



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

Tuesday 4 February

Wednesday 5 February

Thursday 6 February

Friday 7 February

Wednesday 26 February

Thursday 27 February

Family Fun Night

PP Family Fun Night

Waitangi Day. School Closed

Assembly

Senior Swimming Sports

PP Day Senior Sports

Principal's Message

Welcome back to everyone for what will be an outstanding year of learning and development for your child. We trust you have had a wonderful holiday break and your child is ready for an amazing year of learning and development.

We welcome 36 new learners and their whanau to our school as our school roll continues to show steady growth. Our new tamariki are from a range across all year groups and we have strong numbers in all areas of our school.

We also welcome two new teachers to our dynamic staff. Miss Mia Foskin (Room 10) and Miss Jessica Douglas (Room 9) will join our teaching team. We look forward to these teachers joining our teaching team of hard working professionals.

We have some slight changes to classes with Whaea Tash and Suzi Couch both teaching our Year 1 (New Entrants), Miss Sophie Turney teaching Year 2-3, Mr Rene Allen moves to Room 14 to teach Year 4-5 and Miss Donald will be in S Block with our senior team.

Family Fun Night

We start the year this year with our first community event on Tuesday 4 February starting at 5pm. We invite you to join us with a picnic. We will have a free sausage sizzle and activities for the children. The Enviroteam will be in the hall to share their fantastic work from 2019, as our school achieved the Bronze Award. Please join us if you can as it is a great opportunity to meet our staff and welcome new whanau to our community.

Sun Hats

School hats are compulsory for Term 1 and we ask that you please support your child by purchasing once from our office. We are a Sunsmart School and any child not wearing a school sunhat will need to play under the 'umbrella' tree. Hats are part of our school uniform.

School Hours

Our school day starts at **8.50am** and finishes at 3pm. It is very important that your child is at school to be ready for learning. If they are late for any reason, they need to sign in at the office. Also if you wish to visit your child during school hours, you must call by the office as a courtesy. We also keep our gates closed at all times of the school day.

Communication

This is an area we seek to improve and currently we communicate with parents via a weekly newsletter, Facebook, mobile txt and the SkoolLoop app. We have an 'open door' policy and if there are any concerns or celebrations, please let us know.

Swimming

Swimming starts tomorrow and all classes will be swimming from Monday to Thursday from Week 1-5. This opportunity only has a small window and is a compulsory part of our physical education programme. Timetable below

Assemblies

Assemblies will be held every fortnight on a Friday at 2.10pm. The first assembly will be Friday 7th February This is an occasion to share achievements of our learners and we welcome you to join us. Each class takes a turn at hosting and we welcome you to join us for this celebration. Singing assemblies occur every other week.

Coronavirus

As you are aware in the media, there is a rapidly evolving health situation concerning the coronavirus. As a school, the health and safety of our students and staff is a priority for all. We will be acting on advice from the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Education as it comes to hand. Our staff will be talking to our children with regularity about hand washing, hygiene after coughing and sneezing etc. We also have a supply of hand sanitizer in the classrooms. As always, anyone who is unwell should not be at school and if you have concerns about your child for any health need, please contact your local GP or Healthline 0800 611 116 Please keep an eye on the Ministry of Health website if you can also.

Swimming Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10.45- 11.30	Room 12 and Room 10	Room 12 and Room 10	Room 12 and Room 10	Room 12 and Room 10
11.30- 12.15	Room 8 and Room 14	Room 8 and Room 14	Room 8 and Room 14	Room 8 and Room 14
12.15- 1.00	Room 6/ 7 and Room 11	Room 6/ 7 and Room 11	Room 6/ 7 and Room 11	Room 6/ 7 and Room 11
1.00- 1.45	S Block-Year 7	S Block-Year 7	S Block-Year 7	S Block-Year 7
1.45- 2.30	S Block- Year 6/ 8 and Room 9	S Block- Year 6/ 8 and Room 9	S Block- Year 6* and Room 9	S Block- Year 6/8 and Room 9

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**Lisa Clark
Principal**