



Weekly Newsletter **No. 22** Thursday 06 August

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

Ohaeawai School

✂ **Congratulations to last week's "Cool Kids":** Andy Hati, Room 6 for working hard in class and Ashley Court, Room 7 for following book making instructions. It is also pleasing to see so many children getting their names in the cool kids box each week.

✂ **Thank you to all the parents and children** who came to the student led conferences yesterday. I know the children really appreciated sharing their learning and their goals with you. This is the first time that our students have led the conferences so for many it was quite daunting, some got stage fright and for others it showed how confident they were to share their learning and their portfolios. As you can appreciate there would be more support from the teacher in the junior classes with the more senior children taking a lead in their conferences. I am sure the children will be keen to talk to you more about their portfolios now that you have them at home. All portfolios have a sheet in them for you to make comments. These comments are very valuable and help us as we review the process and your child's learning. Once you have had a good look at the portfolios please send them back to school as we will be putting more work samples in them during the rest of the year. If you were unable to get to the conferences please feel free to contact your child's teacher to make a time.

✂ **Library week 10 - 14 August** - We are planning fun activities to celebrate library week next week. Buddy Reading every day. Members of the local community reading to groups of children. Quizzes and team competitions.

✂ **Wednesday 12th Dress up as your favourite book character for a grand parade.** Teachers and children will be participating. Parents are also welcome to join in.

✂ **Toys Tuesday** - Children can bring a toy to school on Tuesdays and take it home again at the end of the day. These will be brought to school at their own risk so teachers will not sort out toy issues.

✂ **Zoo & Kelly Tarlton Trip for the Rooms 3, 5 and 7 children.** - Permission forms need to be returned to the office as soon as possible please. Remember payments can be staggered as long as it is paid in full before the trip. Thank you. A reminder that if you sent in a signed permission slip earlier in the year you do not have to return the latest slip sent out. But remember the change of dates.

Board of Trustees News: It is great to see the new classrooms in use and looking great after a long wait for their approval. Thanks to the team of Henwood Builders for completing the contract on time. The classrooms are fabulous. Once the weather improves, landscaping and the finishing touches will be completed. If you haven't had a look yet pop around and I am sure Mrs Ritchie and Mrs Squire will be happy to give you a guided tour.

This year the school has changed our reporting to parents with the Student led conferences being held this week. This is an exciting new concept and the school and board welcome any feedback from parents.

It is pleasing to note the improvement in attendance especially with this winter term. The children have really taken this on board and obviously their achievements reflect this.

The student focus this term is "What about our world?" and I know the year 1 and 2 children are looking forward to their trip to Kelly Tarltons and Auckland Zoo. These focus topics make learning even more fun for our children at Ohaeawai School.

The Board wishes Carmen Huxtable all the best for her upcoming motherhood and welcome Diane Henderson back to the school.

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Calendar Corner

- 06 Aug - Parent/child/teacher meeting
- 26 Aug - Fire Brigade Sports Day Kaikohe
- 09 Sep - Kaikohe & Districts Cross Country at Ohaeawai School
- 10 - 14 Aug - Library Week
- 12 Aug - Dress up as favourite book character
- 15 Sep - Cultural Festival dress rehearsal
- 15 Sep - Okaihau College Open Day (11:30 - 1:00pm or 6:00pm - 7:30pm)
- 15 Sep - Years 1 & 2 Zoo & Kelly Tarlton trip
- 16 Sep - Years 1 & 2 Zoo & Kelly Tarlton trip
- 17 Sep - Cultural Festival Performance

Remember:

- Tuesdays: Toys Day
- Wednesdays: Wheels Day
- Fridays: School Banking Westpac & ASB
Hot Dogs for sale \$2.00 each

Hockey

- Ohaeawai A v KCS 10:30am Field 1
- Ohaeawai B v Bling Bling Girls 9:00 D Field

Next weeks practice will be on the Turf. Everyone will need to bring 50 cents to pay for the hireage of the turf.

FEES ARE:

- Ohaeawai A \$35.00 per child
- Ohaeawai B \$30.00 per child
- Please pay at the school office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Soccer FEES - Jaguars, Tigers & Lions \$20.00 per player; Sharks, Stingrays, Eels, Wasps & Bulldogs \$25.00 per player. Please pay at the school office as soon as possible.

