

Ohaeawai School

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Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

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✂ **Congratulations to this weeks "Cool kids"** Harrison Knew, Room 2 for good thinking during reading; and Haley Powdrill, Room 3 for being responsible.

✂ **This week we are very pleased to welcome** Te Uira Simmonds to our school. We hope he enjoys his time at Ohaeawai School.

✂ **Visit to Tauwhara Marae** – Our school has been invited to go the Tauwhara Marae at Waimate North on Wednesday March 31st (the last day of the term) to attend a performance and have lunch supplied by the Nga Kakano Christian Reo e Rua Kura from Auckland. We are planning to travel by bus, leaving at 10:30am and return to school at 2:00pm. The cost for the bus is \$2 per child which can be sent to school anytime from now on. Please fill in the permission form attached to the newsletter. Several years ago we took our whole school to a performance by this same school group and it was a great experience.

✂ **Earth Hour –Earth Hour 2010 is** fast approaching at 8:30pm Saturday 27th March. This is the time when millions of people across the globe will switch off their lights for one hour to send the message that by acting together to fight climate change we can make a difference. In 2009 Earth Hour reached a billion people and over half of New Zealand took part! WWF is asking people all over New Zealand to show they are willing to be part of the solution – individuals, families, businesses and communities are all urged to flick the switch on Saturday March 27th.

✂ A reminder that **Wednesday 31st March is the last day of Term 1.**

✂ **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. The clothes and shoes are displayed on a regular basis during the term. Any items not claimed by the end of the term will be disposed of.

✂ **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. You are most welcome to come and support your children.

✂ **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.

✂ **Remember the weekly School Assembly is now 8:30am on Fridays** – You are always most welcome to watch the assembly.

✂ **Attendance** – Thank you to all the parents who phone school when their children are absent from school. This is more important now as our attendance registers are now marked electronically and we have to enter the reasons for a child being absent from school. Unfortunately if we do not have the reason for the absence it automatically becomes unjustified and therefore marked as truant. Thanks for your help in this matter.

Calendar Corner

24 Mar - School Disco Rugby Club Hall Ohaeawai

25 Mar - Triathlon 10:20am start

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

17 Aug - Cool Kids Show 1:00

Remember:

Tuesdays: Toys Day

Wednesdays: Wheels Day

Fridays: School Banking Westpac & ASB



Years 5 & 6 Ski Trip Fundraising

✂ **Disco 24 March 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Ludbrook Park Rugby hall Ohaeawai. For Ohaeawai School children only.** Chips and drinks for sale. Gold coin donation.

✂ **Triathlon Hamburgers and milkshakes.** We are going to sell hamburgers and milkshakes on Triathlon Day. We will need some parents to assist with the making of the hamburgers and milkshakes. If you are able to help please let Maureen know.

✂ **Easter Lamingtons** - We are going to pre-sell lamingtons for Easter. 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

✂ **Easter Raffle Tickets available now.** There are 250 tickets selling for \$2.00 each. It will be drawn on Monday 29th March. Donations of Easter goodies, food, toys, etc can be sent to the school office.

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

SOCCER - Teams are currently being organised. This year it looks like we have: 2 x 7th Grade; 1 x 8th Grade; 2 x 10th Grade; and 1 x 12th Grade. We are still short a coach for one of our 10th grade teams. Please if you are able to help contact the school.

Rm 1 Yrs 5 & 6 Mrs Brajkovich

This week we have been learning about search and rescue because last Friday a lady came and talked to us all about how to keep yourself safe if you get lost in the bush. We thought that our class needed to learn some more because Jonty and Dylan had told us about a little adventure they had one weekend recently.

For maths we are doing lots of work on place value, and in writing we are finding out how to get really good at revising our work and fixing mistakes to make our writing better.

Congratulations this week go to Murdoch Cookson for doing a great job in his maths strategy test.

Rm 6 Yr 4 & 5 Mr Hill

Kia ora koutou katoa.

What a week we have had. Room 6 has been so busy trying to be the best that we can be while learning about our school values. This week we focused on "Honesty."

This week we have been totally engrossed in learning about adjectives, so we have been re-writing our recounts and adding more describing words to make our writing more interesting.

In Music we have worked together and learnt two new songs – this was quite challenging at first but with a lot of practise, the students can confidently sing both songs without the words, and they love it.

