



Weekly Newsletter No. 03 Thursday 18 February

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

✂ **Congratulations to this weeks "Cool kids"** Kayla-Maree Shepherd, Room 5 for being reliable. She worked by herself to complete a worksheet; and Dylan Stoney, Room 6 for sitting and listening to instructions.

✂ **This week we are pleased to welcome** Brooklyn, Taylor & Jay Johnson to our school. We all hope they enjoy their time at Ohaeawai School.

✂ **Royal Air Force Band** – We will be leaving school by bus at 11:30am on Tuesday 23 February. We will have an early lunch before going. (Lunches will not be able to be ordered on Tuesday). As this is an outside concert and it could be very hot all children will be wearing their school hats, please put sunblock on your children before coming to school, and we are asking that children bring a drink bottle with water in it to school to take with them. A form is enclosed with this newsletter. Please fill in the form and return it to school by Monday so that we know what your child's arrangements are for after the show, (especially important for children who live in Kaikohe.) All other children will return to school by bus after the show.

✂ **Paid Union Meetings** – NZEI (the Teachers Union) have arranged for the Paid Union meeting for teachers to be held in Kaikohe on Wednesday March 24th. All teachers are entitled to attend this meeting so school will be closing at 12 o'clock noon on that day. As a result the Waimate North bus will leave school at 12 o'clock and the Kaikohe Bus at approximately 12:30pm. OSCAR will not be operating on this day either.

✂ **Year 4-6 Fun Hockey day 9 March** for Year 4 - 6 children interested in playing hockey on this day. We will need parents to assist with the day. Please contact Alicia Room 2 if you can help. A permission form will go out next week.

✂ **Internet safety – Facebook** and other social networking sites are a great way of keeping in touch with family and friends, as well as making new contacts who may share the same interests as you. Parents are strongly urged to talk to their children about the dangers they may encounter online, and to make sure your children are using these sites in a safe manner. It is important to make sure that material put up on Facebook, emails or texts is carefully thought about so that it is not considered inappropriate or offensive by those reading it. Facebook encourages their users to "report any offensive or inappropriate content". **You may want to install monitoring** software on home computers if you are concerned about what your children are doing online. Children under 13 years are not permitted access to Facebook.

✂ **Reading Books** At the end of last year some children were given reading books to take home for the holidays. We urgently need them to be returned to school so that they can be used by other children.

✂ **Year 5 & 6 Ski Trip Monday 6th to Friday 10th September** The cost per person is \$130. This can be sent along to school anytime from now on, either in instalments or the full amount. A separate letter with minutes from the meeting about the ski trip is attached.

✂ **The school will be having a stall at Taiamai day on Saturday 27th March** so please keep this day free.

✂ **Easter Raffle** – As part of the fundraising for the ski trip we are having an Easter raffle. This will be a hamper of Easter goodies. Donations for the hamper can be sent to school from now on.

✂ **Art for sale** - Nicola Bew has got 2 beautiful original paintings displayed 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

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Calendar Corner

23 Feb - RNZAF Airforce band 12:00pm

27 Mar - Taiamai Day school stall

31 Mar - End of Term 1



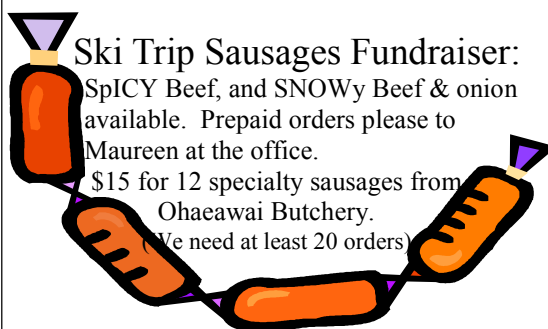
Remember:

Tuesdays: Toys Day

Wednesdays: Wheels Day

Fridays: School Banking Westpac & ASB

Mike Sabin seminar about the drug "P"
4th March at 5:30pm at Kawakawa Primary School Hall on Albert Street, Kawakawa - The Bay of Islands branch of our teacher union (NZEI), would like to extend an invitation to you to attend. The speaker is Mike Sabin, a former detective, and currently director of Methcon. As a long term resident of Northland, Mike is very concerned about the effects of P on our community, and he can help you learn how to identify and help people who are using it. Entry is by koha or free if you are an NZEI member.



Ski Trip Sausages Fundraiser:

SpICY Beef, and SNOWy Beef & onion available. Prepaid orders please to Maureen at the office.

\$15 for 12 specialty sausages from Ohaeawai Butchery.
(We need at least 20 orders)

Saturday SOCCER REGISTRATION OF INTEREST - Please return to the school office before Friday 19 February. We need confirmed children's names and date of birth, and names of parents prepared to coach a team, before we can register officially. Thank you.

SATURDAY HOCKEY TEAMS: We will have a meeting tomorrow Friday 19 at morning interval for all interested players.

