O.V.S Newsletter

Ka Tupu Kotahi Ai Tātou
...Together we Grow

ŌTAIKA VALLEY SCHOOL TERM 4-WEEK 5 2026 Issue #12

Kia ora OVSwhānau

Kia ora whānau,
It is wonderful to feel the weather finally warming up with summer well on the way! Although a patch of wet weather stopped us from getting to Zone Athletics, we certainly didn't let the rain dampen our spirits. Both our in-school athletics and our Junior Athletics Day were a massive hit, with fantastic effort, energy, and sportsmanship on display from all of our students.
Looking ahead to those warmer days, you should have now received the permission forms for our upcoming Beach Fun Day. Events like this simply can't happen without your support—if you are able to lend a hand on the day, please fill in the form to let us know. We would love to see you there!
Ngā mihi nui,

Rick Sayer
Tumuaki/Principal

Teacher Only Day

Please note this Important reminder.
Next Monday (16th Nov) is a **Teacher Only Day** - school is closed for students.
Teacher Only Days are Ministry allocated for schools to address compliance and professional development around the new curriculum rollout. OVS taff will specifically be looking at the new national reporting requirements on our HERO system as we head into our 'End of Year reporting cycle and through into 2027. There will be no After School Care on this day."

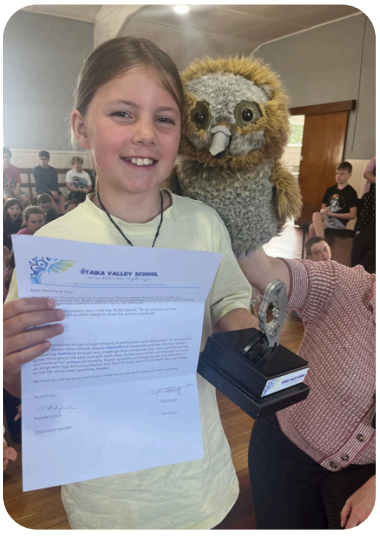
Whiria Ngā Tangata

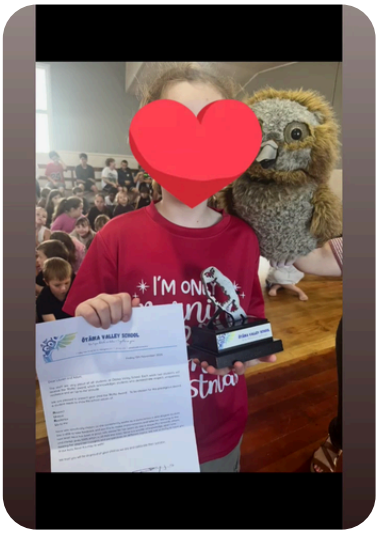
Mark the evening of **10th November** on your calendar. This will be our end of year community celebration Whiria Ngā Tangata! It promises to be an evening full of shared kai and culture... with special performances by **Ngā Kahukura kōwhai, Tau Fiti Hula** and for the first time ever...the OVS school **Band.** Watch this space for more info to come!

R.U.R.U AWARDS

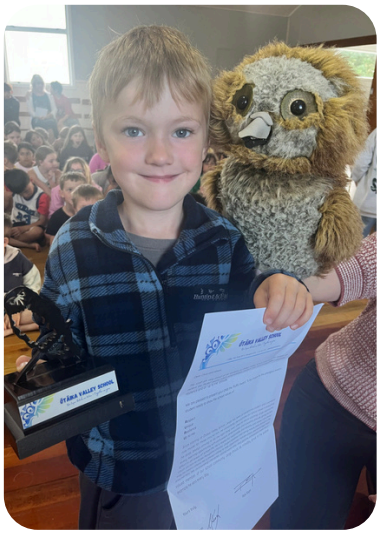
Every fortnight at assembly we celebrate our super OVS students, and this week's 'shout out' is to say a huge congratulations to our R.U.R.U award winners over the last 2 weeks .

Senior RURU: Kayley & Neve





Junior RURU: Jorge & Max





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 1

Drum roll please , this weeks winner ...

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 feedback is still open - **2 November to 12 December**.

Please find the ' LINK' below. This link is live.

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.

OVS New Charter and Strategic planning 2027-8

The Board would like to thank our stakeholders for their feedback to help shape our strategic plan for the next 2 years. We will now be collating and considering feeback to shape a draft that will be circulated to the community on its completion.

Scholastic Book Fair

Message from Darcie...



