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# Newsletter

Term 3, Week 10, Wednesday 25th September

## Dear Parents and Whanau

We have reached the end of term 3 and term 4 will start on Monday 14 October at the usual time.

### CALF CLUB

This is scheduled to take place Saturday - fingers etc crossed for an improvement in the weather. It really feels like a return to winter at the moment! There have been several Calf Club newsletters over recent weeks and Friday in classrooms will be spent making floral creations for display on Saturday.

### SPORT

We have had several basketball tournaments of late and Ms Smith has kept us updated through Class Dojo. Next term we will be into Athletics skills.

### ENVIRO

This has been really busy with **X Man** here weeks 7 & 8, the Bees video being made and the day to day events. Currently Mrs Kelsey is working on the arrangements for the group that is going to the DOC camp on **Tiri Tiri Matangi** for the night with Mr Andrew Saunders, next term.

### BUILDING

**Korimako and Kereru** (R5 & 6) have moved back into their newly refurbished rooms and the **Pukeko's Nest** is settled in the shared space. You will have seen that R7 is

fenced off and the builders are working in there at the moment. This will continue over the holidays.

### **FIRE BRIGADE PRACTICE**

The Waiuku Fire Brigade is using our grounds and MP room tonight for a practice activity . Please don't panic if you see the fire engine here ..... :D

I would like to thank our **Staff** (full and part-time), **BOT, PTA, Calf Club Committee, parents and students** for the work that has gone into this term. It has certainly sped by and we will be on the Xmas countdown before we know it next term. There has been a great deal happen in all quarters this term and people have worked really hard for the benefit of our school, always striving towards making Otaua School a better place for its kids. We are really fortunate to receive so many compliments about our children's behaviour and our physical environment - all the hard work is worth it! Thanks for all your support this term - we have had lots and appreciate it all.

Term 4 starts on **Monday 14 October**. I will be away that first week, returning to school on Monday 21st.

Please see the Kahui Ako newsletter that accompanies this - this gives an outline of what has been happening in the various groups within that group of schools.

Kind regards

Carol Graham

### **CALF CLUB WIND SPINNER PROJECT**

We had originally thought that we would display the wind spinners in the garden behind room 8. With the weather looking like it could be a bit iffy we have now moved these to the MP room. Please make sure you come to the office to collect your number **BEFORE** taking your spinner to the MP room. We will have some senior students available to help.

### **PTA LUNCHES**

There will be NO bought lunches this Friday due to Calf Club set up.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

To **Adam Lowe** who was chosen for the Counties Manukau Hockey U13 Hatch team.

Also to **Milan Burns** on passing his Grade One Practical Guitar exam with Merit!

### **CAMP FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**

Tickets for this will be sold at Calf Club Day. The raffle will be drawn on the first Tuesday back of term 4. If you would like a book of tickets to sell and can return the tickets and money on Monday 14th October let us know. A huge thank you to all the families that donated items - we have three very full hampers. We will also have a Wellbeing basket with a 100's number board available for \$2 a ticket.

### **OTAUA MOTORS**

We have been asked to spread the message that they are up and going with Warrant of Fitnesses now.

### **BEES KNEES VIDEO**

We had great fun making this video and have discovered some very useful skills and talents among our team. Unfortunately we were not among the winners, however I think the process was well worth it. All is not lost though - I have been given a contact who may be able to get us started along the path to being beekeepers. We also have all the wonderful knowledge Mrs Keely Muir has that we can (hopefully) tap into.

### **BUS AND MANUAL FEES FOR TERM THREE**

We still have some outstanding fees for term 3. Can you please have these paid before the start of the new term as term four fees will be added. Remember that these fees are paid on your child's behalf and the school is out of pocket. The rules around **ineligible** children using the bus are under discussion amongst the members of the Waiuku Transport Network and unpaid fees will mean this service will be withdrawn.

To be eligible for MOE funding for the bus your child must live more than 3.2km's from their **nearest** school.

### **CAMP CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER**

On Monday a newsletter was sent home to all year 4 - 7 students about a proposed Camp fundraiser selling chocolates. On the bottom of this was a slip to return if do not want chocolates sent home next term. Please remember to get these in before the end of the week. Any profit raised from this fundraiser will go directly to your child's camp fees. All other fundraisers will be allocated across the group. This will benefit your children so don't forget to put your hand up to help in whatever way you can.

