

Kia ora OVSwhānau

Welcome back to the start of a very busy and exciting Term 2! It has been wonderful to see our school gates buzzing with energy again, and we extend a particularly warm welcome to the new students and families joining our OVS community this term. We are so glad to have you with us. It was heartening to see such a fantastic turnout at our start-of-term mihi whakatau and our ANZAC assembly. Thank you to everyone who joined us; it was a privilege to stand together as a community to commemorate such a significant part of our identity as New Zealanders. These moments of reflection really highlight the strong spirit we share here at OVS.

A huge shout out!

We also want to extend a massive thank you to the parents who have stepped up to support and manage our teams for this weeks Year 5 & 6 Sports Day. These events are a highlight for our tamariki, and quite simply, we couldn't make them happen without your time and energy.

You're the real MVPs!

Supporting our community

On a more sobering note, we are mindful that the recent rise in petrol prices is putting extra pressure on many households. We want OVS to be a place of support; if transport related attendance is becoming a significant hurdle for your whānau, please do not hesitate to contact the school office or leadership team. We are here to listen and explore ways we can help ensure your tamariki don't miss out.

Here's to a productive, fun, and community-filled Term 2!

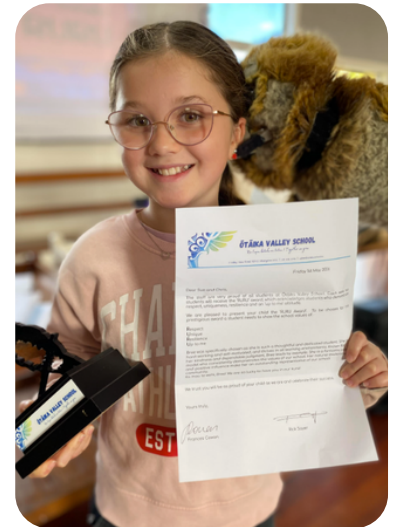
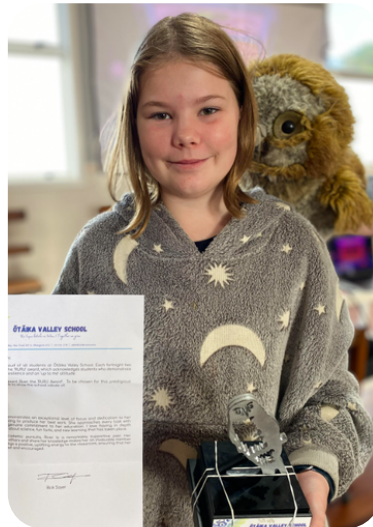
Ngā mihi nui,
Rick Sayer

Tumuaki/Principal

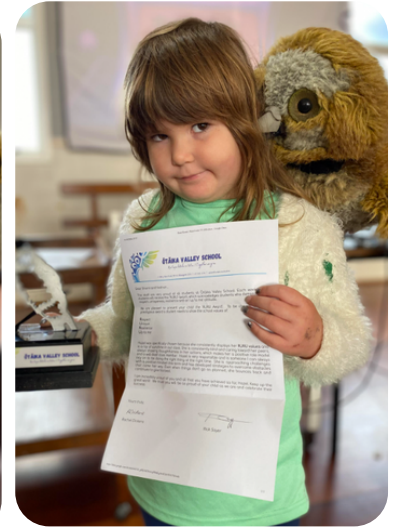
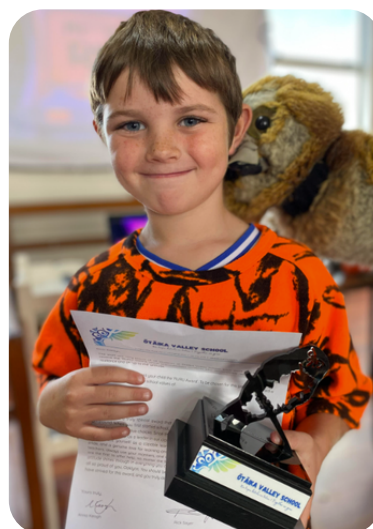
R.U.R.U AWARDS

Every fortnight at assembly we celebrate our super OVS students, and this week's 'shout out' is to say a huge congratulations to our R.U.R.U award winners over the last 2 weeks .

Senior RURU: Ruby and Bree



Junior RURU: Oaklynn & Hazel



If you need any help feel free to contact us.



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Ruru RockStar!

Class Attendance Award

Each fortnight at assembly we are acknowledging the class with the best attendance for the week...and they win the 'Ruru Rockstar' Award.

The last 2 weeks' winner with 94% attendances (drum roll please...)



BOT Spot

Property

We trust everyone had a relaxing Easter and that you returned to school fresh for a new term. The BoT is please to say that the school is also looking a lot 'fresher' and we hope you like the bright and fun colourscheme. The painting is aiming for completion in 2 weeks time.