Kia ora e te whānau,

A huge thank you to all of you for supporting our annual **Scholastic Book Fair!**

The book fair sales generated $753 dollars worth of rewards that we can spend on new books with Scholastic. That is a huge effort :)

While this is slightly less than last year, it is still a significant sum of money that will greatly benefit the library stocks and the children. The book fair supplements the annual library budget and allows us to keep the collection fresh and current. By reinvesting into a variety of titles, we continue to help foster engagement in reading.

As you all know, I am passionate about books, kids' reading for fun and our school whare pukapuka being a fun, magical, safe place to be.... libraries are truly becoming rare commodities. There is worldwide erosion of physical school libraries and defunding of specialized staff, for a variety of reasons, so it's kinda cool that we still have one and that you and your kids enjoy it!!!

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 .

Junior Athletics Day: Rain Can't Stop OVS Tamariki!

What a fantastic effort from all of our junior students at this year's Junior Athletics Day! Despite a pesky rain interruption trying to dampen our spirits, our tamariki showed incredible **resilience** and enthusiasm from start to finish.

Throughout the day, it was wonderful to see our RURU values shining brightly across every rotation. Our students demonstrated super sportsmanship, cheering loudly for their peers, and brought fantastic **"Up To Me"** attitudes—giving every single event their absolute best go, no matter the weather.

We topped off the day with the crowd-favourite sprint races, where the energy on the sidelines was electric!

Honourable Mention: A special shout-out goes to Hugo from Room 1. Hugo was leading the pack in 1st place during his sprint when his hat flew off—and in true RURU style, he stopped and **went back** to pick it up before finishing his race! Ka pai, Hugo, for showing great responsibility and keeping us all smiling.

Check out a few pics and our official sprint results below:



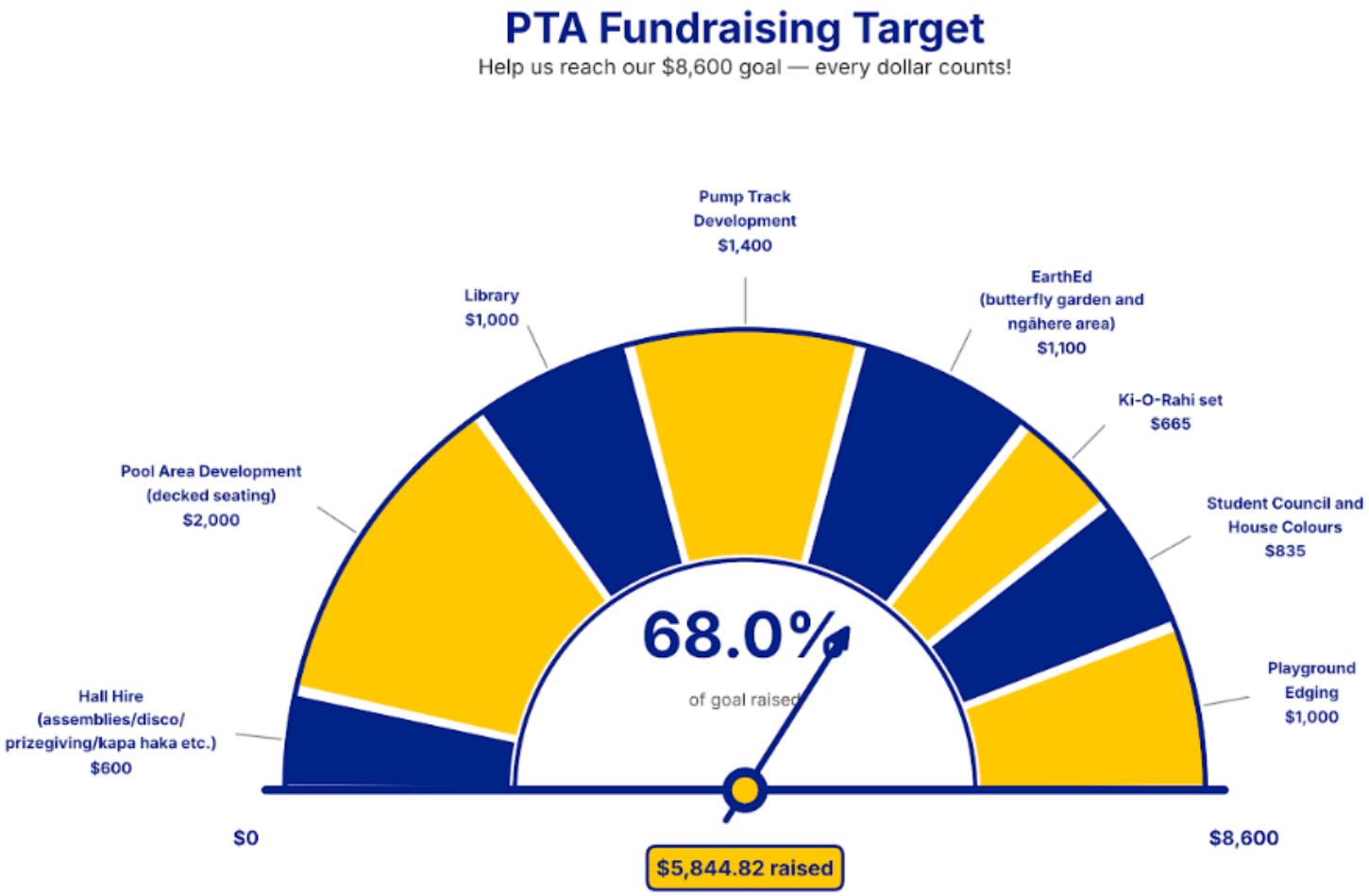
Junior Athletic Sprint Results			
	1st	2nd	3rd
R1 Boys	Harlen	Ronan	Logan
R1 Girls	Willow	Chloe	Evy
R2 Boys	Oaklynn	Hudson	Kupe
R2 Girls	Yufei	Kiannah	Leilei
R3 Boys	Cassius	Tommy	Archer
R3 Girls	Meiah	Poppy	Isla
R4 Boys	Brooklyn	Max	Corbin
R4 Girls	Tilly	Mahalia	Lacey

