



Friday 3 February 2023

Welcome back everyone to 2023

I hope everyone made the most of the holiday break and hopefully we see a bit more of summer. We feel for the Auckland and BOP schools and their whānau who have been affected by recent flooding events. Our staff are well rested and ready to go with their innovative learning programmes for our tamariki. It feels so good to be back and our focus this year is to really reconnect with all things lost during Covid times.

On Wednesday we had a beautiful powhiri to welcome our new people and the wairua was felt. We are so pleased to welcome everyone back and welcome our new staff - Robyn Wilson teaching in Room 5, Olivia McIntyre teaching in Room 10, Claire Williamson teaching in Room 14 and Kaylee Mareikura and Sherry Hansen joining our kitchen team. What assets you are to our team and we look forward to all your contributions to supporting our tamariki.



A huge welcome also to both our returning learners, new learners with all of our whānau - we know you are going to love your time at Ohakune Primary School and make wonderful friends.

Key dates for Week 2 and 3

Monday 6 February - Waitangi Day (school is closed)

Tuesday 7 February - School Swimming starts. Swimming timetable attached. Please send your child to school with their togs and towel each day that their class is swimming as weather is changeable. Swimming is part of the New Zealand Curriculum and it is vital that all children are able to swim to survive. Our classes will be bused to the pools for sessions except for Room 1 on Fridays.

Thursday 9 February - Ambassadors go to BMAC (Blue Mountain Adventure Centre)

Friday 10 February - Longest Morning Tea: a chance for everyone to be together and share kai while making some awesome connections. We ask everyone if they can bring a plate to contribute on this day. More information will come home next week.

Swimming timetable 2023

NB: Please note the changes for Room 5 and 8

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10.00-10.45	Rm 9 and Rm 11	Rm 9 and Rm 11	Rm 9 and Rm 11	Rm 9 and Rm 11	Room 1
10.45- 11.30	Rm 5 and Rm 14	Rm 5 and Rm 14	Rm 5 and Rm 14	Rm 5 and Rm 14	Elite Swimmers
11.30- 12.15	Rm 12 and Rm 10	Rm 12 and Rm 10	Rm 12 and Rm 10	Rm 12 and Rm 10	
12.15- 1.00	Rm 4 and Rm 8	Rm 4 and Rm 8	Rm 4 and Rm 8	Rm 4 and Rm 8	
1.00- 1.45	Rm 6 and Rm 2	Rm 6 and Rm 2	Rm 6 and Rm 2	Rm 6 and Rm 2	
1.45- 2.30	Assembly	Rm 7 and Rm 1	Rm 7 and Rm 1	Rm 7 and Rm 1	

School Hours

School (Learning) starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3pm.

Our breaks are at 10.30-10.45 (morning tea), 12.15-12.40pm (lunch) and 1.45-2pm (3rd break)

School Lunches

The lunch in school programme has been very successful and Gary and his team are excited to develop and share wonderful food to nourish our kids. Lunch will be provided daily to our learners and from our fabulous kitchen which has been renovated ready for our lunches to begin! If you have a child with any dietary requirements, please let us know.

The Kickstart Breakfast Club will continue to be provided for learners who require it and we thank Weetbix and Anchor Milk (Fonterra) for their continued support of our learners with this programme.

School Hats

This term is one of our Summer terms and means we all need to be wearing hats. **To keep children safe and for us to meet the criteria of being a SunSmart School , all children need to be wearing the school hat.** This can be purchased from the front office for \$9.

Any child not wearing their school hat will be asked to play either under the shade sails on the playground or under the 'Umbrella' tree in front of the Staffroom.

This is part of our school uniform - please support the wearing of school hats from home. We do not want the teachers having to spend all their time policing this. We want our children to be sunsmart. Finally, all school uniforms must be named clearly.

Contact updates

It is timely at the beginning of our new year to update details for our families and as we would like to communicate with our school community more easily, could you please email any address or contact phone number updates to dreynolds@ohakune.school.nz or please call our office.

Ngā mihi
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Principal

