O.V.S Newsletter

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...Together we Grow

ŌTAIKA VALLEY SCHOOL TERM 4-WEEK 3 2026 Issue #11

Kia ora OVSwhānau

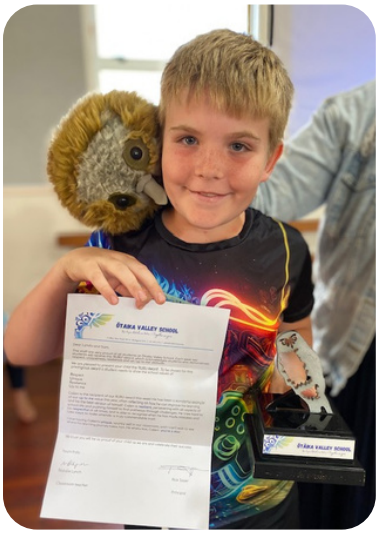
Welcome to this week's newsletter and a massive thank you to everyone who made our recent AG Day such a spectacular success! It was wonderful to see our OVS school community come together, and we are incredibly proud of all the students for their hard work and dedication with their animals and indoor exhibits. Your support—whether baking, volunteering, or cheering from the sidelines—is what makes these days so special. As we head into November, we are looking ahead to an exciting but very busy summer term. The calendar is chocca already with athletics, sports, end-of-year trips, and OVS celebrations. Please keep a close eye on upcoming newsletter dates and school HERO app alerts so you don't miss a thing as we race towards the finish line of 2026.

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 .

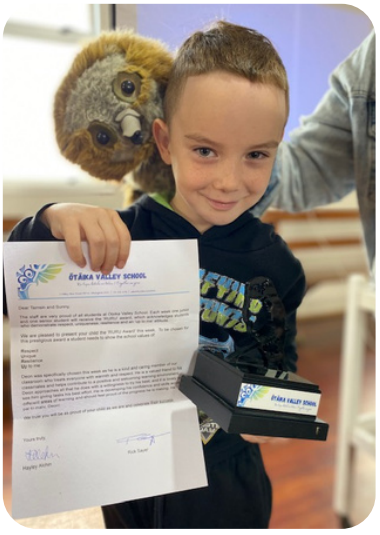
Senior RURU: Callen & Mack





Junior RURU: Rain & Deon





OVS Enrolment Scheme

OVS BOT Spot

Kia ora OVS school whānau,
The BOT would like to of remind everyone that the Ministry of Education consultation for whānau feedbackl run from **2 November to 12 December**.
Please find the ' LINK' below. This link will go live on the 2nd of November.
Otaika Valley School proposed enrolment scheme - Ministry of Education
All relevant information should be included through this link .
In the interim, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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.

ROOM 4

Drum roll please , this weeks winner ...

Cricket Skills

This week we had the first of our skills cricket sessions for this term. Students got a chance to learn some catching and throwing skills, hitting practice, and some great games as well. A whole lot of learning and fun was had and we are looking forward to the next sessions!

PS: We had great feedback from the coach about our **respectful students.**

Ka mau te wehi!













Staff Carpark

Please be aware that the bottow carpark is designated for **staff only.** We have had increasing use by whanu recently and our arriving 'After School Care' staff have nowhere left to park . Please do not park in this space - we appreciate your consideration and understanding .

OVS Ag Day!

It was wonderful to see so many joyful faces at our annual Ag Day! The tamariki worked so hard to create stunning classroom displays, and our school community came together to offer delicious treats, fun face painting, games, quad and mini truck rides, and an epic turn out of animals!

Any event like this takes a village, and there are many thanks to be said!

- Our tamariki, for their huge efforts with their classroom displays and their animals
- Our very own **Robyn** and **Whaea Nat**, for their tireless mahi behind the scenes to make the day a success
- Our **PTA** for another great food stall and show stopping face painting
- **Nat and Chris**, our mini truck magicians
- **Brittany McKenzie, Kurtis Danks, Mike Laing, Amanda Broughton**, and **Lyna Beehre**, for the unenviable task of judging the fantastic animal line up
- **Guyco Construction** for sponsoring our two new trophies (Champion Chicken and Most Obvious Pet)
- **Ryan Morris**, for supplying hay
- **Coastal Grind** for keeping us all caffeinated
- **Pacific Blue Minerals** for donating the OptiCalf prizes
- **Bethany Gardens** for donating the Red Asiatic Lily bulbs.
- **Portland Fire Brigade** for bringing their truck and giving their time to chat with our tamariki
- **Gareth**, for returning to his role of quad captain
- **Our school staff**, for their efforts in making sure everything ran smoothly and good times were had by all
- **Darcie**, for a wonderful book fair
- Everyone who came along, baked a cake, bought a book, cheered on a contestant, admired artwork, or added to the fantastic atmosphere- **we appreciate you!**

