

O.V.S Newsletter

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‘Ka Tupu Kotahi Ai Tātou
...Together we Grow
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ŌTAIKA VALLEY SCHOOL TERM 3-WEEK 8 2026 Issue #09

Kia ora OVSwhānau

Welcome to this fortnight's newsletter! First, a huge thank you to all the whānau who were able to join us last night for our **Year 7 & 8 Open Evening**. It was fantastic to connect with you and share what the year 7&8 programme will look like over the next 2 years. If you weren't able to make it but would still like to know more, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us—we are more than happy to chat!

We have an action-packed few weeks ahead to wrap up the term. Next week, we are proud to celebrate **Te Wiki o te Reo Māori** (Māori Language Week) as a kura, with lots of fun activities planned for our tamariki. Next week also marks the launch of our whānau House groups, which is going to bring even more energy and variety to the school.

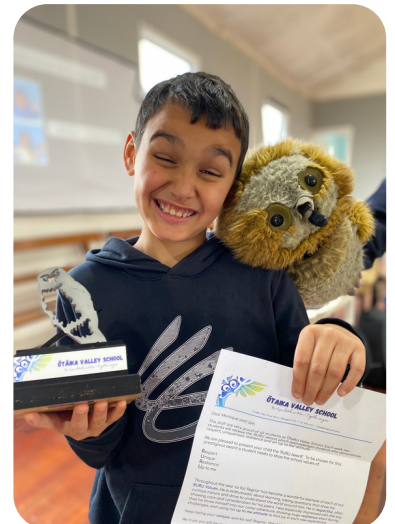
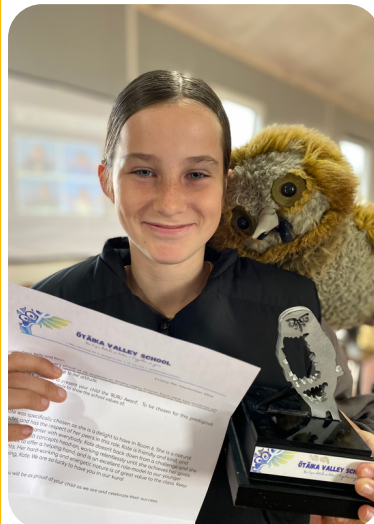
Looking slightly further ahead, we have an exciting Multicultural Week planned for the following week—keep an eye out for details later in this newsletter. And, of course, don't forget the PTA **Rock 'n' Roll Disco** next Thursday night!

All of this combines to make a fabulous, incredibly busy, and high-energy end to a great Term 3. A huge thank you to the OVS staff who work so hard to bring you all these extras and a general thank you to our whanau for your continued support!

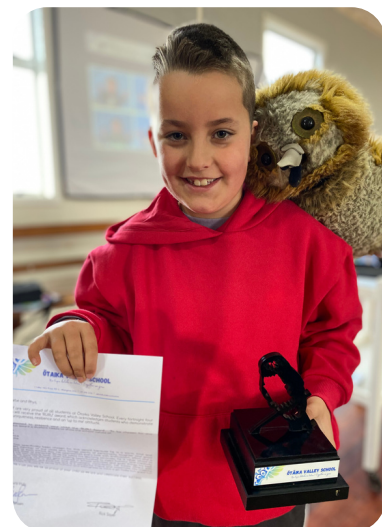
R.U.R.U AWARDS

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: Kate & Ragnar



Junior RURU: Max



Ngā mihi nui,
Rick Sayer
Tumuaki/Principal

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 is (drum roll please...)



Student Spot! Persuasive Writing

Check out this piece of Room 6's Persuasive writing !

WHY YOU SHOULD GET ME A HORSE!

Dear Mum and Dad,

I strongly believe that you should get me a horse. I mean at this stage, it's a horse or a sibling. What else would get me out of bed better than a horse?

One good reason why you should get me a horse. It will get me off of my phone. Having a horse will reduce at least 1 hour a day of screen time. Between grooming and riding and maybe even more. It will take away from my TV time as well. Don't you think that's just amazing?

Here's another good reason for you, it will give me bigger responsibilities. I will have to ride my horse every day. I will have to clean and groom my horse as well. When I ride my horse, Gunner will get a run around getting exercise, which means he will finally start relaxing at night. All of this will keep me busy after school.

One last amazing reason why you should get me a horse, is because it means I will do more chores. I will have to save up money to buy things for my horse. I will do chores like folding washing, cleaning up Dads part of the shed, and just chores in general. Don't you want a cleaner house? Meanwhile, Mum you have the joy of owning a horse!

I think you should get me a horse because it will reduce my screentime, I will have more responsibilities, and last but not least, I will do more chores around the house. These all benefit you so don't you think it's a good idea. What have you got to lose?

Love from,
Your wonderful amazing, super, duper daughter Bree

Library Announcement:

**Overdue books to be returned
before the school holidays
please.**

**There are 196 books
missing, some of these from
March!**



Multi-Cultural Week...

