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**Whakatauki: Kia mau ki to PAPATEWHAITANGA! ‘Hold firm to all that is Papa te Whai’**

**Our Mission Statement:** **Is to Connect, Create and Inspire.**

**School Newsletter - Number 5 Term 1 2019**

April 4th Kia ora Whanau. 

**Junior Netball.** Junior Netball Year 1 to Year 8 got underway last Saturday under a glorious blue sky and with our Kura entering five very keen teams. Ashbrook was the duty school in charge of setting up and running the day. Thank you to all those who help and especially got down to the courts to support your children in their chosen winter sport. We still encourage whanau to take an active role this year. Kia ora.

**Opotiki Tai Mitchell** had their very first trial yesterday with two Ashbrook boys ***Henare Stirling and Pisopa Mag*alogo** fronting up and both catching the eyes of coaches, Shane Chapman and Skugs Andrews. ***We do*** have several other boys in our school that may need Whanau intervention and Encouragement**. Also**- Eastern Bay-JAB Age Grade Pre-season Tournaments get underway this Saturday. U11 will host the other unions here in Opotiki. **Good luck to all players of sport this weekend**.

We are very keen to ensure children are engaging in sport as a NATIONWIDE move toward HAUORA. Kia kaha whanau.

**April 2nd- 3rd- Te Reo Maori**. Our teachers spent Tuesday after school at a PLD Te Reo Maori workshop with Rauhina Cooper (Waikato/Kia ata mai) and Robyn Hata Gage (Waikato/Kia ata mai). Building teacher capacity also engages student culturalcy.

**April 5th**- **FUN 4 U Day**. Eastern BOP will host another Fun packed Day this Friday for children Years 1 to 4. So tamariki from Mrs Dobie, Miss Newell and Whaea Tui’s classes will join 200 other tamariki at Memorial Park. Permission is not required and children to wear school uniform. Please ensure your child is here on time. Parents are most welcome to join us. Nga mihi- Junior Team.

**Korero ki Te Ao Ltd**- I have had a number of whanau enquiring about upskilling their own Te Reo to support their tamariki and our school vision. So….**HOT OFF THE PRESS-** I would like to introduce to our kura whanau to ***Korero ki te Ao ONLINE Reo SUPPORT***. Whaea Shelley and I met after school with the Tutor (Local Teacher) who stepped us through the 8 weeks programme. We were thoroughly impressed with the three modules we were shown. It is delivered in Te Reo Maori and English at your pace. Intake two will start online in two weeks. For more information:

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**ANZAC**…..April 25th 2019.

Naku noa Mr Mitai