We are also please to share that after alot of hrd work the Ministry have approved funds to design and develop concepts for a new Admin block at OVS. This is an exciting development and means a warm and inviting entrance, offices, sickbay and that OVS staff eventually will have room to all be in the staffroom at the same time! This is possibly a build for 2027/8

Policy reminder

We are currently reviewing the following Term 2 policies: Daily School Bus, EOTC Governance Roles and Responsibilities and EOTC Risk Assessment and Management

- We welcome your feedback on these policies. To review them go to our Website, Go to About Us then The Board of Trustees Section, login and complete the review, it doesnt take long.

Matariki Early Closing

The BoT would like to remind whanau to complete the **Hero post survey** from last week. Your responses will determine our early closing on our proposed school Matariki Celebration day. If you would like to also comment on this please pop an email to in to the office - admin@otaika.school.nz

A+ Student Spot

At Food tech this week, Year 7 have been learning to be OVS kitchen whizz's . Check out some of their pizza and Crepe Creations... They sure look YUM!



Room 2 Writing

By Kiannah

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Room 6 Anzac Poetry

Fallen Soldier By Neve & Bella

Fallen soldier lying on the ground,
 I know you've made your country proud.
 Fallen soldier already found
 lying so peaceful without a sound.
 laying in the mysterious underground.

Fallen soldier so brave,
 you risked your life to save,



Something so special to us,
 I whisper to you in a hush...
 Fallen soldier lying on the ground,
 I know you've made your country proud!

LEST WE FORGET



Year 5&6 Winter Sports

I was on the court standing next to Locky, holding my slightly bent racquet while a small white shuttlecock was flying towards me. My first instinct was to hit it, so I took a step forward and gave it all I had. I could see the horror in the opponent's faces as it was flying over their heads and coming down behind them. When it hit the ground, it was inches away from being out. Fortunately, it was still in. Me and Locky were shouting with joy, as we had just hit 25 points.

By Jake Evans



We now had 30 seconds and Ruby shot the ball. It bounced off the rim. Luckily, she caught it. "Take your time!" I yelled at her. She shot again and it rolled around the rim. I was counting down in my head- 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1. The ball slowly leaned into the hoop and dropped through the net. Suddenly, the game ended and we had won.

By Bree Jensen



I sat on the sideline, grating my teeth as the score changed from 3-2 to them. "Liam, you can sub on now!" But, as soon as I step onto the pitch, they score again. I grab the ball, and dribble it to the middle. I kick off.

By Liam Mason



Room 5&6 Fundraiser,



FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY 12 JUNE | 5.30-7PM

JOIN US AT FLIP FOR A FUN FILLED
FUNDRAISER!

FUNDS RAISED FROM TICKET SALES WILL
GO TOWARDS AN EPIC CAMP FOR
STUDENTS IN ROOMS 5 & 6 AT ŌTAIKA
VALLEY SCHOOL

SEE NATALIE OR JEN TO PURCHASE TICKETS



Thankyou, thankyou, thankyou!

A massive shout out to the Graham whanau who have just donated two fabulous soccer goals to our kura. Ari helped dad (David) get them already to go and dropped them off at school. The boys all burst into spontaneous applause when they arrived and they have been used flat-out ever since!



