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Malo e Lelei,

This week we celebrate Tonga Language and culture.
We look forward to sharing pictures with you next week.

Tomorrow – **Friday 9 September**, children are welcome to wear something that represents the Tongan culture e.g. Tongan clothing, red and white colours. No gold coin donation is needed. Selling Panikeke (50c each) from 8.10am

It has been great to have whānau back in our school supporting different outdoor opportunities for our ākonga. We are seeing regular sports, and other events and training each week. This, together with the warmer weather and sunnier days seems to have brought more whānau into our school. We are still missing some key aspects of school operation due to the country still being in 'Orange' covid settings, and are looking forward to the possibility of even fewer restrictions in Term 4. The thing we are looking forward to most, is whānau in classrooms so we can share learning and celebrations kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face).

Last week a whānau member asked about why we had not started our Friday assemblies with everyone in the hall yet since other schools were doing this. This is one of the events we have all been missing! As a school we have had to find a balance between wanting to get back to our 'normal events' and keeping staff and ākonga safe. Until recently we have had several positive covid cases in our school each week and know that gathering 440 children, staff and whānau into an inside space when there are possible positive covid cases in our school community was too much of a risk. While we know not having things like assemblies together has an impact, we have prioritised having staff and ākonga in school learning.



The Ministry of Education has recently started a promotion 'Every School Day Is A Big Day' encouraging regular attendance at school. As a school we are really behind this and see many positives for our ākonga when they attend school regularly both for their learning and wellbeing. There is more about this in this newsletter.

In This Week's Newsletter

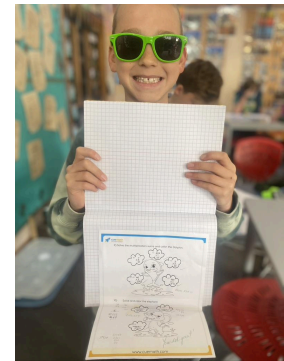
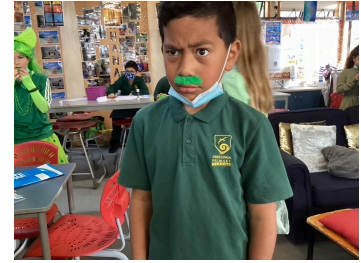
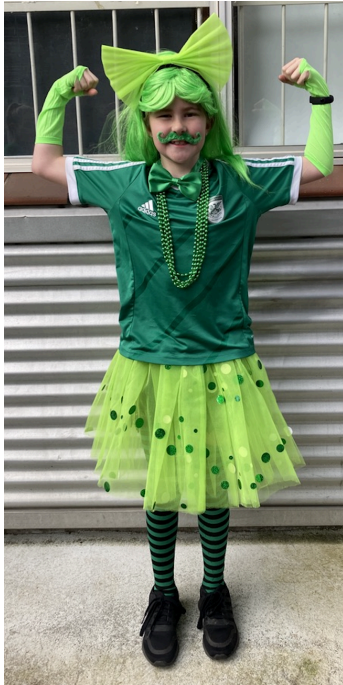
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Going Green!

The Cerebral Palsy Society fundraiser organised by Lola last week raised \$1076. Thank you everyone for your support.

From the Cerebral Palsy Society of NZ

We are so impressed with Lola. This is an outstanding fundraising effort! A huge thank you to Lola; the students and teaching staff of Onehunga Primary School who supported this worthy cause.



Teacher Only Day – as we [shared at the beginning of this term](#), there will be a Teacher Only Day on the **23rd September 2022**.



Voting closed at 4pm Wednesday September 7, 2022.

Voting count: Tuesday 13 September
New board in place: Wednesday 14 September.

Promoting Attendance

'Every School Day is a Big Day' is a Ministry of Education campaign to encourage school attendance. The campaign is a part of 'kia kotahi te ū ki te ako – all in for learning', which is an on-going nation-wide strategy with a focus on supporting ākonga to attend school regularly.

Our OPS staff notice that arriving before 8.45am in the morning and attending school regularly makes a noticeable difference to our ākonga's learning and wellbeing. We have even found links between school attendance and learning achievement outcomes for our ākonga.



We do appreciate the effort it can take some days to get your children moving and to school on time! We do also acknowledge that in our current climate with covid and winter illness, we are all facing more challenges than usual to have regular attendance.

