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# OCEANVIEW HEIGHTS SCHOOL



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Navigating Learning through the Tides of Change

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## ***PROSPECTUS 2019***



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## Kia ora & Welcome

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Welcome to Oceanview Heights School. We have a roll of approximately 69 children. We are a “full” primary school, catering for Years 0-8. Our pupils then move onto the local high schools of Mountainview High School, TBHS, TGHS, Roncalli College & Craighead. Oceanview Heights School first opened in 1950 as Marchwiell School. In 2005 the school merged with Washdyke School to form the new Oceanview Heights School. 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.

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; Literacy, Resource Teacher; Vision, Itinerant teachers of the deaf and Speech/Language therapists, as well as Special Education/Learning Support.

At Oceanview Heights we offer a range of exciting opportunities for your child. Pupils achieve well in a range of academic, cultural and sporting endeavours throughout the year. We pride ourselves in being a family/whanau based 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 environment 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.

Our school has an active BOT who support the teaching and learning of our school.

Sandi Abel  
Principal



*Jo Luxton reading her favourite book for Govt Book week*

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# Contact Details

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**Principal:** Sandi Abel  
**BOT Chairperson:** Phillipa Watson

## Our Staff 2019

### Teaching Staff

**Sandi Abel**  
Principal

### Support Staff

**Craig Buchanan**  
Caretaker

**Mackenzie Basford**  
**Teacher Room 3**  
**Years 3/4/5**

**Liz Sakimura**  
**Teacher Aide**

**Janice Carter**  
**Teacher Room 4**  
**Years 5/6/7/8**

**Stacey Hawthorne**  
**Teacher Aide**

**Wendy Mehrtens**  
**Teacher Room 1**  
**New Entrant/Year 1&2**

**Maree Campbell**  
**Teacher Aide**

**Christine Welch**  
**Office Manager**

**Melissa Jackson**  
**Office Admin**

## **Board of Trustees for 2019**

Phillipa Watson  
Chairperson

Kerry Burton  
Board Member

Binesh Shukul  
Board Member

Pisila Moala-Fakatou  
Board Member

Lisa Hanright  
Board Member

Janice Carter  
Staff Rep

Sandi Abel  
Principal

Christine Welch  
Board Secretary

Oceanview Heights School is proudly governed by a supportive Board of Trustees. Board of Trustee Elections will be held in 2019. We would encourage parents/caregivers to find out what this involves and put your name forward. Meetings are held when required (usually monthly).



Every week at assembly we recognise our award winners

## “Navigating Learning through the Tides of Change”

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

***Co-operate***

***Achieve***

***Respect***

***Encourage***

Our daily timetable is specifically designed to maximise teaching time and give children regular breaks so that they are able to engage fully with all learning opportunities.

### **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** 9.00 – 10.40

*Morning Break* 10.40 – 11.00

**Block 2** 11.00 – 12.00

12.00 – 12.15  
Lunch play 12.15-1.00

**Block 3** 1.00 – 3.00



**Celebrating World Milk Day**

### **House Groups**

We have 3 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.

**Rata**

**Kowhai**

**Rimu**

### **Fruit in Schools/Milk in Schools/Breakfast Club/Kidscan/Duffy Books**

We are fortunate to be a “Fruit in Schools” school. This enables us to give children a range of fruit on a daily basis which is a healthy option. This initiative is funded by the government. We are also part of the Fonterra Milk in Schools programme. Each child has the option of having milk each day.

We run a Breakfast Club daily with the support from “Kick Start Breakfast”, New World Supermarket and the Lye Family Charitable Trust. We also have members of our Community coming in to help out each day at Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club is a great way to start the day and assists in settling children into school in calm, nurturing manner. We are also very lucky to be supported by Kidscan. Kidscan provide us with jackets, shoes and a variety of food which can be passed onto the children.

We are lucky to be a “Duffy Books in Homes school”. This initiative provides the children with free books throughout the year so as to assist them with their literacy. Children also receive “Duffy” books from assembly awards weekly. A big thank you to our Duffy sponsor “Mainfreight “



**Constable Deb taking Keeping Ourselves Safe**

## **Kiwi Can**

Wednesday morning is when our “Kiwi Can” programme runs. Our Kiwi Can facilitators teach the children life skills in a variety of fun, co-operative ways. This programme links with our Oceanview Heights values and is a great asset to our school.



