



## Tena koutou katoa – Greetings to you all

School Roll: 125 students

### LOCAL CURRICULUM SURVEY

Thank you to the families who have completed and returned this curriculum survey. If you still wish to have your say, we will need these to be returned to the office by tomorrow afternoon at the latest. Information gathered from these surveys will be collated and used to assist us in developing our Kio Kio Curriculum.

### WORKING BEE

On Saturday 6 March we held a working bee.

Thank you to all the adults and children who helped out and made our school look amazing. From water blasting our buildings and paths, trimming the plants in the carpark, pruning trees and shrubs, weeding and trimming around the paths. THANK YOU so much. We had grandparents, former students, Mr Morriss, our caretaker and Mrs Thompson from our school office plus our own families and students all pitching in. You all worked so hard!

Also, thank you to Charlie Telfer who sprayed the grass and weeds in our school car park and inside our school grounds beforehand. We will look at holding more throughout the year as we need to.

Thank  
You

### TEACHER ONLY DAY- MONDAY 3rd MAY

On Monday 3rd May which is the first day back in Term 2 we will be having a Teacher Only Day. This is where the school will be closed for instruction, therefore our first day back will be Tuesday 4th May. This day is organised for all Otorohanga and Coast Schools who are part of our Kahui Ako (Community of Learning). The focus is on student well-being, writing and science.

### FAMILY CONFERENCES - 12th & 13th April

These will be held on Monday 12th April and Tuesday 13th April. **School will finish early on both of these days and we ask that arrangements are made for students to go home at 1.00pm if possible.** Teachers' appointments will be available between the following hours 2.00pm - 7.00pm on Monday and 2.00pm - 5.30pm on

Tuesday. All appointments will be made through an online website called School Interviews and these will be opened on Thursday 1 April.

### SCHOOL POOL

Classes will continue to swim each day until the weather starts to change and get cooler. Students should continue to bring togs & a towel to school each day.

### SICKNESS/ABSENCES

If your child is going to be absent from school we require an explanation for our attendance data. Please phone/text or email the office or notify your child's teacher of the absence. If your child is showing signs of being unwell it is important that as a community we remain vigilant and we ask that you please keep your children home even if they are displaying runny noses, sore throats, coughs etc.. We understand that this can be frustrating for families who have work commitments but we appreciate your cooperation as we head into the cooler months and changing of seasons.

### JUNIOR SWIMMING DISPLAY

Kowhai, Pohutukawa & Rimu

A big thank you to all whānau that came along to support their children on the 5th of March. It was a great time to share their growing water confidence and pre-swimming skills. We've had a great swimming season and many children have made progress with submerging, floating, kicking technique and blowing bubbles. Unfortunately, the fire alarm went off in the middle of the first display and thank you everyone for your cooperation and support in getting up to the top field. Rimu was well trained and ready to share their swimming skills diving, freestyle and backstroke. We are very lucky to also have Roimata Harmon volunteering her time to extend our swimming skills this week, the teachers are also picking up some good tips on how to support our swimmers.

We will continue to swim as part of our School Triathlon training, please continue to send togs and a towel. The Triathlon is in Week 9 and we will be asking for bikes and helmets to come to school to practice the 3 events - bike, swim and run.

### **WINTER SPORTS TEAMS**

Teams for Soccer, Hockey & Netball are being organised now, so if you haven't returned your pink permission form already please do so ASAP! Or contact Larna Culpan or Emma Telfer.

### **TRIATHLON**

This will take place on **Wednesday 31 March**. Bikes and helmets will need to be brought to school on the Monday for training. Please see attached newsletter with the details of the events, start time and race order.



### **BOT UPDATE**

The Board has been funding the sixth teacher at our school for this term as our school roll needed to be at 126 students. We will reach this target at the end of the term.

Our predicted school roll will be approximately 143-145 students by the end of the school year.

However, the biggest group of students starting during the year will be new entrants, so the Board has decided to employ another teacher beginning in Term 2. The new teacher will form a new class of year 1 students, so we can keep this area of the school at a good teacher:student ratio. This position will be funded by the Board.

We are yet to work out the finer details, but will keep parents informed of this process.

Our students are at the heart of this decision, because giving them the best start to their schooling years is vitally important.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Please check out the lost property stand when you get a chance. This is located at the back entrance door at the top of the ramp. There are a lot of towels at present with no names.

### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

We are getting around 20 students using the club each Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Eating at the tables outside on the lovely sunny mornings has been enjoyed by students. Thank you to the ladies who are giving their time to organise this. Please encourage your children to go to the Rec Centre and enjoy this kai time.

### **SCHOOL DONATIONS - TAX CREDIT**

Our annual school donation is \$90/child/year or \$25/child/term. This is a voluntary donation that if paid can be claimed back through a Tax Credit. An IR526 form (Tax credit claim form from IRD) is available at the school office should you require one.

### **PAYMENTS**

Stationery and Pirongia & Ohope camp fees are now overdue for payment. We appreciate that it is a costly time of year for families, so if you have concerns with your school account please phone Rachel in the office to discuss payment options.

