

# Ohaeawai School

## 2010

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Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

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✂ **Congratulations to this weeks "Cool kids"** Robyn Waa, for listening when the teacher is talking; and Jed Finlay for reading quietly at SSR time, they are both from Room 6.

✂ **First of all many thanks** to the great number of parents who help our school in many different ways. This week has been no exception with parents helping with transport and supervision for the Hockey Fun day in Kaikohe, Jayson Coles giving up his time to cut out the corrugated iron shapes for each class, Justin Blaikie and Linda Hahn who helped with gardening and of course all the soccer parents who helped with the trials yesterday. We are all so lucky to have such a supportive community!

✂ **School Assembly now 8:30am on Fridays** – We have recently changed our school assemblies to Friday morning instead of Friday afternoon. This seems to be working much better as it is not so hot in the mornings. Our assemblies are either held in the church next to the school or in the classroom of the class taking the assembly. Each week a different class has the responsibility for the organisation of the assembly. Assembly starts at 8:30am so this will also make it more convenient for parents who drop their children off at school and would like to stay to watch assembly. You are always most welcome

✂ **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.

✂ **Paid Union Meetings Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March Postponed** – School will run as normal on this day.

✂ **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.

✂ **Triathlon Hamburgers and milkshakes.** - We are going to sell hamburgers and milkshakes for the Triathlon Day on Thursday 25 March. We will need some parents to assist with the making of the hamburgers/milkshakes. If you are able to help please let Maureen know. The Years 5 & 6 children have all been told what they need to donate. These need to be at school on Mon 22/Tues 23/Wed 24 March

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

**HOCKEY** - Next Thursday at lunchtime we are going to have a meeting and quick training for all children interested in playing Saturday hockey for the school this year. We will be holding a trial the following week to decide which teams children will be playing in, as they have graded the competition this year. If any parents are willing to assist with coaching and on Saturday and can make next Thursday lunchtime, that would be great.

**SOCCER** - Justin's and Jayson's team training is on Wednesdays at 2:30pm 10th Grade team - (Bronwyn) training on Thursdays 2:30pm - 3:30pm

**NETBALL** - Parents we have no coaches but we have keen children wanting to play. Please phone Maureen ASAP. We cannot Register unless we know we have a parent organiser and coaches for the teams. **NOTE:** This Saturday, 13th March 9:00am to 12noon at Lindvart Park Pavilion, Questions and Answers Workshop on rules of the game and clarifying the umpires rulings. All 2010 Coaches should attend, players and supporters welcome. Register interest Ellen Hadfield (09) 4059524 or text 0274476767.

## Calendar Corner

25 Mar - Triathlon 10:20am start

27 Mar - Taiamai Day school stall

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

✂ **Sweetcorn for Sale 10 for \$5.00 - available from the school office - all proceeds to the ski trip.** Donated by Derek & Javana Vujaich

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

✂ **Sausages: LAST WEEK FOR ORDERS** SpICY Beef, and SNOWy Beef & onion available. Prepaid orders please to Maureen at the office. \$15 for 12 specialty sausages from Ohaeawai Butchery.

✂ **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 29<sup>th</sup> March. Donations of Easter goodies, food, toys, etc can be sent to the school office. **This is part of the Ski Trip fundraising. Parents who have children going on the Years 5 & 6 ski trip please collect some tickets to sell. Thank you.**

✂ **Silent Auction** - Linda Munford-Stokes requires 3 - 4 more parents to assist with the silent auction.

✂ **Year 5 & 6 Ski Trip Monday 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September** The cost per person is \$130. Payment can be sent along to school anytime, either in instalments or the full amount.

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**Rm 2** Yrs 5 & 6 Mrs Brajkovich

Some of us have been trying out for the Interschool Swimming competitions this week.

Also, this week we have finished writing letters to students in Mrs Brajkovich's penpal's class in Germany. Mrs B has been writing to her penpal since 1972 and she hopes that some of us will find a lifelong friend like she has done.

We have been working really hard improving our recounts and trying to understand what the National Standards mean for us.

Today, we have also finished off our bird collage art work that we started with Miss P when she was sick. They look really good.

This week congratulations go to: Marama Blaikie for finding mistakes in her writing and fixing them all by herself; and Forest Martin for using speech marks in her stories and getting them mostly right.

**Rm 6** Yr 4 & 5 Mr Hill

I have been very pleased with Room 6 lately, they have shown me they can be independent workers who know their limits and expectations as well as my expectation in the quality of work they hand in – a huge improvement!