Sun Smart and Togs Reminders



Hats - Term 4 is a sunsmart term. Please ensure your child has a broad brimmed (named) hat. Studnets without hat must Play in the Shade.
Togs - Please ensure your child has togs and a towel **every day** as our swimming programme is in full swing!

PTA Update



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

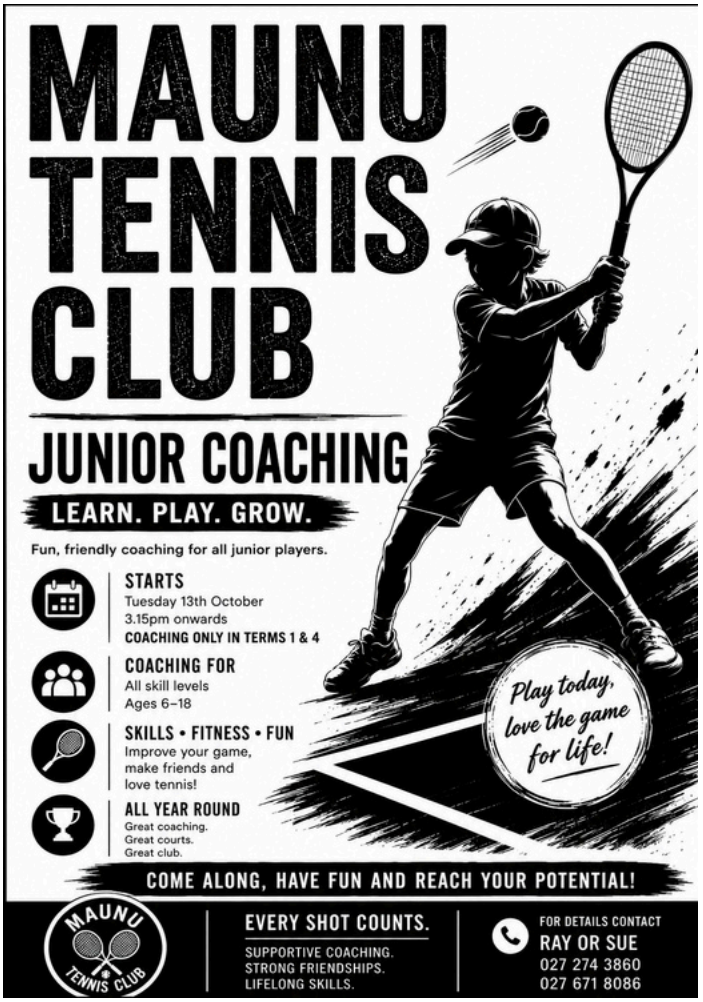
Whats on this term?

- 16th Nov - Teacher only Day (school closed)
- 18th Nov - Board of Trustees meeting
- 23rd Nov - PTA Meeting
- 25th Nov - WPSSA Yr 7&8 Athletics
- 2nd Dec - WPSSA Yr 5&6 Athletics
- 4th Dec - Whole School 'Beach Fun Day'
- 10th Dec Whiria Ngā Tangata -community evening
- **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

