



Welcome to Oteha Valley School

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Callum Juthan, Coco Serikawa, Hunter Colquhoun, India Milner, Amber Lu, Niron Perara, Isabella Vanegas Lopez

Upcoming events

9 Nov	Assembly Yr 1 & 2 Rm 5 & 27 Yr 3-6 Rm 25
12 Nov	Teachers strike- SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSTRUCTION Yr 5 to MERC
16 Nov	EOTC Yr 2 classes to MOTAT
19 Nov	BOT Meeting 6pm
21 Nov	PTA Meeting 8:30am staffroom Yr 6 to Camp Adair
23 Nov	Onepoto Cultural Festival – Inside stage at 12:25pm
27-30	Yr 4 EOTC – at school

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

NZEI Teacher Strike Monday 12 November

The NZEI has advised the Oteha Valley Board of Trustees that the Principal and Teachers at our school will be taking strike action on **Monday 12th November 2018**.

The Board has carefully considered the availability of teaching staff, and unfortunately decided that we can't provide the normal teaching services during the strike. It's important that you make alternative arrangements for the care of your child/children on the day of the strike.

The school will need to close during this strike. SKIDS will be available and you will need to contact them to make a booking otehavalley@skids.co.nz

The Year 5 EOTC camp at MERC will go ahead as scheduled as the teachers involved in that are not NZEI members.

I know that this is inconvenient for parents and students alike, but please be assured that student safety is our main concern.

Thank you for your understanding. Please contact myself if you have any queries relating to this decision.

Georgina Dew

BOT Chairperson

亲爱的家长们

在即将来临的教师罢工日，我校董事会 (Board of Trustees) 无法给学生们提供教学。

NZEI 已经通知 Oteha Valley 董事会，我们学校的校长和教师将于 **2018 年 8 月 15 日** 星期三采取罢工行动。

董事会已仔细考虑过教学人员的人数，不幸的是在罢工期间因为没有足够的教师，我们无法提供正常的教学服务。在罢工当日，您必须为孩子的照顾做其他安排。

我们的学校会在罢工日关闭。您如果需要给孩子安排上 SKIDS, 请发邮件至 otehavalley@skids.co.nz。

我明白这次事件给家长和学生带来不便, 但是学生安全是我们的主要考虑因素。

感谢您的理解。如果您对此决定有任何疑问, 请与我联系。

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Start Date 2019

Schools have the flexibility to choose a starting date, between dates set by the Ministry of Education each year. After consultation with staff the Board of Trustees has set our first day for all students **as Tuesday 29 January 2019.**

This may differ to starting dates of other schools. The starting date determines what day we can legally finish each year, to ensure we meet the required number of half days a school must be open for instruction, set by the Ministry of Education. In 2019 all Primary and Intermediate schools must be open for 390 half days.

2019 School Events

We are in the process of planning activities for the 2019 school year. We are very aware of the financial pressures that parents are under so try not to plan for too many additional activities or events.

At the moment costs are approximate only, but please take a note of what has been confirmed so you can start to budget for them.

Term 1

Swimming Yrs 2-6 cost approximately \$80 per child

Term 2

Kiwisport Dance \$6 per child

NZ Playhouse \$5 per child

Term 3

Kiwisport Tae Kwon Do \$6 per child

Term 4

EOTC activities for all year levels- details and costs will be sent out next year.

Individual classes or year levels may include an additional trip or activity, but you will be given plenty of notice of the cost of this.

If you wish to start making payments for any of these activities you can do so through our school bank account

Please ensure you reference any payments with your child's name and the activity e.g. Lucas Zhang- year 4 swimming.

Stationery 2019

We will once again be using Office Max to order your child's stationery for next year. We trialled this online ordering system this year, and had very positive feedback from many parents about the process.

Many parents commented that it was so much easier ordering on line, and teachers appreciate that all children have their correct stationery on day 1.

We will send home more information about when and how you can order stationery for next year, in the next few weeks.



PTA Meeting

There will be a PTA meeting on the 21st of November at 8:30am in the staffroom. This will be the final PTA meeting of the year, so come along and help plan events for 2019.

The PTA have done an outstanding job, again, this year, supporting our school activities and providing opportunities to raise additional funds for things that the school does not get funded for from the Ministry of Education.

BOT News

Steve Newman, one of our longstanding BOT members and BOT Chair for a number of years has resigned from the Board of Trustees. Steve no longer has children at Oteha Valley School, and can no longer commit to attending meetings.

I would like to thank Steve for all his work on the Board. He was instrumental in helping us get funding from the Ministry of Education to get our school fields fixed up over the upcoming Christmas holidays.

The triennial BOT Elections are being held in June next year, so Steve will not be replaced on the Board until the elections. You will be given more information about the Elections in the upcoming months. We will be looking for new faces, skills and talents for the new Board. If you would like more information about what the Board does, or what skills you need, and what the commitment is, please contact our Board Chair, Georgina Dew.

Yummy Stickers

Thank you to everyone who participated in collecting *Yummy Stickers*. We received \$601 to spend on sporting equipment. You can start collecting your stickers for next year. The office has sticker sheets if you would like to start collecting.

Cup Cakes

Room 5 have been learning about kiwis (the birds) and decided to have a cupcake sale last week to help raise funds to protect kiwis from predators. For \$100 1 kiwi can be protected from predators for a year. Room 5 made cupcakes and sold them on Thursday last week, making \$442. This is an outstanding effort, considering Room 5 only has 15 children and many of them have only just started school. Thanks to everyone who supported them by buying a cupcake. Their efforts have protected 4 kiwis for a year. Ka pai to Room 5

Piano Results

Congratulations to Kay Brown's piano students who sat their Practical Examination in August.

Results are as follows:

Distinction – Kushal Bagia

Honours – Eason He, Maxim Staffurin, Olivia Kumar, Olivia Niu, Ye Hou Lou and Sarah Lee

Merit – Lilly Cai

Well Done to all the students involved. All certificates and medals will be presented at the concert on the 6th of December for the various exams or competitions held throughout the year. A Scholarship will be awarded to a student for 2019 as the Most Promising.



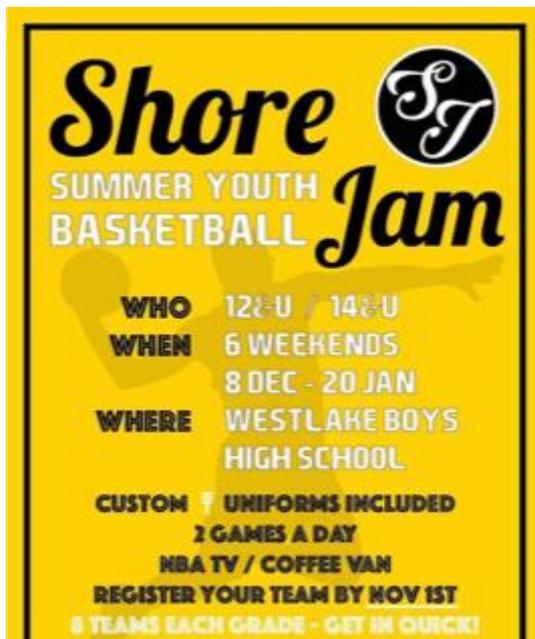
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