

Ohaeawai School

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Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

Weekly Newsletter No. 08 Thursday 25 March

✂ **Congratulations to this weeks "Cool kids"** Tui-Maree Rihari, Room 2 for being a helpful classroom member; and Forest Martin, Room 1 for being great in assembly.

✂ **Easter Raffle book stubs** - Please return to the school office tomorrow Friday 26th. I need them all back for the draw. Thank you. Maureen

✂ **This week is the final newsletter for this term.** The term has certainly flown by with lots happening. Thank you all for the support you have given us all during the term. It is very much appreciated as we continually strive to ensure that every child at Ohaeawai School is able to achieve both socially and academically.

REMINDER : LAST DAY FOR TERM 1 IS WEDNESDAY 31st March

✂ **During the first term of every year** our major focus is the values on our school ladder which are the basis of our school's curriculum. **You will also have heard much in the media about National Standards** – At Ohaeawai School we have high expectations for all the children at our school and believe that most children with excellent teaching and support from their parents can meet or exceed the expectation for their level. Presently we are reviewing our reporting schedule for the year to ensure that it meets the requirements for national standards. For some year groups reporting will be done at or in the term of the child's birthday. Details will be sent out early next term regards reporting, portfolios etc. You are of course most welcome to contact your child's teacher at anytime during the year to discuss their progress etc. We really value the support we receive from our school community.

✂ **Next week we will be sadly saying** farewell to Mrs Chris Squire as she leaves to do some traveling overseas. Chris has been a teacher at Ohaeawai for seventeen years so she is going to be sorely missed. She has been a great asset to our school but we wish her well as she embarks on her next adventure.

✂ **Next term Carmen Huxtable** will be returning to our school following her maternity leave and will be taking over in Room 7. She will be teaching in Room 7 for four days of the week and Mrs Deirdre Bindon will be teaching one day a week in Room 7. We look forward to having Carmen back with us.

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

✂ **Triathlon – Thanks** so much to those people who helped with the triathlon today. Once again another busy day which we couldn't do without such great support from you all.

✂ **Disco – Thanks** so much to everyone for coming to the disco. As usual the children had a great time. Many thanks to Jack Tane for providing the music and to all the other parents who helped with the night.

✂ **Marae visit** – The visit on Wednesday has now been changed to the Ngawha marae. The same arrangements will apply. If you would like your child to go please send the slip and the \$2.00 per child to school as soon as possible as we have to confirm numbers by Monday for catering purposes.

Calendar Corner

27 Mar - Taiamai Day school stall

31 Mar - Nga Kakano performance

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

27 Apr - Board of Trustees meeting 7:00pm start

17 Aug - Cool Kids Show 1:00

Remember:

Tuesdays: Toys Day

Wednesdays: Wheels Day

Fridays: School Banking Westpac & ASB



Hangi (in ground cooked) for Sale \$8.00 includes mussel chowder and fried bread. Tickets available at the Ohaeawai School office or phone Gloria on Friday 26th at school 4059812. Pick up in Ohaeawai at Taiamai Day first cook out 10:00am second cook out 12:30pm

Years 5 & 6 Ski Trip Fundraising

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✂ **Firewood Raffle available 1 cubic metre. Free delivery in the local Kaikohe/Ohaeawai area.** 200 tickets \$2.00 per ticket. Drawn when all sold.

✂ **Easter Lamingtons - Ordering forms went home on Tuesday. Please return to the school office tomorrow Friday 26 March** We still require some parents to assist in the making of these on the 29th and 30th March. If you are available to help please let Maureen know.

✂ **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

✂ **Silent Auction** - Linda Munford-Stokes requires 3 more parents to assist with the silent auction. Thank you.

✂ **Year 5 & 6 Ski Trip Monday 6th to Friday 10th September** The cost per person is \$130.

Rm 1 Yrs 5 & 6 Mrs Brajkovich

This week has been very busy. We have been training hard for today's triathlon and had a great time last night at the disco. Tomorrow we will have a talk about Taia-mai Day as hopefully some of us will be able to help out on the school stall.

Mrs B can't believe it's almost the last week of term and she hopes we all have a great holiday as we have all worked really hard this term.

Congratulations this week go to Tyriek Roberts for being a fast and accurate worker during writing tasks.

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**Board of Trustee Elections
07 May 2010**

School Trustee elections are held every three years and the next election for Ohaeawai School is due to be held on Friday May 7th 2010.

