ŌTĀHUHU PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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

Kia ora Ōtāhuhu Primary Whānau,

Tēnā koutou, Namaste and warm Pacific greetings to our Ōtāhuhu Primary School whānau,
With only three full weeks of the school year remaining, we are incredibly proud of our tamariki for their amazing focus, enthusiasm, and dedication to their learning right up until the end of the term.
A recent highlight was our vibrant celebration of Hindi Language Week, which brought immense value to our kura by honouring our Indian community, enriching our cultural diversity, and allowing students to share and experience new traditions together (**check out our highlights on Facebook!**). Thank you to Mrs Kennedy and her team who worked so hard to make this an amazing experience for everyone at our school.
Behind the scenes, our dedicated teachers have been working tirelessly to finalise assessment data and end-of-year reports while ensuring classroom programmes remain engaging, joyful, and purposeful. We are also in the final stages of organising our upcoming Prizegiving ceremonies, where we look forward to celebrating students who have demonstrated outstanding academic progress, leadership, cultural pride, and our core OPS values throughout the year. Whānau of prize recipients will be notified shortly so you can join us for these special occasions.
Ka pai to everyone who took part in yesterday's Athletic Sports. We were blessed with great weather, and it was fantastic to see our OPS tamariki giving their best while proudly demonstrating our HEART values on the field. A definite highlight of the day was the Parent vs. Staff race - we certainly have some speedy whānau and teachers in our community! A huge thank you to Matua Josh and Matua Paul for their mahi in organising such a smooth and exciting event, and congratulations to all of our competitors who placed in their races.
Finally, a huge congratulations goes out to our Provisionally Registered Teachers who have successfully completed their two-year induction and mentoring programme at OPS, as well as a heartfelt thank you to their dedicated mentor teachers for guiding and supporting them on their journey to full registration.

Ngā mihi
Whaea Jenny - Tumuaki

Have you received an invite to our Parent Helper's Morning Tea?? If so, please make sure you send your RSVP to your child's classroom teacher as soon as possible - Thank you!

CERTIFICATE WINNERS
WEEK 4 - TERM 4



JUNIORS	SENIORS	BILINGUAL
Room 9: Tanisha Singh & Jared Borja Room 15: Rehana Parvin & Louis Blasi Room 16: Arvan Prasad & Jomarie Broughton-Motufoafoa Room 23: Mavis Wolfgramm & Marsha Piliu Room 24: Konā Vi & Casi Toleafoa Room 25: Janayah Raj & Saiyad Shah Room 26: Taliana Afshary & Mivaan Naidu Room 27: Mohammed Shazan & Nelson Jones	Room 5: Shaksham Prasad & Shahan Forsyth Room 6: Pauline Vi & June Vai Room 7: Samuel Omari & Gideon Rogoyawa Room 8: Ramel Sila & Rayan Chand Room 11: Ethan Singh & AJ Allan Constantino Room 12: Aahil Areef & Jaden Kumar Room 13: Shaisha Kumar & Vedika Kumar Room 14: Uaniva Uta & Rain Nicholas	Room 1: Lonia Tunufai & Ramothgilead Pompere Room 2: Ellorah Leaumoana & Miracle Semanaia Room 3: Sefo Lui & Abigail Amataga Room 4: Lucas Toai-Key & Jessica Fonoti Frost Room 17: Ariki Nui Matangi & Sinead Tua-Taiapo Room 18: Rewi Bailey & Soraya Moleu-Chambers Room 19: Vitolio Kautai & Rachel-Anna Uku Room 20: Vaiola Lihau & Mailefihi Fine Room 21: Veisinia Fifita & Seini Sukanaveita Room 22: Kamipeli Kata & Natalia Manu







Attendance Week 4-5 - 86.5%	
Year 0	86%
Year 1	85%
Year 2	85%
Year 3	86%
Year 4	88%
Year 5	88%
Year 6	88%

CLASSES OVER 90%

ROOM 4 - 95%

ROOM 8 & 25 - 92%

ROOM 7 & 19 - 91%

ROOM 14 - 90%

LET'S GET THOSE NUMBERS HIGHER!

Hindi Language Week









Last week, our school community came together to celebrate Hindi Language Week under the theme "Bridging Languages Across the Pacific: Knowledge, Culture, and Celebration." We kicked off the festivities with a wonderful whole-school opening ceremony on Monday.

We wrapped up the celebrations on Friday with a special closing ceremony alongside our Hindi-speaking students and their families, featuring fantastic performances and a delicious spread of traditional food. A huge thank you to our students, staff, and families whose hard work, generosity, and enthusiasm made the week such a memorable success!



INTERSCHOOL JUMP ROPE COMP!

Well done to our Jump Rope Team! About 40 students went to Sunnyhills Primary to take on a competitive pack of schools. Many of our students placed in the top 3 for their events and we came 3rd overall! This was an awesome opportunity for our students to take on a new and challenging physical activity. Well done to Matua Paul for all of the coaching throughout the year!





















SCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY!

What an awesome day we had this Tuesday for our Athletics Day event! We survived a few spells of rain with the help of our new covered court and managed to get through all of our events. Well done to those whānau who spent the day with us, cheering on the children and even taking part in a race yourselves!

A BIG thank you to our PE team, Matua Jimmy and Matua Aaron who helped prepare our grounds for the day.







