



## Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Kyle Tang, Eden Wu, Sineli Maduwela, Ava Carman, Alba Lee, Yousf and Nouraldeen Osman, Chloe Jin, James Cui, Ryan Ba, Bella Yang and Ann Luong

## Upcoming events

<b>13 March</b>	Assembly Group A presented by Rm 9 at 9am Group B presented by Rm 17 at 9:45am  <b>Family Fun Night 5pm-7:30pm</b>
<b>16 March</b>	BOT Meeting 5:30pm
<b>17-19 March</b>	Individual and Class photos
<b>24 March</b>	Individual Profile Photos
<b>27 March</b>	Assembly Group A hosted by Rm 25, Group B hosted by Rm 2

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

## Family Fun Night 13 March 5pm – 7:30pm



The PTP (Parent Teacher Partnership) are busy organising the Family Fun Night on the 13th of March.

This is not a fundraising activity, but an opportunity for you to bring the family along, meet other parents and children, and enjoy the atmosphere of a fun evening.

We are going to need lots of adult helpers before, during and after the event. We have set up an online roster so you can put your name down to help out. Go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz> and use the event code **k5kxh**.

**Please put your name down as the more helpers we have, the better the event will be.**

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## Staff News

In our February newsletter I omitted a very warm welcome to Kristie Daniels who is teaching Year 5/6 in Rm 16. Kristie has taught for many years in New Zealand as well as overseas, and she has returned to Auckland and we are delighted she has joined our team. My apologies to Kristie for omitting her in the February newsletter.

Congratulations to Miss Jenna Butler who is getting married later this month. She will be changing her name to Mrs Jenna Coote. We wish Jenna and Chris all the best on their special day and for all the years ahead.



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## New School Bell and PA System

You may have heard a new sound at the beginning or end of the day at school- this is our new Bell and PA system that we have had installed throughout the school.

Our old system was unable to cope with all the additional temporary classrooms we have and several classes could not hear emergency bells or notifications.

Our new system has the ability to play a clip of a song instead of the traditional bell sound. We are experimenting with song clips and it has been great to see the children getting into the 'groove' with our song choices.

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## Field Update

Our field has been out of action for the past few weeks, due to the extreme heat we have had, and no rain. This caused cracks to appear in the field and we closed it for safety reasons. We have truckloads of sand put into all the holes and cracks, and the fields have been watered regularly, so we hope to be able to keep them open now.

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## Kindo is Coming Soon!

Next term we will be introducing Kindo to families. Kindo is a software programme designed to make it easy for you to manage school payments and complete school forms for your whole family through our website. For those of you who already use *Ezlunch*, this is an extension of this and you will be able to use your existing login details. This will be available through *Quick Links* on the school website.

You will be able to login by creating your own account or existing account to see what is owing and pay for everything online. Kindo can be used on Apple phones and they are developing an app for Android phones later this year.

Kindo will be linked to our Student Management System which enables parents to pay and print receipts including donation receipts. The school will no longer be issuing receipts after term 2 (apart from donation receipts for previous years), so it will be important if you don't already have a login to *Ezlunch* that you create a login.

Closer to the time we will give you instructions of how to make your child's account.

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## Wheels Day

Students at OVS supported Bike Month by having a Wheels day at school. Lots of children travelled to school on bikes and scooters ready to have some fun riding with their friends. The Travelwise leaders set up a course around the carpark and checked everyone's helmet before they set off.

It was great to see so many families using active travel to get to school and help reduce the congestion around our school.



We hope to see more students riding or scootering to school, just remember to wear a helmet.



## Dental Van

The Dental Van visits the school twice a year and will be visiting the school on 30<sup>th</sup> March – 3<sup>rd</sup> April. The dental service is free to New Zealand Citizens. If you have any concern about your child's teeth contact Albany Dental on ph: 415 2059.

## Three Way Conferences

Parent, child and teacher Three Way Conferences are being held on **Wednesday 1st April from 1:30 - 6:00 pm and Thursday 2nd April from 3:30 - 7:00 pm**. These conferences are an opportunity for your child to share their learning with you and their teacher. Teachers will work with children prior to the conference to help them select what they would like to share. Conferences are 10 minutes long and you can book a time slot which suits you using an online booking system. Details for booking Three Way Conferences will be sent out closer to the time. **School will close at 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday 1st April to allow conferences to start at 1.30 p.m.**

Children will not be supervised at school from 1.00 p.m. so parents will need to make arrangements to have their child picked up. SKiDS will be open from 1.00 p.m. so please contact them if you would like your child booked into SKiDs. [otehavalley@skids.co.nz](mailto:otehavalley@skids.co.nz)

## Kāhui Ako Student Leaders

Congratulations to Cleo Huang and Joshua Lee who have been selected as our two student reps for the Kāhui Ako Student Council.

Being a student rep on the Student Council is a very important leadership role. Cleo and Joshua will attend Council meetings with student reps from other Kāhui Ako Schools and will work within our school on projects and events.

## Kāhui Ako



The Oneroa Kāhui Ako which includes Glamorgan, Oteha Valley, Sherwood, Torbay and Long Bay Primary Schools, Northcross Intermediate and

Long Bay College, invites you to a series of workshops led by John Meeske who is a specialist in supporting children, teenagers and adults to cope with anxiety, boost resilience, self-esteem and cognitive flexibility. John has been working in mental health for 20 years and is the director of psychological consultancy 'On Form Consultants'.

**Time:** 7-8pm

**Venue:** Either Glamorgan School or Long Bay College - see below

**Cost:** Entry is by gold coin donation

### Seminar 1: 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020

3/3 The Truth about Resilience today (Glamorgan School)

### Seminar 2: 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Resilience Forum: Mind over mood (Glamorgan School)

### Seminar 3: 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Resilience Forum: Anxiety (Glamorgan School)

### Seminar 4: 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Resilience Forum: Depression (Long Bay College)

### Seminar 5: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Resilience Forum: Anger (Glamorgan School)

### Seminar 6: 9<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Resilience Forum: Stress, Managed (Long Bay College)

### Seminar 7: 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

The paradoxes of Resilience. (Glamorgan School)

**Seminar 1: 7-8pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March in the Glamorgan School hall**



### **The Truth about Resilience Today**

Resilience, or our ability to persevere with challenges and recover from setbacks, is the biggest factor when it comes to our success and well-being and this is

particularly important for our children.

Why is resiliency decreasing in our kids?

What impact is our current society and technology having on our children's well-being?

What action do we need to take?

This seminar brings together the key psychological and social factors influencing resilience in children and teenagers today. Parents and students alike will benefit from the ideas presented in this seminar and will leave knowing a great deal about how we function as humans, why levels of resilience are going down and where we need to turn for solutions.

Please email Tim Spratt to register your interest so we have an idea of numbers attending:

TSpratt@lbc.school.nz



**Rose Neal**

Principal



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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.

Phil has been teaching the guitar at OVS and four other North Shore Schools since 2011. You can see some of his students in action at [www.youtube.com/philmooreguitar](http://www.youtube.com/philmooreguitar)

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## Torbay Plunket Nearly New Sale

Torbay Plunket will be holding their Nearly New Sale on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 12pm at East Coast Bays Leisure Centre, 12 Bute Road, Browns Bay. Come along, grab a bargain and support a fantastic cause. Entry fee for shoppers is a gold coin donation with the proceeds going to Torbay Plunket to continue the great work they do in our local community. Thousands of items will be for sale - new and second hand. Baby and children's clothing (newborn to 10 yrs), maternity gear, nursery equipment, prams and strollers, toys, books and much much more!





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