

Upcoming Events

Nov 3	<i>Gumboot day</i>
Nov 9	<i>Manakau Athletics</i>
Nov 10	<i>Ag Day</i>
Nov 15	<i>Wehi Wehi Marae day visit</i>
Nov 17	<i>Teachers Only Day</i>
Dec 15	<i>Last day of school 12.30 finish</i>

From Dqb's desk

Tena koutou katoa, Greetings to you all,

We hope this edition of Manakau Matters finds you well and enjoying the warmth of the last few days as much as we do at school. With the sun shining bright, it's essential that we come together to ensure our children stay safe and protected during the hot days at school. Here are a few important reminders to keep in mind:

1. Hydration is Key: Please make sure your tamariki have a clean drink bottle at school every day. Staying hydrated is crucial, especially when the sun is beaming down. We encourage our children to drink plenty of water to keep them refreshed and energized throughout the day.

2. Sunscreen Is Your Friend: Applying this before they arrive at school is recommended. We have a good supply of sunscreen on hand, and our team remind the children to apply it before they head outside to play. Sunscreen helps protect their delicate skin from harmful UV rays, reducing the risk of sunburn.

3. Sun-Smart Clothing: When it comes to dressing for sunny days, please remember the importance of sun-smart clothing. To keep our tamariki safe, we kindly request that you ensure their shoulders and puku (tummy) are covered. This extra layer of protection goes a long way in preventing sunburn and keeping our children comfortable during outdoor activities.

By working together, we can ensure they have a safe and enjoyable time at school, even on the hottest days. The water slide will be out as soon as we have another good stretch of sunny weather:)

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Save The Date

On the 15th of November, the whole school will travel to WehiWehi Marae for a day filled with activities. This is an awesome opportunity to spend some time with the team at Te Kotahitanga o Ngati WehiWehi and it has been a long time coming. We would love for you to join us. Transporting all of the children will be our biggest challenge, more information will come to you closer to the time. We are learning new waiata and karakia for this special occasion and I have ordered great weather.

Gumboot day - I Am Hope Foundation

What is Gumboot Friday all about?
Gumboot Friday gives young Kiwis, our precious rangatahi, free and fast access to qualified counselling. Our school has been fortunate to directly benefit from the I Am Hope Foundation. They need our help, we need yours.



Join us on **Friday, November 3rd 2023.**

Dealing with depression and mental health challenges is like walking through mud every day. On November 3rd this year, we ask you to show your support, put your gumboots on, give a gold coin, and take a walk in their shoes for just one day.

Ag Day

Every child will be decorating cupcakes and displaying their native bird inspired art. Cupcakes supplied by school and decorated on site. Teachers will share more details on Seesaw.

To those bringing animals, judging starts at 1.30pm, so all animals will need to be tied up, next to their name on the fence, by 1.15pm please.

Classes will be open from 2.30 for parents to view Ag Day art.

School Sports Tops

We are missing quite a few green sports shirts from our supply. Please could you check at home, wash and return these tops to school.

Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The **Otaki Scout Group** - Kea Club for 5-8 year old boys & girls in Term 4. From 5.30-6.30pm, at the Otaki Scout Hall in Haruatai Park, on Tuesday.

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.

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency. Construction Update—Otaki to Ohau safety improvement project. Side Barrier and footpath Waikawa Beach Road. The week of Monday 6th November, construction crews will begin work. This work will be carried out during the day, between 7am and 5pm and a temporary road layout will be in place which will shift both lanes to the east to ensure traffic can continue to flow and minimise delay. A temporary 50km/h speed limit will be in place during these works, to keep road users and our crews safe. During this time, there will continue to be access in and out of resident driveways and access in and out of Waikawa Beach Road. Please follow the directions of traffic management onsite. This work is expected to take approximately 3 weeks. Please note, the work is dependent on weather and other worksite variables.

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).



Friday 10 November
HARUATAI PARK, MILL RD, ŌTAKI
Gates open 6.30pm

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

Waitohu School / Main Street Bakery - Ōtaki
Joe & Joy Eatery - Waikanae
Mobil - Ōtaki & Levin / KYStore - 39 Kāpiti Rd, Paraparaumu
As well as at the gate on the night

Pre-purchased Tickets - Adults \$5, Students \$5
On the night - Adults \$8 / Students \$5 (Pre-schoolers free)

- ✱ Bouncy Castles
- ✱ Huge Bonfire
- ✱ Live Music - College Bands
- ✱ Food - Drinks - Hangi
- ✱ Face Painting
- ✱ Paintball
- ✱ Glow Sticks



Massive Fireworks Display

EFTPOS AVAILABLE



**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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