**Kiwican**



## **Assembly**

We hold our assemblies every Friday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. We like to show our audience examples of work we are doing in class, perform plays and give out awards to all of our fantastic children.

## **Sports Teams**

Children can participate in a range of sports at Oceanview Heights School. Including: Netball & Touch. We can also help arrange students to play in a club or neighbouring school team e.g. rugby.



**Jump Jam**

## **Music and Choir**

Our children have music sessions each week. There is also an opportunity to join the school choir. Practise is during lunchtime on a Wednesday each week.



**Strathallan Rest Home visit**

## Oceanview Heights School: Summary

- Enthusiastic, skilled, caring & dedicated teachers
- Significant teacher aide support
- Effective & interesting classroom programmes
- Strong links with our local kindergarten and Early Childhood Centres.
- Transition to school process that starts when your child is turning 5, with regular school visits arranged with Mrs Mehrstens.
- Chromebook/ipad available for every child
- Duffy Books in Home programme
- Kiwican programme & activities
- Music and Choir
- Kick Start Breakfast Club
- Wednesday Lunches
- Milk in Schools & Fruit in Schools
- Year 8 Leavers' Dinner
- School Camps/Activities Week
- Modern Learning Environment
- School Choir and Music for each class
- Wednesday – Hot lunch

### **School Term dates for 2019**

<b>Term 1 2019</b>	Tuesday 29 January Friday 12 April	<b>First Day of Term 1</b> <b>Last Day of Term 1</b>
<b>Term 2 2019</b>	Monday 29 April Friday 5 July	<b>First Day of Term 2</b> <b>Last Day of Term 2</b>
<b>Term 3 2019</b>	Monday 22 July Friday 27 September	<b>First Day of Term 3</b> <b>Last Day of Term 3</b>
<b>Term 4 2019</b>	Monday 14 October Monday 20 December	<b>First Day of Term 4</b> <b>Last Day of Term 4</b>



Outdoor Education with Ara

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# Information about our school

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## Uniforms

Oceanview Heights School has a neat and practical, **compulsory uniform**. Below is a list of uniform items that are all available at **The Warehouse**. Sunhats are compulsory in Terms 1 & 4.

New Entrants get a free Sunhat. On enrolment we can also give each child a Kids Can raincoat and shoes if required.

On occasions we have second hand items available through the office.

Our uniforms are:

Teal polo shirt with Oceanview Heights Logo

**Navy Blue** track pants, shorts or skirt

**Navy Blue** Polar Fleece Top

**Navy Blue** bucket hat for Term 1 & Term 4 is compulsory



## Absences

There are several options for parents/caregivers notifying the school if your child is away from school. You can: **give the school a ring 6879235, text 0272658877** or **email [office@ovh.school.nz](mailto:office@ovh.school.nz)** We need to know **“The name of the child, room number and reason they are absent”**. This helps ensure the safety of your child. If no contact is made we will text or phone and chase up a reason. Your child will be marked Truant if we get no response.

## School Donation

Each child attending Oceanview Heights School will be asked to pay \$30 per child or \$40 per family per year as a school donation. Please note this is a donation. Year 7 & 8 Students attend TTEC at a cost of \$60 per year because they bring the equipment etc that they have made at TTECH. Voluntary contributions toward experiences at school e.g. camps, shows, outdoor education are also requested.

## Scholastic Book Club

Ashton Scholastic runs a book club through the school. They have many entertaining and educational books available to order through a termly order system. If you wish to order books through this club simply fill out the order form and **send the correct money or cheque** back to school in an envelope.

## Educational Visits

From time to time a teacher may organise a trip away from the school to help the children learn, from first-hand experiences. Parents and Caregivers will always be informed of these prior to the day and may sometimes be asked to assist with the supervision of these trips. The teacher always carries a cell phone during these times. The number is available from the office.



**Room 3 trip to Orana Park and overnight stay at Meadowpark**

## Events

As part of the schools programme, children will participate in a number of activities during the school year. Swimming, Cross-Country, Athletics & cultural activities. You will be informed of these before each activity.