In order to ensure we are prepared for the election we are currently looking for community minded individuals to stand for election.

The Board of Trustees is entrusted to work on behalf of all stakeholders and is accountable for the schools performance. The Board provides strategic leadership, sets the vision for the school and ensures that it complies with legal and policy requirements at a governance level.

Personal development training is available through the School Trustees Association so knowledge or experience of School Trusteeship is not a requirement.

If you wish to contribute to Ohaeawai School and stand for election as a Trustee in 2010, then please contact any of the current Board of Trustee members.

You are most welcome to come along to a monthly board meeting held in the school staffroom starting at 7:00pm. Our next meeting is 27 April

Our current members are: Rebecca Currie; Doug Morgan; Philippa Moor, (Chairperson); Gordon Ramsay; Derek Vujcich. *Gordon Ramsay.*

Of the current Board members, Doug Morgan, Rebecca Crawford and Gordon Ramsay are standing for re-election. Philippa Moor and Derek Vujcich have both made a huge contribution to the school and we thank them for their years as board members. They will not be standing for election again this year.

Rm 2 Yr 6 Mrs Craig

Tena koutou katoa.

Well another week has crept past and the end of the term is fast approaching. We were all looking forward to Bill Hutchinson from Civil Defence coming this week but unfortunately he had to postpone due to the drought and the water restriction being but in place. He will come when all this is sorted.

Thanks to all the parents who have volunteered and helped out this week with the many fundraising activities for the ski trip. The children who went to the disco last night had a great time. Also thanks to all the parents who have donated something for the Easter raffle. The box is full with lots of great Easter treats.

The children have brought home today a cake box for cakes/slices/sweets that need to be returned to school tomorrow for Taia-mai Day.

We still require some more parent helpers for Taia-mai Day on Saturday, so if you are available to help could you please let me know.

As the current drought situation continues, farmers are reminded of the assistance available through the Rural Support Trust-Northland. Farmers are encouraged to complete a feed and financial budget for their farm to help them determine the best plan to get through the drought. Assistance with this is available - call Helen Moodie, RST Coordinator on 0800 778 667 (or drought@landcare.org.nz). Increased stress is often an unwanted byproduct of dealing with drought - don't underestimate these effects on yourself and your family. Make sure you take time out from the farm and if you need help ask -again by calling 0800 778 667.

FREE school holiday kids' camp (5 - 13 years) for children from drought affected farms - Tuesday 6th - Friday 9th April at the Maunu Children's Health Camp, Whangarei. Activities will include 10-pin Bowling, Wave Pool, etc. Places are limited. For more information, phone 0800 788 667 by Friday 12th March.

Earth Hour -Earth Hour 27 March 2010 is fast approaching at 8:30pm on Saturday. Millions of people across the globe will switch off their lights for one hour to fight climate change. WWF is urging people all over New Zealand to flick the switch on Saturday March 27th.

Rm 4 Yrs 3 & 4 Miss Ritchie

Tena koutou katoa.

What a busy week we have had. We have been very busy finishing off our insect art. They are looking wonderful.

In reading everyone is remembering to use different strategies to help them work out unknown words. Some people are thinking carefully about what they are reading and making sure it makes sense and they understand what the story is about.

Today was great, with all the children trying to be the best they can be in their races.

Duffy Book Labels

If there is anyone willing to spend half an hour writing name labels for the Duffy books tomorrow Friday 26 please see/contact Chris Squire. Thank you.

Rm 7 Yrs 1 & 2 Mrs Squire

I hope everyone enjoyed the disco and the triathlon today.

It is with mixed feelings I inform you all that I am leaving Ohaeawai at the end of this term. I'm going on a camping holiday in Australia for six months with my husband, then intend to return to Northland and hopefully find relieving work. I have enjoyed teaching here and really appreciate the companionship, help and support of staff. That is why I have been here so long!

🐣 **Readers** - Please make sure that school readers are returned to school each day. These readers are checked off each day as they are needed for different reading groups each day. Children will not be given another book to take home unless the previous day's book is returned. If you find books at home etc we would love to have them all returned to school by the end of the term. This applies to library books also.

🐣 **Lost Property** - As it is nearing the end of the term it is timely to remind everyone to check the lost property box outside my office. At the end of this term it will be disposed of.

Lee Whitelaw Principal