Ag Day TROPHIES 2026

Calves
Leading- Mack Atchison
Rearing- Mack Atchison
Beef Type- Sharn Attwood
Dairy Type- Mack Atchison
Reserve Champion- Asher Attwood
Overall Champion- Mack Atchison

Lambs
Rearing- Kate Stevens
Leading- Kate Stevens
Calling- Rbaley Hart
Reserve Champion- Rbaley Hart
Overall Champion- Sasha Atchison

Goats
Rearing- Noah Clark
Leading- Neve Clark
Calling- Noah Clark
Reserve Champion- Neve Clark
Overall Champion- Noah Clar

Chickens
Overall Champion- Bree Jensen

Extras
Most Obvious Pet- Isla Yeates



The Great OVS Bake Off- Watson Whānau



OVS New Charter and Strategic planning 2027-8

2027 signals the start of a new strategic planning cycle for all New Zealand schools and as we look toward shaping our next two-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.
Thankyou to those who have already given feedback through today's and AG Day's 'Whanau voice Drop in', and through the **digital survey. I**f you havenyt yet had a chance, the survey should have been sent to you through your school **Hero App**. If you haven't recieved it please contact the office or follow the below link. Y**OUR VOICE MATTERS!**
Follow this link - **OVS Strategic Consultation**.

Strategic Consultation Timeline

- 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 Draft out to community

Spooky Car Show - Tomorrow!

Guys, gals and ghouls- Yes it's finally here - Saturday 31st October is our Spooky Car Show!
Here's what you need to know:
👻 **Have a sweet ride to show off?** Cars are to arrive from 9am, through the gate off Loop Road. This is a koha entry and you'll be given a number to put your wheels in the running for the People's Choice Award, before being shown to your spot for the day. You don't need to pre-register, just turn up!

👻 **Chomping at the bit to check out all the cars?** You're welcome from 10am, entering via the bus bay gate off Valley View Road. This is also **a koha entry**.

👻 **Kai, coffee, and face paint** stalls from 10am

👻 **Performances** at 1pm from Tau Fiti Hula and Ngā Kahukura Kōwhai

👻 **Prizes** for best dressed and people's choice of car- make sure you cast your vote!



This is a cash only event, so make sure you've gathered all your loose change 💰
We can't wait to see you there!

(See the flyer below!)

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!



