala

Rm 6: Sophie Alderton, Jacob Kluge, Jackson Potts, Dayton Simpkin

Rm 7: Finius Ashby, Eathan Bodle, Rico Delahoya, Conor Hey, Zoe Roberts, Ava Parry-Timms

***Babysitting Services* available from a responsible and mature Y.11 Pompallier Catholic College student.**

Please ph/text Geordana Brown 027 5505 000 for more info.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Liz Davies will be taking individual, family, and class photos on Tuesday 21st of August in the Otaika Hall. Orders can be placed online:

<https://www.lizdaviesphotography.co.nz/>

or complete the order form (which your children are bringing home today) and return to Jen in the office.

All orders and payments are due by Monday 20th of August



NEW ZEALAND
BOOK AWARDS
FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS

Storytime
Character Hunt

Sunday 12 August 10.30am
Whangārei Central Library

Search the nooks and crannies of the library for real live storybook characters.

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The poster features a central illustration of various storybook characters including a man in a purple coat, a woman with an umbrella, a jellyfish, a tiger, a cat, a girl, and a boy. The background is a light yellow color.