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# Newsletter 'Quick Bits'

ŌTAIKA VALLEY SCHOOL TERM 2 WEEK 11 2026 Issue #08

## Kia ora OVSwhānau

Term 2 Thank You & Happy Holidays!

I just wanted to take the opportunity on behalf of the BOT and staff to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful OVS whānau for your support and contributions throughout this highly successful term. We truly appreciate everything you do for our kura.

Wishing you all a safe, restful, and relaxing July break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back fresh for Term 3 on Monday 20 July.

Enjoy the holidays!

## Mid Year Reports

### Mid-Year Student Reports Out TODAY!

A reminder to all whānau that Mid-Year Reports have been sent home today, 3 July at 3:00pm. Because the company providing our reporting system has been migrating to the new MOE reporting system, the template whānau will see for our mid year reports is not as complete as usual. This will be rectified as we migrate to the new reporting system for the 'end of year' reporting cycle.

In addition, it is important for all parents to understand that it is likely you will see your child's achievement **plateau or drop**, as the impact of the higher curriculum expectations kicks in for each year group. This does not mean your child is not progressing.

To understand this more fully, we strongly encourage whānau to attend the Parent Teacher interviews next term. Please see the relevant booking information below. We will also be sharing whānau information on 'how you can help at home' shortly.

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

Parent-Teacher interviews are Week 2 of Term 3. Tuesday 28 July and Wed 30th July. The online booking link is below

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/shdej>



Please contact the office if you have any difficulty making a booking.

## OVS KINDNESS CUP

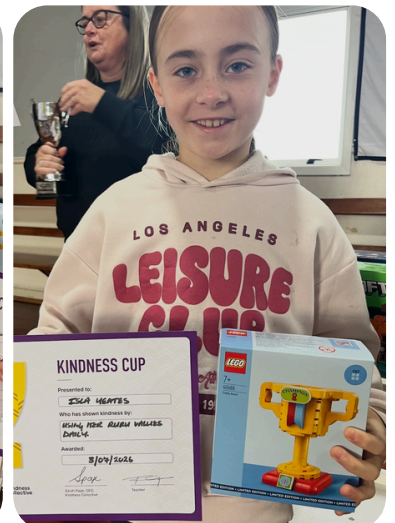
As you will be aware, kindness is actively taught and celebrated at our kura. Last year we teamed up with The Kindness Collective to start rewarding children who consistently demonstrate kindness both inside and outside of the classroom. At the end of every term, the teachers all meet to nominate and discuss who will be the recipients for the term. The overall winner receives an impressive cup to keep on their desk for the following term, as well as a certificate and a box of Lego (of their choosing) to take home and keep. The runners up also get a certificate and a Lego trophy to keep. **This terms winners are:**



Overall Winner: Angelo



Junior Runner up: Cairo



Senior Runner up: Isla

If you need any help feel free to contact us.



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# Ruru RockStar– The TOP Class

## Class Attendance Award

This term we are rewarding the class who has the **best attendance** with a **Popcorn and Movie** afternoon. Drum roll please for the best attending class in term 2.....



## Are OVS Kids the Toughest in the Universe? Yes!

Talk about an unforgettable school assembly! Today, OVS made absolute history with a milestone that has likely never happened in any school assembly, anywhere, ever! We had not one, but **two** students have their teeth fall out right in the middle of assembly! Mr Sayer brought these legendary OVS students—Brooklyn and Noah—up to the front to celebrate this incredible dual-achievement in front of the whole school. He even explained the top-secret inner workings of the official Tooth Fairy 'Hall of Fame'. How tough are OVS kids? Absolute legends!



## 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 .

[AG DAY Site!](#)

Chickens will arrive early in term 3!



# Ngā Kahukura Kōwhai Shine at Morningside Kapa Haka Festival!

A massive congratulations to our incredible Ngā Kahukura Kōwhai kapa haka rōpū for their outstanding performance at the Morningside Kapa Haka Festival!

It was an absolute success. Our students represented our kura, their whānau, and themselves fabulously, taking to the stage with pride and brilliant execution.

Thanks to the tremendous mahi of Whaea Darcie and Whaea Nat, the rōpū brought a truly unique and innovative performance to the audience. We are all immensely proud of every single performer for their dedication and energy. Well done everyone and we can't wait to see you at next term's Matariki evening.



Room 5&6 Camp

QUIZ NIGHT

A huge thank you to everyone who attended or supported our quiz night!