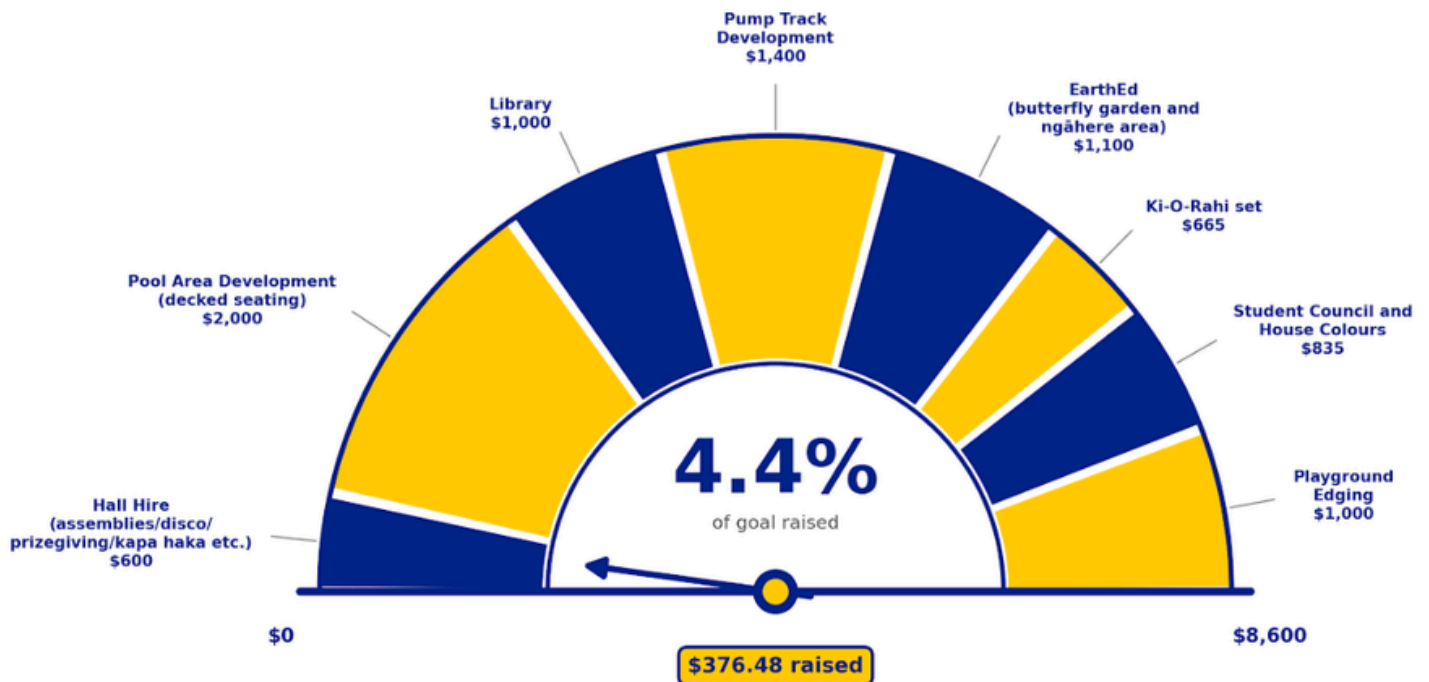
We recognise that times are tough for many families, and with other fundraising taking place within the school, we want to be mindful of the pressure this can create. This year, the PTA wants to focus on fundraising activities the kids love, such as the disco, ice block days, and Ag Day.

To do this, we need to explore other ways to raise funds for the school. One area we would love your help with is connecting with businesses or individuals who may be interested in sponsoring specific projects or items from the school's wish list. Sponsorship is tax deductible, and we can offer advertising in return.

If you have any ideas, contacts, or would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our school.

PTA Fundraising Target

Help us reach our \$8,600 goal — every dollar counts!



OVS Term Dates

| Terms | Start | Finish |
|---------|---------------|----------------|
| Term 1: | Wed, 4 Feb | Thurs, 2 April |
| Term 2: | Mon, 20 April | Fri, 3 July |
| Term 3: | Mon, 20 July | Fri, 25 Sept |
| term 4: | Mon, 12 Oct | Thurs, 17 Dec |

Whats on this term?

- 13 May - Year 7&8 Winter Sports Day
- 15 May Pink Shirt Day
- 19-21 May - BikeReady sessions - yr 5-7
- 5 June - Y5/6 and Y7 Book Battle
- 17 June - OVS Kapahaka Fest
- 30 June - School Photos
- 1 July - OVS Matariki Celebration
- 2 July - Morningside Kapa Haka Festival
- 3 July - Reports go home

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KAMO & NGUNGURU FIRE STATION PRESENTS

KAMO TOUCH-A-TRUCK

MAY

2

SATURDAY

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

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PROGRAMME



Struggling to manage your kids and their devices?

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WHO

Designed for parents/caregivers raising kids and teens with devices.

WHAT

Confidently manage devices, set boundaries, protect from online harm and create a healthy digital environment without tearing your hair out.

Free resources to share with your family



WHEN AND WHERE

Two sessions available:

Morning – 10am-11.30am

or Evening – 5pm-6.30pm

Starting 27 May for 4 weeks at Jigsaw North, 13A Te Mai Rd.

Nibbles provided

Fill in a referral form on our website
www.jigsawnorth.org.nz
or
call 09.4388852



Parenting Place

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manaaki whānau

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Otaika Valley Community Hall

ANNUAL

MARKET

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

SATURDAY
09 May 2026
9AM - 1PM

Arts & Crafts
Jewellery

Local Food & Products
Garden Art
Plants

Balinese and Indonesian Food
Sour Dough Bread

Fudge
Smouldering Hog
Home Baking

Mr Bigs Coffee
Mrs Bigs Cucina

Facebook Otaika Valley Community Hall

WHANAGREI TRI CLUB

KIDS DUATHLON SERIES 2026

SEE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE TO ENTER



24TH MAY Pohe Island

28TH JUNE Kauri Coast MTB Park

26TH JULY Pohe Island

<https://events.mygameday.app/event/kidsduathlonseries2026>

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