

# NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF

## Otaika Valley School

### TERM 3

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2018  
Week 9 of 10



DON'T FORGET NEXT WEEK...

School Concert on  
Wednesday 26th  
Grandparents Day  
Thursday 27th

Dear Parents & Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa.

You are all probably well aware that our Ag & Flower Day is coming up next term and the children are busy creating their exhibits. Families who are new to our fabulous Annual Ag & Flower Day this year and families that have experienced this in previous years, will be interested in what this day entails.

The main objective is to celebrate being a rural school and of course have a fun day!

I have drafted a timetable with a number of changes from previous years. Please read carefully and if you have any queries please ask me.

## Otaika Valley School Ag and Flower Show Friday 26th October 2018

### Thursday 25th October Ag & Flower Day - Prep day

- children finish off a number of exhibits – teacher seek some parental help
- teachers judge each other's class – award certificates for display on Friday
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd & Highly Commended

### Friday 26th October - Ag & Flower Day

Timetable as follows:

- 7:00am - Terry sets up lamb pens
- 8:00am - Staff help with big gazebo and setting up a few tables
- 8:30am - No Home baking this year - PTA are requesting donations for burger/sausage sizzle ingredients – more info to come
- NO CAGED ANIMALS - we will have a pet to class day or days down the track – the children are too busy to care for them
- Family Scarecrows displayed on court fence outside R5 – instructions to come
- Kiwi Blokes Bake off Competition Cakes on display in library (2018 the ladies have scratched the blokes off the trophy with a rusty nail - hey blokes no pressure this year)

- New decorated hat competition- parents and children, link in to sun-safety and wearing of hats at school - include a wide brim - spot prize for people wearing a hat that meets the school policy - more info to come
- Ag Animal vehicles only are able to park on the field - if the ground dries out - an area will be roped off for vehicles and pony/buggy rides closest to the old school house.
- **9:05am** - Classroom Flower Show Exhibit Viewing - teachers take own class on a school classroom walk thru - parents welcome
- **9:30am** - Animal Judging Starts - children to meet 9:15 after roll call at the pen (33 lambs in 2 pens with 2 visiting judges)
- **9:45am** - Whole School sits down to watch animals (45 mins)
- **10:30am** - Continue with judging - students can go to food tents or continue watching animals - no activities started until animal judging finished
- **11:00am** - Lamb judging finished, ribbons awarded in the pen. Champion/Reserve Champion and trophies awarded at the pens. No animal parade this year.

Fun activity rotation begins so we don't spook the animals...

1. Dunk tank - has a teacher all the time - Senior kids can volunteer with parental consent prior to Ag Day Only - some teachers have volunteered as well
2. Needle in the wood shavings stack - prize and award slips
3. Quad bike/trailer rides
4. Pony rides
5. Face painting
6. Petting zoo - puppies and kittens?
7. Water Slide - children must have a change of clothes
8. Food on sale so bring money and a safe way to store it.
9. 2018 new food ideas - Mister Baker and Mr Whippy - BBQ - hamburgers/sausages

- **1:15pm** - Kiwi Bake-off Competition (open to all) - Award - Wooden Spoon Trophy
- Cake Auction
- Raffle draw
- Scarecrow Certificate Winner
- **1:30pm** - Dunk the principal auction
- Principal - Thank you
- **2:00pm** - Pack up - tidy up

Kind regards,  
Terry Brock

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

**JUNIOR**



**Zoe - Rm 2**



**SENIOR**

No Senior Ruru

## CLASS AWARDS

**Rm 1:** Kauri Davidson, Miller Pukeroa, Noah Shepherd

**Rm 2:** Emmalee Connell, Arlo Hurley, Logan Jones, Harlym Thompson, Syria Quelch

**Rm 3:** Ephraim Locke, Joel Marsh, Breez Smith

**Rm 4:** Brodie Dinsdale, Jayden Moriarty, Isla Roberts

**Rm 6:** Eva Gardener, Dylan Hughes, Jesse Locke, Phoebe Ly, Jackson Potts, Stephanie Turton



## Lucky Book Orders

Closes on Saturday 6th of October

**Kia ora Whanau**

**Just a reminder for new families that class library days are:**

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

**We encourage children to bring back their 5 books weekly but if they want to keep them a little longer that's just fine too - though more than 3 weeks means they'll be overdue. They must also use their library bag or a similar strong waterproof bag to carry the books - plastic bags are becoming hard to find now so I don't have any on hand as I used to.**

**Please let me know if you have any questions - you can email me at [library@otaika.school.nz](mailto:library@otaika.school.nz), message me on the school Facebook page or call in to the library - I am here until 2.30 pm, Monday to Thursday.**

**Nga mihi nui**

**Donna Watene**

**Maunu Tennis Club** Located on State Highway 14, about 6km past the hospital.

**We offer coaching for Juniors on Tuesdays from 3:30pm**

**[JUNIORS RALLY DAY is Tuesday, 16th October, 3:30pm](#)**

**Also we have;**

**SENIORS Opening Day - Saturday 22nd September, 10am start, thereafter 1pm on Saturdays**

**TWILIGHT Tennis - Thursdays, starts October 4th, 5.30pm**

**LADIES Day - Wednesdays, starts October 17th, 9am**

**Queries, Ray or Sue Webb (09) 434 6898**

**Website: <http://www.sporty.co.nz/maunutennis>**

**Kind Regards,**

**Carla Bone - Sec. Maunu Tennis Club**

# Kiwi North School Holidays

## 10am to 4pm 1st to 12th October 2018

Programme with the  
Kiwi North Educator  
**EXPLORING THE  
ANNE FRANK STORY**

1st, 3rd and 5th

October.

10am to 12pm.

8 to 14 years.

\$5.00 per child,

must be accompanied by  
an adult (Free)

Includes entry to  
Museum & Kiwi House.

Details Facebook or

[http://www.kiwinorth.co.nz/  
whatson](http://www.kiwinorth.co.nz/whatson)

**Bookings essential at  
09-4389630 ext. 0**



Observe our 2 North Island Brown kiwi,  
Ben & Jockalene, foraging as they would in  
the wild in the natural environment of their  
nocturnal house, where we turn day into  
night. *Kiwi feeding and keeper talk*  
11am, 1pm and 3pm daily



Say Hi to Flash.  
Close-up encounter.  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
after 11am Kiwi feeding.  
(At keepers discretion)




**ANNE FRANK**  
NEW ZEALAND  
let me be myself

1 OCTOBER 2018 -  
3 FEBRUARY 2019

WHANGAREI MUSEUM  
10AM-4PM daily  
included in general  
admission

Her story. Her story. Her world.

Gate 1, 500 SH14, Maunu, Whangarei  
[www.kiwinorth.co.nz](http://www.kiwinorth.co.nz) 09 438 9630



**FINAL 2 WEEKS**  
**Puanga**  
side of the New Year,  
star of abundance

Celebrating Matariki 2018  
Included in general admission.

**Heritage Park Rides:**  
Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays  
10am to 2pm  
Mini trains Wednesdays only  
10.30am to 2pm