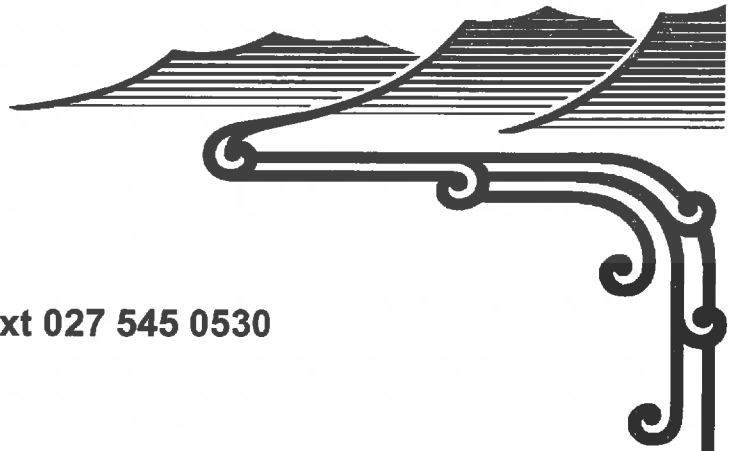


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Newsletter – April 11 - 2019

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**TERM DATES**

Term 1 finishes *tomorrow Friday 12 April at 2.00pm*. The bus will leave at this time.  
Term 2 begins on Monday 29 April.

**GALA**

**THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU**

So many hands contributed to make our gala last Sunday, the magnificent success that it was. To everyone who contributed prior to the day by donating items to be sold or raffled, organising stalls and sorting through the merchandise, contacting sponsors, organising advertising, making home baking, decorating cake boxes (which were incredible) or encouraging friends to come

**THANK YOU.**

To everyone who was able to help on the day by setting up, working on one of our many stalls, helping with the clean up or providing entertainment - Andrew and Kirsten London, Jeremy Fleming and James Stent for the music, Hayden Rasmussen for the digger rides, Judith and John Griffin for the firewood raffle donation, Rod Graham for judging the Cake Box Decorating competition, Tania and Bryan Langervald for the use of their 'Long Drop', Funzone staff for supervising children's activities, Year 6 students for awesome activities, Jo and Campbell Andrews for donating the lamb and Ralf Kuester for the use of his Lamb on the Spit Cooker.

**THANK YOU.**

To everyone who came and enjoyed and purchased and so helped us to fundraise for our students

**THANK YOU.**

**HOME AND SCHOOL GALA RAFFLES**

We have two AWESOME raffles - it is not too late to get tickets -  
**Grocery Raffle** (\$2 each or 3 for \$5) and **1.5m<sup>3</sup> Trailer Load of Firewood** (\$2 each or 3 for \$5)  
Tickets can be purchased from the school office and will be drawn on Friday 24 May.

**ROADING CHANGES WILL IMPACT WAITOHU SCHOOL**

Attached to this newsletter is an A3 Information Flyer explaining the traffic changes that are occurring. The two significant points are:

- The closure of Rahui Rd will mean a significantly increased volume of traffic using Te Manuao Rd
- Pedestrians will be able to come directly from Mill Rd up SH1 to school and vice versa.

These changes are planned for Sunday 14 April.

**BIBLE IN SCHOOLS**

Bible in School tutors will begin their classes at the start of Term 2. Classes are held each Friday between 9.00am – 9.30am. Students who participate in the Bible in Schools programme will join other students from their year levels. These classes are run by volunteers from local churches. If you wish to know more about the programme, please don't hesitate to contact me. Students who do not participate in this programme will be provided with a range of learning opportunities by classroom teachers. Please complete the permission slip below to let me know whether or not your child is to participate in the Friday morning Bible in Schools programme, thanks.

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**BIBLE IN SCHOOLS**

I do / I do not (please circle) want \_\_\_\_\_ of Room(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend Bible in Schools.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please return this slip to the school office by tomorrow, Friday 12 April).*

## **ŌTAKI SCHOOLS INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS RESULTS**

Below are the results of the Ōtaki Schools Interschool Athletics competition held last Wednesday:

### **Year 6 Girls:**

Jeana Bevan - 2nd Discus.

Ngaraima Rerekura - 3rd Discus.

Nevaeh Gardner - 3rd High Jump & 3rd Long Jump.

Darby Doyle - 3rd 200m & 3rd 100m.

### **Year 6 Boys:**

Kaylis Peneha - 2nd 100m, 1st Long Jump, 2nd Discus & 2nd Shot Put.

