

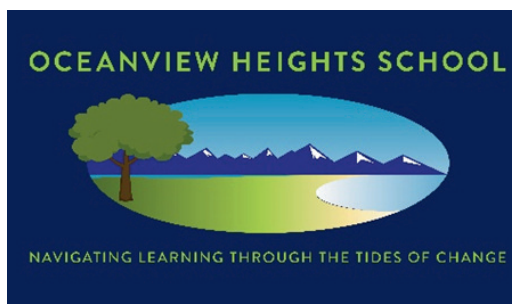
Oceanview Heights School

NAVIGATING LEARNING THROUGH TIDES OF CHANGE

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Welcome

**Kia ora, Talofa, Malo e leleli,
Kia orana, Fakalofa lahi Atu, Ni sa
bula, Nameste, Marhaba**

Welcome to Oceanview Heights school. We have a roll of approximately 110 children, We are a “full” primary school, catering for Years 0-8. Our children then move onto the local high schools of Mountainview High School, TBHS, TGHS, Roncalli College & Craighead. The School is proud of its history and traditions and is moving forward confidently into the twenty-first century. The local community is very friendly and supportive.

At Oceanveiw Heights we offer a range of exciting opportunities for your child. Our children achieve well in a range of academic, cultural and sporting endeavours throughout the year. We pride ourselves in being a family/whanau school embracing the diversity of cultures we have within the school. Our children/tamariki, come first. We have spacious, beautiful grounds and child-focussed modern learning classrooms. Our teachers are dedicated and committed to the school and all of our children/tamariki. We endeavour to keep class numbers low, especially in our new entrant/year 1 room.

Oceanview Heights is fortunate to have the South Canterbury Learning Support Hub as part of our school. This hub houses Resource Teachers: Learning & Behaviour, Resource Teacher: Vision, Itinerant teachers of the Deaf and Speech/Language Therapists, as well as Learning Support and Ministry of Education

Our school is zoned, so if you would like a map to show you the enrolment zone, please ask at the school office for a copy.

Sandi Abel
Principal



Our Staff

Principal

Sandi Abel

Deputy Principal

Tessa Cooper

Teaching Staff

Moana / RM1

Pip Long

Kirikiri / RM2

Priyanka Priyardarsini

Whenua / RM3

Shannon Beatson

Rākau / RM4

Vicky Lambert

Maunga / RM5

Tessa Cooper

Release Teacher

Shirley Harvey

Te Reo Maori / Kapa Haka

Whaea Iri

Learning Assistants

Alison Meyer, Maree Campbell, Michelle Silver, Stacey Hawthorne, Jemma Boon,
Liz Sakimura

Office Manager's

Christine Welch, Melissa Jackson

Library

Melissa Jackson

Healthy Lunch - Kitchen Staff

Jemma Boon

Tonya Cuthbertson

Caretaker

Brian Ellis

Cleaner

Sepitemba Paongo

Board of Trustees

Oceanview Heights School is proudly governed by a supportive Board of Trustees. We welcome members of our school community to attend board meetings. Meeting dates are advertised in the school newsletter and are held in the schools Meeting Room straight after school.

Presiding Member

Phillipa Watson

Board Members

Kerry Burton, Pisila Moala-Fakatou, Lisa Doudle and Julie White

Staff Representative

Tessa Cooper

Board Secretary

Christine Welch

Principal

Sandi Abel

Values

At Oceanview Heights we teach our children to C . A . R . E

Co-operate

Achieve

Respect

Encourage



Communication



Hero - Student Management System

We use the HERO app for communication. It is important that you provide us with email addresses of whom you want to see these communications for your child. To set this up download the HERO app on your phone and put in your email address and set a password. All our school notifications will go out via this app, whether it is for sports teams, whole school, different classes or year levels. If you need any help accessing this, please contact the school office for assistance.

Newsletter/Community Notices via Hero

To keep you informed on current events happening within the school and the Oceanview Heights Community, we always put events and photos up for Parents and Caregivers to see. We would also like to start sending out our Newsletter via Hero as well as our important dates for your calendar.

Please make sure to download the HERO App to ensure you are always kept up to date with all things happening here at OVH School.

