



Onerahi Primary School

Newsletter



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Together We Shape Our Future

No. 4

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Tena Koutou Kātoa
Nimen Hao

Welcome back to Term two. We are delighted to have so many new faces join us this term. We welcome you and your whanau and look forward to working along side you.

Our roll is now 526, and this fast growth trend seems to be going to continue. Therefore to make sure that we are fully resourced and that we have the physical space to accommodate this growth, we ask that if you are intending on enrolling children or know of any children intending to enrol this year, that you pop along to school and get this process started asap.

Important Message Queens Birthday Extended Weekend

School is closed on Monday 5 and Tuesday 6 June for a nice long break over Queens Birthday weekend. School will reopen again on Wednesday 7 June.

Dr Shane Reti

On Wednesday we had a visit from Dr Shane Reti, our local Member of Parliament. He was here to gain an understanding of the recent growth and development of our school and the local Onerahi area, which will also help to determine our future resourcing and building needs.

Board of Trustee News

The members of Onerahi School Board of Trustees recently met with the Board from Raurimu School to get to know each other and to discuss the education needs in Onerahi. It is great to have this working relationship between the two schools.

New Staff

We have welcomed four new teachers to staff this term. They are Alex Hunter teaching in room 6, Nicky Cox in room 16, Roseanna Baker in room 18 and

Debbie Wilkinson who will be starting a year 2/3 class in room 20.

Also to let you know that Matt Dennis will be on staff two days a week working with the Asian Languages Programme and will be on study leave three days a week. We wish Matt luck with furthering his education.

Celebrating Learning

What a wonderful busy term we had last term, we continue to celebrate this in the newsletter with our celebration insert.

We have many things to look forward to this term, with the first being a whole school walk around the loop. This will take place on **Tuesday 30 May**. More information to follow.

Class and Individual photos will be taken this term, the seniors are heading off to the Winter Sports tournament and we also welcome back the Life Education team, towards the end of the term.

Building

Reroofing work on Block two (Rooms 5-8) was started over the holiday period, and is being completed during the weekends, along with other areas around the school, which are being repaired. Hopefully next term a start will be made on the upgrade of the block 4 (rooms 16-19) toilets.

Uniforms

It is great to see the majority of the children wearing correct uniform. The uniform is pretty simple to comply with as it is the blue polo shirt and anything either black or navy on the bottom. The school polar fleece sweatshirt is to be worn in the winter. We ask that any top or skivvy that is worn under the polo shirt is either black or navy. We are starting to notice a few brightly coloured items creeping in. When worn correctly the uniform is very smart. With the upcoming photos being taken next month, we ask that all children be wearing correct uniform for these.

Complaints Policy

We have included a copy of this in the newsletter for you to read.

Visitors to School

Last term we had groups of teachers, senior leaders and principals from both the UK and America as well as Dunedin visiting our school. They were all very impressed with what they heard and saw.

Communication Survey

We have compiled the results of the survey. A big thank you to everyone who took the time to fill it in. The overall results were interesting, with the majority of you still preferring to receive information via the school newsletter and by the School App. There are many forms that communication can take place and we will be looking into some of these. Please look out for school newsletters, and notices in school bags. Check the answer phone message, keep an eye on the school app, and check out the calendar on the website for important dates and messages.

Reports

All year 4 to 6 children will have received an initial National Standards report by now. If your child hasn't brought one home, please come in and see the classroom teacher.

Scholastic Book Fair

You are invited to our BOOK FAIR to be held from the 12th to the 14th of June. This is our school's pop up book shop event that will enable a hands on experience where children can discover a love of books and ignite a life-long passion for reading. Have fun choosing books together for your child.

There will be a book character parade on Wednesday 14 June at 10am. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book or movie character. You are all welcome to come along as well. Look for more information closer to the time.

Class and Individual Photos

Photos will be taken by Photolife studios on **Friday June 23**.