A big call out to all year 5 parents, next Thursday we will be having the triathlon at school and we thought it would be a good opportunity to fundraise for the Term 3 senior ski trip. The Year 5's in Room 6 are in charge of making milkshakes, so if there are any parents willing to donate any milk, to bring them next Monday and Tuesday, we would absolutely appreciate it. Thank you and have a good weekend, Mr Hill.

Rm 5 Yrs 2 & 3 Ms Ross

We have been working very hard on our writing and maths this week.

In maths we are learning about ...teen and ...ty numbers like sixteen and sixty. Teen means 10 and ty means groups of 10.

We have been using our imaginations to write imaginary stories, such as the "The Magic Carpet". It is fun to make up stories. We are working at trying to hear sounds in words so we can write more fluently.

Last week we sang "The Little White Duck" at assembly. We were proud of ourselves. *Mrs Green & Room 5*

Rm 2 Yr 6 Mrs Craig

Tena koutou katoa.

We have had a very interesting week this week. We have finally completed our sunflower art which looks amazing. The children have done a really good job of these.

We have been doing some science experiments with liquids, that relates back to how volcanoes erupt. First we combined oil and vinegar and watched what happened to the two liquids. Using this we were able to work out what happens to the magma under the earths crust before a volcano erupts. We then added an egg to the liquids and watched what happened. The egg made the two liquids join together. The children were able to work out that we had made an everyday ingredient - mayonnaise.

We have also continued looking at disasters. Next week Bill Hutchinson from Civil Defence is coming in to talk to the children about their role. The unit on disasters has been so good, especially with all the disasters that have been happening. It makes it so meaningful for the children.

Just a reminder that next week is the School Disco to raise money for the Ski Trip and the Triathlon. Thanks to the parents who have volunteered to help with the hamburgers, we still require some more helpers for this. We also require more helpers for the lamingtons. Those children who haven't donated something for the Easter raffle need to bring something along by the end of next week. Thanks.

Rm 3 Yr 1 Mrs Ritchie

Many thanks to all the parents who came to our class meeting last week. It was great to catch up with you and I hope that the meeting was informative.

Just a reminder again there are children who are not bringing their book bags each day. This is important so that we can re-read the book from the previous day at reading time.

On Thursday we had rippa rugby in our school. The children listened well and enjoyed learning how to pass a rugby ball.

On Friday the children put faces on their puppets and they are being used in class. They look like very special puppets.

Yesterday we planted our pea plants in our new planter.

Next Thursday we will be having a triathlon. We need to have children bring along their bikes, 3 wheelers, or scooters to school that day. Their will also be hamburgers and milkshakes for sale.

Rm 4 Yrs 3 & 4 Miss Ritchie

Tena koutou katoa.

What a busy week we have had and doesn't time fly when you are having fun?

This week we have been finishing off our insect art. We had to draw an insect which had a head, thorax, abdomen, six legs and antennae. They are looking wonderful and very colourful.

We have been learning about fractions in maths. Some people have gone home and done extra fractions work with their caregivers. *"We used a plate, a big piece of paper and a pencil to make a circle. We pretended it was a pizza and then we folded it into 8 equal pieces. Then I pretended to eat 8/8 of the pizza or one whole pizza!"* Te Rerenga Piripo

In reading we are learning strategies to help us decode or figure out new and unknown words. *"In reading I think about the word and what would make sense in the sentence."* Ben Hood. *"I go back and read the sentence again if it doesn't make sense."* Nikki Reeves-Price. *"I use blends and word families to help me work out new words."* Cody Pickery.

Most of us are bringing our book bags everyday which is great!

Rm 7 Yrs 1 & 2 Mrs Squire

Thank you for the notes this week with regards to your child not swimming. We have changed our time to the end of the day which should be a little warmer.

The days are racing by but we have almost completed all the tasks to be put in the children's portfolios. We have been revising maths addition and trying to see patterns instead of counting.

We will paint our corrugated iron frog early next week. If anybody has some old spare shirts (adult or children sizes) to get rid of, please send them in.

My next request is if anybody can spare half an hour or more to process the Duffy books tomorrow we would appreciate it. It involves writing the child's name on a sticker and ticking their name off a list. Please meet me in the resource room beside the library just before school starts.

Come along to a free trial dance lesson with Liz Russell's Northern Dance Academy.

Classical Ballet & Contemporary classes available. Phone Liz ARAD, RTS, AISTD Modern & National Dip Dance NZSD Contacts: 094085411 0212340337 northerndanceacademy@clear.nt.nz

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