Duffy - caught being good awards Weeks 4 & 5

Room 1 TJ Mapusua, Tausia Afoa
Room 2 Dawn Tauiliili , Francis Ah Lam
Room 3 Paiato'o Meatuai & Dwayne Auva'a
Room 4 Faasu Lesatele & Aliitasi Luamanu
Room 5 TJ Cabaylo and Marissa Abdul
Room 6 Mahana Mathews and Sione Feao
Room 7 Penitoa Tuipulotu, Swathika Prasad
Room 8 Odin Akau'ola & Rita Funafuti
Room 9 Noor Niazi and Alesana Tofilau
Room 11 Liam Joseph / Jayzana Taiepa
Room 12 Krishant Kumar/Amyra Ali
Room 13 Jayshil Sharma / Mohammed Izaan
Room 14 Israel Kaumavae | Nirvaan Reddy
Room 15 Ruhee Ali , Nusaibah Islam
Room 16 Deysha-May Malamala & Evangeline Tafea
Room 17 Kauri Tapara & Porua Tuhaka
Room 18 Chyruss Patrick-Murray & Jennah Bailey
Room 19 Kelepi Funaki & Maryanne 'Aho
Room 20 Kalo Vaka & 'Ilaisaane Mahe
Room 21 Pelenatita Pousini & Tamalisi Pasoni
Room 22 Tina Manu & Lupe Hefa
Room 23 Tu'imala Latu & Ezer Sila
Room 24 Razeal Chand & Anvi Prasad
Room 25 Jaxon Kawiti & Ratu Vuniwaqa
Room 26 Nevaeh-Rose Taufa & Tanay Raj
Room 27 Kiana-Leigh Wakeham & Jacob Fernandez





Duffy
BOOKS IN HOMES



LEARNING@OPS





Inspired by a story about a cat, Room 27 students brought the book to life with their own origami creations!



Room 18 has been diving into the Hell Pizza Reading Challenge, reading as much as they possibly can!



Room 19 celebrated Hindi language week by crafting their own lanterns!

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Chocolate Fundraising!

As part of Camp Fundraising we are offering whānau the chance to raise money by selling delicious Whittaker's chocolates!

Boxes of chocolate can be purchased for $100 from the office. You can then choose to sell the chocolates, eat the chocolates or give them away as Christmas presents! If you sell *all* of the chocolates in your box you will make $108 - that's an $8 profit!



If you would like to purchase a box, please come to the office. You can pay for your box with either cash or by making a bank deposit to our school.

December UPCOMING EVENTS 2026

WED 02 — LALANGA MO'UI PRIZEGIVING

Lalanga Mo'ui, our Tongan bilingual unit will be presenting their awards at a special prize giving ceremony.

School Hall | 10.30am – 1.30pm

THUR 03 — TE WHĀNAU TUTAKITANGA PRIZEGIVING / TRIP

Te Whānau Tutakitanga, our Māori bilingual unit will be presenting their awards at a special ceremony. Following this they will attend the Otahuhu Pools leisure centre.

Prizegiving: 10.30am – 11.30am | Pools: 12pm – 3pm

THUR 03 — YEAR 6 DINE AND DANCE GRADUATION

5pm – 7pm



FRI 04 — TAFA O ATA PRIZEGIVING

Tafa o Ata, our Samoan bilingual unit will be presenting their awards at a special prize giving ceremony.

School Hall | 10.30am – 1.30pm

WED 09 — JUNIOR PRIZEGIVING

Our junior school will have their end of year prize giving to celebrate the fantastic effort and achievement of 2025!

School Hall | 9.30am – 10.30am

WED 09 — SENIOR PRIZEGIVING

Our senior school will have their end of year prize giving to celebrate the fantastic effort and achievement of 2025!

School Hall | 11.00am – 1.00pm

THUR 10 — OPS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Come along and enjoy performances from all our classes!

Outdoor School COLA | 5pm – 8pm

Term 4 2026 Important Dates

Week 2	Thurs 22nd Oct	Whole school assembly
	Fri 23rd Oct	Teacher only day - No school
Week 3	Mon 26th Oct	Labour Day - No school
	Fri 30th Oct	Duffy theatre show / Interschool Epro8 
Week 4	Wed 4th Nov	 Bilingual Hub Hui
	Thurs 5th Nov	Whole School Whānau hui
	Fri 6th Nov	Whole school assembly
Week 5	Mon 9th Nov	 Hindi language week opening ceremony
	Wed 11th Nov	Whole school athletics
	Fri 13th Nov	Hindi language week closing ceremony & Interschool Jumprope
Week 6	Fri 20th Nov	Whole school assembly
Week 7	Tues 24th Nov	Helper's Morning Tea 
	Fri 27th Nov	Monitor's trip - Rainbows end
Week 8	Wed 2nd Dec	Lalanga Mo'ui prizegiving 
	Thurs 3rd Dec	 Te Whānau Tutakitanga prizegiving / Pools
		Year 6 - Dine and dance (graduation event) 
	Fri 4th Dec	 Tafa o Ata prizegiving
Week 9	Wed 9th Dec	Junior and senior prizegiving 
		Reports go home
	Thurs 10th Dec	 End of year concert
	Fri 11th Dec	Last day of term