



OTAHUHU PRIMARY SCHOOL

"He wahi tutaki mo nga tamariki o te ao - A meeting place for the children of the world"

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Kia ora, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Namaste, Fakaalofa atu, Bula, Kia orana, Mauri, Nihao, Salam, Sawasdee, Kumusta Kayo, Hola, Xin chao, Vanakkam, Choum reap sor, Ming-gah-lah-bahr, Akkam, As-salaam 'alykum

Principal's Message:

Tālofa lava Ōtāhuhu Primary School

It is amazing to think that we are already over half way through Term 2. Time seems to fly when you work in a busy and bustling environment, and we are so blessed to be able to come to work each day to serve your beautiful tamaiti. We are really hitting the winter bug season and this shows with lower attendance over the past few weeks. During these wet and cold months it is important to keep on top of living conditions. You can learn about the **Healthy Homes Initiative** by [clicking on this link](#). In here you will find information about what makes a home healthy, the impact on health (particularly for respiratory illnesses) and how to access support if your home is not meeting the Healthy Homes standards. Our health nurse, Amy, also has a lot of information available to support whānau in this area.

Our children have been learning about some amazing topics in school recently. Our school inquiry has begun, with classes researching the theme of **Whakapuāwai** - taking actions to flourish and blossom into the future. Each class will be participating in a seed-to-plant competition and also developing skills of interest for their own personal growth. Ask your child what they are doing in class! Students have also been learning about how to handle a medical emergency with the support of **Hato Hone St John** this week. This is an important learning experience and something that will benefit our students if they are ever in a serious medical situation with friends and family.

As you know, culture and tradition are enormous aspects of the school community here at Ōtāhuhu Primary School. We are so blessed by the various cultural groups represented in our local population. Ōtāhuhu is really a melting pot of the world, and we celebrated this bright and bold in Week 4 with a Cultural Day. Students dressed in amazing traditional outfits and shared foods from their cultures with their classrooms. This was a fantastic way to begin the season of language weeks and other cultural events of significance, such as Matariki.

We are currently celebrating **Samoan Language Week**. This year's theme is **la malu lou sã. Folau i lagimã - A well-grounded self is a successful self**. This theme has been particularly poignant for us as a school and senior leadership team over the past few weeks as we have reflected on aiga (family) and the guiding influence of our matua (parents). We acknowledge all of our students' first teachers, which is you, the parents, and bless the influence that you have on your wonderful children. Thank you to Mrs Sini and the teachers and learning assistants in Tafa o Ata who continue to grace our school with their culture, traditions and values. To learn more about the history of this year's theme [you can click on this link](#).

There will be a few important events and celebrations towards the end of our term. Please ensure that you stay up to date and check Skool Loop for messages.

Ngā mihi Nui - OPS Senior Leadership Team



Important Dates for Term 2 2025

Tues 3 June	Samoan Language Week (until Friday 6 June)
	St John's Education Programme (until Tues 10 June)
Fri 6 June	Whole School Assembly (Attitude)
Tues 10 June	MOSA Netball Tournament
Fri 13 June	Hub Assemblies
Mon 16 June	School Board Meeting
Fri 20 June	Matariki Holiday School Closed
Tues 24 June	Matariki Celebration
	Farewell for Mrs MacShane
Thurs 26 June	OPS Whānau Engagement Project Meeting (with Whaea Tania in the Staffroom)
Fri 27 June	Whole School Assembly (Respect) + Last Day of Term 2 (reports go home)

Assembly Certificate Winners - Weeks 3 & 4

We had our most recent whole school assembly in Week 4 of Term 2. Our assemblies are always a great celebration and we welcome any whānau who wish to join. These students were awarded certificates for displaying the HEART Value EXCELLENCE.

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Room 15: Josephine Tuleaga & Peter Felise
Room 16: Phoenix Ulugia & Haidar Ali
Room 23: Lily Tafaoga & Jaxon Kawiti
Room 24: Arvan Prasad & Tanvi Naidu
Room 25: Elnaz Barotti & Cleopas Shayamuranda
Room 26: Hinemoa Kalim & Jordan Jiss Tom
Room 27: Mavaketeao Samuela & Lilo Foliaki

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Room 5: Kate Lacuarin & Elijah Scanlan
Room 6: Cecelia Tafaoga & Anaya Fatima
Room 7: Kerav Kumar & Mathias Cardwell
Room 8: Samayra Shandil & Kanav Kumar
Room 11: Dakota-Bree Lolohea & Raghad Alhamidi
Room 12: Miracle Matakino & Vaishnavi Parekh
Room 13: Muhammad Nosim & Priyanshi Ram
Room 14: Judah Latu & Manshika Saini

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Room 1: TJ Lawrence Tutuila & Pai'ato'o Meatuai
Room 2: Elliana Leaumoaana & Wesley Fisiiahi
Room 3: Shekinah Saua & Nu'u Wright
Room 4: Francis Siavii & Jennifer Vaomua
Room 17 (jnr): Fayhe Kaniseli Temu & Judaea Tua-Taiapo
Room 17 (snr): Zania Lemalu & Kimberly Turangapito
Room 19: Hikule'o Angitoa & Vaiola Lihau
Room 20: Lepeti Pole & Janet Fotu
Room 21: Douglas Tupou & Paea Tuita
Room 22: 'Anaseini Fenukitau & Rachel-Anna Uku



Attendance Updates!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Week 4 Term 2 Attendance

Year 1	83.9%
Year 2	79.2%
Year 3	86.99%
Year 4	81.94%
Year 5	88.21%
Year 6	87.55%

84.78%
SCHOOL-WIDE

Best Class This Week!

Room 13 🤖 95.36%

Unfortunately our attendance figures have dipped in the past few weeks. Although we know that winter bugs are starting to affect our students and families, we want to encourage everyone to remain steadfast in our goal to have all children at school every day. If you have barriers to school attendance affecting your family, be it transport, health, family situations, we encourage you to reach out to your classrooms teachers, the office, and Whaea Vicky, so that we can support you with getting your children to school.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Week 5 Term 2 Attendance

Year 1	77.36%
Year 2	77.07%
Year 3	83.63%
Year 4	86.83%
Year 5	87.4%
Year 6	84.26%

82.86%
SCHOOL-WIDE

Best Class This Week!

Room 19 🤖 93.06%



2025 Term Dates



Term 1

From: Tuesday, 28th January (Meet the Teacher Day)
To: Friday, 11th April

Term 2

From: Monday, 28th April
To: Friday, 27th June

Term 3

From: Monday, 14th July
To: Friday, 19th September

Term 4

From: Monday, 6th October
To: Thursday, 11th December



Nga Mihi

Jenny Bernard

TUMUAKI / PRINCIPAL

Cultural Day!

On Friday in Week 4 we held a day of celebration where all students were invited to come to school in their cultural outfits. This was a great time to share and learn about the different ethnic and cultural groups in our school. Thank you to all whānau who supported this day and brought foods in to share with their classrooms.



Samoan Language Opening Ceremony

This week we have been celebrating Samoan Language! On Tuesday we held our opening ceremony, where Mrs Sini and the Tafa o Ata teachers taught us about various treasures of Samoan culture. This was a great time for our students and staff to learn more about the history and traditions of the beautiful nation of Samoa!

We were also blessed to have Rev. Enosa Auva'a join our ceremony to share words of wisdom and remind us of the Samoan values faith, service, love and respect.

