

Upcoming Events

- Nov 17 Teachers Only Day*
- Nov 20 Mobile Dental Clinic at school*
Swimming lessons as below
- Nov 28 BOT meeting 6.15 in staffroom*
- Dec 15 Last day of school 12.30 finish*

2024

February 1 Back to school

WehiWehi Marae Visit

What a wonderful day we had yesterday at WehiWehi Marae. A sense of true whanaungatanga. From the powhiri to the awesome activities, your children were amazing. Our school values of Respect and Excellence were definitely on show. At the end of the day during the poroporoaki (farewell speech), some of the children shared what they had enjoyed. I was so proud of the way they respectfully celebrated the day they'd had. Here's a

few of the comments from the children.

"I really felt emotional during the powhiri, I could feel it was important"

"I really liked the fried bread...it was delicious"

"Thank you for having us here today, I loved it."

"I felt nervous about doing a hongiri...but it was okay."

"I made a fish from harakeke. It was a bit tricky but I got some help."

We couldn't be more proud of the way our children conducted themselves. It is moments like these that reinforce the importance of fostering a sense of community and cultural understanding within our school.

Tena koutou katoa, Greetings to you all,
WehiWehi Marae
Deb





Auntie Anne showed us a Korowai



From Deb's desk

The Skool Loop App

We would like to thank the following business for advertising on the Skool Loop App. Due to their sponsorship the app is free for the school community to use.

- ✧ Levin Aquatic Centre
- ✧ FastInternet.nz
- ✧ Taylor Tarseal & Contractors Ltd
- ✧ Tony and Anne McEwan - Otaki Harcourts

Community Code of Conduct

Attached to this edition of Manakau Matters, is our code of conduct. We share this a few times a year as a reminder.

Deb

Swimming Lessons for Yrs 1-5 - Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22, Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29.
Swimming Lessons for Yrs 6-8 - Monday 20
 We have buses transporting these students to and from Levin Aquatic Centre. Please could you make sure they remember all the swimming gear they require each day.

Gumboot day - I Am Hope Foundation

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this. We raised just over \$200!!! Outstanding.



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. Also any outstanding netball uniforms. If we could please have these returned asap and especially before the end of the term/year. Thank you.

Thank you to everyone for supporting school lunches, fundraising for our senior students camp over terms 2 and 3.

KawaKawa

We have a freshly made batch of Kawa Kawa balm (made by Korimako class) for sale in the school office. A natural ointment. Only \$5.

RAFFLE AT MANAKAU STORE

A camping/quake/novice renter/sleepout kit. \$10 per ticket. Will be drawn Monday 18th December draw. Winner will be contacted on Tuesday 19th.

Teachers only day tomorrow.
Friday November 17

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.

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

14
JANUARY

10am - 2pm
main highway, Otaki

Ages 5 - 19 years old



Register for a stall

otakiwomensclub.org/kidsmarket

WANTED

ⓘ WARNING: ONLY FOR EXTREME FUN ⓘ



JUNIOR SURF

LIKES HAVING FUN | 7 - 13 YEARS | CAN SWIM 2 LENGTHS OF HARUATAI POOL

Pool swimming starts:
Thursday 12th October 7pm @ Haruatai Pool

Beach Training starts:
Sunday 12th November 3.15pm @ Ōtaki Surf Lifesaving Club

Cost: \$90 - junior surf | \$150 - whānau membership

FOR REGISTRATION OR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT US

✉ otakinippers@gmail.com | 🌐 www.otakisurfclub.co.nz

**Otaki Vibes this Sunday at Haruatai Park
10am – 2pm.**

We will have the “Super Maori Riders” as part of there ride to Cape Reinga, basketball, onboard skateboarding, free sausage sizzle, health/ imms van for whanau and Tamariki, free entry to pools, spot prizes and many more activities for our community to enjoy.

Mobile phone collection box in the school office for all unused, no longer wanted phones. These get taken apart and the parts are recycled.

House Cleaner Wanted:

For Vacuuming and possibly bathrooms. Please contact Barbara Hoverd 027 620 9729.