Individually named envelopes will be sent home very shortly. If you wish for your child to order a class or individual photo, or both, please carefully check their name and room number is correct and return it to school with the **correct money** included. **The office staff at Onerahi do not open the envelopes and process the orders so can not give any change.**

There is also an option to pay online. If you choose this option, please still return the envelope with "paid online" on it. If there is no envelope there will be no photo taken. If you wish for siblings to be photographed (only those at Onerahi School), please pick up a sibling envelope from the school office. On the day of the photos please ensure all children are wearing correct uniform.



School Drop Off

Hello everyone

I am going to get grumpy now. You all know that I don't like getting grumpy and am very rarely grumpy. So this is something that is important. I have written about this problem many times in the newsletter, however the problem continues. And that problem is the congestion and inconsiderate and dangerous way that children are being dropped off and picked up at school.

There are many many parents who are still doing a u turn on the main road in front of the school or pulling into the main school drive way to either drop off children or turn around, or are parking across the driveway. This blocks the drive for staff and causes congestion, which creates a very dangerous environment for our children.

There are also many parents who are still parking their cars in the 1 minute parking zone and taking their children into the school. Please **DO NOT** do this. This area is only for drop offs and the absolute best way to use this is to pull in, wait and move to the front then have your child hop out and move on. If you must get out of

your car to undo a seat belt etc, then wait until you are at the front of the queue. If you need to take your child into school or want to catch up with the teacher, then park in one of the very many options available to you, where you can leave your car, Raumati crescent (known as the back gate), Pine Park Road or the very large car park at the Community Hall. Your children are becoming independent learners and another way to help them along this path is to let them get themselves out of the car and into school.

I am sorry about being grumpy, but please be considerate and think about the safety of all children.

Carol—School Office

We have also had a report from a parent that children are running across the road between the supermarket and the shops and nearly being hit by a car. Children are not to cross this road at all. Please tell them to use the back gate crossing and walk around Raumati Crescent to the shops.

Gerald Koberstein
Tumuaki (Principal)

Coming Events:

24—26 May

Tuesday 30 May

Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 June

Weds 7 or Fri 9 June

Thurs 8 June

Fri 23 June

June 26 to July 7

Fri 30 June

Fri 7 July

Mon 24 July

Hockey in school

Whole school "Loop" walk

Queens Birthday extended weekend

Ten pin bowling tournament

Winter sports tournament years 4-6

Class and individual photos taken at school

Life Education

WIS dance concert

Last day of Term 2

First day of term 3

Onerahi b4 school care (breakfast club)

6.45am-8.15am Monday to Friday. No bookings needed. Prices from \$6.50, including breakfast. Onerahi Community House. Phone 0211585226

Community Notices:

- Futsal is Here: Indoor football for boys and girls aged between 8 and 15. For details and info check out our website www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz. Contact Christian on 0212467328 or Christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz
- Huanui College Open Day—28 May 2017—Guided tours at 1.00, 1.30 and 2.00pm. Presentation at 2>30. All welcome, come along and hear about the outstanding education opportunities for years 7 to 13. Phone 4591930 or www.hc.school.nz. Situated at 328 Ngunguru Road, Glenbervie
- Fantastic Gymnastics—Fun and fitness for children of all ages. Recreational, competitive tumbling, playgym. Where: Parua Bay Community Centre. When: Monday-Thgursday afternoons. Contact: call/text 0276659174. Hannah@fantasticgymnastics.co.nz
- Huanui College present "**The Little Mermaid**" at Capitaine Bougainville Theatre on the 10th and 11th August at 12 and 6pm and on 12th August at 2 and 6pm. Tickets through Ticketek. \$10 child and \$12 adult.
- **SKATE CLASS:** Thursdays 3.15pm Onerahi Hall. Learn technique, play games, have fun. Roller skates or inline available all ages, all levels. Subscribe at skatescool.co.nz if keen to try, or contact Brigitte 09 434 4414