Talofa lava, fakaalofa lahi atu, mālō e lelei, goeiedag, g'day, dia duit, hallo, kia orana, bula, hola, nǐ hǎo, kamusta, guten tag, namaste, yiasas, kia ora, hello!

Week 10 is multicultural week at our fantastic kura, and we are excited to celebrate our diverse heritage with lots of different activities.

Mark **Tuesday 22nd September** in your calendars, as this will be our special celebration day. Students are invited to wear clothing from their culture (or colours from the flag of the country their class chooses together), and bring some traditional kai to share at a morning tea with their buddy class.

From 12pm, whānau are invited to join us for a range of wonderful performances in the hall- we have two Indian dance groups coming to us from Maunu School, our very own Tau Fiti Hula, the inimitable Tyler Matheson, an Indonesian musical instrument experience, AND Mana o te Hula (featuring some of our world-famous-in-OVS adults).

We can't wait to celebrate with you all!



Around the World in a Day
An Ōtaika Valley School Multicultural Week Celebration

**Tuesday
22nd September**

Let's celebrate all of the people, places and heritage that make our kura such a fabulous place!

Dress in clothing from your culture and bring kai to share with your buddy class at a special morning tea.

Whānau are welcome to join us from 12pm, to enjoy performances from around the world!

Student Council Spot

OVS whānau /Houses Logo Art Competition

Don't forget the Whanau House Logo Comp finishes next Wednesday so get your ideas for logos in. If you can't find your sheet please get another from your teacher or see one of the Student Council members.



Barge Park X-Country

Well done to our students who raced in the inter school cross country at Barge Park on September 2nd!

Mack, Liam, Ruby, Locky, Redest, Matteo, Megan, Annabelle, Neve, Lily, Axel, Ella, and Sophia- You represented our school with pride and gave it your best efforts!

Thank you to our parents who helped to transport, as well as our many supporters who came along to cheer everyone on. Ka mau te wehi!



Waiata wānanga

Ten of our OVS kapa haka students visited Whangārei Intermediate to take part in a waiata wānanga alongside tamariki from Maunu, Tangiteroria, and Whangārei schools. They learnt and revised a number of waiata, especially those that are taonga of Ngā Puhi. We are excited to see these students bring the waiata back to our kura and teach their peers. Ngā mihi nui ki a Whaea Desirei (WPS) for facilitating this fantastic opportunity.





Spooky Car Show

Calling all guys, gals, and ghouls, Halloween is on it's way and with it, the inaugural Ōtaika Valley School Spooky Car Show!

This event is a fundraiser for our talented OVS Kapa Haka and Hula groups, with live performances at 1pm. Come dressed to spook (both humans and cars)– there will be spot prizes for best dressed and a Peoples' Choice Award for the best car.

Entry fee is by koha, and your generosity is appreciated.

Coffee and food will be available, making this the perfect family day out!

OTAIKA VALLEY SCHOOL
FUNDRAISER

SPOOKY

Car show

31ST
OF
OCTOBER

 10AM –till– 2PM	 CARS ARRIVE 9AM	 PRIZES FOR BEST DRESS AND BEST CAR	 FOOD AND COFFEE AVAILABLE	 LIVE PERFORMANCE 1PM
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KOHA ENTRY FEE

Ag Day Update!

Date Reminder: Friday 23 October

Ag Day is closing in fast and the lambs are arriving at school!



Ōtaika Valley School Ag Day
- SAVE THE DATE -
23 October 2026



Break out your aprons and prepare the piping bags, the Great OVS Bake Off is back and the coveted Ceremonial Spoon is up for grabs!

Please bring your cake creation to the Tui Room between 8 and 9am on Ag Day morning for judging. A 'taster' slice should be provided so your cake can be judged on all its merits!

Please include a note that states what kind of cake you've made, and any key nutrition information (e.g. GF/vegan). You may like to include a story if your cake has an elaborate theme to share! All cakes will be auctioned at the end of the day, with proceeds going to the PTA.

Ag Day info...

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 - CLICK
HERE**



OVS Book Fair

Ōtaika Valley Library Presents

BOOK FAIR

OCTOBER 19 – 23RD

In the school library

8am – 3.30pm

EVERY PURCHASE
EARNS REWARDS
FOR NEW LIBRARY
BOOKS

Scholastic Book Fair

Our **Rock and Roll Disco** is next Thursday! We are still looking for help with home baking and for people to sell food and accessories on the night from about 5pm. Please let us know if you can help.

