

Kia ora OVSwhānau

Welcome back to Term 4 everyone! We hope you all enjoyed a refreshing spring break. We also extend a warm welcome to Oakley and Harlen and their whānau, who joined us on Monday. It is certainly shaping up to be a busy term and I would like to bring your attention to the below enrolment scheme info from the BOT, and also the new Strategic Plan consultation further on in the newsletter. See you all at AG DAY next Friday, 23rd October!

Rick Sayer
Tumuaki/Principal

OVS Enrolment Scheme 2027



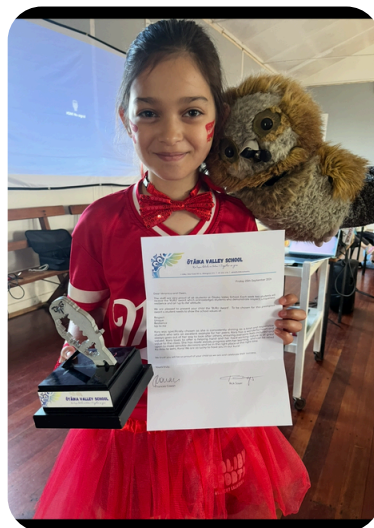
Kia ora OVS school whānau,
The BOT would like to formally notify our community that due to roll growth, the Ministry of Education has mandated an **enrolment scheme** for Ōtaika Valley School. The commencement date is **1 January 2027**. The Ministry will be running online consultation for school whānau feedback, and also informing all local communities affected by this scheme. This online consultation will run from **2 November to 12 December**. As soon as we receive the ‘live link’ we will send this straight out to our community. The MOE will then collate the feedback and communicate the results back to the school. Please be advised that this new scheme **does not** affect current students enrolled, or the siblings of current students.

All the relevant information will be included in the Ministry documentation. In the interim, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

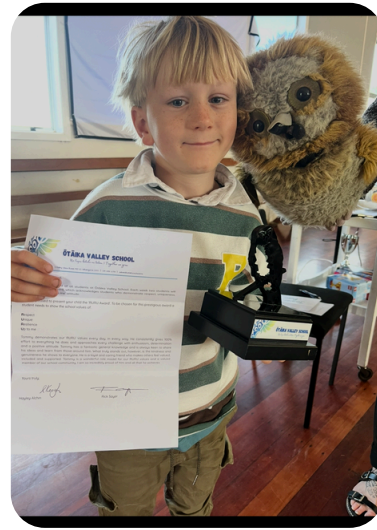
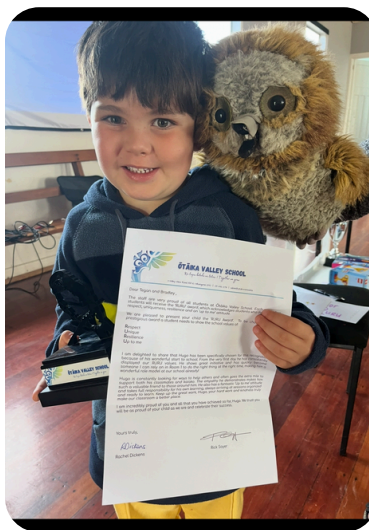
R.U.R.U AWARDS

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: Kora



Junior RURU: Hugo & Tommy



If you need any help feel free to contact us.



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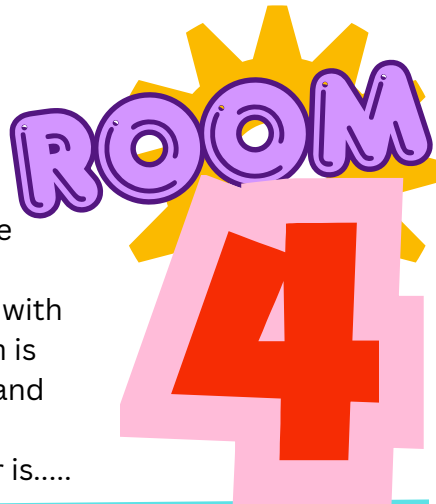
Ruru RockStar!

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.

However...at the last assembly the class with the best attendance for the whole term is announced and they win a class Movie and Popcorn party!

So, without further ado the Term 3 winner is.....



