

# NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF

## Otaika Valley School

### TERM 3

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of August 2018  
Week 5 of 10



Dear Parents & Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa.

#### Otaika Valley Cross Country

We were really disappointed that we were unable to visit Waitotira School for our annual rural small schools' cross country. Let us hope we get to go next year.

We were not disappointed with our own cross country today. I still have many success stories from the competition going through my head. Some children started with tears, but learnt they could get through the tough stuff. Life is tough at times. Others had epic battles on the finish line with friends and classmates. Some enjoyed being covered in mud, others didn't. Lots of children ran the track again supporting competitors in another race. Others surprised us with their determination and grit.

A few impressed us with their high level of fitness, natural running ability and determination to win or get placed highly. Some ran too fast to start with. This is racing experience. All in all, well done to everyone. I can still remember my primary school races and for some of today's runners I'm sure they will as well.

The following runners have been chosen to compete at Barge Park **next Wednesday** for the Inter School Event. This event is a competition event and we have been asked to only send well prepared runners.

Ms Dickens will send a notice out with more details to the following students.

Barge Park Selections for 2018 - Well done to the 26 students who get to represent Otaika Valley School

10yr Boys	10yr Girls	9yr Boys
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Finius Ashby</li> <li>2. Ryan Turton</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Isobelle Holehan</li> <li>1. Caprice Simpkin</li> <li>2. Zoe Roberts</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cody Noble</li> <li>2. Ezekiel Timewell</li> <li>3. Rico Delahoya</li> <li>4. Kawana Te Iringa</li> <li>5. Angus McLennan</li> </ol>
9yr Girls	8yr Boys	8yr Girls
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Anika Clyde</li> <li>2. Pearl Pullen</li> <li>3. Eva Gardener</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ricky Lewis</li> <li>2. Mason Heta</li> <li>3. Dayton Simpkin</li> <li>4. Will Roberts</li> <li>5. Israel Sofala</li> <li>6. Jacob Noble</li> <li>7. Sam Johns</li> <li>8. Owen King</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cassara Legg</li> <li>2. Stephanie Turton</li> <li>3. Allyse Porter</li> <li>4. Juliet Stewart</li> </ol>

We were really proud of everyone. Thank you to the parents/whanau who came to support. I think we were pretty lucky with the weather today. It is now raining steadily while I finish the newsletter at 12:30 after race day.

Kind Regards,  
Terry Brock

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

### **JUNIOR**



**Jayden Moriarty - Rm 3**



### **SENIOR**



**Jasper Pullen - Rm 5**



## ***Congratulations to Breez Smith!***

**Breez competed at the Brazilian Jujitsu National Championships, and she won the Females A White Belts 6 Years & Unders Division!!**

**Fantastic Breez!!**

## ***DONATION REQUEST...***

***If anyone has "Thomas the Tank" toys, books, games etc that they no longer wish to keep, we would love to receive them to use in Room 1.***

***Many Thanks from Maggie and Robyn :)***