

# O.V.S Newsletter

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‘Ka Tupu Kotahi Ai Tātou  
...Together we Grow  
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ŌTAIKA VALLEY SCHOOL TERM 2 WEEK 10 2026 Issue #07

## Kia ora OVSwhānau

Kia ora whānau, and welcome to this week's newsletter update. Next week is the **last week** of term finishing on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of July. This day is significant as we will finish with our **highest ever** school roll and staffing. Sadly this means the Ministry of Education is now discussing an enrolment scheme with the BOT and we will be bringing the updates from this discussion to you early next term .

In the interim thank you all for a great Term 2 and we will have one last 'Quick Bits' comms for whanau at the end of next week.

Ngā mihi nui,

Rick Sayer

Tumuaki/Principal

## Mid Year Reports

### Mid-Year Reports Out Next Week!

A reminder to all whānau that Mid-Year Reports will be sent home **next Friday, 3 July at 3:00pm**. While we have worked hard to keep our existing format for this mid-year round, we want to signal to our community that the Ministry of Education's recent curriculum changes will require a significant shift in how we report at the end of the year.

To ensure everyone is well-informed, we will be holding a Reporting PIE Evening (Parent Information Evening) in Term 3. This will be a great opportunity to share exactly what these changes will look like and how we will continue to celebrate your child's achievement.

### Navigating Technical Changes

In the interim, we are hopeful that our mid-year reporting process will go smoothly. School reporting systems across New Zealand have been working around the clock to update their platforms to align with the new Ministry requirements. While this nationwide scramble means there is a small chance of technical hiccups at the school end, our fingers are crossed for a seamless rollout! Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

### Parent-Teacher Interviews: Term 3, Week 2

Parent-Teacher interviews will be held during Week 2 of Term 3.

Our online booking system will go live next week, so please keep an eye out for the link so you can secure a time to chat with your child's teacher.

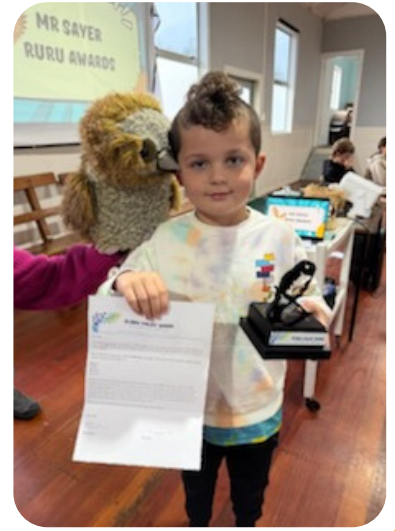
## R.U.R.U AWARDS

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: Rbaley and Ella



### Junior RURU: Luna & Archer



If you need any help feel free to contact us.



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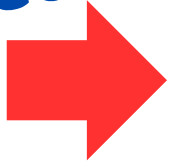
# Ruru RockStar- Who is it going to be?!

## Class Attendance Award

This term we are rewarding the class who has the **best attendance** with a **Popcorn and Movie** afternoon. There are **4 classes** in the running and next weeks attendance will be the decider!



Do You realise!



If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 1/2 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	2 1/2 years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

## OVS Matariki Evening

Whānau Matariki Evening - Wednesday 1st July

OVS is excited to be hosting our **Matariki Evening Celebration** once again on Wednesday, 1 July, and we would love for you and your whānau to join us for this wonderful community gathering.

The evening will **begin at 5:30pm** and will run for approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.

The evening will include:

- The Tāwhirimātea Trail (Lantern Trail)
- The opening of our new Ngahere
- Performances by Tau Fiti Hula and Ngā Kahukura Kōwhai Kapa Haka
- Tributes to the stars of Matariki
- Shared kai

Please bring:

- A shared finger-food plate to contribute, along with your own plate and simple cutlery
- A blanket
- Warm clothing
- A folding chair or tarp for seating

We look forward to celebrating Matariki with you all :)

## Room 5&6 Camp QUIZ NIGHT!

Thank you so much for the outpouring of support for our camp fundraiser quiz night! We can't wait to see you all this evening for a fabulous night out. A huge thank you to our sponsors, who have made this all possible. You'll notice a huge number of small, local

businesses in our line up, so the next time you're looking to spend a dollar, please look to them first, and support the people who have supported us.

