

# Ohaeawai School

## 2010

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Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

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✂ **Congratulations to this weeks "Cool kids"** Abbey Henwood, Room 2 for being a responsible host to an overseas visitor; and Taran Kern, Room 2 for great assembly behaviour.

✂ **Taiamai Day 27 March** – On Taiamai Day the school is planning to have a white elephant stall (toys, books, clothing etc) **Not big items please** Proceeds from the stall will go to the ski trip. Rebecca and Adam Crawford have offered to organise the stall. Items for the stall can be dropped off at school. If you are able to help on the stall or you have any queries please phone them on 405 99 56

✂ **The Paid Union Meeting has been postponed. School will run as normal on Wednesday 24 March**

✂ **Wednesday Wheels day** - just a reminder about Wednesday wheels day – children are able to bring bikes, scooters skateboards, unicycles etc to school on Wednesday. Children must wear the appropriate safety equipment i.e. children bringing bikes must bring a helmet to wear.

✂ **Tuesday Toys day** – Children are able to bring a toy to school on Tuesdays. However the school will not be responsible for these toys.

✂ **School Triathlon 25 March 10:30am start** and runs through to lunchtime. Where possible children will bring a bike or scooter to school, as everyone does not have a bike it will be practical if the bikes could be shared with other students. The course would be bike, swim, run. The senior classes are going to sell healthy hamburgers and milkshakes.

✂ **Triathlon Hamburgers and milkshakes.** - We are going to sell hamburgers and milkshakes for the Triathlon Day on Thursday 25 March. We will need some parents to assist with the making of the hamburgers/milkshakes. If you are able to help please let Maureen know. The Years 5 & 6 children will be finding out what they need to donate tomorrow. We will also need milkshake makers.

✂ **Easter Raffle Tickets available now.** There are 250 tickets selling for \$2.00 each. It will be drawn on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The winner will be phoned, and announced in the school newsletter. This will be a hamper of Easter goodies. Donations of Easter goodies, food , toys, etc can be sent to the school office from now on. **This is part of the Ski Trip fundraising. Parents who have children going on the Years 5 & 6 ski trip please collect some tickets to sell. Thank you.** Anyone wanting to buy a ticket or tickets please send money and preferred ticket numbers to Maureen at the school office ASAP, so as not to miss out, and the ticket/s will be sent to you via your child or you can pick them up.

**Rheumatic Fever** (“Sore Throats Matter”) Whaea Mereana Witehira of Te Hau Ora Kaikohe visits our school 3 times a week; Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1:15pm - 1:30pm. Rheumatic Fever is a heart disease and is caused by a bacterial bug called Streptococcal A. A throat swab is given to students with sore throats. Please parents/caregivers take this matter seriously. If your child/children have a sore throat take them to the doctor and ask for a throat swab. This service is free. For more information contact Mereana at 09 4052 647 or 0210 266 5971

## Calendar Corner

09 Mar - 6 aside fun day hockey for Yrs 4-6

25 Mar - Triathlon 10:20am start

27 Mar - Taiamai Day school stall

31 Mar - End of Term 1

19 Apr - Term 2 starts

19 Apr - Life Ed mobile unit arrives

22 Jul - Kahurangi Dance Show 1:00 - 2:00

17 Aug - Cool Kids Show 1:00

**Remember:**

**Tuesdays:** Toys Day

**Wednesdays:** Wheels Day

**Fridays:** School Banking Westpac & ASB



## Years 5 & 6 Ski Trip Updates:

✂ **Sweetcorn for Sale 10 for \$5.00 - available from the school office** - proceeds to the ski trip.

✂ **Easter Lamingtons** - We are going to pre-sell lamingtons for Easter. We require some parents to assist in the making of these on the 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March. If you are available to help please let Maureen know.

✂ **Thank you for all the plant containers.** We have had a great response.

✂ **"How many jellybeans in the paint tin?"** There were 767. The winner with the closest guess was Olivia Jack with 765. We raised \$40.50.

✂ **Sausages:** SpICY Beef, and SNOWy Beef & onion available. Prepaid orders please to Maureen at the office. \$15 for 12 specialty sausages from Ohaeawai Butchery.

✂ **Art for sale** - In the school foyer. They are for sale at \$250.00 each with the proceeds going to the Years 5 & 6 ski trip. As they are sold they will be replaced with new ones. Do come in and have a look at them

✂ **Year 5 & 6 Ski Trip Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September** The cost per person is \$130. Payment can be sent along to school anytime, either in instalments or the full amount.

**CHILDREN'S DAY** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
11:00am – 3:00pm Kaikohe Community Swimming Pool, Northland College, bring your togs and picnic lunch.

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

We have been real busy this week learning about telling the time, and doing more work on making our recounts good enough to get a level 3 score.