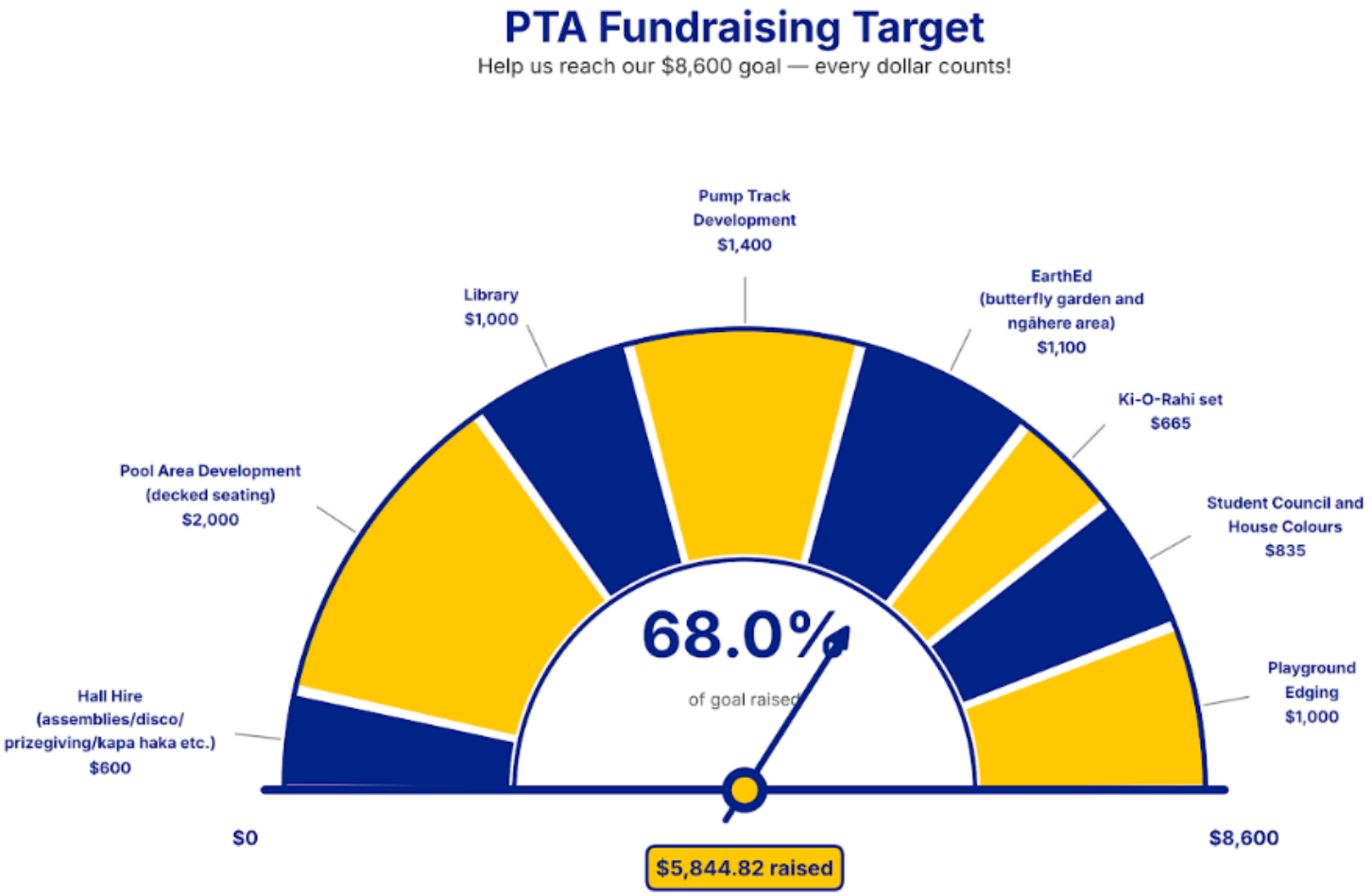
PTA Update

Kia ora All,

We want to say a very big thankyou to everyone who donated baking or ingredients, helped, or purchased something on Ag Day. We raised over $2200. This goes a long way to meeting the school's fundraising requests for the year.

We have one more meeting on the 23rd November at 3:20pm in room 5 - everyone is welcome.

This term we are hoping to run Ice Block Fridays in week 3, 5, 7 9. If you can help between 1-2:30 on any of these dates please let a PTA member know or email **pta@otaika.school.nz**



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

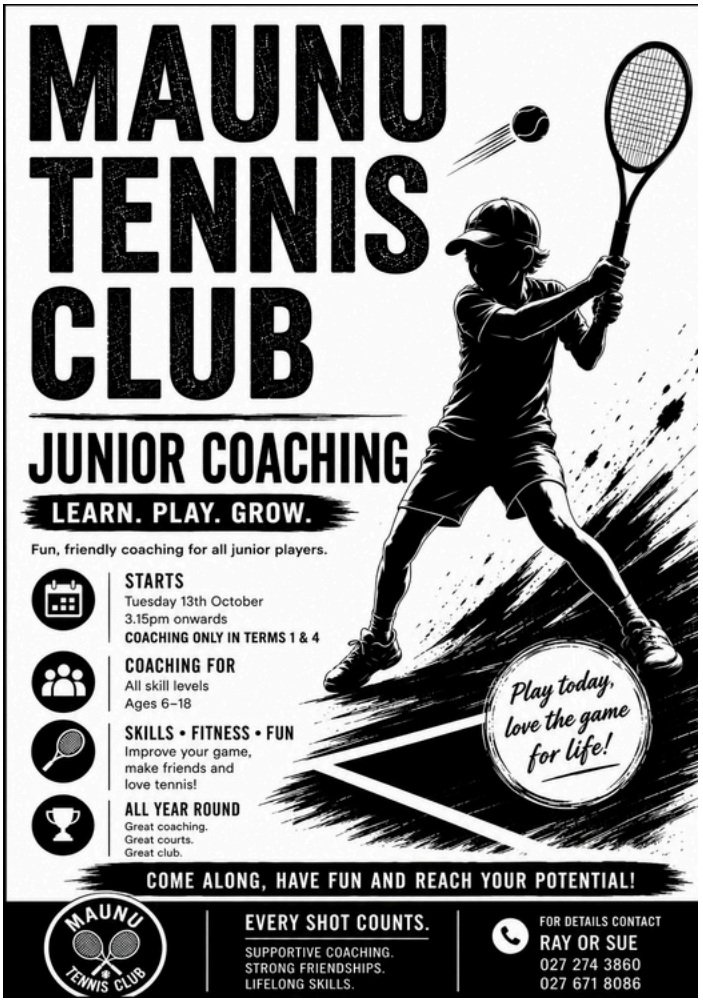
Whats on this term?

- 31st Oct - Spooky Car Show at OVS
- 4th Nov - Yr 7&8 Zone Athletics
- 7th Nov - NZ General Election
- 10th Nov - Yr 4-6 Zone Athletics
- 16th Nov - Teacher only Day (school closed)
- 23rd Nov - PTA Meeting
- 25th Nov - WPSSA Yr 7&8 Athletics
- 2nd Dec - WPSSA Yr 5&6 Athletics
- 4th Dec - Whole School Beach Day
- 17th Dec - Term 4 finishes 12:30pm (half day)

If you need any help feel free to contact us.

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Library Announcement:

WE NEED YOU!

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

(please return any books as soon as possible