Arriving on time and being at school regularly can help with...

- **Supporting learning** – Often learning is building on prior knowledge that occurs over a number of days. Missing some of the prior learning can impact ākonga's understanding of a new concept or strategy. A lot of learning occurs in smaller groups learning with the teacher, and we know that the regular focus on specific learning has a positive impact on ākongas learning.
- **Supporting wellbeing** – Children benefit from a predictable routine. It makes them feel safe when they know what to expect. Regular attendance, and therefore a regular routine at school, is one way of supporting your child's wellbeing.
- **Supporting your anxious child** – When your child feels like they are prepared for the day and know what is happening each day it can reassure them and help settle anxiety. Irregular attendance may mean your child feels unsure about what to expect each day. Arriving after the rest of the class have settled into learning for the day can also be unsettling.

This artwork is a sun set.
We started by drawing the sun.
Then we used the side of the chalk pastel to do the orange.
We make circles using yellow, orange, red and violet and purple and dark blue.
Then we went over the sun part and blended the colours.
After the sky part we made the reflection in the sea. Using the corners of chalk pastels we made squiggles in the reflection.

We used our fingers to blend. We had to wipe our fingers before we used them each time. We had to draw and wipe our fingers in the same direction. The chalk pastels have to be clean. The clouds were made by using the corner tip of the pastel. Lastly we drew the island, then the tree using the tip of the pastel – like a pencil tip.

By Ethan, Alice, Meika, Bethany



OPS Learning Spotlight – over the term we will be sharing some of the exciting approaches to learning occurring in our teams.

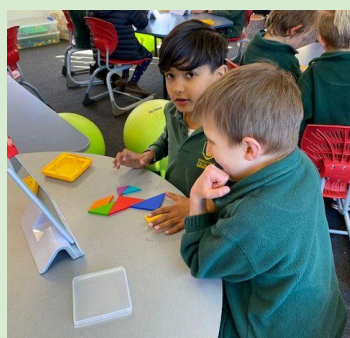
Kea Team iPad App Trial

This week's "Learning Spotlight" is a trial of software which supports learning in some different curriculum areas. It focuses on goal number 2 "OPS ākonga experience coherent pathways – (below) ...

- A progressive and enabling curriculum
- High expectations and quality learning experiences.

Osmo in the Classroom

Over this term Room 12 has been trialling Osmo, an app based collaborative learning platform with the classroom iPads. The children are working together and individually on reading, maths, and creative drawing games. So far the drawing and story play has been most popular. The app is able to take drawings from the



children and animate them within the story. The app uses mirrors and the camera to see their creations, interacts with the learners, then gives them real time feedback. It has been exciting to try the new technology and think about how we can continue our collaboration as the Kea Learning Community continues to grow.



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OPS Ākonga are empowered by positive collaborative relationships

Through...

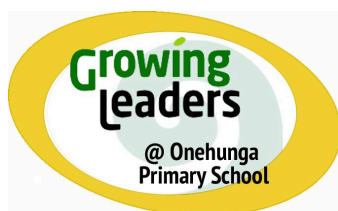
1. Learning focussed relationships supporting wellbeing and intrinsic motivation
2. Connection and partnership with local iwi, whānau and kahui ako
3. Enhanced assessment capability and reporting processes

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OPS Ākonga experience coherent pathways

Through...

1. The OPS Ākonga Profile detailing dispositions and progressions
2. A progressive and enabling local curriculum
3. High expectations and quality learning experiences



Mona, Mia, Evi and Emma are raising money for the Auckland City Mission to help people who need food.

The girls are selling items such as bracelets, cupcakes, stickers and origami. They will

have these items for sale on Friday 9th September, outside the school office.

They will sell their items for 50c – \$2.

All the money will be given to the school office to donate to the Auckland City Mission.



Working Bee – tomorrow – Friday

Spring has arrived and looking at our garden and grounds...it's time for a Spring Working Bee! Feel welcome to join our regular gardeners tomorrow, Friday from 9–11am. No experience or tools necessary.

