



Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Abby Venter, Amelia Zhang, Angela Zheng, Austyn Jiang, Azad Sharma, Bogdan Khlopin, Caleb Lithgow, Callan McKinnie, Chane Du Plessis, Dean Meng, Elina Atashkhou, Elizabeth Lin, Elsa Gong, Emma Li, Enoch Yiu, Jayden Lin, Jemima Bhattarai, Jennie Wang, Juan Pablo Penaloza Oyaneder, Kara Huang, Ken Nguyen, Kimmy Liang, Kris Deng, Luka Cvetanovski, Lydia Lin, Mason Tian, Mellissa Ferreira Morton, Monica Wu, Nicole Jiang, Noah Bi, Rayan Marzouk, Ricky Galang, Rodrigo Ferreira Morton, Ryan Shan, Tomislav Cvetanovski, Vean Huang, Will Gu, Marie Hou, Alfie McNeil, Daniel and Yoseph Kim, Enoch Yiu, Samira Iskhakova, Juan De Vleeschauwer, Zeeke Burger, Nanetta and Zane Immanuel Kpodonu, Ayaz Gedik, Jerie Dela Cruz, Lorelai Flores, Gabriella German, Anais Lee and Amelia Zhang

Upcoming events

6 February	Waitangi Day – Public Holiday. School is Closed
10 February	BOT Meeting 6.00 p.m.
19 February	Meet the Teacher 5.30 – 7.00 p.m.

Upcoming events are also on our calendar on our website: www.oteha.school.nz

Welcome Back

Welcome back to Term 1! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all new children and their families. This is always one of our busiest terms of the year so make sure you read our notices, check the school calendar and our school Facebook page so you know what is happening and when.

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to new staff who are joining us this year:

- **Mrs Nicola Faulkner**- Nicola is currently a Head Teacher in the UK and she and her family are moving to NZ for a better quality of life. Unfortunately, due to employment contracts in the UK, Nicola is unable to be here for the start of the 2020 school year. She will join us in the last week of Term 1. We are very fortunate to have secured **Mr Warren Spanhake** to teach in Rm 20 for Term 1. Warren is an ex Principal in NZ, who has done a lot of relief teaching in our school, and we look forward to having Warren for Term 1.
- **Mrs Katherine Wyllie**- Katherine is an experienced NZ teacher, who is re-locating to Auckland, from Wellington, to be closer to family.
- **Mr Matt Killen**- Matt is an experienced teacher from the UK. He has come to NZ to experience our great outdoors and our highly regarded education system.
- **Mrs Charlotte Lee**- Charlotte is a parent of an Oteha Valley Student. She has worked for many years in the health and fitness industry before re-training as a teacher.
- **Mr Max Powderley**- Max is new to teaching. He trained in Auckland, and is keen to start his teaching career in a local school.
- **Miss Kimberley Currin**- Kimberley is new to teaching, and like Max, she is looking forward to teaching in our school.
- **Ms Bex Wills**- Bex is a NZ Trained teacher who was an Assistant Principal in a school in Queenstown. She has moved back to Auckland to be closer to

family. Bex has a young baby and will be co-teaching for 3 days a week.

- **Ms Therese McKinley**- Therese will be co-teaching for 2 days a week with Bex Wills. Therese is a highly experienced NZ teacher who has returned from teaching overseas this year. She has taught in many different countries but started out her teaching career in Auckland.
- **Mrs Steph Johnson**- Steph is an experienced NZ teacher with two young children. She will start teaching two days a week in Term 1.
- **Miss Ruth Lin**- Ruth did some work for us in 2019 in our ESOL Team and liked it so much she is returning this year to teach ESOL groups 3 days a week and release teachers one day a week.

Mr. Chris Chase resigned from his teaching position over the holidays. He has taken up a teaching position at Matua Ngaru School. We wish him well in his new position. Mr. Chase wants to teach in an ILE (Innovative Learning Environment), and Matua Ngaru is a new school with ILEs.

I am delighted to announce that **Mrs Annie Meissner** will teach Rm 28 for the first half of the year before she and her husband move to Australia. This gives us plenty of time to find a teacher to replace Mr Chase.

