



Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Michaela Shi, Johannes Lubbe, Martin Zhang, Jaycee-Lee Hartley-Carter, Justin Sun, Lola Shpak, Ethan Huang, Iris Hse, Eren Diano, Hannah Chen, Aaliya Nisha, Louis Spratt, Eli and Cruz Gardner, Sayeedi Ismayil, Meyly Ong, Imogen Taylor-Maxwell, Hannie Hwang, Nelson and Edison Liu, Eco Xu, Anav Singal, Ethan Esterhuizen, Kitson Chan, Dean Liu, Dan Kilkeev

Upcoming events

21 February Board of Trustees Meeting 5.30 p.m. via Zoom

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

Welcome Back

Nau mai hoki mai. Welcome to 2022. I hope you all had a happy and safe Christmas and New Year and were able to fit in some much needed 'down-time' after a very challenging 2021.

While we are in the Red Traffic Light, we are not allowing parents on to the school grounds. We have staggered our start and end times to try to reduce congestion at the gate before and after school.

Year 1 & 2 8:30-2:30

Year 3 & 4 8:40-2:40

Year 5 & 6 8:50-2:50

When we move out of Red we will review this.

We understand this doesn't suit all parents but as we only have one entrance and exit to the school at the moment, it is the best way to help reduce numbers of people at the gate at one time. Thank you for your support!

School Organisation

We have 6 Collaborative Teams: These teams all have a Collaboration Leader: Mrs Nicole Rose leads our Year 1 team, Mrs Sandra Skinner leads our Year 2 team, Ms Sara Ingram leads our Year 3 team, Mr Matt Ingham lead our Year 4 team, Ms Bex Wills leads our Year 5 team and Mrs Nicola Faulkner leads our Year 6 team.

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.

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 Monique Holding works in the ESOL team, supporting our 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, our other Deputy Principal. Sherryl and Kellie are both also responsible for the implementation of our Student Learning System, Hero. Kellie also has overall responsibility of our Year 1 classes and programmes.

Three of our teachers have lead roles in our Oneroa Kāhui Ako. Mrs Chantelle England and Mrs Hsin-Yi Yang are one of 6 Across School Leaders. They will both be working 2 days a week on Kāhui Ako work and working 3 days in our school.

We have three Within School Leaders: Mrs. Nicole Rose, Miss Ruth Lin, and Miss Clarisse Harman. They all work with other Within School Leaders in other Kāhui Ako schools and work with teachers in our school. The Within School Leaders work in one of our Workstreams that are linked to our Strategic Plan, Cultural Awareness and Responsiveness, Wellbeing and Complex Needs.

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 with Mrs Smyth, or one of the ESOL staff please email them or contact them via the school office.

Meet the Teacher

Due to COVID restrictions at the end of 2021 children were not able to meet face-face with their new teacher and classmates, so teachers created an introductory welcome video for their 2022 class, and you can view this on the class SeeSaw. The video will tell you a little bit about your child's teacher as well as information about how the class will run.

We will not be offering a formal "Meet the Teacher" in the first few weeks of this term but if you have any questions about the classroom programme or organisation please email the classroom teacher to organise a time to chat with them or arrange a time to meet.

House Captains and Travelwise Leaders 2022

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 muffi 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 Rutherford House who were the overall winners of the House Trophy for 2021.

The following Year 6 children were selected as **House Captains for 2022**:

Batten: Maia Haves and Nolan Guo

Hillary: Isabella Zhang and Lawrence Smith

Rutherford: Lorraine Yin and Archie Dew

Sheppard: Celeste Pringle and Jimmy Wang

House Vice Captains for 2022 are:

Batten - Alex Montgomerie

Hillary - Taylor McDonald

Rutherford - Sean Kim

Sheppard - Ella Khoo-Giles

Congratulations to all these children.



We will be selecting an additional House Vice Captain for each house, and they 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. Mrs Nicola Faulkner 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. 2022 Travelwise Leaders will be announced a little later this Term.

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

Teacher Call Back Days

Teachers attended Call Back days in the holidays for professional development on Collaborative practice and ESOL strategies. Your child's teacher will be able to explain more about Collaborative practice and what that means for your child.

Staff News

Congratulations to Kristie Daniels who got married in the holidays. She is now Mrs Daniels-Burl.

School Apps – Communication App

To ensure you receive the appropriate notifications, please update your SchoolApp preferences with your child(ren)'s **new year levels and room numbers**.

We have sent an alert which will guide you through the process. If you have not already signed up to SchoolApp we urge you to do so. To download the app on your phone, click this link - <https://otehavalley.apps.school.nz/install/>

School Donation

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 Office or Property staff, or any Learning Assistants), power, gas, water, telephones, insurance, basic classroom resources.

We are also allocated a nominal amount 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. Our school is currently not a Signatory to the Code of Practice for International Students and therefore unable to enrol International Students.

