

Dear Whānau

Welcome back to school. We have an exciting and busy term ahead. We are welcoming back Matua Richard to Māhuri this year, teaching in Room 3 on Wednesdays and Room 1 on alternate Mondays. Maua Henare will continue taking Kapa Haka on Tuesday afternoons.

What's our focus?

We have started the year with a fabulous field trip to visit the Treaty of Waitangi and Parliament. We have been learning about the Treaty, and how this is reflected and honoured today. We will be exploring what it means to be part of Owhiro Bay and the history of our local environment.

Hats

In Term 1, sunhats are compulsory at break times. Children who do not have hats at morning tea or lunchtime will be sitting on the deck outside Room 6 & 7. Sunscreen is made available to the children if they would like some, however this is your child's responsibility to self-manage.

Being ready for learning

In Māhuri we have high expectations for our students to get themselves organised and ready for learning. This is an important part of being an independent and successful learner. Each class has set routines in the mornings and throughout the day to promote self-management. Please encourage your child to be at school in plenty of time to get settled and ready for the learning ahead. Room 1 and 3 start the day and end the day together in Room 3.

Responsibilities and Commitments

As senior students of OBS, there are many opportunities for leadership and service within the school. These include Road Patrollers, Eco Stars, Lunchroom and Purple Bag Monitors as well as optional activities such as Ukelele and Choir. The library is out of action while the buildings are being renovated. With these responsibilities comes a commitment of time. If your child volunteers for a

job/club, it is important that they are committed to this team, and participate in every duty/meeting. Please encourage your child to get involved and to stay committed to the activities they have started.

Before and After School expectations

Please be mindful that our classes are open from 8.30am each morning. If your child arrives before then please have them wait in the office foyer. Children are dismissed from the classroom at 3pm. They are expected to collect their own belongings and go straight home unless they are being collected by a parent. Children are not permitted to play in the playground unsupervised after school whilst waiting to be picked up. If they are waiting for you, they will be in the foyer.

Assembly hosting days

You are welcome to come along from 2.20pm each Friday but in particular our hosting days.

Room 3: Fri 12th Feb and Fri 9th April

Room 1: Friday 19th Feb

Some important dates

Powhiri to welcome new staff/children	Tues 23rd Feb
Road Patrol Training (Year 6s)	Wed 24th Feb
Staff Only Day	Wed 31st Mar
Staff Only Day	Thurs 1st Apr
Easter Break	2nd-6th Apr
Last Day of Term 1	Fri 16th Apr
Start of Term 2	Mon 3rd May

Should you have any queries or concerns, you can email us or pop in and see us for a chat.

Noho ora mai ra.

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