Together we raised over \$6000, which will help to make our Year 4-6 camp more affordable for all our tamariki. Thanks again to our MC Grant, and all of our fantastic sponsors. 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

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  
Palmer's Whangārei  
Nature's Ki

SSP Engineering  
Rock Bar & Grill  
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)

# PTA Update

## Kia ora All,

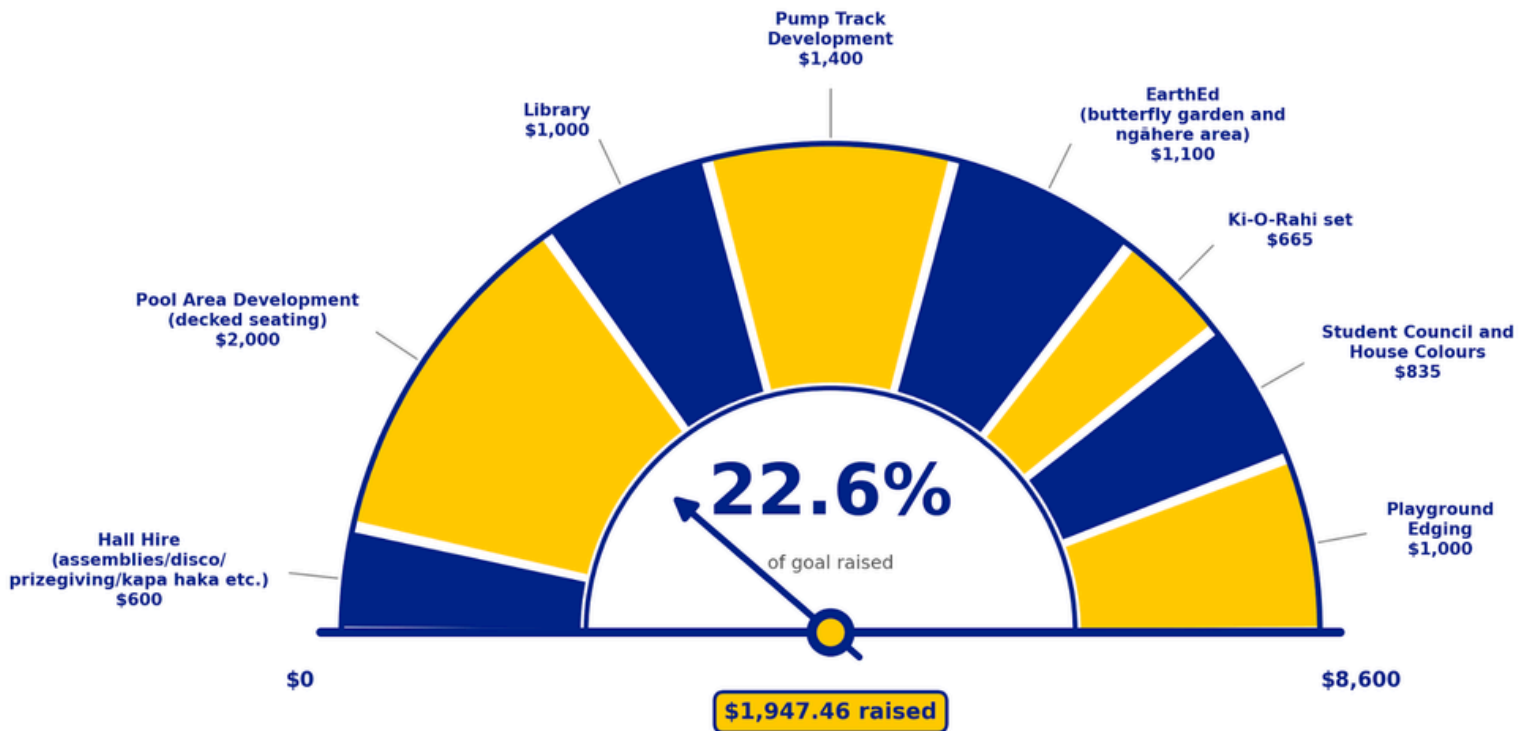
A huge thank you to everyone who helped our food stall at the Kapa Haka festival. Whether it was donating ingredients or baking, helping on the stall, or purchasing food, it is much appreciated. We raised an amazing **\$1022** which brings our yearly fundraising total to **\$1947.46**.

While our fundraising tracker shows we are closing in on having enough funds for the pool improvement project, this is indicative only and if we secure funding for specific projects, our general fundraising can be re-allocated.

We are still persuing grant applications and business sponsorship for specific projects. If you know a business who might be interested, please get in touch: [pta@otaika.school.nz](mailto:pta@otaika.school.nz). Sponsorship is tax deductible and will be acknowledged with signage.

## 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?

- 2 July - Morningside Kapa Haka Festival
- 3 July - Reports go home
- 20 July - Term 3 starts
- TBC - Date for postponed Matariki
- 28-29 July - Parent Teacher Interviews

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