



NEWSLETTER TERM 2-02

Thursday 11 May 2023

Kia Ora rā, e te whānau o Otamarakau School

FLU VACCINATIONS

This has been rescheduled for tomorrow, Friday 12 May from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm.

If you wish to have your child/children vaccinated, nurses will administer the flu vaccine to students 9 years of age and older and the Covid-19 vaccine to students 12+ years. Please come along on the day to sign written consent and be with your child during their vaccination.

They are also offering the additional Covid-19 booster and the MMR vaccinations should you choose to receive this.

PLAYHOUSE

A huge thank you to the wonderful person/people who have repaired and improved the playhouse outside Ruma Kiwi. It looks fantastic and your kindness is very much appreciated.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

This event will be held on Monday 22 May, weather permitting. We will have morning tea at 10:00am and be ready at the farm for an 11:00 am start. Students will need a drink bottle and a jacket. If you are able to help on the day, we would most appreciate it.

The Te Puke Cross Country event will be held on Wednesday 30 May.

LATE ARRIVALS

All students who arrive after the 9:00 am bell need to report to the office. This is so we can update the attendance registers for each class. Could you please remind your child/children.

COURT COVER SPONSORSHIP

We are organising the signage to acknowledge our wonderful sponsors who donated funds towards the court cover.

We will be contacting as many people as possible to enquire how they would like their name to be recorded on the recognition board. If you are a sponsor it would be very helpful if you could email debra@otamarakau.school.nz with your preference.

The grand opening of the court cover will be held next term when the new principal starts.

PINK SHIRT DAY 2023

Otamarakau School is joining the movement on Pink Shirt Day (Friday 19 May 2023), and encouraging our staff and students to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying! Bullying in Aotearoa is a real problem. We have the third-highest rate of school bullying out of 36 OECD countries and one in five workers feels discriminated against or bullied at work. Those bullied are far more likely to experience mental health issues. Pink Shirt Day works to reduce bullying by celebrating diversity in all its forms and supporting schools, workplaces and communities to be safe, supportive, welcoming and inclusive for everyone. To celebrate this important kaupapa we'll be wearing pink shirts. We'll also be fundraising to support Pink Shirt Day by asking for a gold coin donation from all students wearing pink shirts.



BOARD MEETING

There will be a meeting of the Otamarakau Board on Monday 15 May at 5:30pm in the staffroom. All are welcome to attend.

WHAKATAUKI OF THE WEEK

Ehara taku toa i te toa takitahi, engari kē he toa takitini

My success should not be bestowed onto me alone, it was not individual success but the success of a collective.



STUDENT ART WORK

Ruma Kereru have done some amazing art work which will be displayed at the Maketu Ongatoro Wetland Society.



TERM TWO EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Friday 12 May	Flu Vaccinations - Hall
Monday 15 May	Board Meeting
Monday 22 May	School Cross Country
Wednesday 30 May	Te Puke Cross Country
Thursday 1 June	Jenny Somervell - Author Visit