3 Way Conferences, Portfolios and Reports

In February/March each year we will ask parents and caregivers to meet with the teachers along with their child and discuss goals for the year. We recommend that all parents/caregivers are involved in this process.

Term 1 - Meet the Teacher Afternoon - 3 Way Conferences

Term 2 - Portfolio (*come home*)

Term 3 - 3 Way Conferences

Term 4 - Written Report (*come home*)

During the year, we are available if you wish to discuss matters concerning your child/children. Please feel free your child's teacher.

School Visits/Transition Visits

The New Entrant teacher will organise three school visits for your child in the weeks before your child turns five. One is a full morning visit, one a full afternoon and one for all day. This means that your child will see each part of the school day before starting school. There is flexibility in organising these visits for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

New Entrant

Our new entrant classroom offers a welcoming, calm and quiet environment for each and every one of our tamariki to thrive. Over the day our tamariki experience whole class, small group and individual learning activities that cater for both teacher directed and play based learning. The routine nature of our daily programme enables our tamariki to feel safe and valued whilst also fostering the key learning foundations needed for success in literacy and numeracy.



What to bring with you when you enrol your child

- Enrolment Form
- Birth Certificate
- Immunisation Certificate
- Proof of Address (Rental or Mortgage Agreement)
- This is only required if you are in the school zone

School Routines

Attendance

All students are legally required to attend school every day that school is in session unless they are sick or absent for a legitimate reason. We use an electronic absentee system which is linked to ENROL, the Ministry of Education Student Management System. Unexplained or prolonged/continued absences will be followed up, firstly by the school, then the Attendance Service.

Oceanview Heights School is mindful of student safety, welfare and protection, and monitors student attendance closely.

Absences

All absences relating to sickness or other must be notified to the school office, together with a reason for the absence. This also includes if your child has an appointment or is going to be late. It is important to notify the school before 9.00am each day your child is unable to attend school.

- Use the ***HERO App***
- Leave us a ***MESSAGE***
03 687 9235
- Send us a ***TEXT***
027 265 8877
- Email us ***office@ovh.school.nz***

Oceanview Heights School firmly believes that children should arrive at school at least 15 minutes BEFORE the morning lessons begin at 9.00m. This gives children the opportunity to prepare both mentally and physically for the school day.

Medication

Should your child be required to take medication during school hours the school must be advised, and the appropriate consent form completed.

Details of all children's medical needs are recorded on the school's student files.

Personal Property

All children's clothing should be clearly named. Misplaced property is placed in the 'Lost Property' which is located in the school office. At regular intervals parents are reminded when the unclaimed property will be put out on display. However, parents are welcome to view lost property at any time.

House Groups

We have 4 house groups who compete for house points in a range of ways. House leaders are chosen from the Year 7 & 8 level of the school and pupils are given leadership opportunities within their house groups



Daily Timetable

Our day is divided into 3 blocks of learning time.

This allows teachers to ensure that classroom learning is balanced with regular outside activity.

Block 1 - 9.00am - 10.40am

Morning Break - 10.40am - 11.00am

Block 2 - 11.00am - 12.00am

Lunch Break - 12.00am -12.45pm

Connect Time 12.45pm - 1.00pm

Block 3 - 1.00pm - 3.00pm



School Programmes

Lunches

We receive the Ministry of Education funded free school lunches each school day. We cater for all allergies, dietary requirement and religious beliefs.

Breakfast Club

We run a Breakfast Club daily with the support from 'Kick Start Breakfast'. Breakfast Club is a great way to start the day and assists in setting children into school in a calm, nurturing manner.

TTEC

Our Year 7/8 students are bused to and from Oceanview Heights to the Technology Centre which is on the corner of North Street and Grey Road. There is an annual fee of \$60.00 for Year 7/8 students who attend TTEC this is to cover the cost of the take home component.

Swimming

Swimming is an important part of our Physical Education Programme. All children take part in Learn 2 Swim lessons at CBay over a two week block. All children are expected to participate, but should there be a medical reason why they are not able to swim please let the office know in writing via a note. Please ensure your child comes to school each day with suitable swimming togs, towel and bag over this two week block.

