



Onerahi Primary School

Newsletter



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Together We Shape Our Future

No. 3

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Tena Koutou Kātoa
Nimen Hao

Vision

Our vision "Together We Shape Our Future" applies to not only staff and students, but also you the parents and caregivers. The education of your children is a shared responsibility between your child, teacher and family. We value this partnership strongly and the basis of this is to build a good working relationship between you, the parent/caregiver and the teacher.

A key focus for all teachers in term 1 is to build a relationship with you so an open, honest rapport can be developed around the needs, progress, learning and goal setting of your children.

If you have not yet made contact with your child's teacher, or they haven't made contact with you, then please take the initiative and make a time to meet, to get to know each other.

Most children will be receiving an initial National Standards report this term or early next term. Year 1-3 children who have birthdays (anniversaries) throughout the year are the exception.

School Pool

We are delighted, as I am sure you all are, with the upgrade work carried out on the pool. Today the water was 25 degrees, no more cold shivery children. The new liner (thanks to a generous donation from David Dent and the BOT) and the new cover (thanks to the PTA) have improved both the quality and temperature of the water, allowing swimming to continue until the end of the term.

Celebrating Learning

Included in this newsletter is the first of our celebratory bulletins, We will be putting these out from time to time during the year. We think this is a nice way to showcase some of the wonderful learning taking place within the school. The children will be continually

working on this and we will even come up with a great name for it (instead of Bulletin).

Building

Block 2 (rooms 5-8) will be getting a new roof in the upcoming holidays. Later in the year we will begin work on re-modelling the block 4 (rooms 16-19) toilet block. We will provide inside and outside access to seven new unisex toilets. Also two new breakout spaces will be created by Room 19.

Roll Growth

Our roll continues to grow. We have 516 children enrolled and the prediction is that we will reach a roll of around 550-560 by the end of the year.

This is over 100 more children than last year. We warmly welcome all our new children, families and whanau and know they will have a rewarding, enjoyable time at Onerahi.

We are working with the Ministry to ensure we have enough buildings for terms 3 and 4.

We will be starting another new entrant class at the beginning of term 2 and will also begin a new class in the year 2/3 area of the school.

We have recently appointed four new teachers to staff, who will begin in term two. We will confirm for you who they are once they have formally accepted the job offers made to them.

Old Fashioned Picnic

The purpose of the Onerahi School Old Fashioned Picnic on Tuesday is twofold.

Firstly to celebrate Onerahi School being awarded the very prestigious top award of Green/Gold for our Environmental/ Sustainability focus.

Secondly to further explore and strengthen the shared partnership and relationship building between school and home.

If you can make it, it would be great. Don't worry, we do appreciate many of you are

working and it will be a challenge. If you can't make it, there will be further opportunities in the future.

ERO

We have a final confirmed report which you can read on the ERO website. The report is excellent and reflects how great Onerahi School is.

You can be proud of the fact that Onerahi School is recognised as a leading, innovative, forward thinking school that is achieving excellent results. In the last month 22 Principals visited from the UK, and next week we have a group of Principals from Vermont UAS visiting. We also had a group of 40 local teachers join us yesterday to look at our literacy programme.

We must be proud of the fact that 80% of children are achieving at or above the National Standards in all areas.

Keep up the good work everyone. Remember "Together we shape our future".

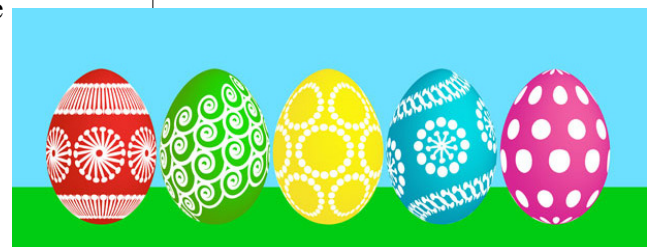
Communication Survey

Thank you to everybody who filled out and returned the recent communication survey. There has been a great response.

We are busy collating the results and will be communicating these to you very soon. There are some really productive ideas coming through, and it is really good to know what options are being used to communicate.

Anzac Celebration

We invite you to join us on Thursday 13 April at our Anzac Assembly. This takes place between 9.30 and 10.30.



PTA Easter Raffle

Thank you to all those who have donated Easter goodies for this year's raffle. We greatly appreciate your support. There is still time to drop something off to the office.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 3 April from the School Information Centre foyer between 8.30 and 9am. Tickets cost 50 cent each.

Easter Buns

Pre order forms for hot cross buns will be sent home soon. Hot cross buns will be distributed on Wednesday 12 April

Northland Swimming Champs

Congratulations to **Louie Short** and **Ayana van der Ent** who will be representing our school at the Northland Swimming Champs in

Dargaville next week. We wish them luck and look forwards to hearing about how they get on.