Kindness Cup

At our whole school assembly on the last day of term 3, our RURU 'Kindness Cup' recipients were announced. We are very proud of all of our tamariki, and how they consistently show great RURU values and look after each other. However, each term we select one child, who has particularly shone in showing kindness both inside and outside of the classroom, as an overall winner. This term it is Room 3's **Riley Cotterill**. Riley will get to keep the silver cup on her desk for this term, as well as receiving a certificate and taking home a box of Lego of her choice. Senior Runner Up is **Ragnar McCartney** from Room 5, and Junior Runner Up is **Hugo Kemp** from Room 1. Both boys got a special certificate and Lego trophy to keep.



Persuasive Writing

Our School does NOT need a treehouse!

Dear Mr Sayer,

I strongly believe our school should not have a treehouse!

Firstly, we should not have a treehouse because our school is already perfect and everyone that goes to it should agree.

Secondly, other trees would get cut down for sources of wood. Where else could we get it? It's not like it just rains wood and what if Mr.T. cuts the wood with a chainsaw but instead he accidentally cuts his hand?

Since our school is already perfect we should use the money for those in need.

From Te Wairua (7 yrs Rm 4)

Maori Language Week and Multi-Cultural Week...

During the last week of last term we were treated to 2 fabulous weeks of culture and colour as we celebrated Te Wiki o te Reo Māori (Māori language week) and MultiCultural week. We were treated to a huge variety of fun activities, learning, a magical colour run and superb performances. A huge shout out to our very own Tau Fiti Hula and our special visitors Tyler, Avi and Eva... and a special mention to Maunu school's Indian dance group. None of this can happen without staff commitment and expertise, so a massive thank you to Darcie, Whaea Nat and Whaea Frances for leading a special fortnight!

Student Council Spot

OVS whānau House groups

The Student Council is proud to announce the launch of our OVS Whānau House groups on the last day of term and also the first ever House competition...the **Great OVS TUG-OF-WAR!**

Each Whānau House (Junior and Senior) battled it out for tug-of-war supremacy and at the end of some epic battles the winners are as follows:

1st: **Rimu** with 1000 points

2nd: **Kauri** with 500 points

3rd equal - **Totara and Kowhai** with 250 points.



Logo Competition

The Student Council also announced the winners of the Whānau House logo competition.

These winning entries were selected by the student council and their amazing art ideas will be incorporated into our house logos which will be professionally designed.

And the winners are ...

Junior

1st Place: Emily Rm 4. **2nd Place:** Tilly Rm 4. **3rd Place:** Amelia Rm 4.

Senior

1st Place: Ivy Rm 7. **2nd Place:** Lizzy Rm 7. **3rd Place equal:** Cam Rm 5 and River Rm 7.

OVS New Charter and Strategic planning 2027-9

2027 signals the start of a **new strategic planning cycle** for all New Zealand schools and as we look toward shaping our next three-year OVS charter and strategic plan. It is important that our goals reflect the shared aspirations of our school community – our whānau, tamariki, staff, hapū, and wider Ōtaika Valley community.

To do this, OVS will be running a consultation programme that will incorporate a chance for feedback from our stakeholders on AG Day, through a digital survey launched in week 3, and a 'Drop in Kiosk'

Strategic Consultation Timeline

Week 1 - Consultation notification - newsletter

Week 2 Hero notification reminder

Ag Day week 2 - **'Strategic workshop opportunity'**

Week 3 **Digital Survey** and Friday 30th **Drop in Kiosk**

Week 3-6 Consider feedback & Ideas and redraft

Week 6 Ideas back to community - week 6 and feedback opportunity

Week 8 Check for alignment / Consider feedback & Ideas and redraft

Week 10 Final Draft out to community



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 have been at school!



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



CHICKENS



LAMBS



CALVES

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

PTA Update

Kia ora All,

A big thank you to everyone who supported the disco last term – it was great to see all the kids rocking out! We raised over \$900, which will go back into supporting the school's projects this year.

