



# Onerahi Primary School Newsletter



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*Together We Shape Our Future*

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Dear Parents and Caregivers  
Tena Koutou Kātoa  
Nimen Hao

A core part of becoming a life long learner is learning to care for your health and wellbeing. As you may have noticed the summer sun has started to visit us again, bringing with it all the things we enjoy about living in New Zealand. Unfortunately it also brings with it many risks. To better protect the well being of your children it is a school requirement that hats are to be worn when children are outside during term 1 and term 4. To be clear:

**Hats are to be worn by every child this term.**

Classrooms have sunblock available for your children, but this is used in conjunction with a hat to protect them.

Thank you for supporting your child in being sun smart.

### **Te Whanga Festival Nau mai, Haere mai!**

OPS warmly welcomes you to join us for this very special event tomorrow (Friday) from 10am to 2pm. There will be Kapa Haka performances, student led stalls, the sharing of culture and language learning, fun games and activities. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at **lunch time**, including sausage sizzle, chow mein, seafood chowder and fried bread. Prepaid Hangi will also be available for pick up at lunch time. Please make sure your child has enough food to eat during the day. A huge thank you to whanau and community members who have taken on the preparation of this food.

### **The School Year**

School finishes on Tuesday 19 December at 3pm.  
We start again on Wednesday 31 January 2018.  
The term dates are listed below.

### **Prize Giving**

We are holding our final assembly and prize giving on Friday 15 December, starting at 9.30. We would love to see you all come along and share in the successes of the children and enjoy the entertainment.



### **Year 6 Graduation Wednesday 13 December**

At the end of this year we will farewell another group of wonderful young people from Onerahi School. We wish them well as they move on from us to Intermediate Schooling. We will be celebrating their time at Onerahi during this ceremony.

### **Building Work at OPS**

Work is already under way with the upgrade of the toilet block in block 4. These will become unisex toilets, which will also have access from outside and will open up the cloak bay area, making it a much lighter brighter place to be. Work is due to start shortly remodelling block 1 to create additional teaching spaces to cater for our increasing roll. This block

will become a flexible modern learning space that supports our vision of Together We Shape Our Future. The majority of this work will be completed during the holidays and we expect the build to be completed by the end of term 1.

### **New Entrant Orientation Day**

It was great to see so many of our new families gathering together and getting to know each other and the school environment, before they start their new learning journey at Onerahi School next year.

Room 18 have been learning about 'Entrepreneurship' with Mrs. Green. They have made beeswax food wraps as part of their inquiry. Room 18's 'Blooming Honey Wraps' will be for sale at the remaining E.E. Friday markets or to order from room 18.



### **2018 Term Dates**

Term 1	31 January—13 April	Waitangi Day	Tuesday 6 February
Term 2	30 April—6 July	Easter	Friday 30 March—Tuesday 3 April
Term 3	23 July—28 September	Queens Birthday	Monday 4 June
Term 4	15 October—18 December	Mid Term Break	Monday 27 August—Tuesday 28 August
		Labour Day	Monday 22 October

## Year 3/4 School Cross Country Results

We apologise to the wonderful runners from year 3 and 4, whose results have not yet been published. Here are place getters:

### Year 3 boys

1st **Ethan Dooney**  
2nd **Cory Newby**  
3rd **Tiake Pou**

### Year 3 girls

1st **Zoe Langridge**  
2nd **Puawai Beardsell**  
3rd **Jahnelle Tito**

### Year 3 boys

1st **Joel Allen**  
2nd **Jaheim Peri**  
3rd **Arpad Hegedus**

### Year 4 boys

1st **Lana Pilon**  
2nd **Aria Young**  
3rd **Olivia Stowe**

Congratulations to you all.

## Senior Athletics

Congratulations to all our senior children who participated in the athletics day and also to those who represented Onerahi School today at the Whangarei Athletics Championships.

## The Year 0-2 Run Jump Throw Day

We will hold this on Thursday 7 December. The Y0-1s will be from 9.30-10.45, and the Y2s will be from 11.45-1.00.

## Library Books returned

Please keep looking for Onerahi School Library Books and return these as soon as possible.

## Lost Property

Please be vigilant about looking after your belongings. If by chance you have misplaced clothing please check the lost property as any thing still here on the last day will be donated to charity.

## Thank You

A big thank You to all our road patrollers and wardens who have done a fantastic job of making the front and back gate crossings as safe as possible for our Tamariki. They were recently treated to a day at the Aquatic Centre.

We would also like to thank the parent supervisors who have supported the children come rain, hail and shine. We appreciate and value your contribution—**Janine Walker, Michelle Nilsson-Webby,**

**Serena Furze, Glenys Currie, Gerard/Katrina Pilon, Janey Turner, Wayne Turner and Denise Bellamy.**

We are in the process of training next year's students who will be manning the crossings.

## 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.

## Board of Trustee Elections

All eligible voters will have received voting papers in the mail. These voting papers need to be posted to the address on the envelope or hand delivered to Onerahi school office by 12 noon tomorrow (Friday), 1 December. Votes will be counted on 7 December and results will then be published.

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

## Coming Events:

Friday 1 December	Te Whanga Kapa Haka Festival
Friday 15 December	Prize giving assembly/Year books and reports distributed
Tuesday 19 December	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.
- **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
- **Kidzones Holiday Programme:** Kidzones will be opening 8<sup>th</sup> January to the 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Kamo Kidzone will be open 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> December. All children are welcome to use this programme. Check out what the Kidzones team have planned for the summer on [www.kidzones.co.nz](http://www.kidzones.co.nz). Contact Sandra North on 021 249 3308 or [sandra@kidzones.co.nz](mailto:sandra@kidzones.co.nz)
- **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.
- **SKATE CLASS—**Thursdays 3.30pm @ Onerahi Hall. Basics to advanced skills, games and more. All ages and levels welcome. If interested, subscribe at [skatescool.co.nz](http://skatescool.co.nz) Contact: Brigitte 09 434 4414
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