Zahrn Morgans - 1st 400m, 1st 100m, 2nd Long Jump & 1st Discus.

Ezaiah Smith-Reihana - 1st High Jump.

Giorgio Bevan - 3rd High Jump.

### **Year 5 Girls:**

Ava Anthony - 3rd Discus.

Tereora Toimata - 1st Shot Put.

### **Year 5 Boys:**

Zenith McCartney - 1st 400m, 1st 200m, 1st 100m, 3rd Long Jump & 1st Shot Put.

Kade Hill - 3rd 200m & 3rd 100m.

Turongo Tidd - 2nd High Jump.

Tumoana Saena - 2nd Shot Put & 2nd Discus.

Jamieson Hyde - 2nd Long Jump.

Jordan Tahiwī - 3rd Long Jump.

### **Year 4 Girls:**

Kaia Howland - 1st 400m, 1st 200m, 1st 100m, 2nd Shot Put & 2nd Long Jump.

Emanea Peneha - 2nd 200m, 3rd 100m & 1st Shot Put.

Cherizay Smith-Reihana - 3rd 200m.

### **Year 4 Boys:**

Fergus Humphreys - 1st 400m, 1st 100m & 2nd 200m.

Benji Inglis - 3rd Shot Put.

## **ŌTAKI SCHOOLS INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING RESULTS**

Below are the results of the Ōtaki Schools Interschool Swimming competition held on Tuesday. The Relay event was a Year 4 - Year 8 race combined with Ōtaki College.

### **Year 6 Girls:**

Nevaeh Gardner - 1st Freestyle, 1st Backstroke, 1st Breaststroke & 1st Girls Relay.

Nevaeh Lawton - 2nd Breaststroke & 3rd Freestyle.

### **Year 6 Boys:**

Campbell Carlyon - 1st Freestyle, 1st Backstroke, 1st Breaststroke & 1st Boys Relay.

Ethan Humphreys - 3rd Freestyle & 3rd Breaststroke.

Giorgio Bevan - 3rd Backstroke

### **Year 5 Girls:**

Tereora Toimata - 2nd Freestyle & 1st Girls Relay.

### **Year 5 Boys:**

Zenith McCartney - 1st Backstroke, 1st Breaststroke & 2nd Freestyle

Tumoana Saena - 1st Freestyle & 1st Boys Relay.

### **Year 4 Girls:**

Kaia Howland - 1st Freestyle, 2nd Breaststroke, 2nd Backstroke & 1st Girls Relay.

### **Year 4 Boys:**

Kupa Gardner - 1st Freestyle, 1st Backstroke, 1st Breaststroke & 1st Boys Relay.

Fergus Humphreys - 3rd Freestyle.

## **TE HORO EQUESTRIAN INTERSCHOOL EVENT**

Below are the results of the Interschool Equestrian competition held yesterday.

Jordan Blakeley - 1st in each Pony Pairs Jumping, Style Jumping, Optimum Time Jumping & 5th Paced and Mannered

Ailie Ironside - 3rd Pony Pairs

What fantastic results - well done to all of our talented athletes. A big thank you to all of the parents who supported our students at these events by supervising, providing transport and being awesome supporters cheering our students on.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

I encourage you to pop into the hall and check the lost property cupboard (in foyer of the hall) to ensure you get all the items that belong to your whanau. All items that remain at the end of the term will be given to charity.

### **EVENTS – UPCOMING**

- Wheels Day – Junior Syndicate – Friday 12 April
- Gala – Sunday 7 April
- Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 9 April at 7.15pm
- Assembly (10.20am) – Friday 12 April
- Final Day Term 1 – Friday 12 April
- Day 1, Term 2 – Monday 29 April
- Powhiri (10.10am) - Friday 3 May
- School closes at 12.30pm - Thursday 9 May - NZEI Paid Union Meeting
- Assembly (10.10am) – Friday 10 May
- Board of Trustees Meeting – Tuesday 14 May at 7.15pm
- Senior Cross Country - Tuesday 21 May (p/p Wednesday 22 May)
- Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews - Wednesday 22 May 3.30 - 5.30pm
- Student-Parent-Teacher Interviews - Thursday 23 May 1.30 - 8.00pm
- Assembly (10.10am) – Friday 24 May
- Interschool Cross Country - Tuesday 28 May (p/p Wednesday 29 May)
- Queen's Birthday Weekend - Monday 3 June

### **EARLY FINISH 12.30PM - THURSDAY 9 MAY**

On Thursday 9 May, school will close at 12.30pm. This is to enable teachers to attend a paid NZEI meeting relating to their collective employment contract. There will be no bus at this time.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

A Housekeeper position (or two) has become available for a new motel due to open in Dunstan Street, Ōtaki. The hours would be within 9.00am - 2.00pm each day or a few days a week. Please contact Mark Rudings on 021 727 720, to discuss requirements, remuneration and other details.