Congratulations go to Jake Pickery and Christopher Court this week for doing some really great work together at sorting out mixed up sentences. They worked together well and helped each other. Mrs Brajkovich says that this is a good example of a 'caring and co-operative' classroom.

We are starting a new competition next week to raise some more money for the ski trip. Phoenix Littin has brought some cicada cases to school so we are going to make a tree and stick them to it. To win the competition you have to guess how many cicadas are on the tree. We don't know what the prize will be yet.

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

This week Room 6 began their Maths group rotation, we are studying number. The students have also become fluent recount writers and eager readers. I also want to thank all parents and caregivers for maintaining their reading at home – with practise comes progress and reading everyday maintains their interest to read books.

This week we are studying what means to be a caring person. In groups we presented a small drama piece to the class showing examples of a caring person - One group showed how to be a caring person in the school playground, another group showed how to be caring outside of school. It was very funny and entertaining and I'm sure the students know the meaning of the word 'caring' inside and out – test them! That's all from Mr Hill, have a good weekend.

# Yummy Stickers

We are collecting

Yummy stickers off the fruit again this year. Last year we had earned \$179.00 from your sticker collecting and received a volleyball set, a small ball pack, and 2 ball bags, for our PE shed. So please send all your yummy stickers to school again this year. I have the sheets for putting the stickers, or plastic bag tokens on available in the office - please collect from Maureen. Thank you for your efforts.

**Rm 2** Yr 6 Mrs Craig

Tena koutou katoa.

This week we have been focusing on disasters, using the Chile earthquake as our motivation. Today we had the laptops and created brochures about disasters and how to survive them. The children have done a really good job.

Yesterday Bevan Gibbs and Nikki from Sports Northland came and taught us some hockey skills, which was lots of fun. Those children who are playing hockey in the fun day next week, your forms are due in tomorrow.

We have also decided on what we are going to include on our class shield to represent the school mission statement and values. Jayson will be coming in next week to help us complete the cutting out. Thanks to Mr Price and Mr Henwood for donating the corrugated iron for our class.

Please check out the front of the newsletter for the up and coming fundraising things for the ski trip. We are having hamburgers and milkshakes for our Triathlon and making lamingtons for Easter.

Thanks to Linda Hahn for coming and helping in the garden yesterday. Linda helped the children transfer their beans to the back garden. We hope they grow. Also thanks to all the parents who have donated plant punnets for the seedlings. We have got plenty.

**Rm 3** Yr 1 Mrs Ritchie

Room 3 children are all working well and have adjusted to having 2 teachers and are enjoying the activities in class. Both Miss Nicola and I are trying to finish all our testing.

This week the children have been asking questions about their inquiry about butterflies. In maths the children had a puppet show using the hungry caterpillar story to count and identify numbers. They really enjoyed this.

We have started 4 year old visits on Friday mornings from 8:25 to 10:00

We are going to make some puppets in class on Friday morning. If you have any old big buttons or pieces of materials can you send them to school please?

Next Thursday after school we are going to have a meeting for all room 3 parents at 3.00pm We will talk about how we will be reporting this year. We will also talk about national standards and what we are doing in reading, writing, and maths this year. This meeting should only be about an hour at the most.

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

Tena koutou katoa.

We have had a wonderful week this week. We have been so busy being the best that we can be and learning about our values on the school ladder.

We have been really interested in all the insects that are around at the moment. We conducted a class survey about which insect we would like to learn more about. The most popular was the stick insect. On Tuesday we went out to our garden around the back to see if we could find a stick insect. We were unsuccessful and could only find the noisy cicadas. *"We found out that stick insects have a head, thorax and an abdomen. We also found out that the big ones can be 14 centimeters long and they eat leaves."* Kacey.

We have started our reading logs, they should be in your child's book bag and should be signed by someone at home each night.

**Rm 7** Yrs 1 & 2 Mrs Squire

We are working hard this week to write the sounds we can hear when writing new words. This is difficult work for children who know their alphabet but not their letter sounds. You could help by asking what sound can you hear "pin" or "pot" etc.

We are also checking children's swimming progress. Some children have started practising their breathing, now that their kicking and arm action is strong.

In art we are still deciding what shape our corrugated iron structure will be. If anyone has some old pieces of iron at home we would appreciate them thanks.

**TAUTORO SCHOOL - AWA E RUA  
Twilight Car Boot Sale Tonight**

**4th March 2010 at Tautoro School,  
Mangakahia Road at 5:30pm**

There will also be a Batons Up drawn on the night at 7:00pm.

Fundraising for our trip to Whakatane - Nau Mai, Haere Mai.

If you would like a (carboot) stall for \$10 or purchase tickets to Batons Up, please phone either Dawnetter Noho on 4011 486 or 4011 727 or Meri Pera on 405 2409.

Lee Whitelaw Principal