Stationery

Stationery is available as a pack for each class, which you can buy at the school office.

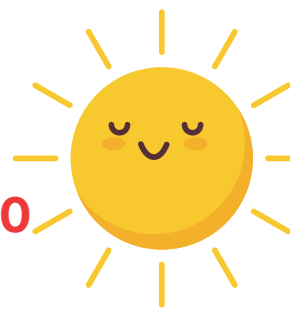
Sun Smart Policy

A sunhat is compulsory in Term 1 & 4.

These can be purchased at the school office for \$3.00

No hat, play in the shade!

It is recommended that all children have sunscreen applied to exposed skin before school in the morning. The school also has a supply of sunscreen in the classroom to reapply as necessary.



Nuts Free Policy

Oceanview Heights School aims to provide a safe environment for students and staff with allergies by identifying and minimising risk, being prepared, and raising awareness. Allergies are common and can result in a range of reactions from mild to life-threatening. We support students with allergies to participate in the same educational and recreational activities as their peers.

We have children within our school who currently have nut allergies, some of which have life threatening reactions should they come into contact with nuts.

We have been strongly advised by medical professionals to implement this policy for the safety of these children attending Oceanview Heights School.

The Oceanview Heights School Board would appreciate your help in keeping our students safe from a nut reaction by eliminating all nuts from your children's lunch boxes.

This includes all items that contain nuts (i.e. peanut butter sandwiches, nutella, some muesli bars, coconut this includes iced raspberry buns)

We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this and keeping our tamariki safe.



Our Facilities

Dental Service

The school is advised in advance of the dates and times when the dental van is at the school. There may be occasions when children with dental problems will need to be treated at the Dental Clinic in town. The phone number for the Dental Clinic is 0800 846 983. Any further queries may be made to the school office.

Public Health Nurse - Vickie Barrowman

The Public Health Nurse visits our school on a regular basis. If you have any queries about your children's health or wellbeing you may wish to seek help or advice from the nurse. You can contact the nurse directly yourself or through the class teacher or office, who will arrange for you to complete a referral form for the nurse to contact you. It may also be that the classroom teacher may ask the nurse to follow up a health query with you. Vickie also does Immunisations here at school. Forms will come home with your child/children when this is happening.

Vision & Hearing - Sophie Dale

Hearing and Vision Tests are carried out in the primary school and maybe repeated at a later stage through the school years. At any stage, testing is undertaken for children suspected of having hearing or vision difficulties, and you should ask for a test for your child if you are worried at any time. You may contact the Technician Sophie Dale on Ph 6872327

Social Worker in Schools (SWIS) - Sharyn Dunn

Skylight counselling - Matt Cameron

Oceanview Heights School has the valued services of a Social Worker in Schools and a Counsellor. Referrals can be made by parents, staff, or by the students themselves. Please contact the school office for more details.

This service aims at supporting students and their families. Sharyn Dunn and Matt Cameron are onsite during the week, please ask your class teacher or at the office for referral forms.



Library

A modern well stocked library provides a wide range of recreational and research books for all ages and abilities. Children are able to use this area on a Monday & Tuesday lunchtime.



Uniforms

Girls

Navy skirts, navy shorts, navy trackpants

Oceanview Heights School polo shirt

Navy sweatshirt

Navy polar fleece

Black or navy socks

Navy bucket style sunhat (Term 1 & 4)



Boys

Navy shorts, navy trackpants

Oceanview Heights School Polo Shirt

Navy sweatshirt

Navy polar fleece

Black or navy socks

Navy bucket style sunhat (Term 1 & 4)

Optional

Navy long sleeved thermal can be worn under the short sleeved Oceanview Heights polo shirt

Navy beanie (winter)

Jackets can be worn outside during colder weather - the School provides a navy raincoat if required.

Other

Shoes that the children wear to school should be both comfortable and suitable for school and the weather.

Only studs in the ear are permitted.

Long hair should be tied back and off their faces.

There are to be **No Hoodies**.

Purchasing Uniforms

Our school polo shirt is only available from the School Office, all other items are available at The Warehouse.



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