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Kia Kaha Trophy



Congratulations to Noah for receiving the Kia Kaha Trophy. Noah has demonstrated wonderful care and leadership during the early part of the year. He has been a supportive friend to the new boys in our class and has taken responsibility for helping all our new tamariki learn the routines of Te Ngahere.

What an amazing start to 2026.

Ka rawe, Noah!

Upcoming Dates:

24th Feb - Board Meeting

25th Feb - Surf Club Day Room 4

26th Feb - Surf Club Day Room

3rd March - Whanau Picnic 4:30pm-6pm

4th March District Swimming Sports
(Students who qualify)

5th March - Te Maunga Noho Marae (Rm5)

10th March - Te Ngaru Camp - Manawahe
Eco Trust (Rm3)

Kia ora e te whānau,

We had a fantastic day at Ōpōtiki College pool yesterday at our Country Schools swimming sports. Congratulations to all of the students who demonstrated our school value of daring and enjoyed the friendly competition. We appreciate the support of whānau who cheered on our students from the side of the pool, encouraging them to get involved and to do their best.

Last Friday we had our first House Challenge. This was a triathlon/relay involving swimming, running, and scootering around the pump track. It was held at lunchtime, and over 80% of the school was involved! Congratulations to Uetūpuke for having the most participants and getting to hoist the trophy for the first time in 2026. At tomorrow's assembly we will announce this week's house winner from the swimming sports.

The Ministry of Education has a parent portal available online. On this website, there is information about the curriculum changes. This year there is an updated curriculum for English and Mathematics. The website not only explains these changes but also provides guidance on what you can do at home to support your child's learning. For students in Year 3 and above, there is a maths practice app available for families wanting extra practice. There are many ways to support your child's learning at home – and I believe nothing beats reading to and with your child. There are also simple things you can do, such as writing a list before going to the supermarket, adding prices together, and telling the time on an analogue clock.

Today we have a group of Year 7 and 8 students at Maromahue Marae participating in day one of a six-day wānanga to support the restoration and protection of the health and mauri of Waiotaha Awa and the surrounding taiao, enabling thriving tuna populations and a resilient environment. Each month these students will spend a day learning at Maromahue Marae.

With our tennis court reopened after new concreting, I will be starting up our morning fitness sessions. These begin around 8:15am and involve some light exercise followed by a game of dodgeball. The idea is to get students moving and energised before the school day.

Ngā mihi nui,
Tai Miskell



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AROUND WAIOTAHE THIS WEEK

Week 1 Attendance award goes to Te Ngaru



Congratulations to Uetūpuke

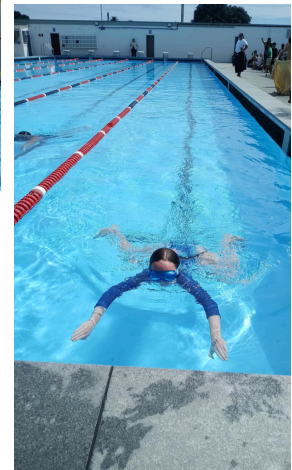


Triathlon



This week we welcome Library Jo. You will find Jo working her magic in our school library. Library Jo has been a librarian at our local library and Whakatane library for many years. Jo enjoys reading, walking her dog, skiing, gardening and spending time with her family

Country Swimming Sports



Reminders

*Bring togs and towel for lunch time swims

*Swimming lessons on Wednesday for Rooms 1, 2 & 5

*Bring water bottle and sun hat.

*Please name ALL clothes

*Sausage Sizzle Fridays
\$2.50 each (Cash only)

Te Uenuku's class frogs

