



## Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Gayuth Angammana, Woovin Yang, Chandee Jayathilaka, Johan Jinson, Mahan Astashkhou, Miu and Tiffany Li, Amber Ma, Meila Baxalle, Matthew Zhang, Emily Borisov, Imeri CadralalaKleio Arevalo

## Upcoming events

24 October	Labour Day – school closed
27 October	Shake Out Drill
31 October	Keeping Ourselves Safe Health Programme starts

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

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## Staff News

I am pleased to be welcoming Mr Andy Gaskell, who is replacing Mrs Michelle Casey, teaching in Rm 27. Andy is a NZ trained teacher who has recently returned from teaching and living overseas, and we are very happy to have him join the OVS team and community.

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## Camp

After all the uncertainty with COVID and lockdowns over the past two years, our Year 6s were finally able to go to Carey Park for 3 amazing days of outdoor experiences and challenges. These EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) experiences are so good for the children, and I know they all had a wonderful 3 days, and this will certainly be one of the highlights of their time at OVS.

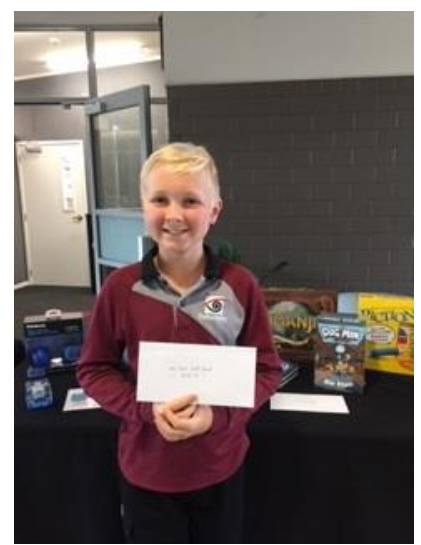
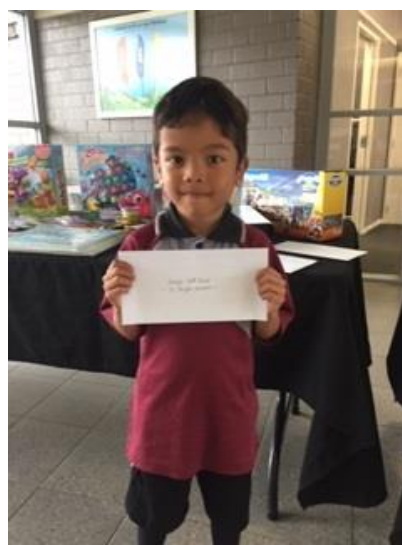
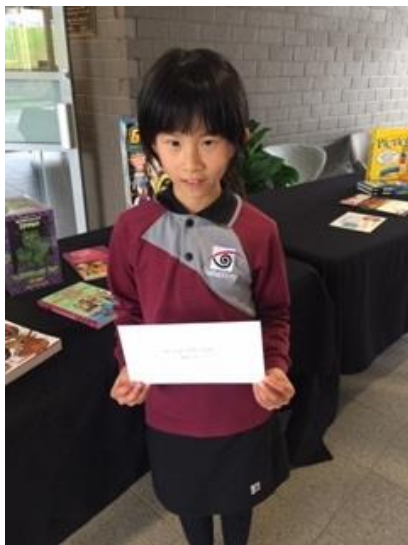
I would like to thank all the parents who attended the camp and helped supervise the children at activities and looked after them. I would also like to extend a huge thank you to the teachers who gave up their family time (and some sleep) for 3 days to ensure the children could enjoy this experience.

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## Read A Thon – Thank You!

We were thrilled with the results of the Readathon and how much effort our children and parents put into it. Thank you to everyone who supported their children to read and to get sponsors. We made \$13,621.00 towards the new stage.

Congratulations to the following children who raised the most money- Chloe Jin, Samuel Estarija and Bryden McKinney.



The class prize went to Room 14 who raised \$1158.00. They will be receiving a special shared lunch very soon.



We would like to thank the following businesses who supported us with donated prizes.

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- Clip n Climb Albany
- Beaufort & Co Café

A special thanks to Deb McKinney from Harcourts Cooper & Co Albany for a generous donation of \$500.

Thank you to all of you who supported your children with their reading challenges.

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## PTP – (Parent Teacher Partnership)

The PTP are a group of interested parents who meet to plan fundraising for our school, and events for the children and families. We would like to get this group up and running again so if you would like to be involved, please let Sherryl Prangle know and we will organise our first meeting.

