



Onerahi Primary School

Newsletter



March 2017

Together We Shape Our Future

No. 2

Dear Parents and Caregivers,
Tena Koutou Kātoa
Nimen Hao

We are now half way through a very busy term and you may have noticed that we haven't had a newsletter for some time. We have been discussing the most effective forms of communication between school and home, and would like to know your ideas. Therefore we will have a survey related to this coming out next week. Please look for it in your child's bag at the beginning of next week. We really value your ideas and it will be a great opportunity to let us know the most effective way of communicating school wide events and activities, so you are always fully informed.

Along this line, we are also in the process of putting together a collaborative group which will produce a celebration newsletter, celebrating all the wonderful things that we do here at Onerahi School. Look for this later in the term.

School and Paper Donation

At Onerahi School we do not ask our parents to contribute any form of donation. The Board of Trustees at Onerahi School decided a few years ago not to ask for a school donation and now they have also decided not to ask for a paper donation. We hope that this along with our low stationery costs is a help to our families

Asia Friendship Festival

Earlier this term our school hosted the 'Asia Friendship Festival' which celebrated the growth of Asian language and cultural learning in Whangarei. Over 1000 students from our group of schools enjoyed performances, stalls and activities that celebrated Asian Language and Culture. Highlights included Mongolian throat singers, live toffee sculpting as well as dance and musical performances from students. The festival was such a success we are already planning for

next years event which will provide more exciting and unique experiences for our young people. Xie xie (thank you) to all of our students, staff and community who contributed to this event. A special thank you must also go to the Asia NZ foundation who brought amazing performers and acts all the way from China to our festival.

Old Fashioned Picnic

On Tuesday 4 April from 12 until 2pm, we are having an Old Fashioned Picnic here at school. We are celebrating, among other things, our schools achievement in gaining a Green Gold Enviro Schools Award. It would be wonderful if you can arrange to be at this occasion as it is a great way to bring our school community together. Information about this will come home from your child's classroom, please look out for it, and if you haven't received any information by Tuesday 28th, please let us know.

Anzac Celebration Assembly

We invite you to join us on Thursday 13th April (last day of school) at our Anzac Assembly 9.30 to 10.30. This is a formal Anzac Ceremony where the children will be laying wreaths.

Senior Swimming Sports

Recently we held our annual swimming sports competition. It was a wonderful day and thanks to all the helpers there and the parents that were there to watch the children. The children had a wonderful time and well done to all of those who got places in their races.

Year 4

Freestyle -Girls

1st Holly Furze
2nd Olivia Stowe
3rd Lyla Sherwood

Freestyle – Boys

1st Daniel Pickford
2nd Cruz Girven

Breaststroke – Girls

1st Hollie Furze

Breaststroke - Boys

1st Toby Hamilton

Backstroke – Girls

1st Hollie Furze
2nd Lana Pilon
3rd Olivia Stowe

Backstroke - Boys

1st Daniel Pickford
2nd Cruz Girven

Year 5

Freestyle - Girls

1st Brianna Gurnell
2nd Hollie Green
3rd Jasmin Boyd

Freestyle - Boys

1st Archie Knox
2nd Toby Hamilton
3rd Bronson Longworth

Breaststroke - Girls

1st Brianna Gurnell
2nd Hollie Green
3rd Jasmin Boyd

Breaststroke - Boys

1st Toby Hamilton

Backstroke - Girls

1st Brianna Gurnell
2nd Jasmin Boyd
3rd Hollie Green

Backstroke - Boys

1st Matt Anderson
2nd Archie Knox
3rd Ewan Blackburn

Year 6

Freestyle - Girls

1st Elise Pickford
2nd Aiyana Van der Ent
3rd Ella Coenra

Freestyle - Boys

1st Louie Short
2nd Cameron Furze
3rd Liam Townsend

Breaststroke - Girls

1st Aiyana Van der Ent
2nd Kahu Moetara

Breaststroke - Girls
 1st Aiyana Van der Ent
 2nd Kahu Moetara
 3rd Melinda Leslie-Ogg

Breaststroke - Boys
 1st Louie Short
 2nd Cameron Furze
 3rd Nathan Walker

Backstroke - Girls
 1st Elise Pickford
 2nd Aiyana Van der Ent
 3rd Renee Pilon

Backstroke - Boys
 1st Louie Short
 2nd Liam Townsend
 3rd Cameron Furze

Well done to the first two place getters, who represented our zone at the inter zone swimming sports at Whangarei Intermediate on Tuesday 7th March.