We have a growing ESOL team, ably led by Mrs Hsin-yi Yang. Mrs Siu-Ling Kuan and Miss Ruth Lin are the other two ESOL teachers and Mrs Hee Soo Kim is our English Language Assistant, supporting our Korean children. Mrs Antoinette Botha works in the ESOL team, supporting our new children from South Africa.

Mrs. Sherryl Prangle, our Deputy Principal has overall responsibility for curriculum development across all classes. She also co-manages our anti-bullying programme, KiVA, with Mrs Kellie Gregory, another Deputy Principal. Sherryl and Kellie are both also responsible for the implementation of our Student Learning System, Linc-Ed. Kellie also has overall responsibility of our Year 1 classes and programmes.

Three of our teachers have lead roles in our Oneroa Kāhui Ako. Miss Chantelle Rich is one of 5 Across School Leaders. She will be working 2 days a week on Kāhui Ako work and working 3 days in our school releasing teachers.

Mrs Nicole Rose and Mrs Hsin-Yi Yang are Within School Leaders. They will work with Within School Leads in other Kāhui Ako schools and work with teachers in our school.

A full list of teachers and their email address, room numbers and team is attached. If you wish to make time to meet with your child's teacher or with Mrs Smyth, or one of the ESOL staff please email them or contact them via the school office.

School Organisation

We have changed the organisation of classes this year, moving away from the Vertical team structure we had for many years. As our school gets bigger and we move towards a much more collaborative style or type of teaching, Vertical Teams did not lend themselves well to these new approaches.

We have created 7 smaller Collaborative teams: 2 in Year 1, 1 in Year 2, 2 in Years 3 & 4, and 2 in Years 5 and 6. These teams all have a collaboration leader: Mrs Katherine Wyllie and Mrs Nicole Rose lead our Year 1 teams, Mrs Sandra Skinner leads our Year 2 team, Ms Sara Ingram and Mr Matt Ingham lead our Year 3/4 teams, and Miss Sarah Dainty and Miss Jenna Butler lead our Year 5/6 teams.

In addition to Team Leaders we have a SENCO (Special Needs Co-ordinator) for all students across the school from Year 1 – Year 6. Mrs Heather Smyth works 3 days a week. Heather leads our team of Learning Assistants who support children who require additional support.

Meet the Teacher

We are happy to invite you all to meet your child's teacher on Wednesday **19 February from 5.30—7.00 p.m.** Your children's teacher/s will explain expectations for the year ahead. These are not individual meetings, but a time for teachers to introduce themselves and briefly talk about communication with the teacher. If you have specific questions relating to your child, you will need to contact your child's teacher and arrange a separate time to meet with them.

Meetings for children will be at the following times and will be held in classrooms. If you have more than one child in a year group, you can make another time to meet with the teacher.

Year 1 and 2; 5.30 – 5.50 p.m.

Year 3 and 4; 6.00 – 6.20 p.m.

Year 5 and 6; 6.30 – 6.50 p.m.



House Captains and Travelwise Leaders 2020

We have four Houses in the school; each named after a famous/renowned New Zealander. Our Houses are:

Batten, named after Jean Batten; our famous Aviator

Hillary: named after Sir Edmund Hillary, the first man to successfully reach the top of Mt Everest and return

Rutherford, named after Sir Ernest Rutherford, the Scientist who split the atom

Sheppard, named after Kate Sheppard, who was our most famous suffragette

Each house has a house colour; Batten– blue, Hillary– green, Rutherford– red and Sheppard– yellow. Each term we have a House day where we do a House activity and children are encouraged to wear something in the colour of their house.

Siblings are all placed in the same house, to make it easier for parents. Teachers give House points in class and in the playground and each week the winning house is announced and House Captains fly the winning flag for the week.

Each term the house with the most house points gets a free muffin day the following term and at the end of the year all house points are added up and the winning house is announced and awarded the prestigious House trophy.