- Wasps v Ok Scorpions 9:00 @ Okaihau Sch
- Bulldogs v Keri Wizards 9:00 @ BS Waipapa
- Stingrays v Eels 11:00 @ Ohaeawai
- Sharks v Keri Falcons 9:00 @ Riverview Sch
- Lions v Kkhe Sting 10:00 @ Ohaeawai
- Jaguars v Tigers 9:00 @ Ohaeawai
- Tigers v Kaikohe Sting 9:00 @ Lindvart
- Eels v Stingrays 11:00 @ Ohaeawai

NOTES: The Under 9 soccer tournament trial will be held this Saturday 08 August at Ohaeawai School at 11:00am

Rm 1 Yr 5 Mrs Brajkovich

This week we checked out the possum - our mummy possum, that is! He is now as skinny as a rake and as hard as a rock. Mrs B says she thinks he is ready for the next step now. First we have to do some research to find out how to prepare and wrap him for eternity. We think we may have to make some special jewels for him to protect him from bad things during his journey to the afterlife. Watch this space!!

This week we started doing illustrations for our poem about the Battle of Ohaeawai. It's based on 'The House that Jack Built', and we are hoping to present it during our next assembly.

Thank you to all those children and whanau who came to student/parent/teacher conferences last night. They were great and we hope to see more of you tonight.

Remember, tomorrow is Friday so bring back your home readers.

This week's authors: David and Mrs B

Rm 3 Yr 1 Mrs Ritchie

Many thanks to the parents who came last night to the new student/parent/teacher conferences. It is good to talk with you about your child, and they were keen to show their work. If your child has been sick we can make another time to do this. Just give me a call or send a note to school.

On Tuesday we went down to Mr Lawrence's to see the new lambs. There were lots of sets of twin lambs jumping around the paddocks. The children enjoyed the walk.

Next week we will be learning about the world. If anyone has a spare globe that we can use for 2 weeks we would appreciate these in our class. The more we can have the easier it is for the children to see.

Mid-North Mobile Ear Clinic will be Outside **Broadway Health Centre** 9:00am - 3:30pm on the following **Thursdays: August 06, 13, 20, 27; September 03, 10, 17, 24.** For all children especially pre-schoolers. No appointment needed - just call in. Services include Glue Ear assessment, treatment of discharging ears, grommet checks, wax and foreign body removal. Ear Nurse 021 435 025 Kaiawhina or 0800 100 643 opt 6.

Rm 2 Yrs 5 & 6 Mrs Craig

Tena koutou katoa.

Thanks to all the parents that came last night for the student/parent/teacher conferences. It was so great to see the children talking about their learning, knowing exactly where they are at, where they need to be and what they need to work on. I know that when we all work together we will achieve good results.

Going home with the newsletter today is the enrolment forms for Okaihau College. If you are wanting to send your child there you need to fill them out and return them to the college by the 22nd September. The college are holding an Open Day on Tuesday 15th September (11:30 - 1:00pm or 6:00pm - 7:30pm)

Next Wednesday Justin Blaikie is coming in to work on our gardens and is wanting some parent help to help build the fence around the area. If you are able to help can you please let me or Maureen know.

Tomorrow it is our assembly, (starting at 1:15pm) please feel free to come along and watch.

Rm 5 Yr 2 Ms Liz Ross

This week our big focus has been preparing for our student/parent/teacher conferences. Students have worked hard to prepare themselves to talk with their parents and I am sure that those of you who had their interviews yesterday appreciated their efforts too. Please remember to complete the feedback form in the back of your child's portfolio and return them to school by the end of next week.



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**Rm 4** Yrs 4 & 5 Miss Ritchie

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Thank you to all the parents and children who came to the student/parent/teacher conferences last night. They were great and the children did so well.

Also thank you to Dwayne who came in and shared his instruments with us. It was very interesting.

This week we are finishing off our geometry unit. At the moment we are learning about reflection, rotation and translation.

In science the children decided that they wanted to do an inquiry on a planet of their choice. So if you see information around the home about the different planets they would appreciate it.

Rm 7 Yr 1 & 2 Mrs Squire

Last night's student/parent/teacher conferences provided a wonderful opportunity for me to learn more about my new children as well as meeting parents.

I'm looking forward to meeting more parents and children this evening.

Our reading routines are established now to ensure everybody takes a book home every night, even if it is one they have read before. Please keep a record in their notebooks.

Today the children are enjoying a crayon and dye art lesson with Mrs Gates.

Rm 6 Yr 3 & 4 Miss Huxtable

Kia ora.

Well the time has come for my last class news of the year.

I have to say how proud I am of Room 6. They have been such a wonderful class to teach and to finish by hearing them speak so well to their parents about their own learning has been amazing. I am sure parents are equally as proud of the progress they are making.

I feel happy knowing that the class are excited about Mrs Henderson being their new teacher and that they are being left in such capable hands.

Tomorrow we are having a small class party which the children are very excited about. They do not need to bring anything along. Thank you to the parents for all the kind words and best wishes.

Carmen Huxtable