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# Newsletter

Term 2, Week 2, Thursday, 9 May

Dear Parents and Whanau

I see Baby Sussex has been named "Archie" - must have have been named after our two!

## RENOVATIONS

We have a meeting with the builder and project manager tomorrow morning so we should have some dates for you after that.

## PTA

The PTA dance is on Saturday night at the Otaua Hall - "Glitter on the Dance Floor".

## BOT ELECTIONS

Nomination forms were posted out last week. We have had a few "return to sender" as addresses are not current. If you wish to collect a nomination form, please do so from Mrs Kelsey. The deadline date for these is **NOON** on 24 May. Please consider putting yourself forward to be a BOT member. If you are not sure what is involved, feel free to speak to a current member.

## NZEI

Thanks to everyone for their support yesterday. We will keep you updated as to what happens next.

## **ANZAC SERVICE**

This was held last Thursday and I would like to acknowledge the effort our school leaders went to preparing and delivering this.

## **REUNION**

There was a notice we put in the paper a while back re: the 125th reunion coming up in April 2020. From this we have had three people indicate an interest in being part of a group to organise what this might look like. We have a BOT member willing to facilitate any meetings but this needs someone who has an interest in this to get it off the ground. Please get in touch with us by mid next week if you are keen to be a part of/the leader of the organising group.

## **READING TOGETHER**

Please see the message on school dojo about this - there was also a message in last week's newsletter.

## **SAVE THE DATE (Repeat notice)**

At the end of this term we have planned a Matariki Activity day on Wednesday 3 July, a Trade Fair and Hangi lunch on Thursday 4 July prior to the term ending on Friday 5 July.

There will be more information about this as the term progresses.

## **PRIME MATHS**

In the last few weeks we have purchased PRIME Maths course, teacher and student workbooks to be used across the school (except our littlest kids). We trialled this programme last year and have decided to implement it across the school to support mathematics learning. There is a fair bit of money invested in this but we feel it is worthwhile and will benefit our kids. The staff have had and will have some professional development around this.

## **“PASSING STRANGERS”**

The PTA has booked out the Waiuku Theatre for the evening of the 23rd. A \$20 ticket entitles you to the play and supper. Tickets \$20. Please let me know if you would like one, two, three etc.

## **DOG CONTROL**

We have a dog control education officer (and dog) in working with our classes tomorrow.

## CALENDAR FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS OF THIS TERM

13 May Yr 7/8 tech	14	15 Waiuku Principals/COL	16 PB4L training Day Reading Together 2.30	17
20	21 Appraisal visits - Management team	22 Appraisal visit - Principal	23 Mrs P and Mrs W course (Hamilton)	24 Kahurangi Dance theatre School Assembly <b>BOT nominations close</b>
27 Yr 7/8 tech	28	29 Zero Waste Day Raglan Ms B/Mrs K  <b>Possible Strike Day TBC</b>	30 Franklin Principals PLD Reading Together 2.30	31
3 June Queen's Birthday	4	5 WPA/COL meeting	6	7 School Assembly <b>BOT elections</b>
10 June <b>BOT meeting 6pm</b>	11	12	13 St John's Education programme Reading Together 2.30	14 St John's Education programme
17 June Yr 7/8 tech	18	19	20	21 School Assembly

24 June	25	26	27 School Speech Contest (Yr 5-8)	28
1 July Yr 7/8 tech	2	3 Matariki Activities Rotary Speech Contest	4 Trade Fair Whanau Hangi Day	5 Mid-year reports issued  End of term 2

Kind regards  
Carol Graham

**BOT ELECTIONS**

**Not Election Stuff Again!** I know it seems never ending. Board of Trustee Elections are held throughout the country every **three years**. This means that all current Board members will need to be nominated and re-elected if they choose to put their names forward. Otua School is required to have five Board members and after the resignation of one of our members at the beginning of last year when her eldest child left Otua School we have been coasting along with only four.



If we receive only five nominations we will not go to the next step of voting and those nominated will be elected. However if we receive more than five nominations we will go to election. Please consider putting your name forward for nomination. You may find the role is not as arduous or time consuming as you might imagine. The current Board will be holding another drop in afternoon / evening but in the meantime don't hesitate to ask if you have questions.

**BOT ELECTIONS**

**Timeline**

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|--------------------------------|--|
| Close Main Roll                | Wednesday 8th May ( <i>available to view in the school foyer</i> ) |
| <b>Call for Nominations by</b> | <b>Friday 10th May</b>   |
| Close Supplementary Roll       | Wednesday 22nd May   |

**Nominations Close**

Voting Papers Sent By

**Election Day**

Votes Counted

Board Takes Office

**Friday 24th May**

Wednesday 29th May

**Friday 7th June - noon**

Thursday 13th June

Friday 14th June



**CALF CLUB 2019 - SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER**

**Planning** - coming home today are forms for you to complete and return to give us an idea of what animal children will be bringing on Calf Club Day.

**Entry forms** - these will come home later in the term / beginning of next term. Chicken **Chickens** - order forms for chickens will come home around mid June with delivery in July. There is

rearing information of the school website.

**Project** - doing a project is an option for those children unable to rear an animal. The Calf Club Committee will discuss options for this project at their next meeting.

**Class Exhibits** - art work for this is done throughout the year in class for display on Calf Club Day.

Don't forget if this is your first Calf Club at Ottaua and you have questions please ask we will do our best to help or put you on to the best person to help.



**TREES 4 PAPER**

We have joined this recycling initiative. In exchange for our recycled paper we will be given native trees to plant around the school or for some other community initiative. We received some very flash paper containers today made from recycled milk bottles.

## **NORTHFUELS - FUEL FOR SCHOOLS**

Several of our local farmers (both past and present Otatau families) have nominated Otatau School when they purchase their fuel. At the moment we have \$603.04 in our kitty. Once it reaches \$1000 we will be able to choose from either technology or sports equipment packages. Last time we got our high jump mat. A huge thanks to:

WJ & KG Muir Farming  
Shuker Dairies Ltd  
Robin Hood Farms Ltd  
PA & AS Wisse

CJ Dairies Ltd  
Barriball Farms Ltd  
TG & HM Turner  
Payne Ranch Ltd.



If you would like to know more about the programme please call 0800 4 THE KIDS or visit [www.northfuels.co.nz](http://www.northfuels.co.nz)

## **MEASLES - NOTICE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH**

- There are currently measles outbreaks happening across the world, including here in New Zealand (Canterbury). We have had eighteen cases this year in Auckland.
- Measles is a serious disease and symptoms include a high fever, runny nose, cough and sore red eyes, followed by a rash starting behind the ears and spreading to the body a few days later. One in 10 people with measles need hospital treatment and the most serious cases can result in deafness or swelling of the brain.
- If you are concerned that your child may be showing signs of this serious illness, please keep them home from school and call your doctor or Healthline on 0800 611 116. It's important to call first because measles is highly infectious and could infect others in the waiting room.
- Students showing signs of illness should also be kept home from activities involving large groups of people such as school camps, sports events and performance festivals. For more information about measles, what to look for and how to protect your child and / or yourself, please visit:
- <http://www.arphs.health.nz/news/measles-faqs>



