

Upcoming Events

<i>Sept 8</i>	<i>Assembly - Korimako leading</i>
<i>Sept 15</i>	<i>BOT meeting @6.15 in staffroom</i>
<i>Sept 14</i>	<i>Korimako Zoo Trip</i>
<i>Sept 15</i>	<i>Speech finals</i>
<i>Sept 19</i>	<i>House event activities</i>
<i>Sept 22</i>	<i>Assembly</i>
	<i>Last day of term 3</i>
<i>Oct 9</i>	<i>First day of term 4</i>

From Deb's desk

Kia ora! It's been a busy couple of weeks. I was able to be involved in a truly magical and special moment in life. The birth of my grandson, Walter. It was an incredible experience to spend those first few days with my son and his partner, witnessing the beginning of a new chapter in our family's story.

Becoming a grandparent brings back cherished memories of my own children's early days and their life journey. It's a unique opportunity to offer love, wisdom, and support as I watch my family grow and evolve. As a grandparent, I can't wait to share in all the joy and adventures that lie ahead.

I was lucky to work in the schools my children attended. As new entrants at Waitohu School, and then as teenagers during our time at Taihape Area School. I'm not 100% sure how they felt about their Mum spending so much time in their space. However for me, it was a privilege to be part of this early part of their schooling. I often ran out of good juice, after a day in the classroom and I am thankful children are forgiving! Thankful also that my parents were there to provide a support system.

I received a book "Tips for a new grandmother" from the experienced grandchildren in Korimako. They are quite extensive suggestions! So, in thinking about this new role, I would like to make a 'shout out' to our grandparents. Those who have full time care of their mokopuna, those who go for walks, bake cookies, play soccer and give hugs. To those grandparents, who like my Mum and Dad, provided a balance in children's lives, were able to guide, love and give back. We appreciate you very much.



Connecting with the Community

We have been fortunate to have had the expertise of Jonny from Life Education and a team of youth ambassadors from the 'I Am Hope Foundation' supporting our learning in the Health Curriculum. Both of these organizations are known for their valuable contributions to promoting mental health and well-being among young people.

Life Education is an organization that provides health and well-being education to schools and communities. You may have seen the mobile classroom on site. This self-contained learning space engages students in interactive learning experiences related to various health topics, including mental health, nutrition, and drug education



Korimako Zoo Trip Thursday 14th September

Students need to be at school by 7.45am with a big packed lunch, filled water bottle, warm jacket and walking shoes.

The 'I Am Hope Foundation' is a New Zealand-based organization focused on raising awareness about mental health issues and providing support to young people. Their youth ambassadors play a crucial role in spreading positive messages and resources related to mental health, helping to reduce stigma and encourage open conversations.

Having access to experts and youth ambassadors from these organizations provides valuable insights and resources to enhance our understanding of the Health Curriculum and promote well-being among students.

Photos from Assembly (run by Whaea Katies class).



House Event

We have a House Event happening on Tuesday September 19 (the last week of the term). We are looking at running a free sausage sizzle for this. Are there a couple of parents who could run this for us please? If so, please could you speak with office Deb.

Cookie dough fundraiser

This has been done through Mr Singers class for camp fundraising. Your cookie dough arrives on the last day of school, this term which is Friday 22nd September. These can be collected from 2.30 from the staffroom.

Yummy stickers and bag cutouts.

Thank you to everyone who has dropped these in over the year. Great effort! Your children will appreciate your contribution when they get to use some of the new school sports equipment we can purchase through this scheme.

Ag Day lamb

Do you need a lamb to train and look after for Ag Day? If so you can contact Barbara Mansell 06 3642095.

A few more poems -
theme for poetry has been "fears".
Huia OG, Mr Singers class.

Thanatophobia

What comes after?
Will there be laughter?

I take a deep breath
Don't think about death

Gus McLeod

THE RUBY RED FOX

Race through the leafy greens,
Life isn't as good as it seems.
Ruby red fur,
We run so fast it makes your brain stir.
Snow tail and chest,
You can never hide the eggs in the nest.
The sun shines on my coat,
It's bright enough to sink your boat.
I can smell you from a mile away,
I'm smart enough to know that you don't want to play.
Your feet cracking twigs on the ground,
There are enough chickens to go around.
You will kill us if we touch your land,
We live a life you don't understand.
I'm the ruby red fox,
You can't touch my luscious locks.
I'm the ruby red fox,
You want to kill me, sell me, put me in a box.
I'm the ruby red fox,
You want to make me into nice fluffy socks.
I'm the ruby red fox,
I pop up out of nowhere like a jack-in-the-box.
I'm the ruby red fox,
I will be here until there is no more ticking of the clocks.

Bella Hazelton



**Paper for trees charity
donating trees for planting.**

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tennis coaching at Ōtaki Sports Club -- term 4.
Learning tennis through fun! Tuesdays after school

5-7 year-olds and 8-9 year olds. A fun structured programme; specialised age-appropriate equipment; internationally-accredited professional coach, great with **10-12 year-olds.** Two options: A fun structured programme; specialised age-appropriate equipment; internationally-accredited professional coach, great with kids. \$85 for an 8 week term.

- A fun introductory programme run by Ōtaki Sports Club members teaching the basics of tennis: \$35 for a 7 week term.
All equipment provided on all courses.

To enrol, contact Adam: adamshelton@xtra.co.nz / 027 286 9820

Our holiday camp allows children from the ages of 7 -12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create and train your own AI Avatars, make games, code drones & go to work for a simulated Tech Gaming Studio to build games for a big client.

Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Create your own games, worlds and apps to make our world a better place.

We also have Literati Lab just for girls, which includes AI Art & Animation.

Enter our competition to win a FREE voucher to one of our CodeCamps valued at \$395

PNINS: 5th - 8th October

Book Now at www.akotech.nz

Competition: www.codecamp.co.nz/competition

**Early Bird Save Up to 21% Until 25th Aug
Siblings Save 6%**

Ōtaki Market
Young People's Market
Stall fee for kids **Donation**
Koha + our regular Market

Calling all Young People
Run your own stall at the Ōtaki Market

- Art & crafts
- Hand made products
- Preloved toys, clothes, books, games
- Home baking and treats
- Jams, preserves and honey
- Fruit & Vegetables
- And much more...

SUNDAY
8
OCTOBER
10am - 2pm
main highway, Otaki

Ages 5 - 19 years old



Register for a stall

otakiwomensclub.org/kidsmarket

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COUNTRY FAIR 2023
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CASTLES, CAKE STALLS, GAMES,
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