Congratulations to you all for the wonderful way you represented our school.

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 Hello, my name is David Meredith. Last year, I had a great year teaching at Onerahi primary school. I am offering my services as guitar tutor again during 2017. 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)  
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A special congratulations to **Louie Short** and **Aiyana van der Ent** for their top four placings.

Childrens Food and Drink Survey
 We have included a Sport Northland, project energise survey in the newsletter for you to fill out. Please pop this back to Onerahi School office, when you have completed it.

Messages from the PTA
 Thank you to the new faces who came to the first PTA meeting of 2017. We are always happy to have new families come and share ideas and lend a hand with our fundraising.

Sausage Sizzle
 Wednesday 29 March. \$2 each. Order forms will go home before this date. All sausages must be pre-ordered.

Hot Cross Bun Day
 Another exciting event is our hot cross bun day. The PTA will be selling hot cross buns on Wednesday 12 April, \$1 each. These need to also be pre-ordered so we know how many to prepare. Order forms will come home before this date.

Easter Raffle
 It is also Easter raffle time!! Tickets will be on sale from the beginning of April, and will cost 50c each. Once again we will be asking for donations of Easter goodies for this.

Next Meeting
 Wednesday 15 March
 We would love to see you there.

Gerald Koberstein
Tumuaki (Principal)

Onerahi Oral Health Clinic
 We encourage you to attend your child/children's dental appointments. Please phone **0800 MY TEETH** (0800 6983384) to book an appointment to discuss your child's oral health.

Pre-school tamariki can be enrolled at birth. Please ring 0800MYTEETH and make an appointment to enrol your child/children. We would appreciate that any letters we issue are completed and returned to the school office as soon as possible after issue. We are happy to answer any questions with regards to your Tamariki's oral health.
 The Dental Team - Cathy and Joanne

COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

FIZZY DRINKS

Fizzy drinks can contain a lot of sugar which is not good for our teeth. Fizzy drinks don't contain any goodness (vitamins, minerals etc.) for growing children.

1 can of fizzy drink = 10tsp sugar
 1 600ml bottle fizzy drink = 16tsp sugar

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COOLING DOWN FOR SUMMER

SUPER SMOOTHIES

Smoothies are a great drink that can double as a snack. They are quick, nutritious and easy to make.

Ingredients:

- 1 banana
- 150g pot of fruit yoghurt
- 1 cup low fat milk
- Ice cubes (optional)

Blend all ingredients together and enjoy. Experiment with different types of fresh, canned or frozen fruit.

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Coming Events:

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| Wednesday 15 March | PTA Meeting in the School Library 1t 3.15pm. All Welcome |
| Wednesday 29 March | PTA Sausage Sizzle—pre-sold |
| Tuesday 4 April | School Picnic |
| Wednesday 12 April | PTA Easter Buns—pre-sold |
| Wednesday 12 April | PTA Easter raffle drawn and prizes distributed |
| Thursday 13 April | Anzac Celebration Assemble—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:

Onerahi Football Club: Looking for a fabulous person to take on the roll of secretary for the club. We welcome all new people to the AGM on Friday 31st March at 7pm. To register to play for the 2017 season go to www.onerahifootball.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.

Twin Coast Cycle Trail: Saturday 18th March - Join in and celebrate the opening of the Okaihau to Horeke section of the Twin Coast Cycle Trail. For more details contact the Far North District Council