

Ohaeawai School

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Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

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✘ **Congratulations to the last week of Term 2 "Cool Kids"** Tyla Nisbet, Room 6 for finding a missing book and; P. J. Hepi-Eruera, Room 1 for amazing manners.

✘ **Welcome back to what promises** to be another busy term. I hope you all had a great holiday and enjoyed having your children at home with you. The weather was very kind to us which was nice.

✘ **This term we are pleased to welcome** Mrs Lara Ashley to our school. She will be teaching in Room 2 from 11:00am each day. Mrs Ashley is well known to Room 2 as she worked in there for several weeks last year. Room 2 are also pleased to welcome Ms Nicola Bew to their class. She will be teaching them until 11:00am every day. After that she returns to Room 3 for the rest of the day. Please do not hesitate to contact these teachers if you have any queries or concerns.

✘ **Unicycling** - This term we are very lucky to have Christian Huriwai here every Tuesday and Wednesday to teach the children unicycling. Each day he will be taking twelve children. Already the skill of unicycling has seen a revival in the school.

✘ **Silent Auction launched next Tuesday July 27th at 5:30pm in the school Rainbow room** - The auction items will be set up in the Rainbow room for two weeks. You will need to register for the auction and collect your number from Maureen at the office. Please check out our school website for a full list of donations and sponsors.

✘ **North Fuels** - North Fuels has developed a sponsorship programme for schools. Our school is now registered. We will receive 1 cent per 2 litres of fuel delivered by North Fuels. Please encourage businesses/families of farmers you know who use North Fuel to nominate our school. Supporters can sign up from anywhere in New Zealand.

✘ **Congratulations to the Kaikohe Lions Under 11 Rugby League** team who travelled to Ericson Stadium to play Otahuhu before the Warriors v Melbourne Storm game on Saturday. The team had several of our Ohaeawai & ex Ohaeawai students in it including Jerusoe Andrews-Quinlan, Hama Hati, Xavier Johnson, Santana & Boysey Marshall-Baker. They played a great game losing only by 1 try.

✘ **Ski Trip 6 - 10 September** this term - reminder: Children's payments (\$130.00 per child) can be sent along to school at any time, as part payments or in full. However full payment must be made before September 1st 2010. The adults going on the trip also need to pay the \$130.00 by 1 September.

✘ **Congratulations to the winner of Raffle Northland v Auckland** Rugby game on Sunday 22nd August at Eden Park ticket number 8, Lynne Newson. Many thanks to the Auckland Rugby Union for donating the tickets.

✘ **Attendance/lateness** - Congratulations to the twelve children who achieved 100% attendance for last term. - They were: Troy Ramsay, Joseph Darge, Kaya Tobin, Sienna Munford-Stokes, Robyn Waa, Patrick Darge, Jacqui Tane, Tui-Maree Rihari, Joshua Stoney, Alexandra Ludbrook, Henry Ludbrook, and Darrell Andrews-Quinlan. Last term it was quite concerning to see the poor attendance and the lateness of some of our children. It is really important that children arrive at school on time. If children are away from school regularly their progress both academically and socially can be severely impeded. Please contact either me or your child's teacher if you have any queries regarding your child's attendance.

✘ **Friday Lunches** - spaghetti buns will be on sale this Friday - \$1.50 each.

Calendar Corner

22 Jul - Kahurangi Dance Theatre here

27 Jul - Hearing & Vision tester here 9:00am

27 Jul - Silent Auction launch 5:30pm Rainbow Room

01 Sep - Kaikohe & Districts Cross Country held at Ohaeawai School

24 Sep - Last day of Term 3

Tuesdays: Toys Day

Wednesdays: Wheels Day

Fridays: School Banking: Westpac & ASB
Spaghetti Buns for lunch \$1.50

BOT CORNER:

At this month's board meeting the Board approved the addition of a verandah on the OSCAR building. We will also be decommissioning the boiler room. Once the boiler has been removed and roof repaired the room will be used for storage.