Northland Farm Services

Mangakahia Lions Club

Little Sage

MSOI

Altitude Pole Whangārei

Attwood Mechanical Solutions

2 Ducks Contracting

K8M8

Rustic Bubbles

Hundertwasser Art Centre

Harrisons Carpet & Flooring

Bethany Gardens

Wild Ivy

Forest Floor

Avos2Go

Rock Bar & Grill

Fonterra

Café Botannix

Su Leslie & Tony Gray

Whangārei Aquatic Centre

Kiwi North

Office Products Depot

Grow4U NZ

Clapham's Clock Museum

Sculpt Studio

North Financial

The Space

Hansen Products

Bound & Burned

Palmers Whangārei

Nature's Ki

SSP Engineering

Anna-Danae Grigg

Darcie Price

Dive Tutukaka

Rosey's Takeaways

Wild Rose Photography

Forestry Intel

Echo & Joy

Studio 51

Sid Longley

Land of the Lotus

Daniel Watts -

(Barfoot & Thompson Whangārei)

# The Great OVS Ag Day!

YES...IT'S TIME TO START

THINKING ABOUT AG DAY!

Ag day animals must be born on or after the 1st of July. This year, in addition to the traditional lambs, calves, and goats, students will be able to raise and show chickens! For all the details, please visit our school Ag Day site.

If you'd like to order chickens through the school, you can do so here.

Chicken orders need to be in by the 25th of June.



Otaika Valley School Ag Day

- SAVE THE DATE -

23 October 2026

# The Blossom Bunch - working wonders for our kura!

The Blossom Bunch have been hard at work in our ngahere, and we can't wait to officially share this space with you all at our Matariki evening. A huge thanks to Kiwican for supplying a variety of natives as part of the Paper for Trees programme. Imagine how this space will look in 5, 10, 50 years time!



# OVS Kapa Haka Fest

## A Day of Mana, Pride, and Passion!

Wow! What an absolutely incredible day we had at our recent OVS Kapa Haka Festival! The energy in the air was electric as we welcomed our wonderful friends and performers from Ōtaika, Portland, and Waitotira. Every single school stepped up onto the stage and performed with immense heart, pride, and power—the talent on display was truly breathtaking!

A massive, proud shout-out goes to our very own fabulous Ngā Kahukura Kōwhai group. Your performance was an outstanding success and moved many in the audience to tears. You represented our school with such beautiful mana!

Of course, none of this would be possible without the powerhouse team behind the scenes. We want to extend a huge mihi and acknowledgment to Whaea Nat and Darcy. Thank you both for your endless hard work, dedication, and passion. You have worked tirelessly to elevate our kapa haka to the amazing, next-level standard it is at today. We cant wait to see where it goes next!

We-hi na!

Thank you to all the whānau who came along to support and cheer our performers on and yet another shout out to the PTA who worked tirelessly to sell food to help raise funds for our kura!



# SCHOOL PHOTOS – Next WEEK

## Reminder

School photos will take place in the Ōtaika Hall on Tuesday 30th June.

## Sibling Photos vs. Individual/Class Photos

**Individual & Class Photos:** Every student present on photo day will have their individual portrait and class group photo taken automatically. **No paperwork or pre-payment is required.**

**Sibling Photos:** You only need to fill out a form if you want sibling/family photos. If you would like your children photographed together, you must complete and return the Sibling Photo Request Form before photo day. PhotoLife cannot take sibling photos without this explicit permission. Please ensure siblings are at the hall by 8:30am.

## Wet Weather Reminder

With the recent wet weather, our school grounds are becoming increasingly soggy. We encourage students to enjoy outdoor play, however this can sometimes result in wet and **muddy** clothes.

To help keep students comfortable throughout the school day, we ask that all children bring a couple of changes of spare clothes in their school bag. Having these items available allows students to quickly change if needed.



# Is this you???

## OVS SCHOOL BAND

**\*\*EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST\*\***

We are exploring the possibility of starting an OVS School Band!

Parents & Whanau... We'd love to hear from you if:

- You have musical skills and could help support the group, or
- Your child already plays an instrument and may be interested in joining.

