



Ohaeawai School

Weekly Newsletter **No. 36** Thursday 26 November

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

☞ **Congratulations to last week's "Cool Kids"** Yasha Kern, Room 5 for great participation in Jump Jam; and Shannon Pratt, Room 3 for great writing.

☞ **This week we welcome** Madeline Popplewell and Deanne Guest to our school. We hope they enjoy their time here at Ohaeawai School.

☞ **ERO (Education Review Office)** – This week we received our confirmed ERO report. The community page of the report is attached to the newsletter. In approximately two weeks the full report will be posted on the Education Review site at [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz). We will also put it up on our school website and from time to time put some of the main points in the school newsletter. We are extremely proud of this report as it reinforces the high expectations we have that all children can succeed and that as a school we continue to provide the very best opportunities for all our children.

☞ **Our school values** – At this school we have high expectations for all children in both behaviour and achievement. Recently we have had to speak to some children about the way they speak to other people – our school mission statement “To Be The Best I Can Be” is known by all children and we regularly discuss the saying “if you can’t say something nice don’t say anything”. We would really appreciate you reinforcing this at home. Thanks so much for your help in this matter.

☞ **New Enrolments** – If you know of anyone who is intending to come to our school in the future could you please ask them to contact school for an enrolment form as this makes it so much easier for us to plan for the future.

☞ **Lost Property** – It is getting close to the end of the year and the box is getting very full. Please encourage your children to check the box or pop in and check yourselves.

☞ **Year 6 Graduation Dinner Monday 7th December** at the Mid North Motor Inn 5:30pm start. \$15.00 per person. Invitations have been sent out. Please RSVP to Maureen with money by Friday 4th December. Thank you.

☞ **Year 4 Camp 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> December - FORMS** - need to be filled in, signed, and returned with payment/part payment to the school office by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Fully paid by 7<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

☞ **Kaikohe Christmas Parade Friday December 11<sup>th</sup>** – This year the theme for the float is “Past, Present and Future”. We would like a few more helpers please. Let Maureen at the office know.

☞ **Nits/Headlice are about** - Parents remember to check your child’s hair for headlice and their eggs. Thank you from all other parents and children! Headlice live on the human scalp, feed on human blood through the scalp 5 or 6 times a day, may cause itching, occasionally causing scalp infections. Female lice lay about 7 - 10 eggs each night close to the scalp. Each egg is firmly glued to a hair. Eggs are small and hard like a grain of salt and normally pale in colour. After hatching the empty egg cases are white. Eggs hatch in 9 days and a louse (adult) will live for 40 days. **You do the math!!** - How many live adult lice in your child’s hair laying 7 - 10 eggs every night and then those eggs hatching in 9 days to continue the cycle, and you haven’t checked for headlice in the last month!?

**KERIKERI ATHLETICS** - Athletics for children age 5 - 12 yrs 5:00pm @ Kerikeri High School fields. **ALL WELCOME.** Contact Cara 021 0354038 Paula 09 4071151

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## Calendar Corner

- 27 Nov - Okaihau College Transition day 2
- 04 Dec - Portfolios and reports sent home
- 07 Dec - Year 6 Graduation Dinner 5:30pm start
- 08 Dec - BOT meeting 7:00pm start
- 9, 10, 11 Dec - Year 4 camp Cooper’s Beach
- 11 Dec - Kaikohe Christmas Parade
- 14 Dec - Ohaeawai School Concert evening
- 15 Dec - Children’s last day of school  
- End of Term 4
- 16 Dec - Teacher only day

### Remember:

- Tuesdays: **Toys Day**
- Wednesdays: **Wheels Day**
- Fridays: **School Banking Westpac & ASB**

## DUFFY BOOKS FOR PARENTS

We have one book order with no name. Please contact Maureen to collect. Thanks.

Catering help needed next Friday on 4 December - from 2:30ish to 6:00 pm at the latest at Pakaraka Hall. If you are able to help please phone Kelly 4059 528

### Kaikohe Community Swimming Pool

Open every day after school from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. \$1.00 per person, swimmers and non-swimmers.

Weekend swimming Saturday and Sunday 10:30am - 7:00pm

Phone Leif or Sarah Pakai



## Ohaeawai Taiamai Residents Association (OTRA) Raffle Drawn at the Ohaeawai Hotel on 21/11/09:

- 1<sup>st</sup> ticket no. 12A orange clubs, Mary SR;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> ticket no. 72B blue diamonds, Pratts;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ticket no. 100 green circles, Lou.

Thank you for supporting OTRA.

REMEMBER: Santa comes to Ohaeawai on 20 December.

**Rm 1** Yr 5 Mrs Brajkovich

This week for maths we have been doing geometry and we found out lots of things about shapes.

