

## Welcome to Oteha Valley School

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Molly Lou, Enno He, Caleb Li, Jayden Peng, Lia Kim, Jocelyn Wang, Amy and Aiden van der Merwe

## Upcoming events

<b>17 Oct</b>	Yr 1 EOTC - Stardome
<b>19 Oct</b>	Free muffin day for Batten House
<b>22 Oct</b>	Labour Day – Public holiday
<b>26 Oct</b>	Assembly Yr 1 & 2 Rm 8 – Yr 3-6 Rm 19
<b>26-Oct- 8 Nov</b>	Life Education

Upcoming events are also on our calendar on our website: [www.oteha.school.nz](http://www.oteha.school.nz)

## Loud Shirt Day

Thanks to everyone who supported Loud Shirt Day at the end of last term. \$539 was raised.

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Term 4! This is always one of our busiest terms of the year so make sure you read our notices, check the school calendar and our new school Facebook page so you know what is happening and when.

## Staff News and Room Changes

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Jo Illing, who has joined our teaching team as a NE Teacher in Room 27 (The Library). Jo is from the UK and she and her family have moved here to experience a Kiwi lifestyle.

Jo has been working with Mrs Kate Ng in Rm 5 and has moved to Rm 27 (our library) for Term 4 with a small group of New Entrants.

You will all have noticed our two additional new classrooms, Rooms 27 and 28 at the bottom of the drive, behind Rooms 25 and 26. It was not suitable or practical for us to put our New Entrant class all the way down there so Room 27, New Entrants, will be in the library in Term 4. Mr Donnelly's Year 5/6 class in Room 24 have moved into one of the new classrooms, and Mr. Taylor and his Year 5s have moved into Room 24, now vacated by Mr Donnelly. Mr. Donnelly's class will still be known as Room 24 and Mr. Taylor's class will still be known as Room 22 for the remainder of 2018.

## 2019 Term Dates

Term 1 Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Term 2 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Term 3 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept

Term 4 Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec

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## Wearable Arts (Trash to Flash) at Oteha Valley

One of the highlights of last term were our Wearable Arts (Trash to Flash) shows. Teachers and children worked very hard for the first 8 weeks of the term to create an outfit around a theme, using largely recycled objects.

The children were taken through a Technology process to design and modify their outfit. While there were times of high stress involved, all teachers felt the overall process and result were well worth it.

Our children had to learn to be Powerful Learners, Risk Takers, Innovators, Decision Makers and Explorers, and demonstrate Resilience, Perseverance and Respect, 3 of our school values.

There were some outstanding, costumes, creations and models and we really appreciate the support of parents and caregivers who helped.

Many of you attended more than one of the shows and it was lovely to hear your positive feedback.



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## BOT News

Kia ora from the board,

Welcome back to the final term of the year. I cannot believe that we are so close to the slippery slope to Christmas. I hope you all had a lovely break and the children are recharged for an action packed final term of the year!

What a fabulous term 3 we had. Firstly I'd like to send out a HUGE thank you from the board to our teachers and support staff for their amazing efforts organising the Wearable Art Show. The creations were weeks in the making and it was so fabulous to see the children proudly showing them off on the runway. Amazing moments for the children and their families.

The PTA have done a wonderful job of running the raffle last term as well as putting on a groovy disco. Thank you to all of the PTA members and supporters, these fundraising efforts have enabled the purchase of various items for the school like the shade sails over the playgrounds, table tennis tables and drinking fountains. We are so grateful for your ongoing support.

The property team have worked alongside architects and the Ministry of Education to agree on a masterplan for our new 12 classroom building. Next term will be another busy one with more meetings and planning by the team. It is an exciting prospect to have our new classrooms built and in use, there is still a lot of work ahead for the team in order to achieve this goal. I'd like to thank our property team and BOT for working so hard to get this project not only going but working together with a vision to achieve the best possible results for our school.

Thank you to all who provided their feedback for the policy review. These policy reviews are just one of the opportunities our families and community have in order to have a say in how we run our school. As a board we really appreciate you taking the time to respond to these review requests during the year.

I know I'm looking forward to all that term 4 has in store, it's always an exciting term for the children with camps for the senior students and adventures for the juniors planned.

Georgina Dew

BOT Chair

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## School Hats

A reminder that all children are required to wear our school sunhat. We do have some available for purchase from the school office. The cost is \$13.50. Alternatively you can order yours online through our uniform supplier -

<https://www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/argyle-schoolwear/northshore/oteha-valley-school>

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## PTA News – Raffle Fundraiser

Congratulations to the lucky winners of our PTA raffle fundraiser. The winners were:

Prize 1 – David Tait

Prize 2 – Amanda Livingston

Prize 3 – Cath Davis

Prize 4 – Jenny Gao

A big thank you to Anna Lee Perkinson and Danielle Burdett for collecting the money in and to Marty Bamford for organising this and to the Albany Rotary Club for donating the prizes.