[sherrylp@oteha.school.nz](mailto:sherrylp@oteha.school.nz)

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## Congratulations

To Jimmy Wang who received a gold and silver medal at the New Zealand Robot Olympiad held at the University of Auckland last term. Well done, Jimmy!

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## Classes for 2023

Teachers are busy completing assessments on children and looking at combinations of children as we start to work on the organisation of classes for 2023. I am sure you will appreciate that with over 580 children to place in classes, this is a huge and complex task.

When placing children in classrooms, we consider a range of factors such as academic strengths and needs, social groups, a balance of boys and girls, and individual teacher strengths and passions. We do not stream classes. We use a computer programme called PLUTO that we have used for a number of years, and it has been helpful for us in this process.

We will be able to move some classes to the new classrooms at some stage in 2023, so this is an added consideration for us, in terms of where year levels will be placed, and which teachers will be in specific classes.

Please do not make specific teacher or class placement requests for your child. A lot can change between now and the start of 2023 and we have not confirmed year levels or teachers for 2023.

You will be informed of your child's 2023 class and teacher in the first week of December. Children will have an opportunity to meet with their new teacher and classmates before the end of this year.

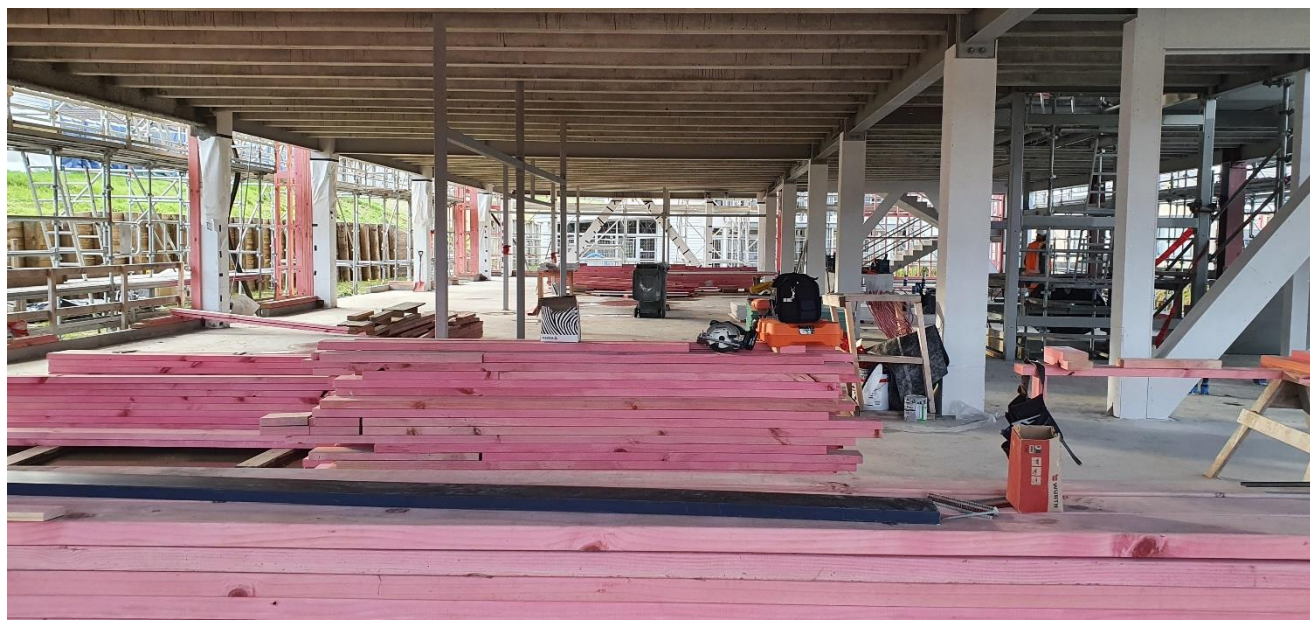




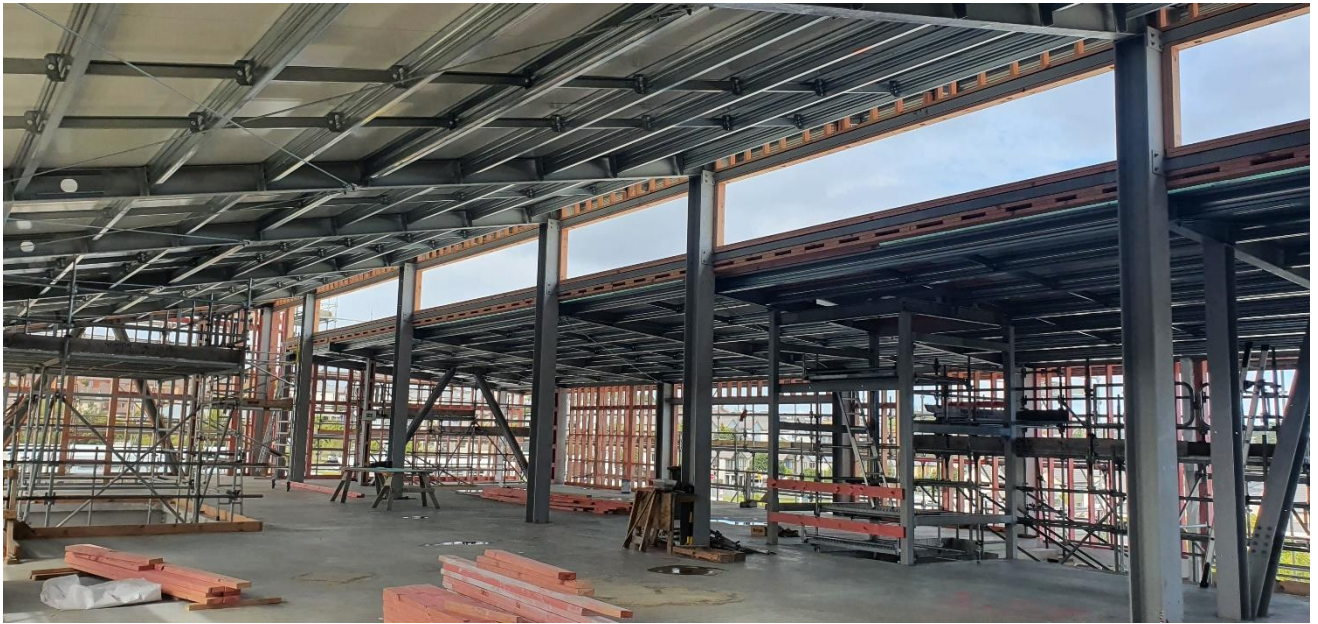
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## New Classroom Block Update

The new classroom block continues to progress steadily. I have been into the new building, and it is very big and impressive. It is going to be exciting when we can actually have children and teachers in there next year. The exterior cladding is being put on currently and then the windows will be installed. Here are a few pictures from the inside to show you how spacious it is going to be.







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## EOTC/Term 4 Events