Years 5 & 6 Ski trip fundraising. Banked so far through Friday lunches, raffle sales, sausage sizzles, discos, lamingtons, sausages, jellybean jar guess, shortbread, quiz night, and movie night, is \$8494.73. What a great effort from the parents and children.

The Silent Auction will be launched next week on Tuesday 27 at 5:30pm. There are some great items up for auction and still a couple more to add - see items received so far on page 2

Soccer Fees - are \$55.00 per child please pay at the Ohaeawai school office. Staggered part payments or payment in full can be paid at the school office. Thank you.

Soccer Draw:

OW Jaguars v Paihia Sharks 9:00 Ohaeawai Sch 1B
OW Tigers v Russell BA Rascals 9:00 Ohaeawai 1A
OW Sharks v Paihia Stingrays 10:00 Bledisloe 1B
OW Warriors v OW Bulldogs 10:00 Ohaeawai 1
OW Bulldogs v OW Warriors 10:00 Ohaeawai 1
OW Troopers v Okaihau Jun A 12/2 11:00 Ohaeawai 1

Hockey: Fees are \$40 per person. Please pay at the Ohaeawai School office. Thank you Ohaeawai Dynamos play @ 9:00am, you need to be at the turf at 8:45am.

Ohaeawai Dragons vs Ohaeawai Titans at 10:40am, you need to be at the turf at 10:20am

Rm 1 Yrs 5 & 6 Mrs Brajkovich

Well, it's term 3 already and we are in count-down mode for the ski trip. Fundraising is still on-going and we are still happily accepting donations of spaghetti, cheese or bread buns for Friday lunches.

This week we have begun a unit of narrative writing with a focus on using direct speech well. In maths we are working on measurement and for topic we will be doing investigations about water and icky things like slime.

Remember to bring your home readers back tomorrow.

Congratulations this week go to Jake Pickery for suggesting some new ways people could earn Cool Kids certificates.

Rm 7 Yrs 1 & 2 Miss Huxtable

Welcome back for Term 3. It is so lovely to see all the children back with smiling faces. Our topic this term is 'Up in the Air' with a focus on wind. We will look at how wind works and how it is used around the world. We are also looking at art from different cultures.

Your child will continue to bring home a reader everyday except Friday when they will bring home a poem most weeks.

Please continue to learn the spelling lists, there has been some excellent improvement. Both Zaedyn Te Haara and Ingeborg Rodger have improved so much they are now in the higher spelling group, great effort! Tomorrow I will test the children again, particularly those on List B and they will bring home a new highlighted list next week.

We have been learning about time for maths. It would be great if you could practise this at home. I have noticed that the children really need to practise counting in 5's.

Kaikohe & Districts Cross Country 1 September held at Ohaeawai School - We will need volunteers on the day (Postponement date is Thursday 2 September. Starting at 8:00am and going through until 2:00pm. There are a variety of jobs: sellers for the food stall and sausage sizzle, cooks for the sausage sizzle and people to help with preparation for the above. Some volunteers will want to watch their children race so they will need to be replaced. You do not need to be here for the whole time - you can help for a short time or stay all day if you like! A form will be sent home in August with race times, information and volunteer reply slip. Thank you.

Rm 2 Yr 6 Mrs Ashley & Ms Nicola

Room 2 has had a great start to Term 3.

We have started looking at our focus for this term, "What about our world?" We explored the significance of Tapa cloths and begun creating our own as part of our art around the world exploration.

Have a great weekend everyone

Rm 6 Yrs 4 & 5 Mr Hill

Welcome back to term 3 everyone. The children seem to be eager and excited about what we are learning this term.

In Maths we will begin our term by learning about the features of shapes. So far we have learnt about what the "D" means in 3D and what the difference is between 2D and 3D shapes. We will also be focusing on more strategies to solve addition and subtraction equations.