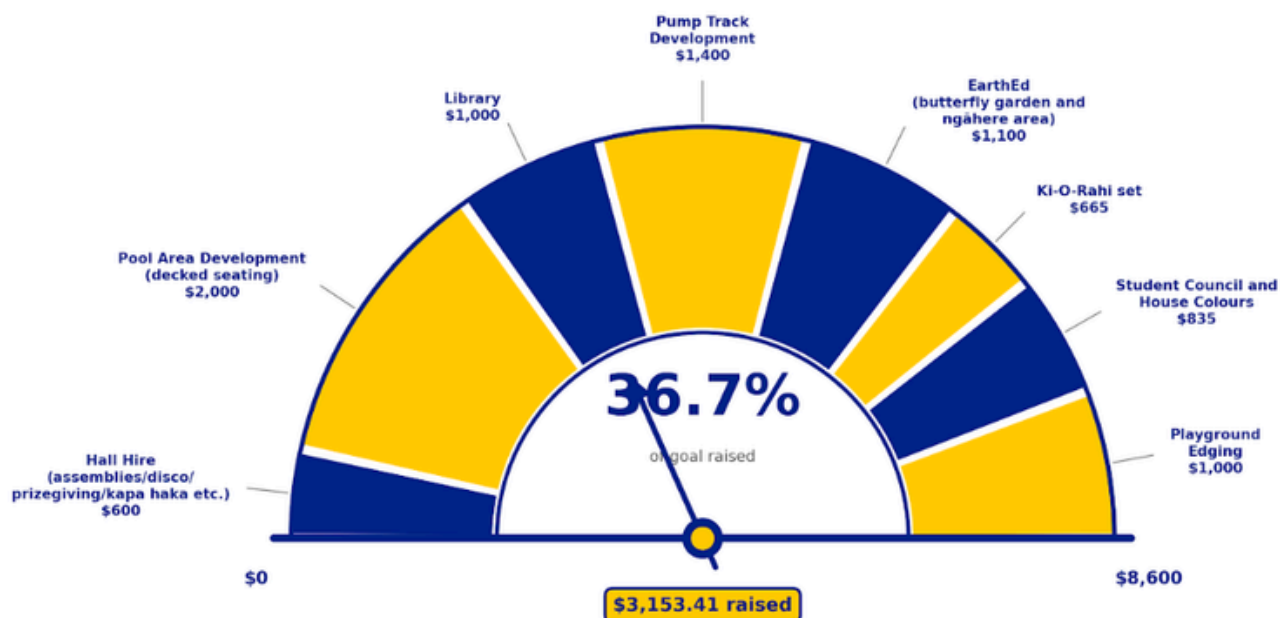
Next up is Ag Day, our other big event for the year, and we really need your help. At this stage we don't have enough volunteers to run the annual food stall, so please reach out if you can help. The more helpers we have, the less time each person needs to commit. We're also looking for donations of BBQ ingredients and baking. If you'd like to donate BBQ ingredients, please get in touch so we don't purchase more than we need – baking can simply be dropped off on the day. Country Goods have kindly donated 50 sausages for us to use at Ag Day this year.

The little kids always love getting their faces painted. If you have face-painting skills and would like to help out, let us know – we have the face paint.

Our Term 4 meetings are on 12th October and 23rd November, from around 3:20–4:30pm in Room 5. We'd love to see you there!

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?

- 12 Oct - Term 4 starts & Mihi Whakatau
- 12 Oct - PTA Meeting
- 23 Oct - OVS Ag Day!!
- 26 Oct - Labour Day (School Closed)
- 31 Oct - Spooky Car Show at OVS
- 16th Nov - Teacher only Day
- 23 Nov - PTA Meeting
- 25 Nov - WPSSA Yr 7&8 Athletics
- 2 Dec - WPSSA Yr 5&6 Athletics
- 17 Dec - Term 4 finishes 12:30pm

If you need any help feel free to contact us.



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FIAFIA AND NORTHLAND SIVA AFI COMPETITION

SATURDAY 28th NOVEMBER

BLESSING	3:45pm
FIAFIA	4:00pm
KAPA HAKA	5:30pm
SIVA AFI COMPETITION	5:50pm
PRIZE GIVING	8:00pm



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MAUNU TENNIS CLUB

JUNIOR COACHING

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STARTS
Tuesday 13th October
3.15pm onwards
COACHING ONLY IN TERMS 1 & 4



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All skill levels
Ages 6-18



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make friends and
love tennis!



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Great courts.
Great club.

*Play today,
love the game
for life!*

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN AND REACH YOUR POTENTIAL!



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STRONG FRIENDSHIPS.
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(please return any books as soon
as possible)

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SATURDAYS
 **10AM**
3-9 YEARS

FRIDAYS
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2-4 YEARS

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