



# Onerahi Primary School

## Newsletter



6 November 2017

*Together We Shape Our Future*

No. 9

Dear Parents and Caregivers  
Tena Koutou Kātoa  
Nimen Hao

What a packed newsletter! In parts we look to the past and celebrate the success of our learners. One of our school's strengths is the opportunity it provides students to take ownership of their learning and build their capabilities. This is augmented by the love, support and time you offer your child.

In other parts we look to the future and the changes a new year will bring. We guide our Year 6 students on the next step of their journey and welcome fresh faces who will form our new entrants at the beginning of 2018. While at present we have 562 children enrolled at Onerahi School, who are all on their own learning journeys.

### Cohort Entry

You may be aware that schools can offer cohort entry from Term 1 next year for new entrant children just beginning their learning journey at school. Onerahi School is preparing to offer this option and welcome any further feedback on this. Cohort entry empowers parents and caregivers to make the best decision about when their child begins their primary schooling, whether that means slightly earlier than their fifth birthday or remaining in their early childhood setting for longer. All children must start school by their sixth birthday. New entrant students starting school alongside other children in a cohort group maintain and build strong relationships. This supports a smoother transition from early childhood to school.

Children who turn 5 in the first half of a term (a term being from the start of one term to the start of the next term) may enrol and start at the beginning of the term.

Children who turn 5 in the second half of the term or in the following holidays, may enrol and start the following term.

Onerahi School looks forward to working with families and whanau to ensure new entrants have the best possible start to their primary school years.

Please send any feedback to the office or to Annmaree MacGregor before

Wednesday 8 November.

### New Entrant Orientation Day

We will be holding an orientation day on Tuesday 21 November for parents and children. There will be a follow up classroom visit on Tuesday 5 December for all children who will be turning five during the 1st term and will be joining us at Onerahi School. See flyer included in this newsletter for more information.

### Intermediate School Enrolments

It is great to see that so many of our year 6 children have completed their intermediate enrolments. There are, however, there are some who have not. If you are intending on going to Whangarei Intermediate, please get your forms in as soon as possible. If your child is going to another intermediate school could you please let Carol, in the office know. Year 6 students, who are going to WIS, will be travelling for an orientation day on the 17th November. A notice with further information will be sent out shortly.

### Mathex

Our annual Mathex competition was held at the end of last term. It was a loud action-filled celebration of all things mathematical! Congratulations to all the contestants. The winning teams were:

Year 0/1 Room 19

**Oscar Woodford, Lottie Beech, Aria Kilgour, Monty Hall**

Year 2 Room 15

**Theo Hamilton, Eden Piggott, Chase Duder, Devon Duder**

Year 3 Room 14

**Lee Hewson, Lianna Kalman, Hannah Livermore, Xavier Corsbie**

Year 4 Room 3

**Daniel Pickford, Tahir Te'o, Becky Yao Lana Pilon**

Year 5 Room 4

**Toby Hamilton, Jade Jennings, Oscar Redwood, Lucas McCormick**

Year 6 Room 10

**Ella Coenra, Louie Short, Gianni Conaglen, Kyle Leader**

Junior best dressed class:

**Room 11**—A collection of crime-fighting super heroes.

Senior best dressed class:

**Room 22**—A group of outlaws and sheriffs from the Wild West.

Best dressed adult:

**Anna Duvall-Petersen**—who was a walking maths problem.

The teachers, student teachers, winning year 5 and winning year 6 teams competed against each other in the final showdown of the day. Congratulations to the year 5 team who came out as the winners—Wahoo! Teachers have begun training for next year already. ☺

### ICAS Maths Competition

Congratulations to all the students who participated in this maths competition which involved students from across the world. We had some great results. A special mention must be made to **Toby Hamilton**, who gained a high distinction, which puts him in the top 1% of all the children that sat this test. The good results are because students are constantly challenging themselves and following their interests.

### Calendar Art

Orders are due back at school by Thursday 9 November

### Prize Giving/Trophy Return

The prize giving assembly will take place on Friday 15 December. Could we please have all the cups and trophies that the children received last year back as soon as possible. This will enable us to get them ready for this years prize giving.

### Enrolments/Withdrawals

If your child is not retuning to Onerahi School next year (other than this year's Year 6 children), could you please let us know in the office. Also if you know of any families who will be enrolling with us for next year, could you please ask them to pop in and fill out an enrolment form. The earlier we get this information the easier it is to support a child's transition to school.

### Junior School Cross Country

Well done to all the children who participated and had a great day at our junior school cross country.