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Please have a chat with Mr Sayer to register your interest.

A stylized illustration of a guitar in shades of orange and brown, with musical notes floating around it. The background is a light orange color with a faint treble clef.

## Morningside Kapa Haka Fest

Next week on Thursday our fabulous OVS **Ngā Kahukura Kōwhai** kapa haka roopu will perform at Morningside School. Their performance will be at appx **1:25 - 1:40**.

If you haven't yet seen our kura perform this is the last chance this term!



# PTA Update

**Kia ora All,**

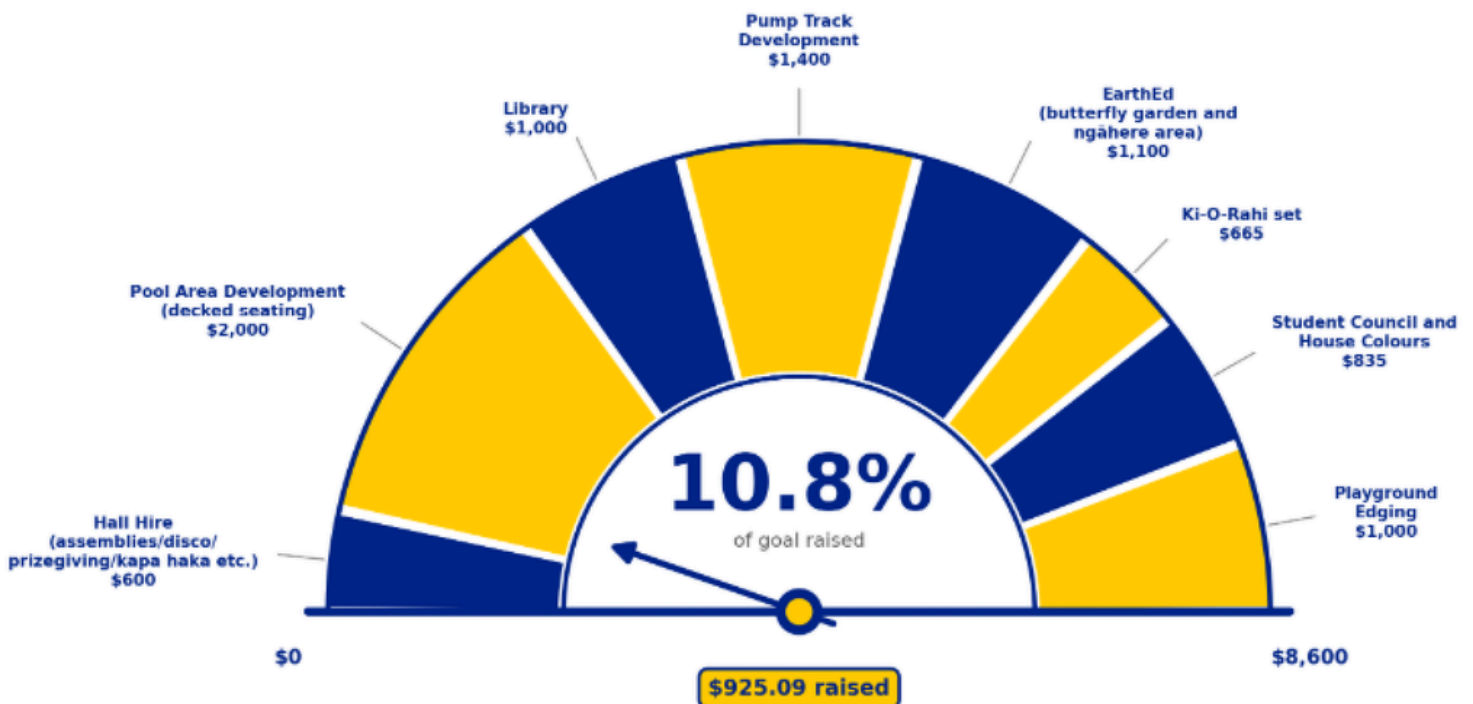
We recognise that times are tough for many families, and with other fundraising taking place within the school, we want to be mindful of the pressure this can create. This year, the PTA wants to focus on fundraising activities the kids love, such as the disco, ice block days, and Ag Day.

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

- 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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