Congratulations to Hillary House who were the overall winners of the House Trophy for 2019. At the final House Assembly of 2019, the following Year 6 children were selected as House Captains for 2020:

Batten: Carter Chase and Sylvia Rose Apostol

Hillary: Riley Perkinson and Zoha Siddiqui

Rutherford: Luke Bamford and Kylie Smit

Sheppard: Alex Wang and Esther Havilli

Congratulations to these children.

House Vice Captains will be chosen at the end of Term 1, giving all Year 6 children the opportunity to work towards gaining one of these leadership roles. Miss Lucie Mbewu will be working with our House Captains and Vice Captains this year.

Our Travelwise Leaders also play an important role in our school, organising Travelwise events and activities. Our school has been a Travelwise School for a number of years and it is great the way children

participate in all our activities. Our Travelwise Leaders were selected by teachers and they attend some Travelwise Leadership training for their role. Our Year 6 Travelwise Leaders attend the National Young Leaders Day along with our House Captains and Vice

Captains. Congratulations to our 2020 Travelwise Leaders:

Year 5: Olivia Niu, Edric Legasto, Siwoo Jang, Diane Han

Year 6: Coco Dou, Cleo Huang, Melody Mao, Ciara Kraatskow

Mrs Jo Illing will work with our Travelwise Leaders this year.

Teacher Call Back Days

Teachers attended two Call Back Days during the holidays for professional development, focusing on collaboration. Teachers also spent a lot of time setting up their classrooms and preparing lessons and activities for the first week.

Flezbuzz – Communication App



Now we have commenced a new year, you will need to make new Flezbuzz selections for your child's new year .

To do this; go into the Flezbuzz app and click the menu button in the top left.

Click "find&tick"

Type in our name, and click when it appears.

Once you have completed the changes you needed to make, return to the inbox.

Assembly

School Assemblies are a very important part of our school life. They are an opportunity for children to practise public speaking, present and explain their learning. Unfortunately as our school roll has grown we are no longer able to fit all classes and parents in the hall, so there are two assemblies.



In Term 1 we are trialling a slightly different assembly format, mixing up our Year 1&2 classes with year 3-6, so that children, teachers and parents have an opportunity to see different year level assemblies.

Each teacher awards one certificate for a nominated school Vision characteristic; Powerful Learner, Risk Taker, Innovator, Decision Maker and Explorer. Mrs. Prangley and Mrs Gregory present an Oteha Star certificate for a child demonstrating one of our school Values; Respect, Perseverance, Potential, Integrity and Resilience.

Teachers will also be presenting a second certificate that they choose the criteria for.

If your child is receiving a certificate the classroom teacher will advise you.

A full list of classes hosting assemblies is will be sent out before our first Assembly on Friday 14 February.

School Donation

(Fees/Levies) Along with most other schools the Board of Trustees asks parents and caregivers for a donation to assist with providing additional resources and activities that are not provided for in the funding given to schools by the Government.

Schools are funded for operational costs, such as staffing of teachers (not support staff), power, gas, water, telephones, insurance, basic classroom resources. We are also allocated a nominal fee for ICT and Sport provision. This is based on the number of students we have enrolled.

In addition, schools receive a small amount of funding to help provide for the needs of children who have identified special needs as well as children whose first language is not English. The Special Needs funding is based on our school decile, and as a decile 9 school we get a very small amount of money for special needs provision.

Our ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) funding is based on the number of ESOL children we have who meet the Ministry of Education criteria.

Most schools are not able to offer the kind of services, support and resources expected by parents, by just relying on the money allocated from the Government. Many schools enrol International

Students, charging them large amounts of money for them to attend school, to help bolster funds. We consulted with parents and caregivers four years ago

about whether we would enrol International students, and resoundingly parents did not want this. We therefore need to ask for a per child donation to assist us in providing additional resources and support, such as Learning Assistants, our additional ESOL Teacher and English Language Assistants.

The Board also agrees to pay for devices in all classrooms, so that parents are not required to provide a device for children. The costs of providing for constant access to a range of technology for students is an enormous part of our budget. This is just one area that your school donation goes towards.

School 'fees' are classified as 'donations' by the Inland Revenue Department and qualify for a tax rebate when you complete your 'Claim for Personal Tax Rebate form'.