Walking School Bus Promotion

Some of you may have met 'Max the Pukeko' and 'Happy Feet' this week at our gates promoting walking school buses for our school. Children in the Kiwi and Kea Team met with Delia from Auckland Transport, Sammy the Walking School Bus Wizard and Constable Tino in the hall to hear about Walking School Buses.

We would like to grow this to provide a number of Walking School Buses for our ākonga and whānau. There is a meeting on Friday at 2pm at the Onehunga Cafe or you can email Delia on walkingschoolbus@at.govt.nz

As a special promotion and thank you, Whānau and children who get involved with a Walking School Bus get a free Auckland Zoo day in November.

Set a good example... walk to school!



Why not walk to or from school with your child? It's the perfect opportunity to teach your child road safety skills and it is good for family fitness.

Walking is Fun, Free, Fast and Enviro-Friendly!



For more information about the **Walking School Bus** programme, please join me for a free

coffee and a meeting from 2.00-2.45pm on **Friday 9 September 2022**

WHERE: **Onehunga Café**, 259 Onehunga Mall, Onehunga

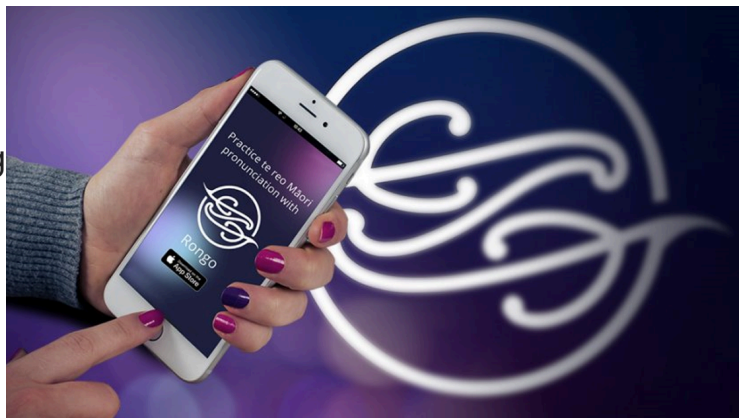
Or Email: Delia.Matthias@at.govt.nz

Rongo – Te reo Māori pronunciation app

Launched last month by Te Hiku Media, Rongo is here to help users pronounce te reo Māori correctly.

For many people speaking Māori correctly can be overwhelming and one of the hardest parts of learning te reo Māori.

Rongo is an aural-first experience, combining traditional Māori teaching methods such as listening then repeating to create the learning environment. Rongo provides real-time feedback with 24 lessons designed to improve te reo Māori pronunciation.



The user is challenged first to listen carefully then to imitate the correct pronunciation. The words will only appear on screen as extra support and the written list of phrases will be available to the student at the end of the lesson.

The method was seen as very effective in a study at the University of Otago where first year students in Māori performing arts were taught waiata and haka in the dark. Findings revealed increased improvement and retention with kupu, as well as excellent pronunciation. This was viewed as an amazing result considering most of the students were also visiting international students.

Peter-Lucas Jones, CEO of Te Hiku Media says, "Te Hiku Media is excited about getting this tool into the hands of Māori language learners. They can tackle pronunciation in the privacy of their own home, in the car or by the beach. Wherever they feel comfortable and safe."

[Download Rongo in the Google Play store](#)

[Download Rongo in the Apple App store](#)



Kia Manawaroa

Kia Manawaroa is the Ministry of Education's pānui for whānau Māori.

Read the latest issue of Kia Manawaroa:

[Kia Manawaroa August 2022 – Education for parents' and whānau](#)

It is written by Māori for Māori, with information about opportunities and milestones in education, Māori success as Māori, Te Reo Māori, and COVID-19 updates relevant to whānau as and when appropriate.

The latest issue is out now with updates about:

- Te Wiki o te Reo Māori dates
- New resource to support tamariki transition into kura
- Whānau wellbeing and support
- And so much more!

From Our Board of Trustees

Mid-Year Principal's Appraisal

I recently had the chance to present to our Board the summary report of a mid-year principal appraisal of Viki that was conducted by independent leadership consultant, Neill O'Reilly. As a school it's easy to take things for granted. These last 2 years have been unprecedented in modern times and the impact of the COVID pandemic has been there for all of us to experience. With this, and the monumental challenge of taking on a new school build as the backdrop to the challenges of running a school, Viki's appraisal by Neill was nothing short of outstanding. In Neill's words, we're fortunate to have a leader with such integrity and deep passion for students, their learning and wellbeing. As my time on the Board as the Presiding Member is approaching its final days, I just want to personally acknowledge the amount of mahi that Viki and her leadership team put in to make OPS the very best school it can be. Having Viki as "our" principal and representing "our" community is something we should all be proud of.

