



Kia ora

The term has gone really fast. This week we have the Life Education truck at school. Our thanks to Racheal Carter the Life ed. Educator for her work with our children. Please ask them what it is they have been learning in the lessons.

### Cultural Picnic Day

On **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** we are having a big cultural day. Celebrating our diversity and where we come from. Parents/caregivers will be invited to attend and celebrate with us.. Over the term we have been getting children to build their knowledge of where their families come from. This afternoon will be a celebration of our differences and similarities. More information coming home next week with details. We hope children will be able to come wearing traditional clothing etc.

### Board meeting

Our next Board meeting is next Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 6.30 p.m. in the staffroom. Come along if you think you might be able to support the school by becoming a member through the Board Elections later this year.

### Easter raffle

Thanks to those selling the raffle tickets. Some families already up to ten tickets. This is a great way to get the wider community to support our school through a small donation. We already have donations towards the prizes coming in. This can be Easter treats or groceries, toys etc. Remember all tickets and Money need to be back by next Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Thank you for your support.

Please contact us if you have any concerns about things that go on at school. We are very aware that from time to time your child may find a situation uncomfortable with interactions with other children. These are usually one-offs but if your child tells you about any ongoing issues, please ask them to tell us or let us know yourselves. It is easier to deal with small issues rather than issues that snowball and are harder to deal with.

Have a great weekend

Nga mihi

Brent Godfery

Principal



## Parent Support Group

A space for you to connect

Grab a free drink and chat with other parents and carers who know what it's like to care for a disabled child, a neurodivergent child, or a child with health impairments.

Parent to Parent hosts regular Parent Support Groups in Oamaru, to support carers and parents just like you. These groups are a safe space for family and whānau to share their experiences, their challenges, their triumphs, and to learn from each other in an open and 100% judgement-free environment. No topic is too 'weird', no question too 'out there'. We get it, and we are here to help.

So if you'd like to share a struggle, celebrate a success, raise a concern, or simply have a chat with other parents and carers in your area, you are always welcome at our Parent Support Group. Children are welcome too! Drop in for as long or as short a time as you want. A drink and biscuits will be provided.

In partnership with Waitaki District Council.

#### Upcoming groups for 2025

**Dates:** Thu 30th January | Thu 27th March | Thu 29th May | Thu 31st July  
| Thu 25th September | Thu 27th November  
**Time:** 1:00pm - 3:00pm  
**Venue:** Salvation Army Lounge, 255 Thames Street, Oamaru 9400

Just show up on the day!

Or contact Rebecca Honeybone for more information:  
rebeccah@parent2parent.org.nz | 022 514 5498



## EXCELSIOR JUNIOR RUGBY



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### ARCHERY

Oamaru Archers are starting their second season at the **N.O. A&P Showgrounds ( Ettrick St )** today from 4 – 6 pm. We would love everyone to come along and learn Archery and enjoy a friendly and safe experience. All gear is supplied, Bows, Arrows etc and you are welcome to bring your own equipment if you wish. Instruction will be available.

Please like **Oamaru Archers** on FB. We alternate between Sunday and Thursday for our meets and this is always posted on our site. For more info Contact John McCabe 027 371 0387

### COMPOST

Good quality compost available for your garden, from the Air Training corps stall in Humber Street near at the Brydone Hotel. \$5 a bag.

Giggle Corner: This weeks joke is from Carter Forrest Rm 3

Why did the dog cross the road?

To get to the barking lot!!!





ALL YOUR CHILD NEEDS IS A DRINK AND MORNING TEA

Thankyou Pozzobon's



Happy Birthday!!  
Grayson Pauley, Kapeli Ika,  
Mason Rhodes & Ada Gray  
We hope you have a fabulous  
day!!

### Winter Sports

Winter sports notices have gone home and  
need to be returned to school by  
**TUESDAY 8 April**

### SWIMMING

Mondays— Rooms 6 & 9  
Tuesdays - Rooms 4 & 8  
Wednesdays - Rooms 3, 11 & 12  
Thursdays - Rooms 2, 1 & 10  
Fridays - Rooms 5 & 7



### Cultural Picnic

Thursday 10 April @ 1:15

Look out for more info coming home soon

Does your child require further support or  
extension, over and above what can be offered  
at school?

Would your child benefit from bespoke and  
nurturing learning sessions from a highly  
experienced teacher designed to accelerate  
learning and boost confidence? We would love  
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intermediate and college students.

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information or contact Anna on 020 4031

### Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who has  
dropped in a donation for the raffle  
and sold their tickets. Tickets and  
donations are due in by next  
Wednesday.



### ARE YOU A PARENT OR CAREGIVER OF A NEURODIVERGENT CHILD?

Able Minds Oamaru Peer Support  
Group is a safe place where parents  
and caregivers of neurodivergent  
children can share experience and  
gain support from one another.

Parents and caregivers of children  
/adolescents of any age are most  
welcome.



Every Friday fortnight 10am  
- 12pm 27 Coquet Street  
February 7th & 21st  
March 7th & 21st  
April 4th  
May 2nd, 16th & 30th



For further information contact:  
Marne Phillips -  
marne@able.org.nz Holly Baylis -  
holly@able.org.nz or phone 021  
353 325



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### WINZ OSCAR Subsidy Available!



MONDAY 14 APRIL	TUESDAY 15 APRIL	WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL	THURSDAY 17 APRIL	FRIDAY 18 APRIL
• \$56 • \$146 <b>BUCKETS OF FUN</b> Sports, crafts, challenges and science. Today's activities are buckets of fun!	• \$74 • \$144 • <b>POOLS &amp; GARDENS!</b> It's all about water - we're off to the pools and the water park at the gardens for the day!	• \$56 • \$146 <b>NATURE DAY</b> Get ready for a day of outdoor fun! From scavenger hunts to nature boat racing, Nature Day is all about exploring and enjoying the great outdoors. Join us for an adventure in nature and make lasting memories!	• \$71 • \$141 • <b>YOUTHTOWN MASTER CHEF</b> Get your apron on, we've got a big day of cooking, baking and eating coming up!	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Closed
MONDAY 21 APRIL	TUESDAY 22 APRIL	WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL	THURSDAY 24 APRIL	FRIDAY 25 APRIL
<b>EASTER MONDAY</b> Closed	• \$56 • \$144 • <b>SLIP &amp; SLIME!</b> Dive into a day of squishy fun! Create colourful slime and enjoy some water-based entertainment for a slime-filled adventure in the turf!	• \$56 • \$146 <b>EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY</b> Gear up for a thrilling day with local heroes! Learn about their jobs and enjoy exciting activities that highlight life- saving work.	• \$76 • \$144 • <b>FREEBEE GOLF AND SWIMMING</b> We are off to the Winton Course to try some freebee golf! Then, off we go to the pools to cool off!	<b>ANZAC DAY</b> Closed

● FULL DAY: 8:00AM - 5:30PM ● SHORT DAY: 8:00AM - 3:30PM ● TRIP DAY ● DELUXE DAY

**PEMBROKE**  
Harlech Street



## Baby Teeth Matter!

Look after baby teeth  
every day as they help with...

- learning to talk
- eating, biting and  
chewing food
- keeping space for adult  
teeth so they come up in  
the right place
- confidence to play and  
learn

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Thank you for  
Supporting  
our Children.

