

NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS OF

Otaika Valley School

TERM 2

Thursday 24th of May 2018
Week 4 of 10



Dear Parents & Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa.

Last week our school focussed on bullying and participated in Pink Shirt Day. The teachers used a range of resources during the week to help increase the children's confidence and skills to deal with bullying or negative situations. It was a really successful and positive week within the classes. Well done to the teachers and children! At the Tuesday assembly I reminded the children that we need to keep everyday bully free. Last Friday many of the children and staff wore something pink on the day. I must say my wardrobe seriously lacked pink, so you may have seen me wearing pink balloons for most of the day! Again, thank you and well done everyone.

Maggie McClune and I visited three Kindy's yesterday morning. We make these visits as a part of the New Entrants' transition into our school. These visits allow us to meet our "nearly at school" children before they start their school visits. We get to see them in their environment, where they share their portfolio with us, show us around and often introduce us to their friends. We highly value spending the extra time doing this as it helps us and the family prepare their child for school life. As principal, I feel it is really important I attend the majority of these visits and it is only on rare occasions that I am not able to go.

Recently, the Board of Trustees opened up the Out of Zone enrolments for the rest of this year. We have advertised for 7 Out of Zone New Entrant students. This means we will be aiming at a similar school size by the end of this year, which will be around the 160 mark. If you know of anyone who has a child turning five this year and is interested in applying as an Out of Zone student at our school, please get them to contact the school. Applications close on Friday the 8th of June 2018.

This enrolment period is for this year only. In September later this year, the Board will start looking at enrolments for 2019. There will be plenty of information made available at that time. If in doubt, just ask me.

Kind Regards,

Terry Brock

THIS WEEK'S RURU AWARD RECIPIENTS...

JUNIOR

SENIOR



Marcus Houlker-Te Tai - Rm 2



Abby Rutherford - Rm 6

CLASS AWARDS

Rm 2: Emmalee Connell, Marcus Houlker-Te Tai, Noah MacDonald, Tyler Macdonald, Syria Quelch

Rm 3: Oliver Emerson, K'Cee Gardener, Jorrel Henderson, Ephraim Locke, Arika Murray

Rm 4: Isla Crabtree, Ashton Herewini

Rm 5: Jordyn Bourke, Ava Daisley, Piripi Murray

Rm 7: Anna Clinch, Isobelle Holehan, Angus McLennan, Zoe Roberts, Caprice Simpkin, Kawana Te Iringa



OTAIKA VALLEY HALL NEEDS COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

We love our community hall, however the hall committee consists of 2 people who would really appreciate some more people to join them! All helpers are welcome, and if you have Treasurer or Secretarial experience, skills or would like to give it a go, please get in touch.

The committee is always happy to help the school out by making the hall available for school functions, photos, fundraisers etc. If you don't live in the area but your child attends Otaika Valley School, the committee would love to hear from you :)

In terms of your commitment, the committee meets about 3-4 times per year and occasionally have working bees. It's a great way to get to know the people in your community and/or school, make new friendships and of course "many hands make light work".

If you are able to give up a little bit of your time to help out, please give Katriona Bignell a call on 027 268 2777.

Take a look at their FB page:

<https://www.facebook.com/OtaikaValleyHall/>

