



OPUA SCHOOL

ROCKY SHORE - LONG BEACH TRIP

Friday 24th March

RUSSELL SWIMMING SPORTS

Well done to every child chosen to attend last Friday's 2017 Russell Swim Sports. You all did very well indeed. Everybody competed to the best of their ability and had notable personal achievements. Our team showed superb sportsmanship and individuals were very supportive of each other and competitors from other schools.

Worthy of particular mention were our
FIVE trophy winners –

HUNTER KAY, EVER WETERE-HALL,
ALEX NOBBS, DANIELLA FOX AND
MANAWA KOPA

WE would like to thank and congratulate the team from Russell School who were amazing on the day. A big thank you to William Fuller, all the Russell teachers and parents and all the other helpers and sponsors on the day.

It was a really successful and enjoyable event. I would also like to thank Myra Larcombe [coach extraordinaire], the teacher-trainers at Opuia School and all the other Opuia staff and parents who came along to support Team Opuia.

This year we are heading to Long Beach, Russell. The whole school is involved in this trip. We will be departing from school by bus at 9.30am but we do need help with extra transport - especially for the senior pupils.

TRANSPORT - Due to the necessity of all pupils under 7 having to have car seats/ booster seats we will be putting all juniors on to the school bus unless parents have organised with whoever is taking their children.

The children require suitable footwear (for clambering over rocks!), a drink and lunch and school uniform to be worn .

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD
HAS PLENTY OF FOOD AND DRINK.

We will be leaving for Long Beach just after 9am and will be returning at approx. 2pm.

Russell-side pupils are welcome to meet us over there - just let your teacher know.

Once we know who can help with transport we will arrange with individuals for some kind of reimbursement or payment to cover the cost of the car ferry if applicable.

Thank you.

HOUSEKEEPING

SCHOOL LUNCHES -

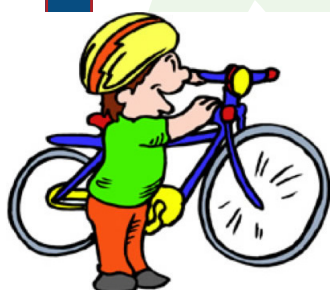
WEDNESDAY PIZZA

FRIDAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE.

**\$2.50 - ORDER AT THE
SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE**

9AM.

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**Constable
Rob
Drummond
will be
coming**

**NEXT FRIDAY to teach bike
safety. We are asking that
pupils from YEARS 4-8, bring
their bike and helmet to school
(if they have one) and we will
learn about bike safety all
together.**

**Please make sure the bike
is fit for use beforehand - ie.
The brakes work, the tyres are
pumped up etc. If your child
does not have a bike, don't
worry. We can share.**

**For more information contact
the school office.**

WANTED/NEEDED

DONATIONS OF:

- * Ice Cream Containers
- * Large Yoghurt Containers

- * Old Keys (for a game)

- * Old singlets (for Room 4)

- * Donations of groceries/toiletries for
Regatta raffle

School Stationery Fee

\$45 per child - Internet Banking - Opu School Board of Trustees 123102 0085328 00 (reference 'child's name' and 'stationery') - Thank you very much to those who have paid already.

OPUA REGATTA AND GALA

Down at the Beach All Day:

- ★ Stalls, Food, Music, Raffles, Games.
- ★ Sprat Fishing Competition.
- ★ Small Sail Boats - *Have - a -Go!*

- 11.15am - Children's Swimming Races
- 11.30am - Adults Swimming Races
- 11.45am - Dog Swimming Races - small-medium-large
- 12.15pm - Dingy Rowing Race
- 12.45pm - No Oars Race
- 1.00pm - Blindfold Race
- 1.15pm - Electric Outboard Race
- 1.20pm - 2hp Outboard Race
- 2.00pm - Yacht Races -

@ Opu Cruising Club

SO MUCH FUN! ENTER ON THE DAY.



THE OPUA SCHOOL LIBRARY NOW HAS eBOOKS!!!

Earlier this week we learned that our GRANT APPLICATION to the LION FOUNDATION was approved and we were able to purchase a year's subscription to Wheeler ePLATFORM. This is an online library with over 1200 books (and counting) which our pupils can access at any time if they have access to a computer, tablet or a smart device, either at school or home.

To access the addition to our wonderful library just download the ePLATFORM app and enter in your child's name using all lowercase with a full stop in between their first and last name, such as - bob.dobilina and then use *library1* as the password. You can then access hundreds of books for all primary school ages.

ePlatform is incredibly simple to use. It includes a raft of helpful features that students will appreciate like the ability to customise settings, make annotations, look-up words and save bookmarks. eBooks can be easily borrowed and are returned automatically.

They can also be read on a library computer, laptops or mobile devices.

Check it out and if you have ANY problems with it please let Maree in the office know asap.

THE WEATHER IS LOOKING BAD FOR TOMORROW

If you are worried about getting to and from school tomorrow please consider keeping your children home if the weather worsens. Just let us know.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Soccer Competition

Paihia Football Club are endeavouring to organise a 2017 Southern Bay of Islands Schools' Football [Soccer!] competition this year for 8th Grade [6 and 7 years of age]. Mr McGowan is happy to coach the players at school one or two lunchtimes a week but would need a manager to run the team on the Saturdays.

If you are interested, please pop in and see me. The competition is scheduled to begin on Saturday, 1st April with a 'Fun Festival' and starts in earnest the week after. The Paihia Football Club are also looking to have a Football Muster Day & training session for all volunteer coaches and players. Details:

Date: Saturday 11th March

Venue: Bledisloe Domain

Time: 10.00am - 12.00pm

Bring: Drink bottle, hat, school t-shirt (optional), warm jacket, plate to share.

Format: Quick Introductions

- Name - School

Demonstration session using the older players.

Volunteers and players practice the activity.

Have a variety of fun games/ skills.

Question and Answers session.

HOCKEY TRAINING DAY

Next Thursday we are fortunate to have a Hockey expert coming to work with the children. The whole school will have an opportunity to learn skills and techniques. Thank you Paula for organising this.

13TH MARCH

HPV VACCINATIONS FOR YEAR 8S

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15TH MARCH PTA MEETING

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19TH MARCH OPUA REGATTA

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24TH MARCH ROCKY SHORE

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1 GOLD (?) men's signet ring
- outside the school

1 PUG purse/wallet

1 BUTTERFLY hair clip

see Maree in the office if they belong to you

SCHOOL SHARING - FRIDAY FROM 2 - 3PM. KOWHAI HOUSE WILL BE SHARING THEIR WORK WITH EVERYONE. ALL PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/ GRANDPARENTS/FAMILY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG!

PLEASE PHONE OR TEXT THE SCHOOL OFFICE IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE LATE OR ABSENT.

SCHOOL STARTS AT 9AM SHARP.

IF YOU ARE REMOVING YOUR CHILD FROM SCHOOL PLEASE MAKE SURE SOMEONE AT THE OFFICE IS INFORMED FIRST.

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