On Tuesday we had, from our class Olivia Jack, Troy Ramsay, Acacia Ross, Orrin Munford-Stokes, Anneke Price, Jed Finlay and Leonora Hemopo represent the school in the Hockey Fun Day. From what they've told me their day was full on. It was also cool to see that they'd motivated others to want to join the school hockey team later this year because of all the fun they had.

In Art, as a class we all worked together to create the final design for what our class shield would look like. After a lot of time and debate we came up with our final product and in the student's words, "it looks wicked!" Also a big thank you goes out to Jayson Coles for cutting out our shield design yesterday.

Also a huge congratulations goes out to Oliver Wiggins-Crowe for moving up a level in his reading!!!

**NITS and SCHOOL SORES (IMPETIGO) ALERT: PARENTS:**

Please check your children's hair for head-lice and their eggs and treat as necessary.

**School sores need to be covered before they get to school with a bandaid/plaster, they are not allowed to swim until sores have healed.** Do not share clothing. Non-treatment can lead to diseases such as kidney complaints, pneumonia, and infections in bones and joints.

Phone Public Health Nurse for more information 0800 5374 342

**Rm 2** Yr 6 Mrs Craig

Tena koutou katoa.

This week has gone by so quickly. Time flies when you are having fun.

This week we have continued to explore disasters - we watched a DVD about volcanoes and learnt lots about the different types of volcanoes and how and why they erupt. On Tuesday we made popcorn - we looked at the physical changes that take place during the process. We learnt why the kernels pop and turn fluffy, and why some kernels don't pop.

A few children drew our template for our shield and Jayson came yesterday and cut these out for us. We are looking forward to seeing the finished product. Jayson wants us to get them completed so they can be on display at Taiamai Day.

Justin also came in yesterday and worked with some small groups of children in our garden. The children harvested potatoes, cucumbers and cherry tomatoes. They really enjoyed eating the cherry tomatoes. We have got lots of seedlings that we can sell at Taiamai Day and we have planted some things in our garden.

Thanks to the parents who coached and provided transport for the Hockey Fun Day on Tuesday, the children all enjoyed themselves.

**Rm 3** Yr 1 Mrs Ritchie

We had a lovely surprise on Monday when we arrived at school. Our cocoon had hatched and there sitting on our swan plant was a most beautiful butterfly. The children were all very excited and told me that we had a female butterfly because it didn't have spots on its bum. Ask them if any one has some eggs we would love to have these on our swan plant.

A reminder that all children must bring their book bags to school each day. Last week we attempted to make hand puppets, we had a size problem when we sewed them up so we had to make new ones. Tomorrow the children will be putting faces onto them then we will make a puppet theatre.

Yesterday Mitchell made us a planter box for outside our classroom. We will be planting our peas and other plants in it.

**Scholastic Book Club Orders**

**Issue 2** Orders and money are due back at school by Wednesday 24 March. Thank you. Karen Tane BCO

**Rm 4** Yrs 3 & 4 Miss Ritchie

Yesterday we had Jayson come in and cut out our Kiwi template for our values and mission statement design. The children are all very excited about painting it. We are having difficulty in naming our kiwi can you talk about names that could include the mission statement and the values with your child. We are looking for the most original name.

Sorry to any parents who missed our school assembly last week. The staff have decided to do assemblies on Friday mornings.

We have been busy drawing insects with the correct body parts. We have just started painting them today. A reminder that all children need to bring their book bags to school each day. We have started our reading logs and these must be filled in every night.

**Rm 7** Yrs 1 & 2 Mrs Squire

All class members are very impressed with our large frog cut out of corrugated iron. We now have to decide what colours to paint it and where we write our school values on it. Hopefully each class will be able to display their creations on Taiamai Day.

We have been revising how to put data onto simple graphs this week. Today we will find out what footwear room 7 children wore to school.

At fitness the whole school is concentrating on running in preparation for cross country therefore suitable shoes should be worn for the next few weeks.

**Rm 5** Yrs 2 & 3 Ms Ross

Tena koutou katoa.

It is great to be back in my classroom now. A huge thank you to parents for their well wishes and support over the last month.

This week we have been making graphs about what we think about the sea, as it is Sea Week. We are doing assembly tomorrow morning at 8:30 and will be sharing our graphs during this time.

We are also busy rechecking our reading and math groups. Readers should now be coming home most nights. Please ask your child if they have a reader and if so spend 10 minutes listening to them read.

We had Alistair Robinson come and take us for Rippa Rugby today. It was cool fun and we were able to see some really good skills beginning to develop.

*Lee Whitelaw Principal*