Gerald Koberstein
Tumuaki (Principal)

Coming Events:

Monday 3 April	Easter raffle tickets on sale until it is drawn
Tuesday 4 April	School Picnic
Tuesday 11 April	BOT Meeting 5:30pm
Tuesday 11 April	Northland Swimm Champs—Dargaville
Wednesday 12 April	PTA Easter Buns—pre-sold
Wednesday 12 April	PTA Easter raffle drawn and prizes distributed
Thursday 13 April	Anzac Celebration Assembly—9.30 to 10.30am
Thursday 13 April	Last day of term 1. School finishes at 3pm
Monday 1 May	First day of Term 2



Community Notices:

Whangarei Holiday programme: Whangarei After School Care Inc (W.A.S.C) are running a holiday programme at Whangarei Primary. Winz accredited. Please call Lyn on 027 3384634 or 4362004 to make a booking. Enrolment forms available at Onerahi School office.

Onerahi Breakfast Club: (b4 school care) Monday - Friday during school term time. 6.45am - 8.20am. Contact Sandy on 0211575226 or email cjsr1@hotmail.com

Huanui College April 2017 School Holiday Programme: 328 Ngunguru Road, Glenber vie Years 5 – 6 (approx. age 9 – 11). 9am – 3pm cost is \$35 per child per day. Science, Creative Writing, Robotics, Arts & Crafts, Fun Outdoor Challenges. See our website for full programme details and booking form at www.hc.school.nz. Or Phone: 09-459-1930

Action Zone Autumn Camp is running again during the next holidays (23rd-28th April).

We are a Christian camping organisation that has been running camps for 9-13 year olds (up to Yr8) for the past 25 years. Due to Easter being the at the beginning of the holidays our camp will be held in the second week this time. We run our camps out at Marsden Bay Christian Camp located in One Tree Point, Northland. Register online at www.actionzonecamps.com

Kids Holiday Biscuit Decorating Course: Easter Holiday biscuit decorating course!! Come and decorate some cute funky Easter biscuits with me. Ages 5 and up. (I also do teenage classes). Dates are 26th, 27th & 28th April 2017. There will be a morning session 10.30 – 12.30 and afternoon session 2.30-4.30. Sessions are \$40 each. Please book quickly as there are only limited spots available. Please book online, email or phone as below. Kim Donker www.caketinlove.co.nz 0275618112m kim@donkerca.co.nz

KIDZONES HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES: Kidzones are based in Tikipunga, Kamo and Whau Valley Primary Schools operating from 7.45am to 5.30pm daily. WINZ subsidies are available for assistance in fees for those who qualify. Check out what fun activities the team at Kidzones have organised for each day on www.kidzones.co.nz. Enrol online via our website for a fast efficient process. Like our facebook page to keep up with the Kidzone activities daily during the holidays. Please feel free to contact me at any time, Sandra North 021 249 3308 or 43 53342 Sandra@kidzones.co.nz

Do you love writing stories? Join local author and creative writing tutor, Donna Blaber, on Thurs 20th and/or Fri 21st April from 9am-3pm. Only 12 per class; best suited to Yr5 & 6 students. \$35 per day. For more info please visit www.donnablaber.com/schoolhols.html and follow the links to book.

WADPA Dance School Holiday Program: 26-28th April at WADPA Dance studios, 29 Commerce Street, whangarei. Drop off and pick up between 8.30am & 5pm each day. \$40 per child per day or \$100 for all 3. Ages 5+. CLASSES IN BALLET, JAZZ, LYRICAL, ONTEMPORARY, ACROBATIC STRETCH & IMPROVISATION. BE TAUGHT CLASSES BY WADPA TEACHERS & STUDENTS IN OUR FANTASTIC FACILITIES. USE PARACHUTES AND PROPS. MOVIE AFTERNOONS. MAKE UP AND HAIR PAMPERING, GAMES, DISCO AND LOTS OF FUN.

Email: holly@love2dance.co.nz to reserve your spot

Drama and Musical Theatre Classes: It's not too late to enrol for our classes. In fact, there's no time like the present! Join our dynamic engaging classes for beginners to advanced performers. Email us today to book your child in we have something for everyone, details on our website www.makingascene.co.nz

Onerahi Community Survey: Tell us what you think. To participate in the survey pick up a hard copy from the library or email coats.clan@xtra.co.nz for the link to the online version.

Karate Classes for Kids: Bring your budding little Ninja's in for a FREE week of classes to try Karate. Miyagi Kan Karate Club—www.miyagikankarate.com, ph Craig Nordstrand on 0212233644 for more information.