**Please Note: We do not have an eftpos facility and although we accept cash, Direct Credit through online banking is our preferred method.**

### **SCHOOL BANKING & PHONE DETAILS**

**Account number is:**

**BNZ Otorohanga 02-0392-0021774-000**

**School Phone: (07) 873 1816**

**Text Messages/Absences: 027 3981725**

### **WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM?**

<b>22 - 26 Mar</b>	<b>Kahikatea &amp; Totara Camp - Raglan</b>
<b>31 Mar</b>	<b>KK Triathlon</b>
<b>01 Apr</b>	<b>Pukenui Technology Challenge</b>
<b>02 - 06 Apr</b>	<b>Easter Weekend</b>
<b>12 - 13 Apr</b>	<b>Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>
<b>14 Apr</b>	<b>COPS Volleyball</b>
<b>15 Apr</b>	<b>Lions Reach Awards</b>
<b>16 Apr</b>	<b>Celebration Assembly</b>
<b>16 Apr</b>	<b>End of Term 1</b>

*Ngā manaakitanga*

*Kevin Jones - Principal  
and Staff*



### **SUBWAY COLLECTION ROSTER**

<b>19 March</b>	<b>Katie Harant</b>
<b>26 March</b>	<b>Kelsey Richards</b>
<b>09 April</b>	<b>BJ Mark</b>
<b>16 April</b>	<b>Ange Richards</b>

### **BREAKFAST CLUB ROSTER**

<b>Tues 23 Mar</b>	<b>Sam Forsyth</b>
<b>Thurs 25 Mar</b>	<b>Tabitha Brill</b>
<b>Tues 30 Mar</b>	<b>Amanda Wright</b>
<b>Thurs 01 Apr</b>	<b>Erica Macdonald</b>

## Junior Rugby 2021

*To sign up  
or for more information*

Get in contact with  
Abby Keech - 0273327489  
otojnrrugby@gmail.com  
or head to our Otorohanga Junior  
Rugby Facebook Group



## KIO KIO SCHOOL TRIATHLON

**31 ST MARCH 2021  
RACES START 11.30AM SHARP**

THE SUPPORTERS' COMMITTEE  
WILL BE SELLING HOT FOOD, COLD  
DRINKS, JUICIES AND BAKING.



## OHOPE CAMP

Kauri class has had fantastic weather this week at Ohope Beach. We look forward to hearing all about Adrenalin Forest, Surf Life Saving, Paddleboarding and other fun experiences when they return tomorrow. Thank you to Helen Twentyman and parents for assisting the students on this camp.



## King Country Junior Hockey

### DEVELOPMENT HOCKEY 2021 MUSTER

All interested Year 7 to 8 players wanting to join the King Country Development Hockey Squad to further develop their skills and experience full field hockey should come to our muster.

Coach is required for the Development Hockey Team please contact Trudy Denzie: [vanbeekdesigns@gmail.com](mailto:vanbeekdesigns@gmail.com)

Muster Dates - held at Te Kuiti High School  
=> Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 3.45pm  
=> Another Muster to be confirmed

What to bring: Mouth guard, shin guards and hockey stick.

The Development Squad practice once a week on a Sunday and play games in the Waikato Competition in Hamilton on Friday nights, times vary.

Any year 5 and 6 interested in improving their hockey skills are welcome to attend the muster and trainings.

Competition starts on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May and runs through until Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

For more information please contact Trudy Denzie on  
[vanbeekdesigns@gmail.com](mailto:vanbeekdesigns@gmail.com)





8th March 2021

## Triathlon 2021

Next **Wednesday 31st March** we are holding our annual triathlon.

All students are to bring their own bikes & helmets to school on **Monday 29th**. If you are unable to bring a bike, please let your child's teacher know so they can try to organise one for them to use.

### Time:

Assemble at 11.00am

**Begin 11.30am sharp**



### Equipment

Bike & helmet

Covered shoes must be worn while biking - aqua shoes are acceptable.

*Remember to let your classroom teacher know if your child does not have a bike.*

### Events:

	<i>Bike</i>	<i>Swim</i>	<i>Run</i>
Years 0-2	1 lap	2 widths	1 lap
Years 3-4	2 laps	2 lengths	2 laps
Years 5-6	3 laps	3 lengths	3 laps
Years 7-8	4 laps	4 lengths	4 laps

### Race Day:

- Kauri students will help marshall at the bike area (bottom netball courts)
- Race starts beside senior playground (Le Mans start – run to bikes)
- Finish line is near the cricket net
- Ensure all children are able to race (share bikes, etc.)

### Race Order:

Race 1	Year 7-8 Girls	(Senior Cup)
Race 2	Year 7-8 Boys	(Senior Cup)
Race 3	Year 5-6 Girls	(Junior Cup)
Race 4	Year 5-6 Boys	(Junior Cup)
Race 5	Year 4 Girls	
Race 6	Year 4 Boys	
Race 7	Year 3 Girls	
Race 8	Year 3 Boys	
Race 9	Year 2 Girls	
Race 10	Year 2 Boys	
Race 11	Year 1 Girls & Boys	



The Supporters' Committee will be selling hot food, cold drinks, juices and baking. If you can lend a hand that would be greatly appreciated!

If you or your child are unwell on the day we would appreciate you not attending the day.

We look forward to seeing you all there.