

# Ohaeawai School

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Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

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✂ **Congratulations to the last week of term "Cool kids"** Deborah Marshall-Baker, Room 7 for responsible class behaviour; and Ingeborg Rodger, Room 7 for settling well into Room 7.

✂ **Last week and this week** we were pleased to welcome Kaya Tobin, Shikana-May Roberts, Zion Kingi and Kane Kingi to our school. We hope they enjoy their time here at Ohaeawai School.

✂ **Interschool Swimming Results from Term 1.** Congratulations to all the children who competed at the end of last term. You all did Ohaeawai School proud. We had lots of children achieve placings in the finals and we came 1<sup>st</sup> in the 9yr and 10yr relays. **BACKSTROKE** 8 yrs & under Girls: 3<sup>rd</sup> Alexandra Ludbrook; 9 yrs & under Girls: 2<sup>nd</sup> Phoenix Littin, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marama Blaikie; Boys: 2<sup>nd</sup> Jackson Haynes. 10 yrs & under Girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Jacqui Tane, 3<sup>rd</sup> Abbey Henwood; **FREESTYLE** 8 yrs & under Girls: 2nd Alexandra Ludbrook; Boys: 2<sup>nd</sup> Jett Dixon-Komene, 9 yrs & under Girls: 2nd Aimee Walden, 3<sup>rd</sup> Phoenix Littin; 10 yrs & under Girls: 1<sup>st</sup> Abbey Henwood, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tiana Edwards. **BREASTSTROKE** 9 yrs & under Girls: 2<sup>nd</sup> Aiyana Ashby, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grace Henwood; 10 yrs & under Girls: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tiana Edwards; Boys: 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel Vujcich.

✂ **Year 5 & 6 Ski Trip FORMS & Reminder.** Today the clothing list, permission, and health forms have been sent home. Please send the permission and health forms back to school as soon as possible. Our fund-raising continues to tick along with approximately \$8,000 raised so far. However we still have got a long way to go. Children's payments can be sent along to school at any time, as part payments or in full.

✂ **Spaghetti Buns** – These were extremely popular last week. They will be on sale again tomorrow (Friday). They are \$1.50 each. Funds raised from the sale of these goes towards the Young Leaders Conference. We still need parents to help on a Friday morning with the spaghetti buns.

✂ **Duffy Books Theatre Group Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May** – As part of the Books in Homes programme our school will be going to watch the Duffy theatre group at the Ohaeawai Rugby clubrooms at 1:00pm next Tuesday.

✂ **Young Leaders Conference** – Congratulations to Tiana Edwards, Tui-Maree Rihari, Sienna Munford-Stokes, Abbey Henwood, Olivia and Aimee Walden, Sky Martin, Jacqui Tane, Cole Stephens, Boysey Marshall-Baker, Johnny Cooper and Simon Halliday who have been chosen to go to the Young Leaders Conference in Auckland next week. I am sure they will all have a great time and learn lots about leadership for the future.

✂ **Saturday Sport:** This is now well underway. Thank you so much to all the parents who are involved as coaches and support. We are so lucky to have so many parents who are willing to help with coaching and so many children who are keen to participate in Saturday sport. It is great to see.

✂ **Teacher Only Day On Friday May 28<sup>th</sup>** - school will be closed as all staff will be involved in the Gaye Byers writing course which will be taking place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May. OSCAR will not operate on this day.

## Calendar Corner

04 May - Duffy Books in Homes Show 1:15pm

21 May - Skipathon Jump off

28 May - Teacher only day

22 Jul - Kahurangi Dance Show

17 Aug - Cool Kids Show

Tuesdays: Toys Day

Wednesdays: Wheels Day

Fridays: School Banking Westpac & ASB  
Mini Pizzas \$1.50



REMEMBER TO Check for NITS/HEADLICE

## Board of Trustee Elections

Poll closes at 12 noon on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

Voting papers have been posted. They need to be posted back or hand delivered to school by noon Friday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2010. The ballot box is at the school office  
Returning Officer. Maureen Martin

**Free to Good Home** - two 9 weeks old kittens, using litter tray and eating food: 1 male, grey striped; 1 female smoke coloured tabby. Text or call Jo 0211 167 488

**Hockey:** This weekend is the second part of the opening day tournament. Ohaeawai 2 need to be at the turf at 8:10am ready for their first game at 8:30am, Ohaeawai 1 need to be at the turf at 9:00am and Ohaeawai 3 need to be at the turf at 10:00am.

Ohaeawai 1 and 2's practise will be on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:30. Children need to come to school prepared with the correct equipment for training. The school will provide sticks.

**Soccer:** Cancellations will be sent through to More FM/Classic Hits/Newstalk ZB by 7:00am or a message will be left on the United Soccer1 answer phone at 09 4377294 after 7:00am. Have a good game this weekend and enjoy yourselves.

OW Jaguars v BC Karetu 9:00 BOI College 1A  
OW Tigers v Paihia Marlins 9:00 Ohaeawai Sch  
OW Sharks v Kerikeri Eagles 11:00 Ohaeawai Sch  
OW Warriors v OW Bulldogs 10:00 Ohaeawai Sch  
OW Wasps v Kerikeri Ray White 10.00 Keri High Sch 3  
**DRAWS FOR THE MONTH** have been sent home with players today. Check draws in newsletter as sometimes the draws may be changed.