BOI JMC Hockey After School Skills & Drills: Tuesday 2 March 4:30pm - 6:00pm \$1.00 per week. **Term 2 Hockey starts** 24 April with Opening Day Tournament 8:30am start. **2010 Novice Hockey programme** for players 4 - 6 years of age starts 8 May & runs through to 26 June.

Ohaeawai School

Rm 1 Yrs 5 & 6 Mrs Brajkovich

This week we welcome Brooklyn Johnson into our room. She has settled in really well.

The following people still have not yet brought portfolios to school and we need them urgently: Jonty, Kalani, Christopher, Tyriek and Kingi.

We have had to talk a lot about being reliable and responsible this week as some people in our class do not seem to understand what those words mean yet. Mrs Whitelaw has had a talk with all the year fives and sixes and she reminded us that we need to earn the right to go on the ski trip. Most of us though are great role models now that we are the senior classes.

Congratulations go to Sam Grant this week for using great adjectives in his writing, and Josh Henwood for being able to find a sentence in a story that was an example of a 'personal comment.'

Rm 6 Yr 4 & 5 Mr Hill

Kia Ora.

Wow. Room 6 has had such a busy week this week. In Maths we have been creating Dot plots and comparing them with Pictographs. For reading and writing we have been identifying nouns and using the letters in our names to create short stories.

Our topic focus this week has been about being a responsible person. At the beginning of the week we brainstormed as a class tonnes of ways to be a responsible person in our classroom, at school, and at home.

For swimming, Room 6 has shown their excellent gliding and kicking techniques in the water. We are now practicing our freestyle arm movement. We have also had a new student come into our classroom: Welcome Taylor Johnson.

Hope you all have an awesome weekend and make sure you soak up all that hot weather we've been getting this summer!!! See you next week.

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.

On Friday we planted some bean seeds in glass jars. The children have really enjoyed watching these grow this week. It is amazing to see how fast some of them have grown. This week we have planted up some grass heads, that we look forward to grooming when the grass is long enough.

Thanks for making sure your child had their portfolio and book bag at school this week. We started our formal reading programme this week, so the children will be bringing home a reader from Monday to Thursday. It is important that you take some time to listen or discuss the reading with your child. They have all set themselves reading goals which they are working towards, so your support would be great. They will also be bringing home their spelling words for the week.

I am really impressed with the progress the children are making with their swimming skills. It is also good to see they are bringing their togs everyday or a note.

Rm 3 Yr 1 Mrs Ritchie

What another busy week. Time is rushing by. The children all seem to be adjusting to the two teachers in Room 3. I am enjoying learning about, and working in reading recovery. The last two weeks have been used to practise and learn what needs to be done and in the next couple of weeks I will start reading recovery.

We have been busy learning the rotations for our reading and writing. The children have worked hard at learning these activities. They will be bringing home readers home each day and a poem on Friday. Each week we will be having a letter and word for the week. We have been learning the letters S, M, B, and the words I, like, and went. Next week the letter and word are Tt, and the. It would help your child if you could reinforce these at home.

On Friday it is our turn to do the assembly. We will be showing some of our art and work we have done so far.

I would like to make puppets with the children. If you have scraps of material that could be used for our puppets these can be sent to school. Thank you.



Lunch box missing

from end of last year. If anyone has found a turquoise Tupperware 3 compartment lunchbox with new lid please hand into the school office. Thank you.

Lee Whitelaw Principal

Rm 4 Yrs 3 & 4 Miss Ritchie

Tena koutou katoa.

Thank you to all the great pepeha and whakapapa that have come back so quickly. The children have talked about all the wonderful experiences they have been through with their families as they were trying to find the information for their pepeha and whakapapa.

In maths we have been doing statistics and have been finding out how to use a tally chart and how to display our results on a bar graph.

The children love using tally charts and we have been using them in reading to find out what the most favourite fairy tale is.

We have been looking at the values on the school ladder and have been trying to be the best that we can be.

Remember if your child does not have a book bag they can't take a book home.

Rm 7 Yrs 1 & 2 Mrs Squire

This week the school value we are talking about is being honest. I am reading and telling children short stories about being honest. The children are encouraged to also tell true or imagined stories about honesty to help us all to understand the meaning of the word.

We are learning to write capital letters correctly and where to put full stops (if the stories are long enough!)

Today we are using computers and the interactive whiteboard to complete punctuation learning activities.

Royal New Zealand Air Force Band Tuesday 23rd February at 12:00pm. The cost is \$2 per child. Please send the \$2.00 to the school office as soon as possible. **See attached letter/permission for Kaikohe children.**

Ohaeawai Taiamai Residents Ass.

Taiamai Day

Saturday 27 March

Live band, food stalls, children's rides. Stall/space cost \$10.00 For a stall/space booking or more information phone:

Jeanette 4059545 / 0272939159 or Tracey 4059717 / 0274921878

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