One child: \$48.75 per term, or \$195 for the year, two children: \$97.5 per term, or \$390 for the year and three or more children: \$125 per term, or \$500 for the year.

Any contribution you can make towards the donation is much appreciated.

We understand that the beginning of the year is a very tough one for families buying uniforms and stationery and we are very happy to accept ongoing payments of the donation throughout the year.

The bank account details are as follows:

ASB Bank 12 3136 0055936 00.

Many families are now making small regular payments into the school's bank account to cover various school costs. Each payment is credited to a particular charge for your child/family and a receipt issued.

Activity Costs 2020

We appreciate how difficult it can be to budget for school activities and we have put together a list of planned activities for the year and the approximate cost to give you an idea of when we will be asking you to pay for activities. Please note that some of these costs are estimates and exact amounts will be published closer to the time. Kiwisport \$24 for the year for Kiwisport coaching.

Swimming– Years 2-6 TBC



Each class also has an EOTC event in Term 4. We are still finalising details for these in an effort to reduce costs where we can. Costs will be confirmed as soon as possible and you will be informed so you can start putting aside some money.

Pick-Up/Drop Off Zones/Kea Crossing

To ensure the safety of children and adults coming to and leaving our school we have some very important rules about parking, dropping off and picking up your child.

It is essential that you do not park your vehicle in the pick-up/drop-off spaces that extend from Pod 1 through to the Fields Parade gate.

Likewise, please do not stop to pick up your children by the coloured pedestrian crossing near Pod 3 as this creates a build up of traffic out into Medallion Drive and back to the roundabout.

The angle parking in front of Pod 2 block is designated for staff parking as we know those cars are not likely to be reversing into the driveway traffic during peak times.

When dropping off or picking up your child in the zone, please do not leave your car and go and collect your child or take them to the room. **You must stay in the car** and proceed forward at the direction of the teacher on duty.

If you choose to park in the carpark on the right hand side you must cross on the crossing, do not walk across or up the school driveway for obvious reasons.

Please do not park on the grass outside the Fields Parade gate as this restricts visibility for cars exiting.

We ask for your support to help keep children safe by adhering to our rules.

We have a Kea Crossing outside the Fields Parade gates and Year 6 children are trained to be Kea Crossing monitors by the local Police Education Officer. They are in action every morning before school from 8.30—8.50 a.m. and after school from 2.45—3.05 p.m.

Please make sure you cross on the crossing and follow the instructions of the Crossing monitors. Our children are very good at using the crossing correctly, unfortunately, many of our parents/caregivers/family members are not good role models and cross

anywhere on the road or do not follow the crossing rules. Please be a good role model at all times.

We need parents to monitor and supervise our Kea Crossing before school each morning, as teachers are busy getting organised for the day. Miss Jenna Butler is our teacher in charge of the Kea Crossing and she would love to hear from you if you can help out, even if it is only one morning a week or fortnight. You can contact Jenna by emailing her: jennab@oteha.school.nz

Communication

We believe that effective communication between home and school is very important. We keep you informed through our newsletter which is sent electronically once a month as we use other means to communicate daily or weekly messages and information to you.

The newsletter will be emailed to you if you are on our mailing list on the first Wednesday of each month. If you would like to join up to the newsletter, you can do this through the website.

Our website has a school calendar so you can look ahead and see what events are coming up. We also have a noticeboard outside the Medallion Drive entrance to the school which is updated regularly to remind you of major events.

We have a school app that I really encourage you all to download free to your phone. It is called FlexiBuzz and you just search for it in the App Store on your smart phone.

We use this app to notify you of any urgent messages. If the school had an emergency, such as a lockdown, earthquake, tornado etc we will use this app to keep you informed. This app is also used to let you know if there is a delay with buses from school trips or to remind you about mufti days or other events such as swimming.

There may be times during the year that you wish to communicate with your child's teacher. All teachers have a school email address (on the attached staff list), so please email the teacher to make a time to speak to them. Teachers have meetings and other commitments after school and preparation to

complete before school so will not always be available to talk to you if you just 'pop in.'