The end of Term 4 is always a busy, but special time as we end the year with some incredibly significant events. The first of these is our final House Assembly on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> of December at 2:00pm**. This is where our 2022 House Leaders share some of their highlights from their experience as a House Leader. It is also when we announce our 2023 House Leaders. If your child is going to be a House Leader in 2023 you will be notified prior to the assembly as we hope you can make time to come and see them presented with their House Leader badge.

On **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December** we have our Awards Assemblies. The year 1&2 Awards Assembly is from **9:30-10:30 a.m.** and Year 3&4 from **11:00 a.m. - 12:00 pm**, and Year 5&6 from **1:30pm to 2:30 pm**. Throughout the year teachers take special note of children who consistently demonstrate the qualities of our school values. Each teacher selects one child to receive a certificate for one of the values and these are presented at the Awards Assembly. Other children who have had whole school responsibilities are honoured as well. You will be informed if your child will be receiving an award so that you can attend if you wish.

Our last day of school for the year is **Friday 16 December** and this is when our Year 6s present their Graduation Assembly to the rest of the school at **11.30 a.m.** Our Year 6 trophies are awarded along with Graduation Certificates. After the assembly, the Year 6s move on to the court where they are farewelled with a haka. This is a very special time for our year 6s and a lovely way for them to remember their last day at Oteha Valley School.

We ask that you do not tell your child if they are receiving an award at any one of the above assemblies, as we like to keep it a surprise.

**School finishes for everyone at 12.30 p.m. on Friday 16 December 2022.**

**School starts on Tuesday 7 February 2023.**

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## Congratulations

Elizabeth Lin in Year 3 Room 27, took part in the Asia Pacific Musicians Auckland Music Competition (APMA) on the 12th Oct 2022. She was awarded First Place in her piano performance. Well done Elizabeth!



Ngā mihi nui

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads 'Rose'.

Rose Neal, Principal





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