In Writing, our focus will be to write about "the moment in time" which means to take a snap shot of what they want to write about and paint a picture with words of what that snap shot is.

In Reading, we will be focusing on inference type questions, so students are able to grasp the underlying message behind what some authors write about in their books.

And for Topic, we are learning about the world, which will be following along with the theme of the school. This week, we have started learning about the continents of the world.

Well that's all from me, hope you all have a good weekend. Mr. Hill.

Lee Whitelaw Principal

Snowplanet Day Pass for one child; Skyline Rotorua Family Gondola Ride + 6 luge rides; Waitera Infinity Hot Pools Family Pass 2 adults & 2 children 14 & under Outside pools movies & slides for the whole day; Copthorne Waitangi 1 nights accommodation and breakfast for 2; Fullers Great Sights Bay of Islands Cape Brett Hole in the Rock Cruise 1 adult & 1 child; Palmco Kerikeri plants; Kelly Tarlton's Auckland Family pass; Rainbow's End Theme Park Auckland 1 adult & 1 child superpass; Rayland Motel; Aquatic Centre Whangarei 4 family passes @ \$22.00 each (1 adult & 5 children or 2 adults & 4 children); Kauri Museum, Matakoho Family Pass \$30.00 value; Interislander 2 adults, 3 children + car; Black Olive Kerikeri 2 x \$30.00 meal vouchers; Sky City Sky Tower entry for 1 Family 2 adults & 2 children; Stardome Observatory Auckland \$35.00 Family Pass 2 adults & up to 3 children; Placemakers Kerikeri 1 heater; Makana Chocolates Kerikeri; Motat (Museum of Transport & Technology) Auckland 2 adults + 4 children; Skellerup 1 pair Red band gumboots voucher; Dfine Hair Salon Kaikohe & Paihia \$50 voucher; Countdown/Woolworths Progressive Enterprises \$50.00 gift voucher; Museum KiwiHouse Heritage Park Whangarei Family Pass; New World Kerikeri Hamper; Henwood Builders \$100.00; Rotorua City & Lake Tours Family Pass 2 adult & 2 children; Antarctic Centre Christchurch All day Family Pass (2 adults & up to 4 children) unlimited entry and rides; Netball New Zealand 2009 signed Silverferns netball; ASB Kaikohe 2009 signed Northland rugby ball; Whitelaw's Tyres Kaikohe free tyre change around, wheel balance & wheel alignment; Flight Centre Kerikeri \$50.00 towards any travel booking valued over \$500.00; Dune Rider Unique Tours Family Pass (2 adults, 2 children under 15 years) Bay of Islands to Cape Reinga value \$496.00; Curves Kerikeri 1 month's complimentary pass; Pounamu Taonga Greenstone & Bone Carvings TeKauwhata 1 Greenstone pounamu value \$250.00; 4 pottery bowls.

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Rm 4 Yrs 3 & 4 Miss Ritchie

Tena koutou katoa.

It is wonderful to be back at school and great to see the children again. It sounds like they have had exciting holidays with family and friends.

This term our topic is 'What about our World'. We are learning about the world and what is happening in it at the moment. We will also be looking at countries and the different cultures.

We have been finding out about the Gulf of Mexico oil spill and the affects it has on sea life and the rest of the world.

We have been learning about measurement and how people used to use their body parts for measuring.

Please make sure your child reads each night and brings their book bags each day.

Maths homework will be coming home next week.

Rm 3 Yr 1 Mrs Ritchie & Miss Nicola

So wonderful to see all your smiling faces again! This week we are establishing our routines and rotations again and the focus is number and algebra in maths this term.

The children are learning about time and learning how to dance with Mrs Gates on Thursdays. Welcome to our class Mrs Gates!

Our Science topic for this term is wind and we will be designing and making kites for technology. On Tuesday we did experiments with plastic bags and balloons and learnt that air is all around us and that wind is just air moving. We have some fantastic questions the children have thought of. We will be answering these throughout the term. *Miss Nicola*