If you have any comments, questions or concerns about your child's academic or social progress at school your child's teacher is the first person you need to speak to. If you have spoken to the teacher and would then like to discuss the matter further you are invited to contact the Collaboration Leader- a list of these is included on the staff list. If you still have

questions please contact Mrs. Prangle or Mrs Gregory.

If you have questions or comments about whole school matters they can be directed to me, or the Board of Trustees for governance matters.

We acknowledge that we don't always get it 'right' so if you have a problem or issue with something please let us know straight away so we can sort it out quickly.

It is also lovely to get feedback from you about things we do well. If we do something well please tell others but please give us the opportunity to 'fix up' something first by talking to the appropriate person if we get it wrong.

Smart Watches

With advances in technology many watches that children are wearing to school can be used to text, phone, send or receive messages. Please be aware if your child has one of these watches they will not be permitted to message/call during school time. They will also not be permitted to record due to privacy issues. Please support us by talking to your child about this.

Stationery 2020

Stationery for 2020 can now be ordered using the online service offered by Office Max. Go to: myschool.co.nz and use the search box to find our school. Orders are delivered to your home or work at a time that suits you. If you prefer you can shop at the closest Office Max store - 93 Wairau Road.

We do ask that you use the products and quantities which we have selected as these have been specifically requested by teaching staff. If however your child has any unused items from the most

recent school year, you are welcome to bring these. School Donations and KiwiSport payments can also be made through the MySchool website.

Please note that we will not be selling stationery items from the school office until the end of February. After that time stock can be purchased directly from school.

Congratulations

To Jordyn Te Maro who was an ex Oteha Valley School pupil and has been appointed a Prefect at Westlake Boys High School. We are very proud of you.

Term Dates 2020

Term 1 Monday 3rd February – Wednesday 8th April

Term 2:- Tuesday 28 April– Friday 3 July

Term 3:- Monday 20th July – Friday 25th September

Term 4 – Monday 12 October – Friday 16 December

There are some other days that our school is closed during the year, for public holidays or Teacher Only Days. The Ministry of Education has allocated additional days that schools are closed for instruction to allow for teacher professional development.

School is closed on the following days:

Thursday 6 February- Waitangi Day

Thursday 9 April -Kāhui Ako Teacher Only day for all schools in our Kāhui Ako: Long Bay College, Long Bay Primary, Torbay Primary, Glamorgan Primary, Sherwood Primary and Northcross Intermediate

Monday 27 April- ANZAC Day observation

Monday 1st June Queen's Birthday

Tuesday 2 June Teacher Only Day

Friday 28 August Teacher Only Day

Monday 26 October Labour Day

Tuesday 27 October Teacher Only Day

School events are listed on the calendar on our website.



We endeavour to give you as much notice as possible of upcoming events and will put reminders in the newsletter where possible.



Rose Neal
Principal



2020 Organisation

Rm	Yr		
1	2	Ms Rosie Muir	rosiem@oteha.school.nz
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5	1	Mrs Jo Illing	joi@oteha.school.nz
6	1	New Entrant Class	
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10	1	Miss Ann Huang	annh@oteha.school.nz
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13	5/6	Miss Jenna Butler	jennab@oteha.school.nz
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Community Notices

Guitar Lessons at Oteha Valley School

Musiqhub offer guitar tuition to students at Oteha Valley School with experienced tutor Phil Moore. Students learn a range of traditional and contemporary styled songs and techniques **during school hours** on Wednesdays. The lessons are group classes in which students play and sing together a group and take turns to play to the group as individuals. This format creates a fun environment for students and is hugely popular in schools around the country.

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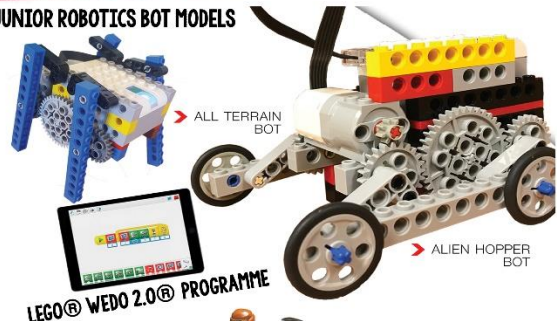
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