



## Welcome

I would like to welcome the following children and their families to our wonderful school: Eli Saraf, Ki-Hyun Kim, Adam Tasker, Hannah Xu, Tiana-Rose Rauwhero, Nina Chen, Ian Kim, Claire Chu, Morrison Douglass-Holly, Annie Luo, Laura Li, Andrey and Roman Yanchyn, Ben Maffey, Charlie Zhang, Sophia Lu, Dorothy Zhou, Johan Roji, Memo Gao, Carlos Du, Taebaek Lee and Courtney E Sousa

## Upcoming events

16 Oct	<b>Pink Shirt Day if you would like to make a donation please do this via Kindo</b>
21 Oct	<b>Learning Conferences 1:30-6:15pm school will finish at the earlier time of 1pm.</b>
22 Oct	<b>Learning Conferences 3:20-6:30pm school will finish at the usual time of 2:50pm</b>
26 Oct	<b>Labour Weekend Public Holiday</b>
27 Oct	<b>Teacher Only Day – school closed</b>
29 Oct	<b>Positive Puberty Information Evening for Yr 5/6 Parents 6:30pm</b>

## Welcome Back

Welcome back to the last term of the year. We all hope that we have no lockdowns this term as we have a lot we want to achieve.

## Congratulations

Our school roll reached 600 at the end of Term 3. This is the first time our school has had over 600 children. Our school opened in February 2004 with 16 children so we have come a long way in 15 and a half years. Congratulations to Adam Tasker who was our 600<sup>th</sup> enrolment.

## Staff News

Mr Mark Brown of Room 27 has resigned from his teaching position to return to the UK for personal reasons. Mr Brown has been at the school for two years and has been a popular classroom teacher and has been involved with organising sporting events. His last day will be Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November and I know the children will miss him. We wish him and his partner all the best for their return to the UK.

I would like to welcome Ms Tracey Poulter who will be teaching in Room 27 until the end of the year. Ms Poulter is a regular reliever at our school, and she will be working in Room 27 with Mr Brown prior to him leaving to help transition the children.

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## Sun Hats

All children must wear their sun hat when they play outside for terms 4 and 1. You can purchase a hat by either ordering uniform through the school website or through Kindo. If you order through Kindo your purchase is instant and we will name the hat and give it to your child.

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## Pink Shirt Day- Friday 16 October

Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day works to create schools, workplaces, communities and whānau where everyone feels safe, valued and respected.

This October people across Aotearoa will come together to take action against bullying and fundraise to support the kaupapa.

We hope you'll join us as we Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying!

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October we will be wearing something pink (anything from a ribbon to head-to-toe pink). If you'd like to make a donation too, please use Kindo to make a small donation to support this cause.

To make a donation, please go to Kindo and nominate the amount you wish to donate.

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## Important 2020 Dates to Remember

**Monday 7 December**- Final House Assembly 2.00 p.m.  
This is where we announce our 2021 House Captains

**Thursday 10 December**- Yr 1 & 2 Awards Assembly 9.30 – 10.30, Yr 3-6 Awards Assembly 11.30 – 12.30

**Tuesday 15 December**- Yr 6 Awards and Graduation 11.30 a.m.

**School Closes 12.30 p.m. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

More information will be sent out closer to the time

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## Term Dates 2021

Term 1 - Wed 3 Feb – Fri 16 April

Term 2 - Mon 3 May – Fri 9 July

Term 3 - Mon 26 July – Fri 1 October

Term 4 - Mon 18 Oct – Tues 14 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 8 February- Waitangi Day**

**Thursday 1 April -Kāhui Ako Teacher Only day** for all schools in our Kāhui Ako: Long Bay College, Long Bay Primary, Torbay Primary, Glamorgan Primary, Sherwood Primary and Northcross Intermediate

**Monday 26 April- ANZAC Day observation**

**Friday 4 June Teacher Only Day**

**Monday 7 June Queen's Birthday**

**Friday 27 August Teacher Only Day**

**Monday 25 October Labour Day**

**Tuesday 26 October Teacher Only 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.



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## Learning Conferences

### Wednesday 21 October 1.30 – 6.15 p.m. and Thursday 22 October 3.20 – 6:30 p.m.

We hope it is third time lucky as we plan Learning Conferences that we have had to postpone twice already this year.

Conferences are an opportunity for parents and children to meet with teachers to discuss achievement, progress and next steps. These conferences are 15 minutes long.

School closes at **1.00 p.m. on Wednesday 21 October** to allow Learning Conferences to start at 1.30 p.m. **All children must be collected from school at 1.00 p.m. and cannot stay and play at school.** To make a booking please use the code **fz7az**.

SKids will be hosting after-school care from 1pm.

If you require care for your children from 1pm, please proceed to AIMY at <https://skids.aimy.co.nz/> to finalise your 'Special Day' booking.

For more information, contact the SKids Team at [otehavalley@skids.co.nz](mailto:otehavalley@skids.co.nz)

On Thursday 22 October school closes at the usual time of 2.50 p.m.

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## Pōwhiri

A Pōwhiri for all new children, parents, whanau and staff will be held this term on a date to be confirmed. If your child is new to our school, you will receive an invitation to attend.

This is a very special and significant part of our school as we welcome all our new families in a ceremony that is an essential part of Māori and New Zealand culture, and has become an integral part of the way we welcome new children and their families and whanau to our school.

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## National Shake Out Day

On Thursday 15th October, hundreds of thousands of Kiwis will join together in the national ShakeOut drill to practise how to stay safe in an earthquake or tsunami. This is to remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake, *Drop, Cover, Hold* and to practise their tsunami hīkoi (evacuation) if they are in a coastal area.

We will hold a Shake Out practice just before lunch.

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## New Entrant Enrolments

If you have a child turning 5 after school finishes this year and any time in 2021 please let Julie Bodger in our school office know so we can ensure your child is on our pre -enrolment list and we can contact you prior to their start date to organise visits.

If your child is turning 5 next year and they won't be starting just after their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, we would appreciate knowing this also, to help us plan classes and keep our Year 1 classes small in number. Please email Julie, [julieb@oteha.school.nz](mailto:julieb@oteha.school.nz)

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## New Classrooms

We finally have received the 'green light' from the Design Review Panel on the design of our new 3 storey, 18 classroom block which will be constructed behind Rooms 21-24. These rooms are temporary classrooms and will be removed when the new block is completed.

We are still a long way off construction starting, and are hoping this will be in the middle of 2021, meaning the classrooms won't be ready until the end of 2022. We have a meeting with our Property manager from the Ministry of Education next month to look at some options for catering for our continual roll growth. Currently we have no 'spare' classrooms and have two Year 1 classes in what was the school Library.

Kia kaha, kia haumarū

**Rose Neal**  
Principal



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