Final ticket sales and profit for the school will be announced shortly. All money raised will go towards a new and much needed sound system for our hall.

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## ICAS Results

We have received the latest results in the following:

### English

**High Distinction** – Chloe Choi, **Credit** - Karry Gong, Nikita Lobanov, Joseph Cha, Ronald Fung, Louie Hao, Jasminie Liu and Tian Ao Sun **Merit** – Edward Fung and Alex Yang

### Maths

**Distinction** - Nicky Malinton, Ronald Fund, Brian Jang and Jasmine Liu **Credit** – Karry Gong, Elwin Bao, Chloe Choi, Melody Wang, Edward Fung, Nashe Hukuimwe, Leo Li and Enoch Mun **Merit** – Nguva Hukuimwe Nikita Lobanov and Kavish Sharma

Well done to all of you!



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## Pre Enrolments 2018/2019

If you have a child starting this year or next year, please ensure you have completed a pre enrolment form. These are available on the website <http://www.oteha.school.nz/enrolment/> or alternatively you can get this form from the school office.

If you are and your child will not be returning next year, please let the office staff know. We also need to know if your child will not be starting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019, our first day. This helps us plan for classes in 2019.

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## School Grounds in the Weekend

It is very frustrating to come to school in the morning and find damage in our school grounds. This includes damage done by vehicles driving on gardens and the grass areas, rubbish, including empty alcohol bottles and cigarette packets left lying around, damage to the netball and basketball hoops, caused by people swinging off them, and piles of rubbish thrown into our school skip or left by the gate. We have to pay to get our rubbish removed and to fix up any damage done to the school by ignorant and inconsiderate people who live in our community.

Please help us to keep our school tidy and damage free so we can all enjoy it. If you see anyone damaging our property, or dumping rubbish etc, please write down the vehicle registration plate if they are in a vehicle or get a photo of them so we can report this ongoing vandalism to the Police.

To help protect our school, the gates will be locked each night when our cleaners have finished. **All cars must be out of the carpark by 6:00pm Monday to Friday (term time) and 5:00pm at all other times.**

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## Ice Block Sales

There will be ice block sales this Friday after school outside Room 27 (the library) for \$1.50 each. Proceeds are going to the Year 6 Graduation.

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## School Donation

The Board of Trustees has recently reviewed the school donation paid by parents. There has not been an increase since 2012 and as from 2019 the school donation will be as follows:

1 child	\$195
2 children	\$390
3 or more children	\$500

This is a very small increase and will help us continue to provide additional services and resources that are not covered by our funding from the Government.

Thank you to the 70% of families who have paid some or all the donation for this year.

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## National ShakeOut Day

Tomorrow we are taking part in the New Zealand ShakeOut Schools Challenge, organised by the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management and the Earthquake Commission. Children will be bringing home a Challenge booklet to work through with their whānau so we're prepared for an emergency.

Take a look at it, have a go, and complete what you can, including the Our Plan section, then sign the Challenge checklist, cut it out and return it to school before the end of October. We have prizes for everyone who returns their signed checklist.

**Rose Neal**  
Principal



## Community Notices

### After School Mandarin Lessons Term 4

Mandarin has emerged as the new "must have" language so why not introduce this language to your child through fun and easy to learn classes after school? Taught by a fully registered primary school teacher Ray Chen, this is a great opportunity for children to be culturally inspired by the Chinese Language in a safe, interactive and positive learning environment. Free trial classes will be available in the first week of Term 4. Please contact him by visiting his website [www.mandarinheroes.com](http://www.mandarinheroes.com) or e-mail [mandarinheroes@gmail.com](mailto:mandarinheroes@gmail.com) if interested.

### Auckland Transport

This email is to advise that Auckland Transport will be implementing a new bus network for North Shore, Hibiscus Coast and Warkworth on 30 September 2018. This means that all public bus services will be changing.

While Auckland Transport does not service your school with school buses, we want to ensure all schools are aware of the changes.

Households on the North Shore and Warkworth will receive a brochure about public route changes in their mailboxes by mid-September. For information regarding the New Network North Shore, Hibiscus Coast and Warkworth visit [AT.govt.nz/newnetworknorth](http://AT.govt.nz/newnetworknorth).

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