***A permission slip for participation in all events during the year is attached to the back of this booklet. Please fill in and return with your enrolment form to the school office.***

## Hall Hire

Our hall is available for hire for events and activities to members of our **school community**. If you would like to enquire about the availability of our hall please speak to our Principal Sandi Abel.

## ICT

***To enable your child to use the internet capabilities within our school we require you to fill out an internet use form. You will find this form at the back of this booklet. Please fill out and return with your enrolment form, to the school office.***

## Illness at School

Children who become ill during school time will be cared for by their teacher or the office administrator in our sick bay. If your child needs further attention, you will be contacted by telephone. **It is very important**

**that we have up to date contact details.** We are able to administer First Aid and attend minor injuries if necessary. Some staff currently hold a First Aid certificate.

## **Interviews and Reports**

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

Our reporting process is as follows:

Term 1: Meet the Teacher Afternoon → 3 Way Conferences

Term 1: Portfolio

Term 2: Curriculum Progress Report

Term 3: Portfolio

Term 4: Curriculum Progress Report

During the year, we are available if you wish to discuss matters concerning your children. Please feel free to contact us at school.



**Life Education visiting school**

## **Lost Property**

To minimise lost property, we require **all clothing be named!** To enable us to return property to the rightful owner. The lost property box is available for Parents to look through so please ask at the office.

## **Lunches**

Fish and chip orders are available on Thursday & Fridays (\$3.00)

Wed Lunch –Cooked lunch provided Wednesdays (must be ordered prior to the day) We request a donation of .50c

Please order at the school office before school.

Grants Dairy orders are available daily (although school lunch monitors will not pick these up on Wednesdays due to the availability of a healthy cooked lunch).

## **Medicines**

If, at any time, your child is on any form of medication, please keep the school fully informed. Medication will be administered by the office administrator or teacher aide. All medication will be kept in the medical room in the administration area.

***A medication form is included at the back of this booklet. If your child requires regular medication to be administered at school, please fill in the form and return to school with your enrolment form.***

## Newsletters/Keeping Parents/Caregivers Up To Date

To keep you informed on current events happening within the school and the Oceanview Heights Community, a newsletter is published regularly. You are welcome to use it to advertise any events that you may be planning. Please advise the office if you wish to have your Newsletter emailed. Most recently we have created a school Facebook page. This will be used to remind Parents/Caregivers about up and coming events, cancellations etc. We are also regularly putting up photos and recordings of what has been happening at school. Please search for the page and just like the page.



**Kiwi Can community project.  
Planting at Caroline Bay**

## Parent/Caregiver Help and Involvement

From time to time, through our school newsletters/facebook page, we will seek parent's/caregivers assistance in helping classes and children within the school. This help will take different forms e.g. class excursions, classroom parent help, activity days, fundraising and camps.

As mentioned before, Oceanview Heights School has a proud reputation for being a school that can rely on its community. Parent help is strongly encouraged.

## Home & School

Oceanview Heights School is very proud of the contribution that the Home & School Committee has made to assist with covering costs for visiting shows etc.

**The Home & School is inactive at present we are looking for new members to help support the school with low key fundraising such as raffles, discos etc.** If you are interested come and talk with Christine or Sandi in the office. Meetings are usually held monthly.

## Sport

A variety of sports are played at Oceanview Heights School as part of our Physical Education programme. All children are expected to take part unless there is a medical problem.

## Stationery

Stationery for 2019 will be available from 28 January onwards at the school office. A quote will be enclosed with your child's report.

## Sun Smart Policy

A sun hat is compulsory in terms 1 and 4. **No hat, No play!** Children are encouraged to play under shade. It is recommended that all children have their own sun screen to apply to all exposed skin during the school day for any outdoor activities but the school also provides this for students when required.

## Swimming

We sometimes have the opportunity for swimming lessons at CBay. This is usually in a two week block. Suitable swimming togs must be worn. No shorts or T-Shirts for girls. No shorts below the knees for boys.



Swimming lessons at CBay

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# What to bring when you enrol your child at Oceanview Heights School

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Enrolment Form

Education outside the classroom  
Permission slip



Administration of medication slip  
(if applicable)

Birth Certificate

Immunisation Certificate

Cyber safety Use Agreement

Celebrating Student Achievement

