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NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

Thursday 4th of May - Term 2, Week 1

Dear Parents & Caregivers, Tena Koutou Katoa.

Welcome to Annelise McDonald who has joined us in Room 4, and K'Cee Gardener, Scarlett Colmer, and Breez Smith in Room 1.

Message from Rob...

Hi. My name is Rob Soar and I will be the Acting Principal at your school, Otaika Valley School for this term. My life in and around Whangarei began at Carruth House, Whangarei Boys High School, way back in the mid 1960's and I have lived in or near Whangarei for the past 45 years. My teaching / principal career has seen me working at Kamo Intermediate, Raumanga Intermediate, Parakao, Maungakaramea and Whangarei Primary Schools. 3 years ago I retired from Whangarei Primary School as fulltime principal, but have done short-term relieving principal jobs around Whangarei and further north since that time.

It has been a pleasure to be invited to be the Acting Principal at Otaika Valley School for this term while Terry is away taking his valuable and well deserved sabbatical leave. In my first few days I have enjoyed working with the very caring, positive, professional staff at your school and I have also enjoyed meeting the wonderful children of the school, playing out in the playground, working in their classrooms and as a whole school at assembly on Tuesday morning.

All the best to those involved in weekend winter sports and other activities which begin this weekend. Next week during some lunchtimes I would like to get out with those of the Year 5 & 6 students who are keen to play some organized rugby. We will also try to organize some sessions for the Year 3 & 4 students. To participate in these activities children will need to have a mouthguard, shorts and a suitable top / jersey to play rugby in. We will begin with tackle rugby and will later in the term look at other sports. Boys and girls are welcome to join in.

Like every school and every term, this one seems to be a very busy one with lots happening in classrooms and other areas of the school. I look forward to the weeks ahead as the Acting Principal, and hope that I will have the opportunity to get to know your children better and to meet you if and when you call in at school.

Kind regards

Rob Soar
Acting Principal

Te Rehia Theatre Company

Please remember there will be a performance in the hall tomorrow morning.
If your child is yet to bring a gold coin donation, please bring it tomorrow morning.

***** First Netball game this Saturday – 6th of May *****

Years 1-3: "OVS Kakariki" Vs "Totara Grove Kereru"

8:30am on Court 10B miniball

Years 5-6: "OVS Kowhai" Vs "Whau Valley Strikers"

8:30am on Court 13

Good luck everyone! 😊

NB: Netball Fees to be issued next week.

Spare Clothes

With the weather becoming cooler and rain on its way, please ensure that all children have suitable spare clothes packed in their school bags.

School Absences:

It's important the school knows the whereabouts of your child during each term. Please remember to contact the school stating the child's name and reason for their absence.

School Website <http://otaika.school.nz/>

Don't forget to check out the school website for upcoming events.

School shirts

If you have any school shirts at home, could you please return them to the office? There is a huge shortage of them at the moment.

Thank you 😊

Zumba...

For all of Term 2

Mon-Fri

9.00-10.00am

101 Portland Rd

Just \$2pp

Hope to see you soon...

Annette Brown