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Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

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✂ **This week we welcomed** to our school Sofia Le Noel and Chelsea Birchall. We hope they enjoy their time at Ohaeawai School.

✂ **Congratulations to Last week's "Cool Kids"** Kane Shepherd, Room 5 for great listening; and Marama Blaikie, Room 1 for being a good fruit monitor.

✂ **Portfolios** – Could we please have these back at school as soon as possible as we need to keep using them to put the children's samples of work in during the rest of the year. Many thanks to those parents who have put comments on the sheets provided. These are very helpful and will help us to ensure that we are all working towards the best learning outcomes for your children. We would also appreciate any comments you may have regarding the report format.

✂ **Fire Brigade Sports Tournament, Thursday 26th August.** All year 5 & 6 children going to the Fire Brigade Sports from Rooms 1, 2 & 6 have been given a permission/transport/helper form today. Please fill out, sign and return the form to the school office. Thank you.

✂ **Cool Kids show** – This show will be taking place on Tuesday August 17th at 1:00pm. We have had this show in the past as it fully supports our mission statement "To be the best I can be" and the values that are so important in the life of our school.

✂ **Spaghetti Buns** – will be on sale on Friday. They are \$1.50 each. We would really appreciate donations of spaghetti and cheese. Many thanks to Abbey and Grace Henwood for the donations of hamburger buns.

✂ **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 paid the deposit on the accommodation and some 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.** If you are unable to come and view the auction during the these hours please give Maureen a ring with a time that suits you. You can 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 until 6:30pm on 10 August. Please check out our school website or office foyer for a full list of donations and sponsors. **Bidding closes at 6:30pm on Tuesday 10 August.**

✂ **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.

Calendar Corner

26 Aug - Fire Brigade Sports Day Yrs 5 & 6

27 Aug - Daffodil Day

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

14 Sep - Okaihau College Open Day

15 Sep - Cultural Festival Kapa Haka Dress Rehearsal

17 Sep - Cultural Festival Kapa Haka performance

24 Sep - Last day of Term 3

Tuesdays: Toys Day

Wednesdays: Wheels Day

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

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

Scholastic Book Club Orders

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

Looking for a Secure Garage to rent between Okaihau and Ohaeawai area asap. Phone/text Monika 0272 204 249 (will call back)

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 Keri. Kiwis 9:00 Baysport Waipapa 3A
OW Tigers v Keri. JR Flamingos 9:00 Ohaeawai 1A
OW Sharks v BC Karetu 9:00 BOI College 1B
OW Warriors v Russ. Mad Oz Rockets 10:00 Ohaeawai 1
OW Bulldogs v Okaihau Jets 9:00 Okaihau Prim.
OW Troopers v Keri Med 10:00 Baysport Waipapa 3

Hockey: Fees are \$40 per person. Please pay at the Ohaeawai School office. Thank you
Ohaeawai Dynamos v KCS Malaura (Field 2) need to be at the turf at 9:30am ready to go.

Ohaeawai Titans v KCS Tim (Field 1) need to be at the turf at 10:20 ready to go
Ohaeawai Dragons v Okaihau Vampires (Field 2) need to be at the turf 10:20am ready to go.

Rm 1 Yrs 5 & 6 Mrs Brajkovich

Well, this week is publishing week in our writing programme and we have been working hard to get our published work finished. We are writing the description of a place and some people have found this a bit challenging. Our main problem has been that in our enthusiasm to continue a story and tell about brave heroes wielding swords and battling dragons, we have forgotten that sometimes we need to pause a little to describe a place well to help 'paint a picture' in the reader's mind.

Today we plan to start work on designing the covers for our snow trip booklets. We have had a meeting about expectations for behaviour before and during the trip and people are thinking very hard about that.

We have needed lots of catch-up time this week as so many people have been away sick and have missed important work. Let's hope we all get our bugs out of the way soon so that we are all hale and hearty when week 8 comes around.

