



## Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Micah O'Sullivan, Trystan Sander, Terry Lee, Thomas Dou, Ki-Hyun Kim, Ailina Iskhakova and Irene Cho

## Upcoming events

<b>7-22 Sept</b>	<b>Life Education</b>
<b>21 Sept</b>	<b>BOT Meeting 5:30pm</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Term 3 Finishes</b>
<b>12 Oct</b>	<b>Term 4 Commences</b>

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

## Welcome Back

It has been great seeing most of the children back at school this week. Teachers have loved being able to work more closely with them and give them more individualised support and programmes.

## Baby News

We have two new little additions to the Oteha Community. On 9<sup>th</sup> August Sammy Beadle and her husband Scott welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Jasper. He is a much welcome addition to their family and Sienna is a very proud big sister.

On Sunday 30 August Caitlin Winter and her husband Andrew welcomed their first child Erica Amy Winter to the world. She looks very calm and content in the photos. We are looking forward to being able to see both of them 'in person' when it is safe to do so.

## Life Education



We have delayed the start of the Life Education programme, which was due to start on Friday 4 September.

We are in the process of planning a revised programme to avoid having classes of children in the Life Ed Caravan together, as it is a very confined space.

We hope to start the revised programme on Monday 7 September, depending on the government's announcement about Alert Levels on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September.

**Please make payment for this through Kindo and not the school bank account.**

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## New School App



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As you will have read in our August newsletter Flexibuzz, the app that we use to communicate with parents is no longer activated in New Zealand. We are now using an app called *School Apps*. This will work in the similar way that Flexibuzz worked.

To download the app click this link  
- <https://otehavalley.apps.school.nz/install/>

Once downloaded you can join up to the room, year level and collaboration team your child is in so that you can be sure to receive important notices from these groups.

Absences can now be submitted through SchoolApp and you will find that there are also links to EZLunch, Hero and Kindo. **In the event of an emergency we would be using SchoolApp to communicate with you, and therefore we urge you to download it.**

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## Sport and Team Photos

Sport and Team photos will be taken at school on the 17<sup>th</sup> September. You will be informed closer to the date what your child needs to bring for the photos.

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## House Day

At this stage we are hoping to have a House Day for the whole school on Wednesday 23 September. However, this will depend on Alert Levels and restrictions in Auckland at the time. One of the things we have all really missed during the Lockdowns and subsequent Alert Level restrictions, is the ability to run some of the whole school events that are so important for building collaboration across the school.

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## Pre-Enrolments 2020/2021

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: [https://www.oteha.school.nz/files/3715/8949/9200/Pre-enrolment\\_form.pdf](https://www.oteha.school.nz/files/3715/8949/9200/Pre-enrolment_form.pdf) or alternatively you can get this form from the school office.

Once completed the form can be emailed to school ([julieb@oteha.school.nz](mailto:julieb@oteha.school.nz)) or delivered to the school office.

It is best to pre-enrol your child when they turn 4 so we can add them to our database and contact you with pre-enrolment information and school visits. This also helps us to plan when we need to appoint additional teachers for our NE classes.

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## Children Not Returning in 2021

If your child is not returning to school next year, please let the office staff know. We also need to know if your child will not be starting on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021 our first day. This helps us plan for classes in 2021.

Kia kaha, kia haumaru

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Rose" with a stylized flourish underneath.

**Rose Neal**  
Principal



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## Community Notices

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