The Board also agrees to provide a range of devices, such as Chromebooks and iPads 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'.

Our donation level for 2022 remains the same as for 2020:



One child: \$48.75 per term, or \$195 for the year,

Two children: \$97.5 per term, or \$390 for the year

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.

To pay the donation, please pay via Kindo. If you don't have an account, please see the instructions further down.

Kindo Donations

Support our school! If you're one of many NZ families who do not collect your donation tax rebates each year, here's an easy way to support our school!

Next time you pay a donation on myKindo, you'll be offered to register with TaxGift. This partner claims your tax rebates on your behalf (Kindo will supply the receipts directly to them) and gift the money back to the school, to be used for enhancing the learning environment. It's a no-cost, no work, way to support our school.

Activity Costs 2022

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 \$20 for the year for Kiwisport coaching. Once again our Kiwisport funding goes towards subsidising the cost of two weeks of dance lessons for all children, run by Dance Curriculum. We have all enjoyed the lessons provided by the dance teacher, as well as the 'show' that we invite parents to at the end of the two weeks, so you can see what your child has been learning.

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. We had to cancel the camp bookings for Year 5 & 6s last year, but we are delighted to have been able to rebook our Year 6 children into Carey Park in Henderson from 26-28 September. More information will be sent home with the Year 6s later on. The current Year 4&5s will go to the same camp in 2023. Costs will be confirmed as soon as possible, and you will be informed so you can start putting aside some money.

Teams/classes may organise an additional trip linked to a curriculum area, and you will be given plenty of notice before being asked to pay for this.

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.

Our school driveway is closed for all vehicles, except staff and business vehicles, such as couriers, throughout the day.

If you are dropping off or picking up your child you need to find a carpark on one of the adjoining roads around the school and walk down to the school gate.

If you are dropping off/picking up your child from SKIDs before or after school you need to do the same- **please do not drive down the Fields Parade drive either before or after school.** This is the exit for staff and business vehicles only.

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. The Kea Crossing will not operate while we are at the Red Traffic Light.

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. Ms Bex Wills 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. Please contact Ms Bex Wills rebeccaw@oteha.school.nz if you are able to help supervise before school.

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 School Apps 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. Prangley 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.

Growing Independent Learners

One of the Key Competencies that forms part of our Teaching and Learning kete is "Managing Self". This is very important for all children, and we ask for your support in helping your child become more independent and able to manage themselves. This includes teaching them to pack/unpack their bag at the end of each day, ensuring they have everything they need for school. This is important for all our children, no matter how old they are. For children first starting school it is beneficial to them if you encourage them to carry their own bag to and from school.

Stationery 2022

Stationery for 2022 can be ordered using the online service offered by Office Max. Go to: <https://www.myschool.co.nz/otehavalley> Orders are delivered to your home or work at a time that suits you.

There may be books that your child did not use up in 2021, due to the extended Lockdown and we encourage children to use these up this year. Hopefully this will help reduce the cost of stationery for parents at the start of the year.



We do ask that you use the products and quantities which we have selected as these have been specifically requested by teaching staff.

Please note that we will not be selling stationery items from the school office until the end of February.

School Donations and Kiwisport payments can now only be made through Kindo.

Break Times and Lunches

As our school roll continues to grow, we need to have separate break times for classes as there simply isn't enough hard court space for all our children to have breaks at the same time. When our new classroom block is completed and the temporary classrooms (Rooms 21-24) are removed, we will have much needed additional play spaces and will review break times. While we are in the Red Traffic Light classes have different break times to help reduce numbers of children on the court and playground.

Please ensure your child has a drink bottle every day as the outdoor drinking fountains are turned off during Red Traffic Light.

Yummy Stickers

Thanks to those of you who have been collecting Yummy Stickers. We redeemed our stickers and received \$466, and this will be used to purchase sports balls and some equipment. Please keep sending your sticker sheets in. There are some at the office if you would like to start collecting.

New Classrooms

Our new classroom block of 18 learning spaces is taking shape. Construction was affected by Lockdowns in 2021 and at the moment the timeline for completion of the block is early 2023. I will keep you updated on progress throughout the year.

If you would like to see progress in action here is a link to a live camera feed so you can see the progress for yourself.

<https://live.timescapes.co.nz/shared/6fJMu51yJmvP>

Term Dates 2022

Term 1 Tuesday 8th February – Thursday 14th April

Term 2: - Monday 2nd May – Friday 8th July

Term 3: - Monday 25th July – Friday 30th October

Term 4 – Monday 17 October - Friday 16th 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 14th April - Teacher Only Day- teachers will be working with teachers from Glamorgan School with some literacy facilitators, looking at best teaching practice in Literacy- reading and writing.

