

# OREWA BEACH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



**Kia ora koutou,**

Welcome back to the start of the 2025 school year! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas and summer break. It was wonderful to see our students return today, excited and eager to learn. A special welcome to all the new families joining our school community this year. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you better.

We are excited to welcome several new staff members to our team:

- **Mr. Shane Dennis** – Deputy Principal
- **Mr. Max Powderley** – Year 4 Teacher
- **Miss Katie McClennan**. Year 4 Teacher
- **Mr. James Hobby** – Year 5/6 Teacher

We are confident that their expertise and enthusiasm will greatly benefit our students.

To formally welcome our new staff and students, we will be holding a whole school Pōhiri on Monday, 10th February, at 10:15 am in the school hall. All new whānau are warmly invited to attend this special event.

Thank you to everyone who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' interviews yesterday. These sessions were a great success, providing an excellent opportunity for teachers and parents to connect. If you have any further questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's teacher or the school office.

As part of a Health and Safety requirement directed by the Ministry of Education, our school will be undergoing a fencing project. You may have noticed the temporary fencing that has been erected around the school as we finalise the plans. We anticipate that the project will commence in mid-February. Thank you for your patience as we navigate this project.

## Curriculum Updates

This year, we are excited to implement the new Math and English curricula. Our staff have dedicated time over the break to professional development, ensuring they are well-equipped with the necessary skills to deliver these programmes effectively.

## Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is crucial for your child's learning and development. From Term 1 2025, schools are required to record and report student attendance daily. We encourage you to ensure your child attends school every day unless they are genuinely unwell. If your child is sick, please inform the school office as soon as possible. Being on time to class is also important, as it sets a positive tone for the day and minimizes disruptions. For more information on attendance requirements, please refer to the Ministry of Education's guidelines. [education.govt.nz](https://www.education.govt.nz)

## Stay Connected

A reminder to keep an eye on the Hero app for all school communications. Additionally, Kindo will be our "online shop" for any payments. The Math Whizz payments for Years 3–6 have been added to the Kindo shop for your convenience.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead, working together to support your children's learning and growth.

Ngā mihi nui,  
Wendy Naidu

**ATTENTION!**

**Plases note: Friday 7th of February is a normal school day**

## WHAT'S ON ?

### February 2025

- Thurs 6th Waitangi Day(School Closed)
- Mon 10th Whole School Pōhiri School Hall 10.15am
- Tues 25th and Wed 26th Weka Water/Surf Day

### March 2025

- Wed 12th Goal Setting Conferences School closes at 12pm.

### April 2025

- Fri 11th Last day of Term One
- Mon 28th First day of Term Two

### Absences

Please ensure you inform the school of your child's absence due to illness or holidays. If you are unable to let us know through the Hero app, please call the Office on 09 426 4849.

Please be aware we finish school at 2.45 pm. Children need to be picked up promptly. If you cannot be here at 2.45 pm please arrange care at Kelly Club.

**Bixxy Box Fundraiser - Keep your pets healthy AND fundraising for our school.**

We are excited to announce our participation in the Bixxy Box fundraiser, an initiative that supports our school programs. Bixxy

Box offers a subscription service for pet owners, providing regular deliveries of flea and worm treatments for cats and dogs. By subscribing, you not only ensure the health and well-being of your pets but also contribute to our school's fundraising efforts.

ALL the profits are sent directly back to our school to help us fundraise – so get your friends and family from all over the country to join in. For more info head to: [Schools.BixxyBox.com](https://Schools.BixxyBox.com)

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**ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN**

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**REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR THE 2025 WINTER SEASON**

HIBISCUS COAST FOOTBALL IS LOOKING FOR PLAYERS AGED 9-12 TO JOIN OUR TEAMS, GAMES ARE PLAYED ON SATURDAYS WITH TRAINING SESSIONS DURING THE WEEK

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE:  
[WWW.HBCAFC.ORG.NZ](http://WWW.HBCAFC.ORG.NZ)



**NORTH HARBOUR SOFTBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM**



**Oteha Valley School**

MONDAY 3PM TO 3:45PM

ON SCHOOL FIELD

4 WEEK PROGRAM STARTING MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2025

COST \$55 PER PERSON

REGISTER HERE:  
[HTTPS://WWW.SPORTY.CO.NZ/VIEWFORM/340569](https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/340569)