#### **ŌTAKI ANZAC DAY CELEBRATION**

An ANZAC Day Celebration will be held at Ōtaki War Memorial on Main Street, Ōtaki on Thursday 25 April commencing at 5.50am. Everyone is invited to attend.

#### **FUNZONE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Funzone will be holding a school holiday programme based at Waitohu School Hall from Monday 15 - Friday 26 April. Enrol online at [www.funzone.co.nz](http://www.funzone.co.nz) or call 0800 543 9696 or email [info@funzone.co.nz](mailto:info@funzone.co.nz) for more information.

#### **ŌTAKI POTTERY CLUB HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS**

Ōtaki Pottery Club has School Holiday Clay Workshops for young people aged 7 - 18 years with tutor Paula Archibald. The cost is \$30 per person including materials and firing. Workshops are on Tuesday 16 April 10.00am - 12.00pm with the theme of Castles and 1.00pm - 3.00pm create a serving or dinner plate.

### **ŌTAKI SCOUTS, CUBS & KEA'S FUNDRAISER**

The Ōtaki Scout group are holding a jumble sale on Saturday 13 April from 9.00am at the Scout Hall in Haruatai Park, Ōtaki to raise funds towards hall costs. Contribution of goods for sale are welcome (not old computers or TV's). Phone 027 557 7007 for goods to be collected by arrangement. Contact the convenor at [otakiscoutgroupcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:otakiscoutgroupcommittee@gmail.com) or on 021 111 1646 for further information.

### **FREE BASKETBALL REFEREE COURSE (ENTRY LEVEL)**

On Saturday 13 April there will be a free BBNZ Referee Course (Entry Level), at Kāpiti College Gym for those wanting to increase their basketball knowledge. The course will have a theory component from 9.00 - 11.00am and then ref practice from 11.00am - 2.00pm with the Kāpiti College Basketball Teams in their fun Mini Tournament. There is no assessment involved. Contact Andrea Broadhurst on 021 109 3382 or email [kapiticollegebball@gmail.com](mailto:kapiticollegebball@gmail.com) for more information. This course is in conjunction with Kāpiti Hoop Club.

### **ADULT BASKETBALL SCRIMMAGES**

Kāpiti Hoop Club are running Adult Basketball Scrimmages on Sunday's from 3.15 - 5.15pm at the Paraparaumu College Community Sport Hall, 151 Mazengarb Road, Paraparaumu. Men and women of all skill levels are welcome. Entry is \$5.00. Contact Lindsay on 027 619 4636 for more information.

### **TE KURA TIAKI HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT NGĀ PURAPURA**

Te Kura Tiaki Holiday Programme based at Ngā Purapura will run from Monday 15 April - Friday 26 April (excluding Easter Holidays and Anzac Day), for 5 - 12 year olds. Parents can pre-purchase morning tea and lunch at the onsite café. The tamariki will be stimulated within Te Ao Māori which is utilized in everyday activities. Visit Ngā Purapura, see [www.wananga.com](http://www.wananga.com) or phone 364 9018 for more information.

### **FREE FUSSY EATERS FORUM**

There will be a free forum for parents, caregivers and health professionals of fussy eaters on Thursday 9 May, from 6.00 - 7.30pm at Palmerston North Convention Centre. The speakers will include; Dr Kirsty Ross, Clinical Psychologist (Massey University), Suzanne Aitken, Dietician (Central PHO), Dr Megan Pybus, Paediatrician (MldCentral Health). There are no bookings required just come along.

### **KĀPITI ISLAND FOR KIDS HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**

Kāpiti Island For Kids Holiday Programme is on from 22 - 24 April for 9 -12 year olds. This three day and two night programme includes nighttime kiwi spotting, nature adventures, fishing, swimming, harakeke weaving and games. Cabin accommodation (quad share), food, ferry and DOC permits included. Cost per person is \$395 and the programme is limited to 14 spaces. Email [bookings@kapitiisland.com](mailto:bookings@kapitiisland.com) for any enquiries or bookings.

