

Ohaeawai School

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Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

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✂ **This term we have been pleased to welcome** to our school Kroashar Tau-Martin, Tyreece Tangira, Jacynta Rameka, and Asta & Reese Tana. We hope they enjoy their time here.

✂ **Congratulations to** Sienna Munford-Stokes, Abbey Henwood, and Anneke Price, who played well for the Bay of Islands Years 5 & 6 Hockey Rep. team on Sunday. They beat both the Whangarei teams 2 - 0 to win the trophy.

✂ **Ski trip** – We still have some children who have not yet paid anything or bought any of their forms back for the ski trip. We urgently need both the forms and some of the payment as we have now had to pay the deposit on the accommodation and some of the other activities. Please contact Lee if you are having difficulty with payment or any other issues regarding the ski trip. 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.

✂ **Silent Auction is displayed and open for bidding between the hours of 8:00 and 3:30pm during school days in the school's Rainbow room.** Last night the silent auction opened. There are some wonderful items that have been donated by businesses, local and further afield. You will need to register for the auction and collect your number from Maureen at the office. Once you have purchased your bidding number for \$2.00 you can go around and bid on any number of items as many times as you like during the next 2 weeks. There are currently 114 lots to bid on with a couple more due to arrive this week.

Please check out our school website for a full list of donations and sponsors. - It has been recently updated. If you are unable to come and view the auction during the hours stated above please give Maureen a ring with a time that suits you.

Bidding closes at 6:30pm on Tuesday 10 August.

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

✂ **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.

✂ **Okaihau College Enrolment & Prospectus** - see above. Parents - if your child did not bring one of these home today, please phone Maureen or send your child to the office to pick one up from Maureen tomorrow.

Calendar Corner

27 Sep - Daffodil Day

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

14 Sep - Okaihau College Open Day - see times below

24 Sep - Last day of Term 3

Tuesdays: Toys Day

Wednesdays: Wheels Day

Fridays: School Banking: Westpac & ASB

Spaghetti Buns for lunch \$1.50

Okaihau College Enrolments for 2011 & Open Day 14 September 2010

The year 6 students who know they are attending Okaihau College next year will receive a Prospectus and Enrolment form today.

Open Day is Tuesday 14 September 2010
11:30am - 1:00pm **or** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Prospective Parents and their children are welcomed to the school and shown around by their Year 10 students. This is an excellent opportunity for you to get to know staff, other students and their families.

Please do not hesitate to contact Karen Campbell at Okaihau College 4019 030 ext. 824

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 Bay Cosmos Karetu 9:00 BOI College 1A

OW Tigers v Kaikohe Hot Rodz 9:00 Lindvart 1B

OW Sharks v BC Oromahoe 9:00 Ohaeawai 1B

OW Warriors v Okaihau Jets 9:00 Okaihau

OW Bulldogs v B C Karetu 10:00 Ohaeawai 1

OW Troopers have a bye

Hockey: Fees are \$40 per person. Please pay at the Ohaeawai School office. Thank you
Ohaeawai Dynamos (Field 1) need to be at the turf at 8:45am ready to go.

Ohaeawai Titans (Field 1) & Ohaeawai Dragons (Field 2) need to be at the turf 10:20am ready to go.

Rm 1 Yrs 5 & 6 Mrs Brajkovich

This week we have had two people bring toy guns to school. This is just a reminder that even though we have "Toys Tuesday" every week, it is not acceptable to bring toy guns on that day or any other.

We have been working hard to understand how direct speech works but a few of us are struggling. When you are reading with your child it would be great if you could talk about the direct speech punctuation and about who is saying what on the page that is being read.

Earlier this week we did an experiment with water and paper towels to see what would happen when we put them on the warm concrete outside.

Congratulations go to Ivan Erstich-Coles for predicting that our wet paper towels would dry because of evaporation. We are still discussing what evaporation is and how/why it works.

Thank you to those people who have speedily brought money to buy stationery. It really helps the smooth running of our room when everyone has all the right equipment.

Remember to bring your home readers back tomorrow.

