

Ohaeawai School

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Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

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✂ **Congratulations to the last week of term "Cool kids"** Forest Martin, Room 1 for being a great fruit monitor; and Tizian Kern, Room 3 for starting to write some words in his stories.

✂ **Welcome to Term two** – I am sure it will be another busy term. I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and the time with your children. As well as all the learning that will take place there is lots of fundraising to do to make sure we have sufficient money raised for the ski trip. Next week there will be an update of the money raised so far.

✂ **This term we are pleased** to welcome Carmen Huxtable back to our school after her time away on maternity leave. She is teaching in Room 7 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We are also pleased to have Mrs Deirdre Bindon teaching in Room 7 on Wednesdays.

✂ **We are also pleased** to welcome Mrs Debbie Green to our school. She will be teaching in Room 6 each Thursday.

✂ **Life Education Trust** – This week the mobile classroom is making it's annual visit to our school. Each year the Life Education Trust provides health and well-being education to more than 200,000 children at hundreds of schools throughout New Zealand. This year we are extremely grateful for the donation of \$500 given to us by Styles Hair Salon in Kaikohe and Floyed Automotive Ltd in Kaikohe towards the cost of the mobile classroom visit to our school. Please support these businesses.

✂ **Ski Trip Forms** – Next week the clothing list, medical forms and permission forms for the ski trip will be sent home. Payment for the trip can be sent to school anytime and part payments can be made also. Many thanks also to Doug Blaikie who has generously paid for the school beanies for the trip.

✂ **Teacher Only Day On Friday May 28th** - school will be closed as all staff will be involved in the Gaye Byers writing course which will be taking place on Friday 28th, Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th May. OSCAR will not operate on this day.

✂ **Mini Pizzas** – (spaghetti buns) For the next few weeks we will be selling cheese and spaghetti buns for lunch on Friday to raise funds for the Young Leaders conference and the ski trip. We will need parents to assist with this each week. Please let Maureen know if you are able to help. The cost for the buns will be **\$1.50 each**.

✂ **Young Leaders Conference** – The children selected to go to the conference need to bring their **permission slips** along with the money to the school office as soon as possible.

Years 5 & 6 Ski Trip Fundraising

✂ **Easter Raffle Winner** - was ticket number 168 Javana Vujcich

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

✂ **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. Payment can be sent along to school anytime, either in instalments or the full amount.

Calendar Corner

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

28 May - Teacher only day

22 Jul - Kahurangi Dance Show

17 Aug - Cool Kids Show

Tuesdays: Toys Day

Wednesdays: Wheels Day

Fridays: School Banking Westpac & ASB
Mini Pizzas \$1.50

NOTE:
#Check for NITS
#Swimming has ended

Board of Trustee Elections

Friday May 7th 2010. **Nomination papers must be received by noon tomorrow Friday 23 April.**

Voting papers will be in the post next week. **The poll closes at 12 noon on Friday 7th May 2010.**

Returning Officer. Maureen Martin

Ohaeawai Playcentre Pamper Pack winner Pam Tane. The Drawing of the grocery raffle was delayed due to very poor ticket sales.

OTRA Raffle Draws: OTRA T-shirt: Maggie Maihi
Sheep-in-a-barrow: Zion Heke

Hockey: Today the children received their uniform and found out what team they were in. Please ignore the times the children need to be at the turf on the notice I sent home on Tuesday, as these are wrong.

The NEW TIMES are: Ohaeawai 1 and 2 starts at 8:30am so they need to be at the turf by 8:10 and Ohaeawai 3 starts at 10:30 so they need to be at the turf by 10:10am.

Soccer: It is that time of year again with the first games of the season beginning this Saturday. All players should by now have received their uniforms. 7th and 8th grade have not been supplied with playing socks but either black or white would be good. Below is the draw for this week. Next week I will send out to all players their team draw for the term. Any cancellations will be sent through to More FM/Classic Hits/Newstalk ZB by 7:00am or a message will be left on the United Soccer1 answer phone at 09 4377294 after 7:00am. Have a good game this weekend and enjoy yourselves.

OW Jaguars v Paihia Sharks 9:00 OW School
OW Tigers v Russell B.A.Rs 9:00 Russell Sports Grnds
OW Sharks v Paihia Kingis 9:00 Bledisloe Domain
OW Warriors v Paihia Dolphins 10:00 Bledisloe Dom
OW Bulldogs v Bay Cosmos 10:00 OW School
OW Wasps v Okaihau Junior A 11.00 OW School

Rm 1 Yrs 5 & 6 Mrs Brajkovich

It's great to be back and everyone is so keen and enthusiastic this week.

Our theme for the term is about the past, and this week some people have brought interesting artefacts for us to look at. Simon brought some old bits of rusty machinery which were interesting to look at and feel. Grace brought some old coins and we talked about how values can change over time. Jonty also brought in a pair of old sunglasses that he swore used to be owned by his great, great, great, great, great, great grandfather!! However, when we examined the sunglasses we found out that they are mostly made of plastic so we decided that Jonty needs to check his facts some more. We wonder why?