Congratulations this week go to Gareth Horrobin who has been working really hard on his attitude and work output and who has made amazingly good progress since the start of the year.

Remember to bring your home readers back tomorrow.

Rm 6 Yrs 4 & 5 Mr Hill

Kia ora.

For topic this term we have been learning about the 7 continents. We have been studying the foods, cultures, locations, wonders of the world, but mainly history. It's Term 3 already! The year is passing so fast!

With Mrs Stevenson we have been making tapa cloths. We've been making postcards for Mr Hill (shhh, don't tell).

Ahhh, what a busy week. In math we have been learning about 3 D shapes and symmetry.

Olivia Jack.

Our email server had been getting upgraded overnight and is yet to be connected. So we have not been able to receive Mr Hill's Room 6 class news or Miss Nicola's Room 2 class news as they are both away on a course today. Thank you to Mrs Stevenson and Olivia Jack, Room 6; and Ms Johnson and Tiana Edwards and Hogan Lawrence, Room 2 who organised their class news today.

Rm 2 Yr 6 Ms Nicola

Tena koutou.

This week has been very busy. On Monday we started our covers for our ski trip with Mrs Whitelaw.

On Tuesday we did work on web diagrams. We had to find out all the information about the subject we were given. Then after finding out what other schools did to be Envirohools, we came up with different and unique ideas. At topic we decided that we were going to make art out of recycled rubbish. The following day we took all of the ideas and decided to make either masks or puppets. So we did research on the laptops and found out many things.

We also did our personification publishing. Tomorrow we will finish off our personification writing.

With Ms P today we started our technology plans that will help us with our art. Have a safe and fun weekend.

Tiana Edwards and Hogan Lawrence

Winter "Viruses" & colds

Please keep your child at home if they are sick to give them rest & time to recover. There is a high fever type virus that some children are getting at the moment lasting sometimes up to a week, and a phlegmy cold.

A timely reminder to remember to always wash your hands to keep them clean. This helps protect you from catching colds, tummy aches and other assorted bugs. Use tissues to blow your nose, cough/sneeze into then put in rubbish bin once used to prevent spreading your germs!

Rm 7 Yrs 1 & 2 Miss Huxtable

Tena koutou.

We have been doing some excellent writing in Room 7 lately, yesterday we wrote interesting stories about our pets. Today we used adjectives to describe animals and used verbs to say what that animal does. I am so impressed with how well they are writing.

For maths we are working on adding and subtracting, most of our class is now able to add on and are becoming more confident in working out their sums.

Lee Whitelaw Principal

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Rm 4 Yrs 3 & 4 Miss Ritchie

Tena koutou katoa.

What a busy week we have had! We have finished our clothing for measurement in maths. We have to have our fashion show and present our clothing with our measurements. Some groups have found that they have had to adjust their t-shirts and shorts or skirts to make them fit their models.

This week in writing we are exploring personification and making sure we remember to use different gems in our writing. We have decided to create a volcano to show our writing levels. The further away from the lava you get, the higher your writing level is.

Children in Room 4 are very good at remembering to bring their book bags in in the morning and to put their books in the book box before school starts. Keep it up!

Rm 5 Yr 2 & 3 Miss Ross

Tena koutou katoa.

Has your child been asking you questions about the earth, sun or planets? If they have been, that's great because they are showing an interest in what we are studying in class. If you haven't had them talking to you about our topic, perhaps you could try talking to them about our solar system.

Keep up the good work with spelling. To make it manageable, testing will be done on a Friday. If your child has worked through their current sheets, they can put their name on the board to be tested on Friday.

We have had a big push this term on being responsible for our own things in class. Please encourage your child to be responsible and ensure that they have their book bags and reading book at school every day.

Rm 3 Yr 1 Mrs Ritchie

The children are getting better at learning their spelling words They have an opportunity each day to practise these in class.

The reading is going well. A reminder to parents children must bring books back each day.

We have been learning about verbs, nouns and adjectives.

It would be good if you could reinforce your child's learning at home.