

Newsletter

Term 4 Week 7 2024



Kia Ora e te whānau

I cannot believe that we have nearly completed another year at ODS! I wish to thank you all for the continued encouragement and support that you have given to the tamariki of our learning space. We truly value your support and look forward to another year of great learning experiences and Teamwork.

We have all been so very impressed with the creativity and dedication in designing, creating and marketing our PReP products. Next Friday (6 Dec) we will be having our market day, you are most welcome to join us. You will be given a card and will be able to use that to purchase products. There is no actual money needed for this day, either from the students or the community. The students are getting very excited about this day and we look forward to a complete sell out of products. At 10am, each student will be able to go to their favourite stall and purchase one item, with the wages they have earned, after that there will be a roster within their groups to purchase other items when market day is opened. The students have shown great Teamwork, some have let their leadership skills shine and others have highlighted their creativity. It has been a fantastic time and a great way to finish the year. We are looking forward to a great day.

During the last week of term, we will be welcoming Tim and Harold in the Life Education Bus. This is part of the Health Curriculum and will be covering a variety of topics. Tim always brings a level of enthusiasm that captures the attention of all students, exciting times ahead.

It is with much excitement and sadness that I can share the news that Miss Notman is hapu (pregnant) - we are very excited for her and Nate and for Luka to be a big brother! We have appointed Kylie Lowe to teach our year 4/5 class. Kylie comes with many skills and a bubbly personality, we look forward to welcoming Kylie to our kura. Miss Notman will be with us for the first few weeks of term one next year, doing teacher release and small group teaching.

Taking on the role of teacher in our New Entrant room will be Helen Stanbra. Helen has worked in our school for many years and is known by the children. Helen also brings many skills to the team and we are excited to have her work with our smallest learners.

Teachers are busy working on finalising reports. The format will be different this year, it shows progress graphs according to Curriculum Expectations, it has data from last year and this year included. These graphs will continue to build each year. We are also investigating the Parent Portal (as part of our Student Management System) which will allow parents access to achievement data throughout the year.

This year our junior teachers have been trained in Structured Literacy and next year, new teachers and our senior teachers will also be trained in SL. Our Cluster of Te Kawau schools have also applied for and been granted Professional Learning for Structured Maths. As a school, we have reviewed the curriculum and decided that the resource we will be using is PRIME. Students will have individual workbooks and access to digital tools. We are looking forward to implementing these Structured Programmes and seeing a positive impact on achievement outcomes.

Your child will be given reports on the last day of the year, inside they will also find class placements for 2025. The make up of the classes are as follows:

Helen Stanbra - NE-Y1

Pauline Lister - Y2-3

Kylie Lowe - Y4-5

Hana DeRoo and Halina Olendzki - 2x Y6-8

SUNHATS - It is that time again, please bring a sunhat from home. If we don't have a sunhat, then we play in the shade, this does limit where students can go, however this is the known expectation. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Badge Assembly - This will take place on Thursday 5th December. This assembly will award badges only. We usually don't have one in term 4, however, some of our students have worked very hard to get their first or next badge. Parents will be notified by email or text if their child is receiving a badge. We will take heaps of photos.

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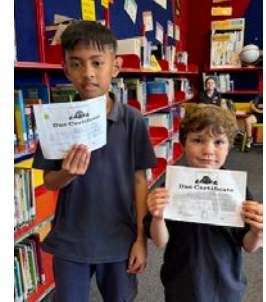
Tuesday 10th December @ 6pm at Himatangi Hall.

This is the time of year that we get to celebrate our students and all of their achievements. Year 8 students can wear tidy mufti and everyone else in uniform please. We are very much looking forward to announcing next years' leaders - your application letters are great, it is going to be a very hard decision for our staff. On this night we also get to award the House Shield to the winning House of 2024.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS



PB4L Voucher - Nelly



Class Certificates - Pippa, Brendon, Hunter, Al Javin, Tayla, Charlotte, Jay, Lox, Kaesha, Miera

Bus Certificates - Royale and Mike

Virtues Awards - All of Room 3! (They all did a twirl as they came on stage - so proud!), Serenity, Arden, Carter and Mason.

Principal Award - Addison, You are a fantastic House Leader for Hartley and always encourage everyone to be the best they can be. You are kind and helpful and are always willing to go the extra mile for your peers and your house. Your achievements outside school, following your passions, are truly outstanding and a real credit to your positive attitude and determination

Te Kawau Athletics!

What an impressive team of athletes we had to represent our school at the cluster meet. We were 1.5 points off being awarded the top school of the day! So many successes for our wee school! Superb efforts and positive attitudes, personal bests and great teamwork were highlighted on this day. We always hear comments about how respectful and encouraging our students are - you make us so proud every day.

Super massive congratulations to Georgie and Dylan for taking out top athletes for their age group. Outstanding mahi!

We are so very lucky to have the kindness and generosity of one of our parents sharing a great opportunity for our families. Each family will receive a sunflower pack today and they can enter a sunflower growing competition. All details are on the card. What a great thing to do over the holidays. Thanks so much Kate Lemon! Legend!

4 December - Makino Picnic Day - this is our Passport Party - buses leave school at 9am and will return in time for our afternoon buses. Don't forget Sunhats, Sunscreen, Rashtops and water bottles

5 December - Badge Assembly in the library at 11am

9-11 December - Life Education Van at School

10 December - Prizegiving - 6pm Himatangi Hall

11 December - Year 8 Hang out Day

12 December - Last day of the year (Half Day) - our buses will be running at lunchtime and we will not be having school lunches on this day.



Ngā Mihi Nui Tarnz and Team Awesome