



Weekly Newsletter No. 02 Thursday 07 February

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

- ✂ **Congratulations to this weeks "Cool kids"** Ngaire Hati for coming to school by herself and Tai Ferguson for helping keep the classroom tidy, both are from Room 3!!
- ✂ **Thank you to you all for being** so supportive as your children settle back into school. Our children are already well back into their learning.
- ✂ **As many of you would know last week** we were given some extra staffing to be able to have Raewyn Ritchie undertake Reading Recovery training this year. Raewyn teaches in Room 3 until 11:00am each day and then she takes 4 children on the reading recovery programme. As a result we are pleased to welcome Nicola Bew, who will be teaching in Room 3 for the rest of the day. Each teacher has specific curriculum responsibilities so the teaching arrangement should work very well.
- ✂ **Year 5 & 6 Ski Trip meeting** - Many thanks to the great number of parents who attended Tuesday night's meeting. The planning for this trip is well underway with lots of good fundraising ideas shared. It was wonderful to see so many people volunteering to organise the different activities. As discussed at the meeting we are aiming to take 13 parents on the trip as well as the staff involved. If you would like to be considered as a parent helper for the trip please let Maureen know. **The dates for the Ski trip are Monday 6th to Friday 10th September** – and the cost per person is \$130. This can be sent along to school anytime from now on either in installments or the full amount. A separate newsletter about the ski trip will be sent home next week.
- ✂ **The first fundraising has** already started with the Valentine cookies which will be sold tomorrow at school, and the sausage orders.
- ✂ **The school will be having a stall at Taiamai day on Saturday 27th March** so please keep this day free.
- ✂ **Easter Raffle** – As part of the fundraising for the ski trip we are having an Easter raffle. This will be a hamper of Easter goodies. Donations for the hamper can be sent to school from now on.
- ✂ **Swimming** is part of the curriculum so it is really important that children bring their togs and a towel to school as they are taught specific skills during their class swimming time. In addition to class swimming times on some days children are given a free swim after school while they are waiting for the Kaikohe bus. These swims depend on teacher or parent supervision available on that day. Children who attend OSCAR are also able to swim during this time. There are guidelines in place for the supervision of the children in the pool by the OSCAR workers. Please let Gloria or Matilda know if you do not wish your child to swim at OSCAR
- ✂ **Fruit in Schools** – This started again this week which is great. We have all been looking forward to it and very grateful that the programme has continued. Fruit is delivered to each classroom in the morning ready for morning tea time.
- ✂ **Reading Books** – At the end of last year some children were given reading books to take home for the holidays. We hope these were useful for your children, but we urgently need them to be returned to school so that they can be used by other children. Thank you for your help in this matter.
- ✂ **Royal New Zealand Air Force Band** outdoor concert at the Memorial park in Kaikohe on Tuesday 23rd February at 12:00pm. We are planning to bus the children into Kaikohe for the concert. The cost is \$2 per child. Please send the \$2.00 to the school office as soon as possible. Kaikohe children do not need to come back to school on the bus after the concert. But please let us know. Thank you.

2010

22 Tennyson St Ohaeawai R.D.2
Kaikohe 0472
Ph/fx 09 405 9812

E-mail maureen@ohaewai.school.nz
Web Site www.ohaewai.school.nz

Calendar Corner

23 Feb - RNZAF Airforce band 12:00pm
27 Mar - Taiamai Day school stall
31 Mar - End of Term 1



Remember:

Tuesdays: Toys Day

Wednesdays: Wheels Day

Fridays: School Banking Westpac & ASB

Valentine's Day Shortbread

(Ski Trip Fundraiser) on sale tomorrow
lunchtime. \$2.00 - \$2.50 per bag

Ski Trip Sausages Fundraiser:

SpICY Beef, and SNOWy Beef & onion available. Prepaid orders please to Maureen at the office.

\$15 for 12 specialty sausages from Ohaeawai Butchery.
(We need at least 20 orders)



Saturday SOCCER REGISTRATION OF INTEREST - Form attached; Please return to the school office before Friday 19 February. We need confirmed children's names and date of birth, and names of parents prepared to coach a team, before we can register officially. Thank you.



St John Cadets started up again on Wednesday 10th February.
NOTE: new time: 5:30pm at the Kaikohe Ambulance Station on Recreation Rd Kaikohe

BOI JMC Hockey After School Skills & Drills: Tuesday 2 March 4:30 - 6:00pm
\$1.00 per week. **Term 2 Hockey starts** 24 April with Opening Day Tournament 8:30am start. **2010 Novice Hockey programme** for players 4 - 6 years of age starts 8 May & runs through to 26 June. We will have a meeting next week for all interested players.

Information contained in this newsletter may not be reproduced without the prior consent of Ohaeawai School.

Ohaeawai School

Rm 1 Yrs 5 & 6 Mrs Brajkovich

Boy, have we been busy this week! We have been learning about procedural writing and making lots of Valentine's Day shortbread. Come & buy some off us tomorrow at lunchtime. Congratulations to Kalani Waa this week for reminding Mrs B while we were cooking that a picker upper thingy was actually a spatula!! A big thank you to Mrs Munford-Stokes, Mrs Harris and Mrs Cook who came to help us. Also thanks to everyone else who offered their help.