Liz Ross Rm 5



**National Asthma Awareness Red Balloon Day**  
**Community picnic in the park by the library on the 7th May 2010.** To raise awareness around Asthma. For more details contact Maggie or Kataraina on 405 2227. Sarah Pakai 405 4946.

**Rm 1** Yrs 5 & 6 Mrs Brajkovich

I hope you all had a chance to check the children's Homelink book when they brought them home this week. They show you where children are at with regard to their times tables and spelling. After you have discussed results with your child, please send the books back to school so that we can add more notes.

We have started our mini inquiries on an animal or thing of our own choice this week. We will have to do research and write a report. Today we learned how to find 'classification' information in a book or on the internet. Tomorrow we will be moving on to 'description'.

Congratulations this week go to Sam Grant and Joseph Darge for the wonderful report they presented to us about their trip to find fossils. We all had a good look at the fossils they had collected. In fact we are all so fired up about fossils that we would like to go on a class trip to Hokianga South Head. This will only be possible if we can find enough parents to provide transport. There are 26 students in Room 1 so if you think you would be able to support us in this please send an informal message back to me. We would leave in the morning and be back in time for buses. If we have enough volunteers I will send a more formal note home next week.

We want to thank Miss P as she brought us in some poppy plants this week as a reminder of Anzac Day. Each student will be bringing home a little plant this afternoon.

### Jump Rope for Heart Skip-a-thon Challenge



A booklet was given to each child today. (There were no envelopes provided.) The Jump off day is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**Rm 5** Yrs 2 & 3 Ms Ross

This week we have begun our inquiry. As part of our term topic, What About Our Past? we have decided to find out more information about World Wars 1 and 2. We are using the Ohaeawai School PIGEON Model of Inquiry to help us.

We are really focusing this week on paying attention, and, doing what we should be doing when we should be doing it. It would be helpful if you could talk to your child about this.

Please remember to listen to your child read each night. I know I reminded you last week, but reading at home is so important.

**Rm 2** Yr 6 Mrs Craig

Tena koutou katoa.

What an exciting week we have had. For art this week we have been doing marbling, which was lots of fun.

Yesterday we started our topic about Fossils. Mr Symons took our lesson. We had 6 different types of fossils we had to try and identify. It was great to see the children so excited about it and we already have a wealth of knowledge about them. Lots of us have some great questions that we are going to try and find the answers to.

Next week the Young Leaders have their Conference in Auckland. We will be leaving school at lunchtime on Wednesday and returning on Thursday at approx 5:30pm. Today we had a meeting to organise food for breakfast and lunch on the Thursday. The children all have something they need to bring for this. Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to help with the spaghetti buns and hot-dogs. We will be having spaghetti buns again tomorrow.

**The Year 5 & 6 children going on the Ski Trip 6 - 10 September** have been given permission and medical forms to take home for signing and returning to the school office A.S.A.P. Thank you.

**Rm 6** Yrs 4 & 5 Mr Hill

In writing this week we have been talking about what a narrative is, what a narrative looks like and the structure of writing a narrative story. We also began practising writing them. We are in the publishing stage at the moment and I have read some fantastic stories.

Our topic study is well on its way and we are in the final stages of knowing why George Washington is on the American \$1 bill. Next week the children will be grouped and they will be finding out who the faces on our New Zealand bills are.

I have also noticed a huge improvement in Room 6's attitude towards homework; they are now becoming very independent and responsible individuals, thank you parents and caregivers for your help. Well that's all from me, have an awesome weekend.

*Lee Whitelaw Principal*

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**Rm 4** Yrs 3 & 4 Miss Ritchie

Tena koutou katoa.

What are great week we have had. We have been exploring dinosaurs and have thought of some very interesting questions. During our reading rotation we have been trying to find the answers to these questions using books from the library. We have already found the answers to 3 questions! Some people have brought dinosaurs and dinosaur bone models to class. If you have any at home we would love to see them.

We are also interested in finding out about fossils so we have started looking for information about these as well.

Well done to Ben Hood and Te Rerenga Piripo who have been doing extra work at home and have brought it to school.

Thank you to Louis who brought in a table lamp made in England.

**Rm 3** Yr 1 Mrs Ritchie & Miss Nicola

What a wonderful week we've had. The trip to Waitangi was a treat and the children were so excited. A big thank you to the parents who were able to provide transport. Luck was on our side as we had two guides meet us and discuss the two groups of people who signed the treaty. This helped us answer all of our questions we had prepared beforehand.

In art we were able to create our own class story using the koru design like the stories we saw at Waitangi. Come and see!

Today in music we are having a visit from Tizian's dad who is going to show us all his instruments and how they are played. Thanks so much to those parents who come and share their expertise with us.

*Miss Nicola*

**Rm 7** Yrs 1 & 2 Miss Huxtable

On Monday we had a great trip to Waitangi. We have talked about the 2 groups that signed the treaty and some of the differences between them. The children signed a treaty up by the flag pole. We will be creating a class treaty to help us to work better together. Thank you to the parents who helped us with transport and supervision, without you, trips would not be possible, your support is much appreciated.

The children have been doing some wonderful koru art with Mrs Bindon. Seeing the patterns and carvings inside of the Marae at Waitangi provided some wonderful inspiration. Come and have a look at our koru faces. We are now working on koru waves using cold and hot colours.

In maths we are working with shapes and pattern, today we made pictures using the shapes and Miss Huxtable took photos of our creations.