



NEWSLETTER TERM 2-05

Thursday 22 June 2023

Kia Ora rā, e te whānau o Otamarakau School

FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES

The students, staff and Board thank Mrs Dot Boshier for her wonderful work at our school. Dot is retiring to spend more time in her magnificent garden and spend time with whanau.

We welcome Mrs Sandy McQuiston who will be the Office Administrator from term three onwards. Sandy will be working alongside Dot in the office next week.

STUDENT LED CONFERENCES

We look forward to seeing as many whanau as possible at Student Led Conferences next Wednesday. Kereru's SLC's were last night. It is not too late to book a time. Go to [Otamarakau SLC's 2023](#)

A reminder that school will close at 2:00pm on the day.

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The Board reviewed policies and procedures for EOTC at our last meeting. If you would like to read these go to: <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Click on the green tab in the top right corner 'Search for your school' and then type in 'Otamarakau' in the box.

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MATARIKI

Our school Kapa Haka group has been working very hard this year and will be performing on these upcoming dates:

Dress rehearsal on Friday 30th June at 2:00pm at Otamarakau School.

Te Kete Matariki Te Puke on Friday 14th July at Jubilee Park, Te Puke

Te Kete Matariki Te Puke is a nice whānau day out with awesome entertainment, yummy kai and fun activities for everybody. We would appreciate it if you could make it and show your support.

Miss Barclay will contact all parents of children in Kapa Haka when more details are confirmed from the organisers of Te Kete Matariki Te Puke.



POWHIRI

The Powhiri for our new principal, Aneta Smith, is on Monday 17 July starting at 9.15am. The students will be transported to the Otamarakau marae as soon as they arrive at school. Alternatively, all whanau and students are welcome to go directly to the Marae that morning at 9.15.

The Powhiri will take about an hour and will be followed by morning tea. After this, the children will return to school for a normal day's learning and teaching.

MATARIKI CELEBRATION

The following day, Tuesday the 18th July at 5.30 am, all students and whanau are invited to attend the marae again to view the Matariki cluster in the sky. Hopefully the weather and skies will be clear! We will then go on a hikoi (walk) that morning with our torches. Please dress for warmth.

After the walk we will be having breakfast at the marae. This will be around 8am. Everyone is welcome to come for breakfast together.

For those students who are unable to attend the 5.30 am viewing, come to school as normal. The buses will be running as usual. These students will then be transported down to the marae for the 9am activities.

At 9am we will start our Matariki activities at the marae and be back at school by 3pm for the buses.

COMMUNITY PHARMACIES

Due to many doctor's surgeries being booked weeks in advance, the Health Ministry has okayed community pharmacies to treat minor ailments. This is for children under 14 years or those with a community service card. Appointments are not required. The pharmacist will be able to offer you appropriate treatment options and advice on whether or not you need to see your GP. Conditions which can be treated include:

- minor skin infections
- scabies
- eye inflammations / infections
- pain and fever
- eczema / dermatitis
- stomach bugs

JUMPING JUNE - JUMP OFF

We have been raising money for the Heart Foundation by skipping each day under the court cover. Next Thursday 29 June at 9:15am, we will hold a Jump Off where everyone will rotate around different skipping activities. Any gold coin donations for the Heart Foundation would be appreciated.

Popsicles will be on sale at morning tea time for \$1.50.

JULY HOLIDAY SWIMMING LESSONS

The Tauranga Swim School is offering swimming lessons over the holidays from 9:30 am until 1:00 pm each week day. Lessons focus on swimming techniques and water safety. The cost is from \$85.00 per week and the lessons take place at 74 Fourteenth Avenue, Tauranga.

Phone: 027 267 7946 or email: info@taurangaswimschool.nz

KIDS - MATATĀ EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

Our hours are 8:30am to 3:30pm Monday to Friday. All tamariki, 6 months+, are welcome. Spaces are available. Phone 07 322 2053 or 027 926 0668.

THANK YOU FROM DEBRA

This is my final newsletter. I want to thank the Board for entrusting me with your wonderful school. Thank you very much to all staff and students. I've loved working alongside you for the past two terms. I wish you all the best in your future school endeavours and will be looking out for school news. Nga mihi.

WHAKATAUKI OF THE WEEK

Whāia te mātauranga hei oranga mō koutou
Seek after learning for the sake of your wellbeing.



TERM TWO EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 28 June	Student Led Conferences (not Kereru)
Friday 30 June	Term Two Ends
Monday 17 July	Term Three Commences 9:30 Principal Powhiri