Koia kei a Viki.

Ngā mihi nui,
Charles Pludthura
Board Chair

Quick Links

- OPS [website](#)
- [Newsletters](#) – all 2022 newsletters can be found here on our OPS website
- [OPS Facebook](#) page

Beats By Bingo... a message from our organisers

Tables

You can either just join a table on the night, or organise a group in advance and find a table on the night. There will be tables of eight.

Donations

We would welcome donations, if you would like to donate anything or know of a business that could donate an item to be auctioned or a prize, please contact Scott at Opsquiznight@gmail.com or 0272894393.

**Buy tickets through Kindo
or [Eventbrite tickets](#)**

Onehunga Primary School Fundraiser 2022



Beats By Bingo

The Onehunga Primary School event of the year is back for 2022. It's musical bingo with great prizes and plenty of fundraising auctions. Get a team together or just come along solo. Dress up as your fave musical artist. This year is going to be bigger than ever - raise some money for the school and have a great night out.

Venue: Mt Smart Stadium Gate C (Beasley Ave)
Friday 23rd September
6.30pm - 11.30pm (bingo starts 7.30pm)
Book tickets through Kindo or contact OPS Office
Tickets \$35 - includes entertainment and some finger food
Drinks and meals available for purchase
Buses returning to Onehunga after the event

School Calendar Dates – Term 3 2022

Please note that dates will be added, updated and possibly changed as the term progresses

Week 7 5 - 9 September	Tongan Language Week 07/07 Board of Trustee Election Voting closed at 4pm 09/09 Gardening Working Bee - 9-11am - all welcome No Assembly this week. A video will be shared to celebrate Tongan Language week Wear something that represents the Tongan culture e.g. Tongan clothing, red and white colours. No gold coin donation necessary.
Week 8 12 - 16 September	Māori Language Week
Week 9 19 - 23 September	19/09 Tui Learning Community trip to Onehunga Bay/Shore (Rms 7,8,9) 21/09 BOT meeting (newly elected BOT) 5.30pm meeting room 23/09 Teacher Only Day - school closed
Week 10 26 - 30 September	26/09 Queen Elizabeth II - Memorial Day - school closed Chinese Language Week + Mental Health Awareness Week Tuvalu Language Week 29/09 Piwakawaka trip to the new Mangere Bridge 30/09 Last day of term, school finishes at 3pm
2022 Term Dates Term 3 - 25 July to 30 September <i>Teacher only day - Friday 23 September</i> Term 4 - 17 October - 16 December 2023 Term Dates Term 1 - 7 February to 6 April Term 2 - 24 April to 30 June Term 3 - 17 July to 22 September Term 4 - 9 October to 19 December	

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS

EAT YUMMY APPLES FOR NEW SPORTS GEAR FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Collect the stickers from Yummy Apples and cut-outs from 1.5kg bags of Yummy Apples for your school's share of sports gear worth **\$200,000**

RUNS THROUGH TO END OF TERM 3

EATING HEALTHY FOR COOL SPORTS GEAR SINCE 1998...

Yummy Apples at: **NEW WORLD**, **PAK'nSAVE**

Participating locations: **4101**, **4129**, **4139**, **3001**, **4194**, **4173**, **4122**, **4015**, **4173**, **3603**

HOLIDAY WRITING WORKSHOP

Learn the **secrets** of writing great stories from an award-winning author

- 3 day writing camp for ages 9-14
- 1 day workshop for ages 7-10

Meet your presenter:

Anne Kayes
Author of the Tui Street series and In Our Own Back Yard

Andy Griffiths says...
"I wish this camp had been around when I was a young writer!"

WRITE like an AUTHOR

Where: **Kowhai Intermediate**
26 Onslow Road, Kingsland, Auckland, 1024
When: **11 Oct to 13 Oct 2022**

Register now at: **WriteLikeanAuthor.com**

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