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:

Kia ora e te whānau, Ōtāhuhu.

It has been amazing seeing our children back at Ōtāhuhu Primary and really settling into school life. As we reach the midpoint of the term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our amazing staff for their care, energy and commitment they bring to our tamariki every day. It has been fantastic to see classrooms full of curiosity, creativity and engaged learning.

As we continue to grow and strengthen our community, we want to take a moment to highlight something simple yet incredibly powerful - **Attendance**. I have talked to the children about why attendance is important. Showing up matters. Whether it's at school, work, or community events, your presence makes a difference. Attendance is more than just being present; it's about engagement, learning, and supporting one another. When we consistently show up, we foster stronger connections, build trust, and create a more vibrant, thriving community. **To celebrate the collective whānau effort it takes to make attendance happen**, children who attend every day this term will have the opportunity to win a 40" TV for their whanau at the end of the term. Not only that, but every week students who attend who attend 5/5 days can go into the draw to win their whānau a portable speaker. Our top attending class will also win a trip to somewhere fun! Lots of prizes up for grabs this term. I have been absolutely impressed with the high rate of attendance this term **#letsdothistogether**

We were honoured to have MP Jenny Salesa join our school recently to view our Edge programme. It was a great opportunity to showcase the learning at OPS and the sense of community that makes Ōtāhuhu such a special place. The Edge programme is currently offered to our boys as a form of mentorship. They are able to learn skills involving woodwork. We are especially thankful to the team (Jenny Carter & Mike Brewer from Boys Brigade) that support this programme, especially Jenny who teaches the boys each week.

As we settle into the routines of the term, it is a timely reminder that caring for our tamariki extends beyond the classroom. The way we interact with one another at the school gate, in the playground and online helps create the safe and welcoming environment we want for everyone. We ask all members of our school community to support this by treating staff members, students and whānau with respect and ensure our actions contribute positively to the wellbeing and safety of others.

Thank you to everyone who attended Whānau Day. What a fantastic turnout for our first event for the year. It was so nice seeing whānau engage with their children and support the event.

Whaea Jenny

PRINCIPAL

WHAT'S GOING ON AT OPS??

MP Jenny Salesa's Visit:
We briefly shared about MP Jenny Salesa's recent visit to our Edge Mentoring Programme in a previous newsletter. Jenny Salesa met with Jenny Carter and Whaea Jenny Bernard (so many Jenny's!) along with members of the NZ Police to learn about the impact of the programme on our students. We are very lucky to have Jenny Carter and Mike Brewer from the Boys Brigade supporting our boys with important life skills while they get busy with woodworking skills. This was the first time we have been able to use our historic Technology Block in many years. It has taken a huge team effort, about 6 large skip bins, and a lot of spray and wipe to restore this special room. We are excited about potential activities that can now take place in this space.

Weeks 6-7 in Review!

A big shout out to Matua Timote who has put together a video summary of the past couple weeks of learning! Watch the video by clicking on the link below:

Click to View!!

Assembly Certificate Winners - Term 1 Week 5

These students were awarded certificates for displaying the HEART Value **EXCELLENCE** over the first two weeks of this term.

JUNIORS

Room 15: Mohammad Uddin & Sienna Allen
Room 16: Darwish Mohd Afif Nurfirdaus & Elnaz Barotti
Room 23: Ryker Lai & Zayn Khan
Room 24: Aalia Besana & Parthiv Prasad
Room 25: Leo Matakino & Conan Sihamau C
Room 26: Lily Tafaoga & Aadhya Athisbaran
Room 27: Riyanshi Ram & Casi Toleafoa

SENIORS

Room 5: ‘Ofa Mesake & Mathias Cardwell
Room 6: Ayvah Saipele & Jewel Jiss
Room 7: Kamaria Sihamau & Penitoa Tu’ipulotu
Room 8: Mark Vaka & Vaimoana Masila
Room 11: Prescott Mikaere & Tanav Kumar
Room 12: Peter Felise & Amayra Anshika
Room 13: Lalua Yolo & Aautmn Leef
Room 14: Teina Tuao & Nirvaan Reddy

BILINGUAL

Room 1: Wesley Fisiiahi & Evangelism Fagalilo
Room 2: Trinity Petersen & Zechariah Sefo
Room 3: Abigail Amataga & Luese Isaia
Room 4: Jennifer Vaomua & Soteria Opetaia
Room 17: Kauri Tapara & Aayrah Davies
Room 18: Nevaeh Williams & Skylarh Patrick- Murray
Room 19: Takasima Makaafi & Maryanne ‘Aho
Room 20: Orita Louise Lomu & Lavinia Tu’itupou
Room 21: Setaita Pulupuna & Dionsio ‘Iongi
Room 22: Seini Matangi & ‘Anaseini Fenukitau

Attendance Week 6-7 - 90.8%	
Year 1	87%
Year 2	92%
Year 3	91%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	91%

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