We had Mrs Winn in class this week. She was really funny and we played a game but no one remembers the name of the game.

For writing, we made a thank you letter to the National Bank for donating prizes for our pet day.

Mrs B hasn't given us any homework this week as she says we have all done so well in our testing that our brains must be on fire.

That's all for now, folks. Tune in next week for more news from our awesome class.

*Writer for today: Hogan*

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

We've had a lot of fun, and a few frustrations learning to use our interactive whiteboard this week. Working in pairs for 5 minutes a day ensures everybody gets the opportunity to learn to use the pen then change to the cursor and eraser. The children have used a word building game and a dice rolling game to get familiar with the tools. It has so much potential for enhancing learning. We are very fortunate to have it.

This lovely warm weather has made swimming a higher priority. The children will learn now, not just shiver. Please send a note if you don't want your child to swim.

**Rm 6** Yrs 3 & 4 Mrs Henderson

Room 6 have had a lovely week, writing stories for our time capsule. I cannot wait to come back in 15 years to see everyone's reactions to their stories.

We have made some fantastic power points on our learning in 2009.

It is lovely to see everyone swimming. With the warmer weather this week, this has been very welcome.

As we come to the end of the year, some students are getting very tired but must remember to be the best they can be at all times, being kind and caring towards others.

*Mrs Henderson*

*Mrs Lee Whitelaw, Principal*

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

Tena Koutou Katoa.

Well another busy week has gone by so quickly. We have been busy practising our item for the end of year prize giving and finishing of our testing. I am so impressed with the results. I have also been busy writing reports which will go home next Friday.

Just a reminder that RSVP's and money needs to be back at school next week for the Year 6 Graduation.

Start cleaning out under the bed and checking the book shelves as school readers, journals and library books need to be brought back to school.

Now the weather is much warmer we will be swimming every day. If you don't want your child to swim please send a note along to school.

**Puberty Evening - Booklets**

For those Year 6 students who missed out on the puberty evening there are information booklets available at the school office for those who want them.

**Rm 3** Yr 1 Mrs Ritchie

Many thanks to the parents that provided transport yesterday. It was really good for the children to see the Kaikohe Library. They are all keen to get their own cards. I have sent home a form if you want them to join. You can fill it in and send it back to school and I will take them in. They will have the cards for the holidays. It is really important that your child continues to read in the holidays. We also went to see what is at the recycling station.

We have been busy finishing off assessments and testing so that I can finish their reports and portfolios.

Next week Rooms 3 + 7 will be starting to practice for our prize giving item. We will be dressing up as different species of fish. If you have any ideas on masks or have some good costumes can you send these to class. E.g we need part of a fishing net snorkel and goggles etc.

**TERM DATES 2010**

**Tuesday 2 Feb. – Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

**Monday 19 April – Friday 2 July**

**Monday 19 July – Friday 24 September**

**Monday 11 Oct. - Wednesday 15 Dec.**

**Teacher only Day Thursday 16 December**

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

Tena koutou katoa.

This week has been so busy and it's getting very close to year 4 camp. How exciting!

We have been doing lots of testing and independent work this week. There are some children who are working so well and are showing how responsible and reliable they are.

Our play and song are coming along nicely for the prize giving. It's so amazing to see the great little actors and singers in Room 4.

If your child has any library books at home can you please remember to send them back to school because Tuesday is our last library day and we need to return all outstanding books.

**Keep reading and writing happening over the school holidays** - Many children, especially struggling readers,

forget some of what they've learned or Slip out of practice during the summer holidays. If you keep reading to your child and encouraging them to read and write, then they won't lose ground they have made over the year and "slide" back.

Keep it fun – read anything, write any thing – lists, recipes, stories, postcards, comics... Ask your child's teacher for ideas. *Jeannie Skinner, Library Adviser, National Library School Services*

Suggested activities for any day:  Build a hut out of chairs and rugs  Read adventure stories like Treasure Island  Design a boat to 'travel the seas'  Make a car out of old cardboard boxes  Teach each other a board game  Play noughts and crosses (make a set using stones and sticks)  Make some play dough  Make a fridge magnet  Use old material/ paper to design a 'wearable' art  Learn to knit  Find some 'picnic' food recipes  Learn to play knuckle bones or marbles

**Rm 5** Yr 2 Ms Liz Ross

This week we have been finishing off our work for our portfolios and reports. I have been very pleased with the progress in student's work.

We are practising our class item which we will be presenting at the prize giving night on Monday 14 December. Make sure that you keep this evening free and come along and join us.

Swimming will continue through to the end of the year. It is good to see some warm weather finally. Please make sure that your child has their swimming gear at school every day.