Scholastic Book Club Orders

Orders and money are due back at school by Wednesday 11 August. Thank you. Karen Tane B.C.O.

Rm 6 Yrs 4 & 5 Mr Hill

Kia Ora everyone!

This week our class has been doing a lot of fun and new things while learning.

In Math, we have been exploring the use of compass directions, and have made treasure maps. We also learnt how to find north on a map by using a simple stick, its shadows and the sunlight.

In reading we have been learning how to infer information – these are called inference questions – to answer these questions the students have to read between the lines of what they read. It's a work in progress, but we're getting there.

I have also noticed that the students seem really excited about the term topic and the task they are given. We are learning about the continents of the world. By using the PIGEON INQUIRY process each group have to create and research 1 key question and 3 related sub questions about their continent.

It's a great start to the term!!! Mr. Hill

Rm 2 Yr 6 Mrs Ashley & Ms Nicola

This week we have explored the significance of different cultural practices around the world. We have enjoyed reading "The Lorax" by Dr Suess. This excellent book has stimulated our inquiry into "Our World". Our main focus has been to improve our questioning and research skills. We have started asking questions about the impact humans have had on the environment. We have also started identifying ways we can counter pollution and reduce our use of natural resources.

In numeracy we have continued to work with fractions identifying equivalent fractions. This week we started work on decimals and fractions.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Calf & Lamb rearing - Livestock Improvement Corporation (LIC)

In 2003, LIC developed and launched a free website www.calfclub.co.nz giving rural schools and children an easy to follow guide on the selection, care and training of pets for calf club/pet day. Written for 5 - 12 years old. It also has a diary they can download.

Rm 3 Yr 1 Mrs Ritchie & Miss Nicola

This week the children have been busy learning about air and wind and how it works. We have done a lot of experiments using balloons and plastic bags, and discussed floating. We are also recording wind direction and strength on a daily basis to see how it changes. Get them to explain to you how we do this.

In art we are learning about Aborigine people and how they use warm colours and dots to communicate how they feel and what they see. We have used what we can see out of our window to create our own designs.

Miss Nicola

Rm 7 Yrs 1 & 2 Miss Huxtable

We would like to welcome Jacyntha Rameka to Room 7 this week. She is a wonderful addition to our class.

We have been talking about wind and air for Science this week. We played with balloons and talked about the different things we can do with it and why it does that. We have been writing about weather and today wrote poems which had onomatopoeia words in them. Ask your child if they can tell you about onomatopoeia words and what they are.

With Mrs Bindon the children have been doing Aboriginal art, they drew snakes and have been colouring them using dots. They look fantastic.

Rm 4 Yrs 3 & 4 Miss Ritchie

Tena koutou katoa.

We have been looking at estimation and measuring accurately in maths this week. We are designing our own t-shirts, shorts and skirts making sure we have accurately measured our 'model' and have put all measurements on our plans. Some groups are ready to put theirs onto newspaper. The next step will be double checking our measurements and then cutting them out of the newspaper. Some of the designs are amazing and very original.

We are beginning to transfer the writing skills that we have been learning into our recount writing. It is really fun and exciting to read the children's writing because they are getting really good at showing not telling their reader.

Its great to see the children have been going home and finding information about the country they have chosen to inquire about.

Rm 5 Yr 2 & 3 Miss Ross

This week I am really pleased with our attendance. Some days and weeks Room 5 has the largest number of absentees, but this week most of the class have been here most of the day – good going.

In maths we have been doing measurement and learning about mass (weight) and capacity. We have been using balance scales to compare weights and we have been using water to help look at how much different containers can hold.

This week we have already had some children ready for a spelling test so that they can move on to the next spelling list. Well done! Once your child has finished working on the list they have at home, they can put their name on the board for a spelling test and then we will move them onto the next list.

CBANZ Home Show Saturday 21st August

At The Centre,
Cobham Rd. Kerikeri
Wendy House Build Off
10:30 - 12:30
Auction for Wendy Houses
starts at 1:00pm

Lee Whitelaw Principal