Lunch box missing

from end of last year. If anyone has found a turquoise Tupperware 3 compartment lunchbox with new lid please hand into the school office. Thank you.

Rm 6 Yr 4 & 5 Mr Hill

I am very pleased to be teaching in Room 6. I will be doing Tavis' Beginning Teacher Release each week. The children and staff have made me feel very welcome. I asked the children what they liked about Mr Hill so far, here are their responses:

Olivia - he plays lots of games with us; Stuart - he is funny; Robyn - he doesn't growl much; Jackson - we got to do lots of art with him; Holly - he is nice and caring. Have a great weekend. *Mrs Birchall*

All beginning teachers are entitled to 1 day release provided by the MOE. Sometimes Louise will work in Rm 6 and sometimes in Rm 5 to allow Liz Ross, his tutor teacher to work with him in Rm 6. I am sure this arrangement will work well.

Mrs Whitelaw

Mayoral Challenge

Saturday 13 February



12 noon start at the

**Far North District Council
Chambers Memorial Ave Kaikohe.**

Registration from 11:15am

onwards. Be in to win an Avanti Spirit bike valued at \$650.00 as well as a kids bike and heaps of great spot prizes.

More Info. Phone 09 401 2009 ext. 5669 or 0274434417 or visit www.10000stepsnorthland.co.nz

For Bikewise month

Lee Whitelaw Principal

Rm 2 Yr 6 Mrs Craig

Tena koutou katoa. Well this week has flown by so quickly. They say time flies when you are having fun.

It was great to see so many parents at the Ski Trip meeting on Tuesday night. We have got a very busy time ahead planning and fundraising for the Ski Trip in September. This week we have been involved in making heart shortbread to sell tomorrow for Valentines Day on Sunday. If you were unable to make the meeting but have some good fundraising ideas please contact me and let me know.

This week we began working in our books. Thanks to all the parents for being so efficient with getting your child's stationery. It is so much nicer working in our books than having lots of bits of paper.

On Friday we are going to start growing some beans, so I have asked the children to bring a jam jar along to school, so they can all plant some beans. We have spent some time this week out in our vegetable gardens preparing them for planting. Justin Blaikie is going to come and work with us on Wednesday. If there are any parents who are willing to assist on a Wednesday with gardening can you please let me know.

Also there are still some children who haven't got a portfolio. They are able to use their last years one. Just pull all their work out and return the empty folder to school. We have got work that we need to put into them. Thanks.

Rm 3 Yr 1 Mrs Ritchie

Hi there. Miss Nicola has joined the team in Room 3. This week we have had fun in the garden finding lots of creatures to graph in math. The children have found pea seeds and we have planted these for science.

Please can we make sure that all children bring their togs to swimming. They are all keen to join in. If your child is not allowed to swim please send a note to school.

We have been learning about being responsible for ourselves. Please encourage your children to be responsible for their reading bag.

Ohaeawai Taiamai Residents Ass.

Taiamai Day

Saturday 27 March

Live band, food stalls, children's rides. Stall/space cost \$10.00 For a stall/space booking or more information phone:

Jeanette 4059545 / 0272939159 or Tracey 4059717 / 0274921878

Rm 4 Yrs 3 & 4 Miss Ritchie

Tena koutou katoa. We have had a great week this week and the children are settling into their routines nicely. We have started our reading rotation and have been working in our reading groups. Some children took books home last night but please remember that your child needs a book bag to take a book home.

Today we have been learning about Te Whanau and what makes up our whanau. We have also been learning how to introduce ourselves (pepeha) in Te Reo Maori. Your child should have brought home a Whakapapa sheet and a Pepeha sheet. It would be great if you could go through these with your child and fill them in. We will be going into more depth with this next week. If you are unsure of any of the parts of the pepeha just leave it out.

Thank you.

Rm 7 Yrs 1 & 2 Mrs Squire

Our reading groups have settled down to explore extra background information about the books they are reading. The children who read Wibble Wobble Albatross have painted a life size albatross and are busy writing facts about these birds. Other children are watching the different stages tadpoles are moving through.

The children had a really good day with Miss Huxtable on Tuesday, using the computers to write their names, then change the colour, size and writing style.

Today we are observing and discussing features needed to draw an accurate self portrait.

Rm 5 Yrs 2 & 3 Ms Liz Ross

Room 5 has had a busy week at school. Miss Ross came back to school on Monday really excited to be back with her class, but unfortunately her Mother took a turn for the worse and she had to go back to Auckland urgently on Monday afternoon. Our thoughts are with her at this very sad time. Room 5 have therefore had two teachers this week - Mrs Green and Mrs Stevenson. The children have taken this all in their stride and have done some lovely work with both teachers. We are very lucky to have such dedicated relievers. I will keep you informed if this situation changes.

Lee Whitelaw