<p><b>Wk 0</b> 27 Jan</p>	<p><b>We are Back!</b></p>		<p>Welcome back to Kelly Club. This week is about making new friends.</p>
<p><b>Wk 1</b> 3 Feb</p>	<p><b>New Zealand Celebration</b></p>		<p>We live in a beautiful country with many wonderful places. Let's celebrate it!</p>
<p><b>Wk 2</b> 10 Feb</p>	<p><b>Lantern Festival</b></p>		<p>Let's light up Kelly Club with our very own lantern festival!</p>
<p><b>Wk 3</b> 17 Feb</p>	<p><b>Staff Choice</b></p>		<p>The staff have got you covered with a week filled with their favourite activities.</p>
<p><b>Wk 4</b> 24 Feb</p>	<p><b>Tongue Twisters</b></p>		<p>It's time to twist and shout at Kelly Club!</p>
<p><b>Wk 5</b> 3 Mar</p>	<p><b>Colourful Autumn</b></p>		<p>Let's skip into the crisp Autumn days of red, orange &amp; brown.</p>
<p><b>Wk 6</b> 10 Mar</p>	<p><b>Wildlife Week</b></p>		<p>Embrace your wild side and learn about the creatures we share our world with.</p>
<p><b>Wk 7</b> 17 Mar</p>	<p><b>Once upon a time...</b></p>		<p>Join us for a fairytale adventure where magic and wonders await!</p>
<p><b>Wk 8</b> 24 Mar</p>	<p><b>Kids Choice</b></p>		<p>It's up to you what we do at Kelly Club this week.</p>
<p><b>Wk 9</b> 31 Mar</p>	<p><b>Hour of Power</b></p>		<p>Get involved in some creative power saving fun to protect our planet!</p>
<p><b>Wk 10</b> 7 April</p>	<p><b>Tumbling Towers</b></p>		<p>Build them up and bash them down. It's tumbling towers week!</p>

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7:00 - 8:15 am		Pohutukawa Tree & Structured Free Time	Dance Battle & Structured Free Time		Homemade Muffins & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am		Game: Staff Choice	Game: Musical Statues		Game: Captains Coming
2:45 - 3:00 pm		Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time		Sign In & Free Time
3:00 - 3:30 pm		Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Spaghetti Bread Basket & Fruit		Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Muffins & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm		Game: Rainbow Rush	Game: Crab Football		Game: Jedi Dodgeball
SENIORS 3:45 - 4:30 pm		<b>CRAFT</b> Clay Diya's 	<b>GAME</b> Sheep Shearing 		<b>SPORT</b> Rippa Rugby 
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JUNIORS 3:45 - 4:30 pm		Tidy Up	Tidy Up		Tidy Up
		Snack Time Raisins	Snack Time Muesli Bars		Snack Time Corn Thins
4:30 - 4:35 pm		Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time		Homework & Quiet Time
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Game: The Warm Wind Blows & Projects	Game: Train Stations & Projects	Game: Zombie Tag & Projects		
4:50 - 5:15 pm					
5:15 - 6:00 pm					

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7:00 - 8:15 am	Paper Plane Comp & Structured Free Time	Fort Building & Structured Free Time	Cup Towers & Structured Free Time	Origami Lanterns & Structured Free Time	Homemade Brownie & Structured Free Time
8:15 - 8:30 am	Game: Simon Says	Game: Dragon Dance Relay	Game: Noodle Tag	Game: Rob the Nest	Game: Wacky Relays
2:45 - 3:00 pm	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time	Sign In & Free Time
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Intro & Afternoon Tea Yoghurt & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sausage Rolls & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Sammies & Fruit	Intro & Afternoon Tea Homemade Brownie & Fruit
3:30 - 3:45 pm	Game: Blindfolded Explorers	Game: All on One Side	Game: Midnight	Game: 4 Corner Dodgeball	Game: Turkey Tag
SENIORS 3:45 - 4:30 pm	<b>SPORT</b> Table Tennis 	<b>COOKING</b> Sweet Rice Dumplings 	<b>CRAFT</b> Fan Dragon Paper 	<b>GAME</b> Cuju 	<b>DISCOVERY</b> Lantern Holder 
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JUNIORS 3:45 - 4:30 pm	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up	Tidy Up
	Snack Time Popcorn	Snack Time Baking	Snack Time Biscuits	Snack Time Crackers	Snack Time Vege Chips
4:30 - 4:35 pm	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time	Homework & Quiet Time
4:35 - 4:50 pm	Game: Bom Bom Bom & Projects	Game: Catch the Dragon's Tail & Projects	Game: Caterpillar Race & Projects	Game: Cloud Hopping & Projects	Game: Coin Rugby & Projects
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