### **KAKARIKI NATURE PLAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT NGA MANU**

Kakariki Nature Play School Holiday Programme at Nga Manu is now open for bookings for 4 - 8 year olds. Tales of the Forest programme has lots of bush play, storytelling and puppets, natural crafts, fire pit and more. Session times are; Monday 15 April 1.00 - 4.00pm \$30 per child, Tuesday 16 April 9.15am - 3.00pm \$60 per child, Wednesday 17 April 1.00 - 4.00pm \$30 per child. Email [annburns.enrich@gmail.com](mailto:annburns.enrich@gmail.com) or call on 021 0243 0430 for more information.

### **FEMME NATALE 2 SHOW AT BATS THEATRE WELLINGTON**

Femme Natale 2, a comedy sketch show about parenthood, is showing at Bats Theatre, Wellington from 26 April - 4 May at 7.30pm and 4 May at 2.00pm Babes in Arms Matinee. Tickets cost; \$20 full, \$15 concession and \$14 for groups of 6 or more. Book at [www.bats.co.nz](http://www.bats.co.nz) or phone 04 802 4175.

### **MUSIC, MOVEMENT AND IMAGINATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN**

Creative story-telling classes with sound, rhythm, movement, voice and music-making for children aged 7 and up with Music Therapist Meg Stone are starting in Term 2 on Thursday's at 4.00pm in Ōtaki. Cost is \$5 - \$15 per session (depending on income). Contact Meg at [meg.aotearoa@gmail.com](mailto:meg.aotearoa@gmail.com) or on 020 443 3001 for more information.

### **YOUTH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WITH HORSES**

Equine Assisted Learning involves hands on interactive group activities with horses. All the activities are ground based, no horse-back riding is involved. No prior experience with horses is necessary. "Herd by Horses" are holding a Youth Skills Development course for youth aged 10-13 years in small groups of 4-6 people on Thursdays 4.00-5.15pm starting on 24 April and running for 6 weeks. The course is based at 593 Waikawa Beach Road, Manakau, Levin and costs \$240 for the course (\$40 per session). A 50% deposit (non-refundable) is payable on booking. To register email [herdbyhorsesnz@gmail.com](mailto:herdbyhorsesnz@gmail.com) or call Anna on 027 734 5887 or Kelly on 027 635 3537.

### **EASTER HOLIDAY GO CLUB STEM WORKSHOPS**

The Go Club is a STEM group for girls aged 5 -12 exploring science, technology, engineering and maths in a fun, safe and supportive environment. Holiday workshops are on Monday 15 April - Beautiful Biology, Tuesday 16 April - Leaping Lego, Wednesday 17 April Chocolate Chemistry at 6 Tongariro Street, Paraparaumu. The cost is \$65 per day for 8.30am - 3.00pm (after care available until 5.15pm). Go to [www.enrolmy.com/the-go-club](http://www.enrolmy.com/the-go-club) to book a space.

### **DENISE WALKER DANCE ACADEMY**

School Holiday Taster lessons are on Tuesday 23 April at the Denise Walker Dance Academy, 12 Parata Street, Waikanae in Ballet + Jazz/Funk + Contemporary. Session times for 5-7 year olds 9.00am - 10.30 am (30 minutes each style) \$20 and 8-11 year olds 10.45am - 1.00pm (45 minutes each style) \$30. Enrolments for Term 2 are now open for Denise Walker Academy Dance classes in Ballet (RAD), jazz/funk, contemporary, preschool ballet/jazz plus all new hip hop for juniors. Classes available in Waikanae and Ōtaki. Visit [www.denisewalkerdance.co.nz](http://www.denisewalkerdance.co.nz) or contact Denise at [denise.walker82@gmail.com](mailto:denise.walker82@gmail.com) or on 027 454 4073 for more information.

### **STUDENT EXCHANGE HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITY**

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand will be receiving teenage students from France, Denmark, Finland and Germany in April, May, June and July 2019. The new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3, 5 or 10 months. They are currently seeking host families for these students who will have at least a basic levels of English. If you are interested in hosting an exchange student you can visit [www.studentexchange.org.nz](http://www.studentexchange.org.nz) to find out information and view student profiles or ring 0800 440 079.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

20 MARCH 2019

### RĀHUI ROAD CLOSURE

From 14 April 2019, Rāhui Road will be closed between BP and the southern County Road intersection.

The road will be closed for up to seven months with traffic and pedestrians diverted via alternative routes as shown in the graphics overleaf.

Closing the road allows the rail re-alignment and construction of the new Rāhui Road overbridge to be completed safely. Once the track is re-aligned, the level crossing in this area will be de-commissioned and eventually replaced by the new overbridge.

