

Upcoming Events

July 26-27 Whole school Ripa Rugby training
Aug 1 BOT meeting @6.15 in staffroom
Aug 3 Korimako rest home visit
Aug 8+10 Smashplay Cricket
Aug 28-1 Life Education Trust
Aug 1+3 St. John visit
Sept 12 Speech finals
BOT meeting @6.15 in staffroom

From Deb's desk

Tena koutou katoa, Greetings to you all.

It has been a pleasure to see the children back at school. As we head into the Winter term, we've actually been quite lucky with the weather. The children are still getting a lot of outside time to balance their classroom learning space.

Every term we submit our attendance data to the Ministry of Education and they work some magic and send statistics back to us. In term 1, there was a marked increase in our attendance rates. Term 2, was a different story. We were feeling the impact of another round of covid for some families, while both teachers and children had significant periods of sickness. My reason for sharing this with you is that I wanted to acknowledge and thank you for keeping your children home when they are sick. This responsible behaviour not only helps protect the child's health but also contributes to the well-being of their classmates, teachers, and the broader school community. In classroom environments even when we have some air flow, sickness spreads.

Health Survey - We have received 18 replies to our Health Survey - THANK YOU!

We really appreciate the time taken to share your thoughts and this year the comments contained some real gems that will help the team to plan programmes for our tamariki. As promised all names went into a lucky draw for New World Vouchers. Congratulations to: 1st prize \$100 New World Voucher - Jill Harvey, \$50 vouchers to Mel Baxter and Alana Flighty.



Upcoming events

Next week Mr P and Team Glory will be heading to the Sky Stadium in Wellington for an awesome opportunity. They will be watching a Fifa World Cup game between Italy and South Africa. Big thanks to Rob for applying for the tickets and organising this great experience for the Team. Can't wait to see the photos?

Absences

Thank you to everyone who has been taking the time to text, ring or email in absences. It is a great help. You can send in an absence, at any time, through the SkoolLoop App (free).

School is looking for a donation of headphones.

We frequently require headphones for students. Does anyone have any they would be happy to donate to school? These can be left at the school office.

Agricultural (Ag) Day.

Ag Day will be held near the end of November. We encourage as many students as possible to participate in Ag Day. This includes growing and maintaining either a flower garden or a vegetable garden. The rearing and caring for a lamb or kid (birth dates are 15th July onwards). Or rearing a calf (birth dates are 1st July to 31st August inclusive). If you would like to enter any of these categories, please could you let the office know. Thank you.

Lost

A bunch of keys has been lost whilst the owner was at school. If anyone finds them, please, please, please could you hand them into the school office. A reward has been offered for these.



School Uniforms

Please could you check if you have any school sports tops at home. If so please could you wash and return these tops clean, to the office. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Mobile Phone Collection Box at school

If you have any old phones (broken) you no longer want, please feel free to drop them into the box in the school office. These will be broken down and pieces of the phones recycled.

Open night for Otaki CUB Scouts

Wednesday 2nd August. 6pm to 7 30pm. Boys and Girls interested in outdoor activity and learning team play welcome ! ages 8yrs to 10yrs. Leaders Roger Pooley, Annie Bythell. Contact 02111- 51576
Check out Scouting NZ website.

Growing forests in Otaki Public Meeting. How do 'carbon forests' work? Guest speakers. Supper, Free seedlings. Wednesday 2nd August. The Rotary Lounge, 25 Aotaki St, Otaki.
Otaki.carbonforests@gmail.com.

The Addams Family young@part. A new musical. Trybooking.co.nz/OGT. Phone bookings after 6pm 021 0803 8226. Waiopahu College Hall. Wed 23 Aug 7pm, Thur 24 Aug 7pm, Fri 25 Aug 7pm, Sat 26 Aug 2pm & 7pm, Sun 27 Aug 2pm & 7pm. Students \$15, Adults \$25.



The poster features a dark blue background with yellow daffodils in the corners. At the top left, it displays the Cancer Society logo and the ANZ logo with the text 'Major Sponsor'. The main text is centered and reads: 'Daffodil Day - Friday 25 August 2023', 'We Need Your Help!', and a bulleted list of reasons to help. At the bottom, it provides contact information for registration.

Cancer Society | **ANZ**
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**Daffodil Day - Friday 25
August 2023**

We Need Your Help!

- We need collectors to help raise much needed funds!
- Great experience to add to your CV and for leadership positions
- Genuinely help those in our community with cancer

To register as a Manawatu Centre volunteer email Hayley Puketapu on Hayley.Puketapu@cancercd.org.nz or call **027 212 0169**

If you see me talking to myself,
just move along. I'm self employed,
we're having a staff meeting.