

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.

Staffing for 2023

Lisa Clark Principal	Room 5 Robyn Wilson Room 6 Tash Carley	Room 10 Olivia McIntyre Room 11 Miriama Lucas	Room 1 Rose Martin/Vanessa Murphy
Rose Martin	Room 7 Maree	Room 12 Sarah Rowe	Room 2 Alison
Deputy Principal/Across Sector	Lilo/Heather Grant/Suzi	Room 14 Claire	Whale/Jess Leary
Lead (Kahui Ako)	Couch	Williamson	Room 4 Rene Allen
,	Room 8 Michael Bieleski		
Alison Whale SENCO/Specialist	Room 9 Laura Baker		
Teacher			
Michael Bieleski Junior team leader			
Sarah Rowe Middle team			

Specialists

Enviro/Science - Suzi Couch (pm)

Reading Recovery/Literacy Support Bridget Heffernan

Technology - Jude Hotter/ Liva Ozola (Term 1 Leave)
Administration - Office Manager: Donna Summerhays (Mon-Thursday)

Accounts: Michelle Frederickson (Wed- Fri)

Caretaker - Steve Foster (Mon-Thursday)

Part time teachers (CRT/PRT) Marie Milne, Amanda Gurr, Harriet Donald (T1)

Kitchen Staff - Gary Griffin-Chappel, Kaylee Mareikura, Sherry Hansen

Support Staff - Kristi Nation, Amy Lee, Kate Whitehead, Hnin Gorst, Jane Parker, Kim Horne, Amy Hawira

Board - Willie Aitken (Presiding Member), Mel Evans, Sarah Drinkwater, Simon Barlow, Dean Sherrit, Laura Baker (Staff rep), Lisa Clark (Principal)

Attendance Goals for 2023

A major focus for our school this year is on school attendance and one of our goals for 2023 is for our learners to be at school everyday of the week. We understand that people can get sick from time to time and if your child is away for any reason, please notify us on Skool Loop, phone or text. There will be learners who will be celebrated for reaching 100% attendance. Please ensure your child is at school to be able to participate fully as attending school regularly helps our tamariki connect, thrive and develop. Let's make everyday a great school day!

Newsletter

We will have a newsletter which will be emailed and uploaded to Skool Loop and Facebook each fortnight on a Thursday and it includes important information during the term and the year ahead. We also work very hard to communicate in a variety of ways so please check out our Facebook page and website. If you have anything you would like to contribute for community information, please email Donna.

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 <u>each day</u> 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	Room 1				
10.45- 11.30	Rm 5 and Rm 14	Elite				
11.30- 12.15	Rm 12 and Rm 10	Swimmers				
12.15- 1.00	Rm 4 and Rm 8					
1.00- 1.45	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 <u>school hat</u>. 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.

<u>This is part of our school uniform</u> - 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 Lisa Clark Principal