Later this year Rāhui Road will re-open and the overbridge will carry local traffic across the expressway and re-aligned rail tracks. We appreciate this may cause major disruption to local journeys. Our number one priority is your safety and we thank you for your patience and cooperation while we get on with the works as quickly as possible.

#### FAQS:

##### **Why do you have to close the road right before Easter?**

We have to close the road before Easter to prepare the ground around the rail track so we can move the tracks over what's called the Block of Line Period. The Block of Line is a 36-hour window where KiwiRail have no trains running and we are allowed to work on the tracks.

##### **Why can't you put traffic through work site?**

As soon as we move the track we take away the signalised level crossing and don't replace it.

Why? Because we're building a bridge to take the traffic and pedestrians over the rail and expressway. We need to keep everyone safe. Live train tracks and a working civil construction site present high risk situations which are managed by strict controls for the people working in, and living around them.

##### **Why can't County Road be two-way?**

Because the County Road intersection with SH1 does not allow safe turning for two-way traffic. We also need to provide safe pedestrian access and County Road does not have enough space for two-way traffic and a safe pedestrian passage.

##### **Why will it take so long?**

Seven months isn't very long to build a bridge. We'll be working as quickly as possible to get the job done and minimise disruption. We can work much faster with the public diverted away from our works.

##### **What do I do if I need help to understand or navigate these changes?**

Contact us on the number or email below and we'll come and meet with you. We're here to help!

#### GOT QUESTIONS OR NEED HELP?

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Email us: [pp2o@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:pp2o@nzta.govt.nz)

Come along to the next:

**Northern Neighbourhood Group Meeting** – 7pm, Monday 25 March at Waitohu School.

*These meetings are held every six weeks. They provide a regular update on construction works in your area and are an opportunity for you to raise questions or concerns you may have about construction activities.*

If you can't make this meeting, you're also welcome to join the

**Southern Neighbourhood Meeting** – 7pm, Tuesday 26 March at Te Horo School.

#### YOU CAN ALSO FIND US AT THESE EVENTS:

21 March 2019, 5pm – 8pm

Te Kura-ā-Iwi O Whakatapuranga Rua Mano, Kainavil

7 April 2019, 11am – 3pm

Waitohu School Gala

10 April 2019, 12pm – 6pm

Ōtaki Māori Racecourse



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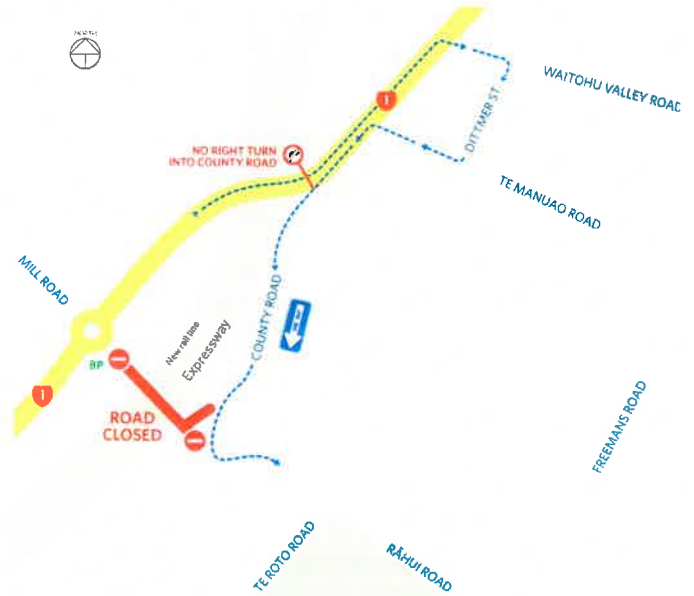
## Entering County Road, Rāhui Road and Te Roto Road

### Northbound traffic

- turn right onto Waitohu Valley Road
- right onto Dittmer Street
- right onto Te Manuao Road
- left onto SH1, and
- left into County Road

### Southbound traffic

- turn left onto County Road
- County Road remains one-way southbound
- no right turn northbound from SH1



## Exiting County Road, Rāhui Road and Te Roto Road

- travel east up Rāhui Road
- turn left onto Freemans Road
- left onto Te Manuao Road
- turn left or right into SH1



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## Walking or cycling

Pedestrians and cyclists will be diverted north or south via a footpath on County Road, then

- north on the existing footpaths, or
- south on the eastern side of the new bridges on SH1
- the path on the new bridges will take pedestrians to the signalised lights on SH1, where pedestrians can safely cross east to west

Like the new bridges, this path will go through several phases of construction to complete. The path on the new bridges will continue to pass safely through our construction works.