The place getters on the day were:

#### Year 0 Boys

- 1st Weston Boyd
- 2nd Braxton Dornbusch
- 3rd Shannon Beardsell

#### Year 0 Girls

- 1st Reina Crisp
- 2nd Jade Abraham
- 3rd Kiana-Lee Saville

#### Year 1 Boys

- 1st Tiaki Pou
- 2nd Monty Hall
- 3rd Flynn Browning

#### Year 1 Girls

- 1st Chanlle McCready
- 2nd Maia Orton
- 3rd Hine-Ki-Rangi Tipene-Boyd

#### Year 2 Boys

- 1st Callum Anderson
- 2nd Chase Duder
- 3rd Blake Andrews

#### Year 2 Girls

- Felicia Juddery

- 2nd Summer-Lee Gill
- 3rd Isabella Wilson

### Onerahi School PTA

The PTA needs new members. It is not a huge commitment, meetings are held once a month which lasts about an hour and there are only a few hours a month spent on helping out with fundraising. If you are interested contact Rebecca

Harpley at

[kaneandrebecca@gmail.com](mailto:kaneandrebecca@gmail.com), for more information. This is a great way to meet other parents and to contribute to our school and children's future success.

### Onerahi School Board of Trustees Election

You will be receiving nomination forms in the mail, shortly. If you don't receive one in the mail, pop into the school office to pick one up.

Nominations close at noon on **17 November** and may be accompanied by a candidate's statement.

The voting roll will be open for inspection at the school office by **1 November** and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidate's names for inspection as they come to hand, available at the school.

The poll closes at noon on **1 December 2017**.

*Anne-Marie Wilson*  
Returning Officer

**Nga Mihi, Xièxiè, and Fa'afetai tele lava**

This sounds amazing—check it out. Cards are available from Onerahi School office, for those genuinely interested.

**SO MUCH FUN TO PLAY!**  
Get out and about in Parihaka Reserve with your family and friends and win great prizes!

**WHANGAREI BUSH BINGO!**  
SATURDAY 18TH AND SUNDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 12-2PM  
AT THE PARIHAKA RESERVE

Entry by koha when you pick up your bingo card! Cards available from your school, Storytime or from Mair Park on the day, answer as many questions as you can.....make sure to get 4 in a row and you get Bingo!  
then take your card to Storytime in the town basin to claim your reward!

Kiwi North will be there with their Kiwi and Predator display!  
**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO DRAGONFLY SPRINGS WETLANDS RESERVE**

**AMAZING PRIZES FROM OUR SPONSORS,**  
INCLUDING FIRST PRIZE OF A FAMILY SIGHTSEEING, SNORKELLING AND KAYAKING DAY TO THE POOR KNIGHTS WITH DIVE! TUTUKAKA

Sponsors: Storytime, Dive!, Kiwi North, GawdyGreen, Adventure Forest.

### Coming Events:

- Friday 17 November
- Monday 20 November
- Thursday 23 November
- Thursday 30 November
- Friday 1 December
- Friday 15 December
- Tuesday 19 December

- WIS orientation visit
- Senior School Athletics
- Road patrols and wardens fun day
- WPSSA Athletic Sports
- Te Whanga Kapa Haka Festival
- Prize giving assembly/Year books and reports distributed
- Last day of the school year for 2017

### Community Notices:

- **Breakfast Club - Onerahi b4 School Care.** Monday - Friday 6.45am-8.15am. Onerahi community house. Contact 0211585226.
- **Huanui College, 328 Ngunguru Road, Glenbervie** Enrolling now for 2018. Guided Tours available every Friday at 9.15 am. Come along and find out what we can offer. [www.hc.school.nz](http://www.hc.school.nz) Phone 09-459-1930
- **Hello, my name is David Meredith. I have had a great time teaching guitar at Onerahi primary school. I am offering my services as guitar tutor again. If your child is interested in learning to play the guitar, please contact me on 4343459,0273832633 or email me at [dave.d.merdeith@gmail.com](mailto:dave.d.merdeith@gmail.com)**
- **Bootcamps - Raurimu School Hall.** Tuesday, Thursday 6pm & Saturday 8am. \$10, ph Steve 0220309119
- **Junior Tennis Coaching at Onerahi Tennis Club:** Junior tennis coaching will start on Tuesday 17th October 2017 and run for 8 weeks of term four and another 8 weeks in term one of 2018. 3:30pm – 4:30pm for 6 – 8 year olds. 4:30pm – 5:30pm for 9 – 12 year olds, 5:30pm – 6:30pm for 12 year olds and over. Grant Van Dalsum will be coaching again this year. Any questions please contact:
- Carole Doherty on 09 436 0033
- **Onerahi-Central Cricket Club Junior Cricket.** Starts late October. For boys and girls, beginners welcome. c grade—years 3-4, B grade years 5-6. Saturdays during term 4 and term 1. Contact Sam Walker on 0223158055 or email [samw@northericricket.co.nz](mailto:samw@northericricket.co.nz)
- **Whangarei Swim Club Learn to Swim;** toddler pool level and stroke development in competition pool, please contact Head LTS Coach Skip 4388222 for more details.