

Weekly Newsletter **No. 37** Thursday 03 November

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Greetings everyone.

- ✂ **Congratulations to last week's "Cool Kids"** Tui-Maree Rihari, Room 1 for being a great help to Mrs Henderson; and Hama Hati, Room 2 for good results in his reading.
- ✂ **This week we welcome** Henry Wiggins-Crowe and Leo-Aki Siafa to our school. We hope they enjoy their time here at Ohaeawai School.
- ✂ **The school staff and families pass on their condolences** to the Whitelaw family on their recent bereavement.
- ✂ **Remember Reports and Portfolios** will be sent home with your children tomorrow.
- ✂ **The school photos were received this week.** Teachers have given them out / will be giving them out this week.
- ✂ **ERO (Education Review Office)** – Last week I had omitted page 2 of the ERO letter to parents!! - It is attached to this week's newsletter. Soon the full report will be posted on the Education Review site at [www.ero.govt.nz](http://www.ero.govt.nz). (Maureen)
- ✂ **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 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



**FREE FREE FREE FREE**

Metal posts from the old tennis court (now carpark) are yours for removal. Next to Ohaeawai Playcentre

### Ohaeawai Taiamai Residents Association (OTRA)

Santa comes to Ohaeawai on 20 December, approximately 2:00pm. Bring a picnic.



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## Calendar Corner

- 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
- 2010
- School starts on 02 February.  
Term 1 ends 31st March

### 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

Catering help needed tomorrow  
Friday, 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. (Raising funds for Ohaeawai School.) Thank you Kelly and helpers for the Community Day catering you have been doing throughout the year. Your time and effort is appreciated.

**Mid-North Mobile Ear Clinic** will be Outside **Broadway Health Centre** 9:00am - 3:30pm on the following Thursdays: December 3, 10, 17. 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 1** Yr 5 Mrs Brajkovich

Mr Blaikie is working with us this week to help us build our pyramid for our mummy. We are all terribly excited.

Tomorrow portfolios and reports will be going home. Please take time to go through these with your children.

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

It has been a very busy week for us, but I think we have completed everything. Each child used the interactive white board to draw what they would like to be doing in 15 years time. Their work is going into the time capsule tomorrow to show how we are using our brand new equipment. I wonder if interactive white boards will be in every school as standard equipment in 2024 or will there be something completely different by then.

Room three and Room seven children are practising a dance mime and the dress rehearsal is on Monday. We would like to keep the costumes and props extremely simple. The following people need a sun hat with a peak to attach a dolphin nose to and they should wear grey clothing: Ella, Joshua, Ryan, Deborah, Ashleigh, Katie, and Harry. We would also like two more masks and snorkels. Parents please wait until the prize giving to watch your children.

**Rm 3** Yr 1 Mrs Ritchie

The children are all really enjoying swimming time. I am very pleased at the confidence that the children have. We have been sharing our swimming with Room 7.

This week we have been practicing for the prize giving item.

Tomorrow the portfolios will be sent home with their reports.

Next week we need to hand in all readers so please can you look at home to see if there are any around and send them back to school.

I was thinking it might be nice to have a class trip to the beach next Friday. I will send a permission slip out on Monday.

**Rm 5** Yr 2 Ms Liz Ross

This week we have had Mrs Robins with us since Wednesday.

We continue to work on our item for the school prize giving and we have also continued with our class swimming.

Next Friday 11 December we will be having a class break up party. Each student is asked to bring along a plate of food for the party. We have decided that we would like to exchange gifts and that these gifts will be made and each person will give and receive one gift. Your child may want to make their gift at home or there will be an opportunity next week for them to make simple gifts at school.

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

Tena koutou katoa.

Well another week has flown by quickly. Just a reminder about Year 6 Graduation Dinner on Monday night - names and money need to be to Maureen by tomorrow please as I need to contact the caterers. If you are having trouble with the money please give me a call.

Portfolios and Reports will be coming home with your child tomorrow. Please take some time to go through these with your children and discuss their learning. They have all done such a great job and are all motivated about their learning.

Next Thursday (10th December) we are going to have our end of year class party. We are going to have a BBQ and make salads from the produce in the garden we have worked on this year. We are also going to have an athletics morning before the party. If you are available to come and assist with the athletics and BBQ could you please let me know. Children will need to bring their own plates, knives, forks and cups from home for the BBQ in a named plastic bag.

We are also going to have our PrEP market day next week, where the children can purchase items that they have made. We have been making video advertisements to advertise our products.

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

Room 6 are swimming daily. It is wonderful to see every child practising their swimming strokes. We are working on streamlining our kicking so we can move across the pool smoothly.

We are continuing to work on Place Value in math, counting up to 1000, using 10s and 100s. For reading we have been making our own big book. It is looking wonderful, we will put it in the library for the children to read next year.

We are also working on our end of year presentation. Children have the words to the songs in their Poetry books so must remember to practise them.

Next week I will be away with the Year 4 camp from Wednesday to Friday. Mrs Birchall will be in Room 6 and has some fun activities planned for those three days.

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

Tena koutou katoa

Wow! Year 4 camp is next week. It sure has come quickly.

This week we have been doing whole class reading, and working on our skimming and scanning, using keywords and comprehension. Some people are working well on these and are even helping others learn. Well done!

We are learning about water safety because we will be swimming, and close to the water over the Christmas holidays and we need to know about it for Year 4 camp. We have also been working hard on our swimming and confidence in the water during swimming time.

Please talk to your child about what they need to wear for our performance at prize giving. We have talked about what they need to wear and some need little props that relate to their part. If you aren't able to get the props please get your child to tell me or send a note to school with them.

**Word games for in the car:**  **Play quietly!**  **I Spy**  **Last letter**-take turns to say a word E.g. bag. Next player thinks of a word that begins with 'g' (last letter)  **Mandy's memory game**-Think of an item Mandy took on holiday E.g. Mandy went to the beach and took an 'a'corn. Next person says Mandy took an acorn and a 'b'ook continue through alphabet.  **Connect**-First person says a word and next person has 5 seconds to say a word that connects to it. E.g. 1. Star. 2. Moon etc.  **Rhyme time**-first player says a word E.g. cat and all others take turns to say a word that rhymes.  **Five of a kind**-first player gives a theme e.g. 'beach' all players must give an item that goes with the theme E.g.. Waves, sand etc  **'Alphatravel'**- As you travel try to find items that begin with each letter of the alphabet. E.g. ambulance, bus, car, etc. *Resource Teacher: Literacy 2008*

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