



Woodlands School – Te Akatarere

*A love of learning opens many doors.
He aroha ki te ako, kia tuwheratia ai ngā tatau ki te ao.*

Tuesday 17 October 2017
Term 4 Week 1

Kia ora koutou,
Welcome back to school for our last term of 2017.

Delamere Kapahaka

Wow! Our students were outstanding! We came 2nd in the haka and only missed out on 1st by one point. In all of the other categories we did really well too and the judges congratulated us on our standard of te reo Māori. Te Akatarere kapahaka will be a group to look out for in the future.

A massive thank you to Matua Gage and his whanau for giving up their time for our tamariki and for sharing their expertise in kapahaka. Nga mihi nui ki a koe Matua Gage me to whanau!

One aspect that was disappointing was that our group had to perform early and some of our families, students and staff missed out on seeing our group perform live. At the next Delamere Cup meeting we will be making the suggestion that each group is given a specific time to perform. That way we all know exactly when they will be on stage to make it easier for people to be there, such as taking time off work.

Keeping Ourselves Safe – This term the whole school will be learning about Keeping Ourselves Safe. The programme covers topics such as knowing their address, phone number, recognising types of abuse and learning to say no. This Thursday at 5:30pm in our staffroom Constable Trish will be explaining to our community what the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme is about.

Hats – Since it is Term 4 and we are a Sunsmart School students will be required to wear a school uniform wide brimmed hat during morning interval and lunch, not a cap. We sell uniform bucket hats for \$10 and wide brimmed cricket type hats for \$12. Starting from next week students will be required to stay in the Multi-Teaching Space if they don't have a hat.

Dental Clinic – The Opotiki Community Dental Clinic is based at our school for the next 2 weeks. Please check with your child if they have a permission slip they need signed or if you have any concerns about your child's teeth please contact the school and we will pass on the message.

College Interviews – Opotiki College will be conducting interviews with Yr 8 students and families tomorrow from 1:30pm at Woodlands School. Students should have received a booking sheet and prospectus yesterday. If you haven't received one please ring Suzanne to book a time.

School Photos – Classroom and individual photos will be taking place on Wednesday 1st November. Tomorrow students will be receiving individual prepaid envelopes and sibling envelopes can be requested at our school office. PhotoLife only accept cheque or cash.

Board of Trustees Meeting – Tonight from 6:30 to 7:30pm to discuss organisation for our Gala. Our next BOT meeting is Tuesday 14 November from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

School Lunches – Sausage Sizzle this week for lunches. Cost: \$2 a sausage. Orders taken through the school. Please note there will be no juicie or moosie sales.

After School Science Club – The after school science club will be returning this term. Please remember that this is run by a private company and if you have any questions please contact them. The details of the programme are as follows:

It is a 7 week programme held on Thursday's, starting on the 8th November (then 15th, 22nd, 29th Nov, 6th, 13th, 20th Dec) at Woodlands School from 3:30pm - 5:15pm for students aged 7-12 years. It is \$100 per child and needs to be paid by the 5th November.

Please discuss with and ensure your child is interested in Science and they can self-manage as there are no refunds if your child changes their mind. All families upon payment will receive a receipt, an overview of activities for the seven weeks, a student permission form and behaviour contract. Spaces are limited to 15 spots.

Day 1 - Chemistry

Day 2 - Chemistry

Day 3 - Chemistry

Day 4 - Environmental/Earth Science & Testing

Day 5 - Environmental - Trip to Hukutaia Domain

Day 6 - Marine Biology

Day 7 - Marine Biology - Trip to Ohiwa Harbour

For any information please contact Alycia Amai (Administrator) on 027 902 0501.

Sports

Rippa Rugby

Interschool Rippa Rugby starts next week, on Wednesday afternoons at Memorial Park.

We have enough interest to enter teams for each age level. However, we need coaches for the teams so please contact Mr Joblin if you are interested in coaching a team.

Athletics

Woodlands Athletics is Week 4 on Friday 10 November. Our students have begun training. We ask that students are running for 15-30 minutes, three times a week for their training.

The Opotiki District Athletics Day is Friday the 17 November.

Swimming

Our school pool is a balmy 27 degrees C, so we will be starting swimming this week.

Kiwi Sports

This is Week 3, Friday 3 November, at Memorial Park. Year 5-8s will be attending. This is a great opportunity for the students to play a range of sports and make new friends.

*Naku noa (Kind regards),
Glenn Phipps*

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