

Newsletter

Week Five Term Two 2022

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Kia Ora Whānau

Eeeeeewwwww! The winter weather has hit us hard this week and our SuperStars have still managed to get outside into the fresh air and race around on wheels. Skates, scooters and ripsticks seem to be the buzz at the moment, it is so great watching the teamwork and support of each other and also those students that are trying things for the very first time - so proud of you all. Basketball is a huge hit, the moment we get off the bus, we race around to the turf and just have so much fun, it is very exciting to see all of the developing talent that we have at ODS.

SEESAW

Our awesome staff are using this for our reporting for this year. We believe that having real time evidence based reporting is more valuable than a written report halfway through the year. We are looking at reporting on the core subject areas, reading, writing and maths - with goal setting, assessments and examples of work displayed on your SuperStars digital portfolio. We do realise that this is a change but we know that it is relevant and will also open the lines of communication. Through this reporting you will know where your SuperStar sits as far as curriculum expectations are, rather than waiting till mid way through the year. You will be able to see progress, student reflections and examples of work. SeeSaw is a great platform to talk directly to your classroom teacher too, if you have concerns, make contact through this platform. We will not be holding interviews this term either. For the last two years, less than 40% of our parents take up the opportunity. There is a lot of prep for a ten minute interview and a lot of teacher time wasted. I value our staff and their dedication, so I have decided to make a change to this too. If you wish to chat to your SuperStars teacher, you can do so at any time, our doors are always open, you can take that step as a parent when things suit you.

I know this may seem a bit to change, but we are never going to know if we don't give it a go - change is always confronting but I truly believe this system will work, it is more personalised and suited to different situations.

If you haven't already - sign up to SeeSaw, engage with it, we have 94% of our whānau connected, but far less engaging - your SuperStars can see who has viewed their portfolios, take that extra time to click on the heart and give some feedback, it means the world to them.

**TEACHER ONLY DAY TOMORROW AND
SCHOOL PHOTO DAY ON TUESDAY**

School Photos:

We have these on **Tuesday**. The system has changed a wee bit. On Tuesday the children will get an access code to go online and view images and then you can directly order from there. As far as sibling photos are concerned, there has been a wee delay in getting the forms - I will be sending an email out today to ask for an indication as to whether or not you wish for sibling photos. Please make sure that you **check your email and fill in the form** - sorry about this but it is the best we could do. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

Here is the link also: <https://forms.gle/AUTFFxGWxkgRPZQc7>

Celebrating Our Super Stars



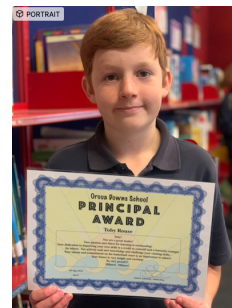
Virtue Certificates: Charlotte, Penelope, Linkin and Terimikaere

Classroom Certificates: Carter (accepted by Greer), Zoe, AbbeyGail, Tiana, Riley, Gracie, Sharvae, Alec

PB4L Voucher: Phoenix

Bus Certificates: Jack and Liam

Principal Award: TOBY ROUSE: You are a great leader! Your passion and thirst for learning is outstanding! Your dedication to improving your own skills is a credit to yourself and a fantastic example for others. You actively seek new knowledge and challenge your existing skills. Your talents and commitment on the basketball court are an inspiration to others! Your future is very bright and exciting! Be very proud!!! Miharo!



Cross Country - Our Cross Country event is next Friday, we have been training the best we can with this weather. If the weather is not on our side we will postpone until the following Wednesday and then try for the Friday also. If we are unable to run our event, we will make up our team that we will send to the TeKawau event, which is on 17th June. Next Thursday we will be walking the track as a school so everyone knows where they are going, potentially needing a change of clothes and shoes that can get muddy.

We make such a great team and can do many amazing things together - we are very lucky to have you all as part of our ODS whānau

Keep 22nd of June free for our Matariki Celebration!

Ngā Mihi
Tarnz and Team Awesome