Last but not least, Kaya, who we welcome to our class this week, showed us some information about her great, great, great uncle who was Robert Louis Stephenson!!!! We are so amazed to have in our room an ancestor of the man who wrote "Kidnapped" and "Treasure Island".

For reading we are focussing on inference and we read a really old, true story from 1895 about three men whose boat sank on Lake Wakatipu. We found out that you can infer a lot about a person's character by the way they behave when bad things happen.

For maths we are working on statistics and how to get better at our times tables by using a problem solving approach.

We are working on report writing this week and next week we will start a mini inquiry of our own so that we can do research and write a report on a subject of our own choice.

Congratulations this week go to Simon Halliday for being selected to go on the Young Leaders' trip in week 3.

Rm 5 Yrs 2 & 3 Ms Ross

Welcome back to another term. This term we welcome Ryan, Summer, Quezon, Catherine, Chloe, Katie and Harry who have joined us from Room 7. We look forward to working with them for the rest of the year.

This week we have had Janine and Harold (the giraffe) visiting with us. We have been learning about our bodies and about being friends.

Please remember to listen to your child read each evening.

Rm 2 Yr 6 Mrs Craig

Tena koutou katoa.

It is great to see everyone back refreshed after their break. It sounds like some people had a great holiday and did lots of exciting things. We were so lucky with the wonderful weather.

This week the Life Education classroom has been at school. We have had two lessons in the classroom talking about friends and relationships. Yesterday the children brought home some information from Life Ed about their new incentive sponsored by the National Bank. Please take time to read this and help your child earn their savings goal.

The Young Leaders Conference is fast approaching. For those who have been chosen you need to get your money and permission slip into Maureen asap. On Friday we are going to be having spaghetti buns to raise money for this trip. The young leaders also need to remember tins of spaghetti.

This term our theme is "What about the past?" For the next few weeks we are going to be looking at fossils. If anyone has any books or even fossils that we could borrow for our unit please send them along to school.

Rm 6 Yrs 4 & 5 Mr Hill

Welcome back to term 2 everyone. This term our theme is all about our past, so I have chosen a topic that I thought is relevant and interesting at the same time. - We are finding out who the faces of our bank notes are and the achievements they have made to be recognised as famous icons of New Zealand.

In maths in relation to our topic study, we are adding and subtracting money to which the children love, because it involves MONEY.

We have also had Harold the giraffe and the Life Education team come in to teach us about maintaining positive social relations between each other, and the importance of healthy living.

I would like to thank all the parents who helped fundraise our year 5 and 6 ski trip by donating all the milk used to make our delicious milkshakes for our triathlon day last term. Your help is greatly appreciated!!!

With one term of teaching behind me, I am looking forward to what Term 2 may have in store for us.

Have a good weekend! Mr. Hill.

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Rm 4 Yrs 3 & 4 Miss Ritchie

Tena koutou katoa.

It is wonderful to see everyone back at school with huge smiles on their faces, ready and organised to learn.

This week we have had the Life Education mobile classroom and have learnt about being Happy and Healthy. On Wednesday we had to put organs back into an outline of an 8 year old child. We found out that we have lots of different doctors in Room 4. We have really enjoyed Life Education and thank Janine and Harold for coming to visit.

This term our topic is What about our Past? We have been thinking about different things that have happened in our past.

In maths we are learning about different shapes, their sides and vertices.

Rm 3 Yr 1 Mrs Ritchie

Welcome back to Term 2. All the children seem to have enjoyed their holiday and are all eager to start working.

This term Room 3 will be studying the Treaty of Waitangi and how we can learn from this. We will be looking at our differences and how we can work together and share. Just a reminder that the permission slips for the trip on Monday need to be sent back tomorrow please.

The Life Education classroom and Harold are at school this week and the children have been learning about what their body needs.

We have started reading again so the children will be bringing home a reader each day and then on Friday they will have their poetry book for the weekend.

Rm 7 Yrs 1 & 2 Miss Huxtable

Welcome to Term 2. I am pleased to be teaching in Room 7, we are getting to know each other and settling into our routines. I am working on getting our reading rotation going and the children are quickly learning what to do. To make this easier could you please ensure your child reads their home reader every night and then returns their book and book bag to school every morning. The children are very lucky to have Mrs Bindon every Wednesday.

This week we have been visiting the Life Education mobile classroom. The children really enjoy this experience and have learnt about what their body needs to function, and keeping safe.

On Monday we are taking a trip to Waitangi, could you please make sure you return your permission slips by tomorrow. We do need help with transport so if you are available your help is much appreciated. You will be in charge of a small group so if possible no pre-schoolers please. Thank you for your help.