

Upcoming Events

<i>Oct 2</i>	<i>Assembly - Team Glory</i>
<i>Oct 23</i>	<i>Labour Day - no school today</i>
<i>Oct 24</i>	<i>BOT meeting 6.15pm - in staffroom</i>
<i>Oct 30</i>	<i>Cricket training starts</i>
<i>Oct 31</i>	<i>Touch Tournament</i>
<i>Nov 3</i>	<i>Gumboot day</i>
<i>Nov 9</i>	<i>Manakau Athletics</i>
<i>Nov 10</i>	<i>Ag Day</i>
<i>Nov 17</i>	<i>Teachers Only Day</i>
<i>Dec 15</i>	<i>Last day of school 12.30 close</i>

From Dqb's dꜱk

Tena koutou katoa,

This week I am feeling grateful.

I had the pleasure of spending Monday day and night at camp with our Year 7 and 8 students. What a fantastic group of rangatahi (young people) I would like to acknowledge the support and influence of parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, teachers and everyone who has played a role in shaping these children. They are a credit to you all!

Gratitude - a positive emotion and attitude characterized by a deep appreciation for the kindness, help, or positive experiences one has received from others or from life in general. An emotion that recognises and acknowledges the value and significance of these contributions, which can be tangible or intangible, and feeling thankful for them. The Year 7 and 8 students also have much to be grateful for. Many thanks to Lorne for organising a fun filled camp!

Over the weekend I spent some quality time with my newest arrival, young Mr. Walter, and was reminded of how special our moments with children can be. In the busyness of daily life and the demands of work, it's easy to lose sight of the precious moments we share with our loved ones, especially with our children.

Meaningful connections within families go far beyond social media platforms. While these

platforms can help us stay in touch with loved ones, they can never replace the depth and richness of the memories and experiences we create in real life. Laughter, cuddles, shared activities like water fights and building sandcastles, and even the everyday interactions and discussions, all contribute to the uniqueness and specialness of a family. These experiences build a sense of togetherness, love, and shared history that make each family unit distinct and irreplaceable, regardless of its composition. These are the moments that shape our lives and create lasting bonds, and they are precious.

As we head into the long weekend I hope you take some time to feel grateful for the value of genuine family connections and the irreplaceable moments that come with them.

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Camp 2023



Mid Term Elections 2023

School Election Update. We have received 3 nominations for 2 spaces on our Board of Trustees. We are aiming to have all information and voting papers ready to send to all illegible voters from Friday.

School uniform/Hoodie orders.

There is now a minimum order of 5 of the same item. If you have been thinking about purchasing an item, perhaps if you could leave your name and uniform request with the office and we will advise where when we are ready to order. School hoodie for next year? School t shirts? (Our uniform items are not compulsory). I have 4 orders waiting to go. Is there anyone else?

Headlice

We have a few active cases of headlice around school at the moment. Please be diligent in regularly checking your child/rens hair, and treat if necessary. Thank you.

Ag Day lamb

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



COMMUNITY NOTICES

The **Otaki Scout Group** - Kea Club for 5-8 year old boys & girls in Term 4. Starting this week from 5.30-6.30pm, at the Otaki Scout Hall in Haruatai Park, on Tuesday. If you would like to enrol, check out the Scout website.

The iconic **Pink Ribbon Street Appeal** is back this Breast Cancer Awareness Month – on Friday 27 & Saturday 28 October. The appeal is only possible because of people like you, and we still need 6,682 more volunteers to collect for two hours at locations all around the country. All you need to do is register for a shift, show up on the day and collect for two hours. Everything else is organised, we just need you! You can [sign up for a collection shift online](#), [email us at pinkribbon@bcf.org.nz](#) or give us a call on 0508 105 105 – whatever is easiest for you.

We run a Saturday Junior Surf program for kids ages 6 - 13 every Saturday from 9 December until 2 March. We require parents to stay around (and help if they feel comfortable). Prior to the session start we have a pool registration which is held on Saturday 25 November 10am. We also run a school holiday program (8-11 and 15-18 January 2024). Morning session (10am - 12:30pm) for 7 - 9 year olds, afternoon session (1:30pm - 4pm) for 10 - 13 year olds. We're getting close to the start of the season - so it's time to register. Please **ONLY** register if you think you'll be able to make **MOST** sessions. If not, don't register, to allow new families to start their Junior Surf journey. Sign in at Junior Surf Registration online. Or contact Jo Newlove 021427232.

Shepherdess, a new six-part TV series, is premiering at 7.30pm Sunday 22nd October on Sky Open.

The series is free-to-air and will be available Via freeview channel 15 or on Sky Go online or through The Sky Go App.
Made with the support of NZ On Air.

(One of our new families are involved in this series).



A parenting course just for dads

Starts: Wednesday 25th October 6:30pm-8:30pm

Duration: 8 Weeks

Venue: 7 Prouse Street, Levin

Vincentian Centre, Levin

Programme Facilitated by Duncan & John

We look at what our kids need, what is our role as Dads, communication, discipline and boundary setting, what makes a great family and more.

We do all this along with kai, tea/coffee and conversation!

Contact the Administrator, Catholic Social Services to register

Email: reception@wn.catholic.org.nz /

Phone: 04 385 8642 / or txt: 027 40 55 469



Seven
Decades
Strong!

**Ōtaki Playcentre will celebrate
70 years in 2024.**

We're looking for past families, and their stories, who connect to our whānau.

If you're keen to join the celebration, or have a story to share, then please contact

Sue Barrett: susan@kapitiisland.com

or, pass this notice on to others

you think may be interested.

(An invitation to attend will follow.)

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