Friday 15th April – Good Friday

Monday 25th April- ANZAC Day observation

Friday 3 June- Teacher Only Day

Monday 6th June Queen's Birthday

Friday 24th June – Matariki Public Holiday

Monday 27th June-Teacher Only Day

Monday 24th October Labour 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



2022 Class Organisation

| ROOM | Yr. LEVEL | TEACHER |
|------|-----------|--|
| 1 | NE/Yr1 | Miss Clarisse Harman |
| 2 | 1 | Mrs Nicole Rose |
| 3 | 1 | Miss Emily Hamill |
| 4 | 1/2 | Mrs Jo Illing |
| 5 | 3/4 | Mrs Collette Newman |
| 6 | 4 | Miss Hannah An |
| 7 | 4 | Mrs Joyce Ah-Ching |
| 8 | 4 | Mr Matt Ingham |
| 9 | 2 | Mrs Sandra Skinner |
| 10 | 2 | Mrs Kate Girvan |
| 11 | 2 | Miss Kimberley Currin |
| 12 | 2 | Miss Karen Liang |
| 13 | 5 | Mr Max Powderley |
| 15 | 5 | Ms Bex Wills |
| 16 | 5 | Ms Charlotte Lee |
| 17 | 6 | Mrs Chantelle England/Mrs Becky Jackson |
| 18 | 5/6 | Mrs Natalie Colville |
| 19 | 6 | Mrs Nicola Faulkner |
| 20 | 6 | Mrs Kristie Daniels-Burl |
| 21 | 5 | Mr Matt Killen |
| 25 | ESOL | Mrs Hsin-Yi Yang, Mrs Siu-Ling Kuan, Miss Ruth Lin |
| 26 | ESOL | Mrs Hsin-Yi Yang, Mrs Siu-Ling Kuan, Miss Ruth Lin |
| 27 | 3 | Mrs Michelle Casey |
| 28 | 3 | Mrs Rosie Muir |
| 29 | 3 | Ms Sara Ingram |
| 30 | 3 | Mrs Kirstin Craggs |
| 31 | NE/Yr. 1 | Miss Ann Huang |
| 32 | NE/Yr. 1 | Miss Rosy Oh |



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Questions

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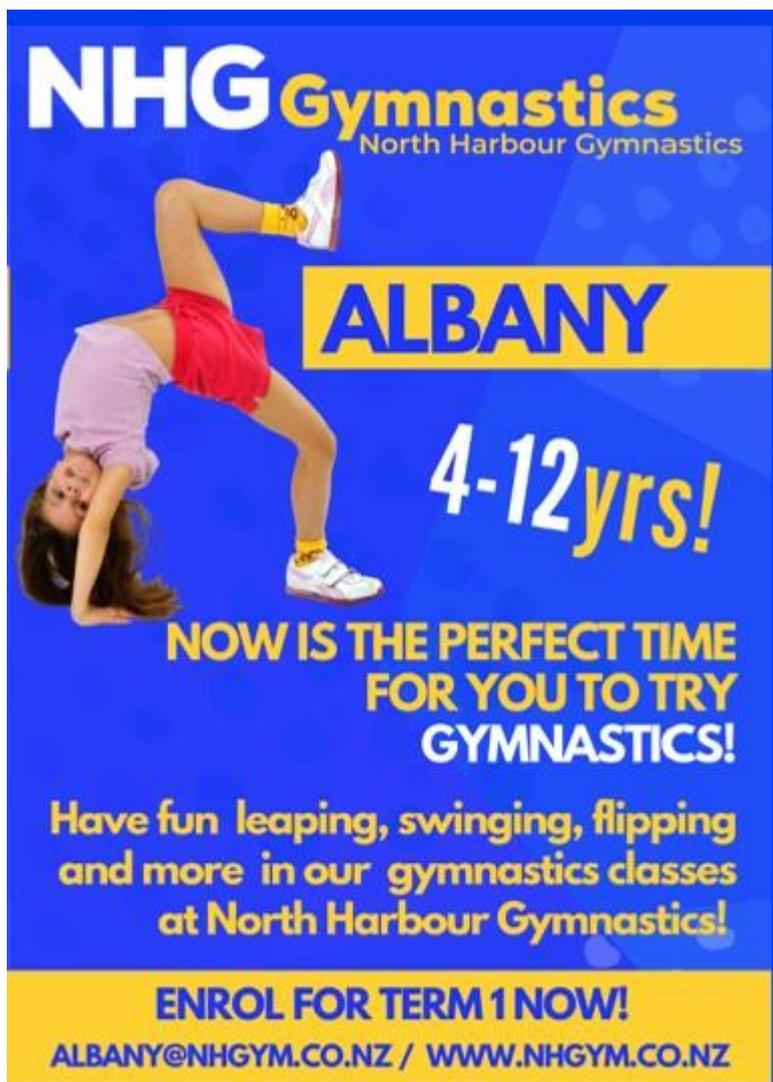
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