



Otorohanga Primary School

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Coming Events...

Float preparation (this week)	28/11 - 2/12
Talent Quest 1:15pm	7 December
Celebrating 2016 Success Assembly	6pm Tues 13
Fun Day	Wed 14th
2017 Target setting - all welcome	14th 3pm
Last Day	15 Dec 12pm
Term 1 2017	7 February

Celebrating Success & Caught Being Good

Josy, Nevaeh, Lisa, Shaanin, Logan, Dallas
Alyeah, Jessica, Sacha-leigh, Kalyx, Te Heruika

Special Mention

Brooklyn - principal award for organising our breakfast club every morning.

Kasius, Unique and Mariah - newsletter draw winners

Te Heruika & Kaylx - COPS Athletic winners

Catriona's Chat

Dear Parents/Whanau/Caregivers

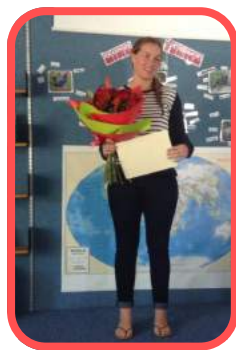
This year I completed 4 university papers and I have enrolled in a 5th paper in summer school (January) which means that I will need just 1 more paper to complete my Master of Educational Leadership. Information on these 4 papers is below.

Paper Name	Focus	Result
Educational Leadership: Issues and Perspectives	Critically evaluating changes in education (e.g. the introduction of National Standards) and the impact they have on our student's learning.	A
Developing Educational Leadership: Coaching and Mentoring	Developing a research based knowledge of coaching and mentoring in the school setting.	A-
Educational Leadership: Organisational Development	Strategic planning and using educational research to improve teaching and learning in our school.	A
Educational Leadership: Advanced Coaching and Mentoring	Reflecting on and improving my own personal coaching and mentoring practice.	A

As a result of my learning this year I intend to implement strength-based coaching/mentoring at our Kura in 2017. This aligns well with the feedback you gave regarding the charter and that you wanted our children to be happy learners. By focusing on our strengths we will be built up and have the confidence to "give challenges a go".

I am excited to continue to lead our Kura in 2017 and will be working with Whaea Hannah, Whaea Alex and Whaea Chloe (new teacher in 2017) next week to prepare for these changes. *Catriona*

Whaea Lois would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last few months. She has thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you all and encourages us all to be the best 'me' you can be. Do something today your future self will thank you for. She has won the DP role at Hamilton Junior High School in Hamilton, a Year 7 - 10 age level.



Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind. ~ Henry James



Deep Sea Divers



We have been learning about what an emergency kit is. An emergency kit is a bag or a box with things inside that will help you to survive if there was a disaster and you had to leave your home. Inside there are things like sunscreen, sneakers, hat, can opener, cans of food and a sleeping bag. There are enough things in your bag for 3 days.

Here are our emergency bags.



Kiana



Kasius



Unique



Aalieghyah



Syesha



Super Heroes



In the cooking elective we have made many yummy recipes. Here are some thoughts about the healthy food we have made.



The ice-cream was my favourite. It tasted better than normal ice cream. It was delicious.
Te Heruika



The ice-cream was the nicest. It was cold and refreshing. - Aaliyah

The boiled eggs were tasty.

- Dallas



I liked the berry smoothie because it tasted nice

- Xavier



The guacamole was delicious and fun to make.

- Ngapera



I liked the ice-cream because it had banana's in it.

- Kasius

Notices of Importance

Otorohanga Primary School's



Where: Otorohanga Primary School Hall

When: Wednesday December 7th 1:15pm

Who: Every OPS student will be involved in at least one item

Come down and support our tamariki in this event



Otorohanga Primary School EOY Prizegiving



Where: Otorohanga Primary School Hall

When: Tuesday December 13th 6pm

Who: Every OPS student

Come down and be a part of your child's 2016 celebratory year.

Light supper to follow



2017 Kapahaka

We have secured Sandra Paki to teach our tamariki kapahaka during the 2017 school year. At this early stage of preparation, we are inviting expressions of interest, in regards to students and whanau committing themselves to this initiative, for the duration of the year. If you and your child(ren) are keen to opt in to this programme, please fill in the return slip below.



Fundraising for Charity

At OPS we like to give back and help charities make a difference for others. In the past we have raised funds for many different charities and in 2017 we want to focus on only 4, 1 per term. We intend to support Kids Can, as they are committed to making a difference for the most needy children and support us with providing free raincoats. Other charities we have supported in previous years are the Cancer Society, Cure Kids, Foster Kids, NZ Red Cross, CanTeen, the Asthma Foundation, the Kidney Foundation of New Zealand, RSPCA and the WestpacTrust Waikato Air Ambulance. Please complete and return the slip to let us know which 3 charities, other than KidsCan, you believe we should support.



Christmas Float

As you are aware we are entering OPS into the Christmas Parade this Friday afternoon. The entire school will be participating in the preparation for this event throughout this week. Please feel free to come down and support.

We require permission if your child(ren) would like to ride on the float on Friday evening. They must be prepared to wear bright fluoro clothes.

We require cardboard boxes, battery or solar operated fairy lights please.



Please tear off and return to school so your child(ren) get a chance to go into the draw. Please write clearly.

We are keen to support 1 charity event each term. A couple of suggestions include Beatty Homes / Otorohanga Food Bank / Kids Can / Operation Christmas Child (Shoe box gifts sent overseas), Daffodil day / Red Nose day ...

*Please circle the ones you are **keen to support** _____ (Other)*

We are keen to be involved and will be **committed to supporting kapahaka**

Yes / No

I am aware of what is coming up on the **calendar** - especially **EOY Prize giving** Yes / No

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