Calendar Art orders close on 20 September. Place your orders here:

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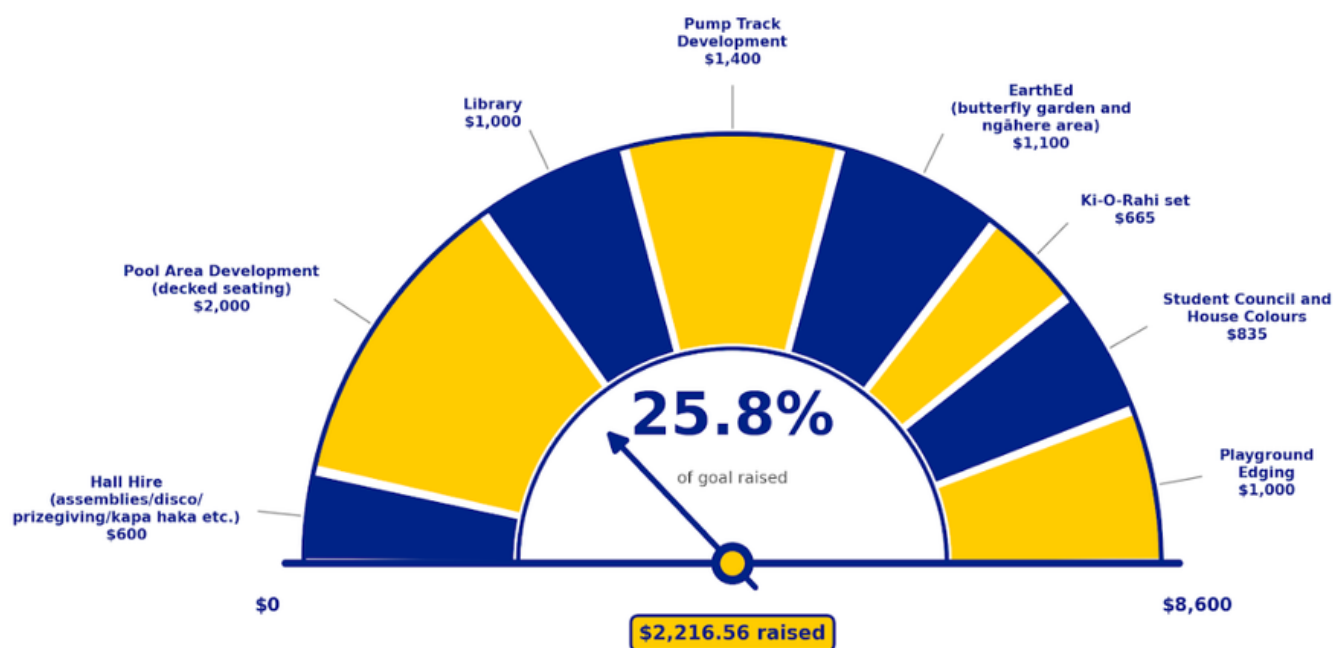
Ag Day is coming up next term. If you can help with donations of home baking, sausage sizzle ingredients, or by manning stalls on the day, please get in touch. We are also on the hunt for new face painters this year!

Thanks so much for all your support. We cannot run these events for the kids without your help. Hopefully, we will be back with Moosie and Juicies next term. Unfortunately, due to illness and people being away, we have been unable to run this for the last few weeks. If you are happy to go on a list to be contacted when we are short of helpers, please let us know. Iceblock/Milo Days take about 1½ hours on a Friday afternoon.

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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?

- 11 Sept - Waiata Wānanga Day
- 14-18 Sept - Māori Language Week
- 17 Sept - OVS Disco
- 21-25 Sept - Multicultural Week
- 24 Sept - OVS Colour Run
- 25 Sept - 3-4pm Netball Celebration
- 25 Sept - Term 3 finishes

If you need any help feel free to contact us.



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TERM 3 2026

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Active. Fun. Unforgettable!

At our instructor-led holiday programme, children are kept busy in an interactive learning environment. Activities and games are designed to teach fundamental skills of sports – tennis, hockey, football, basketball and just about any other sport you can imagine!

AGES 4-10 YEARS

TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER

SPECIAL TRIP BOULDER HOUSE

WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

SPECIAL TRIP EVENT CINEMAS

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER

SPECIAL TRIP LASER TAG ACTION ZONE

TIME
9:00am – 2:30pm

LOCATION
Northland Badminton Centre (Porowini Ave)

PRICING

	1 DAY	2 DAYS	3 DAYS
1 x CHILD	\$54	\$98	\$138
2 x CHILDREN	\$98	\$176	\$254

Additional days: \$42 per child, per day
3 or more children: \$42 per child, per day

BRING YOUR OWN
Morning tea, lunch and drink bottle



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SATURDAYS 9AM 2-4 YEARS
SATURDAYS 10AM 3-9 YEARS
FRIDAYS 11:40AM 2-4 YEARS

REGISTER NOW!
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HOLIDAY NETBALL COACHING CLINIC

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS THE WGHs NETBALL DEVELOPMENT TOUR TO THE GOLD COAST

Year 5/6 - Tuesday 6th October
Year 7/8 - Wednesday 7th October
9am - 3pm
Whangarei Girls High School
\$40 per player
BYO food and water

Coach Hayley Taylor, along with a support crew, will be running this clinic. It will include development of Fundamental skills, Attack and Defence skills and specific positional sessions - Shooting, Mid-Court and Defence. Finishing with consolidation games.

For more info or to register, please contact our manager:
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MAUNU TENNIS CLUB

JUNIOR COACHING

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STARTS
Tuesday 13th October
3.15pm onwards
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Ages 6-18

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