

# Omanu School Newsletter



## Principal's Chat

Our Omanu School Support Group.

The School Support Group functions as a team of parents who volunteer their time, energy - and expertise to help to facilitate the partnership between home and school.

- A meeting is held once a term to plan activities, share ideas
- a focus/project is established for planned fundraising activities throughout the year
- opportunities to support children's learning through home-school partnership education initiatives for parents are discussed
- fostering our sense of a school community through planning social get together activities - which may double as a fundraiser
- supporting the day to day running of the school through helping to arrange/run our lunch scheme, school banking, library help and class help.

The first meeting takes place next Tuesday, 21 February at 7.00pm in the school staffroom. Our coordinator for the last 3 years (Brenda Anderson) is stepping down so we are looking for someone (this could be a shared role) to take this on. Brenda is happy to provide a guiding hand!

We hope you can get along to this meeting. Bring a friend - and don't worry - you won't get a job if you don't want one!! This is one way of maintaining our school's strong sense of community. Hope you can make it.

**Rex Allott**  
Principal

## Term One Calendar of Events (to date!)

- 21 Feb Omanu School Support Group Meeting - 7.00pm
- 1 Mar BOT Meeting - 7.00pm
- 7/8 Mar Parent Teacher Interviews
- 11 Mar Top School Competitions at Gate Pa School
- 15 Mar School Photo Day (Thursday)
- 5 April Thursday - last day of Term 1

## School Assemblies

Celebrating children's learning. Parents are welcome to attend. Fridays - 11.50am - 12.30pm

- 17 Feb Yr 4 classes
- 27 Feb Yr 5/6 classes
- 12 Mar Yr 1/2 classes
- 26 Mar Yr 3 classes

## Term Dates 2012

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| Term One   | 31 January - 5 April     |
| Term Two   | 23 April - 29 June       |
| Term Three | 16 July - 28 September   |
| Term Four  | 15 October - 14 December |

## Meet and Greet and Class Information

Last evening (Wednesday) there was an opportunity to meet teachers, the Board of Trustees and other parents at a meet and greet occasion. You will also have received class and syndicate newsletters outlining systems and expectations for your children which will ensure that their time at school is focused on their learning. It is important that you make yourself familiar with this information.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

These will take place in Week 6 (Wed/Thurs 7 & 8 March). Class teachers will share some information about your child's learning and be able to set learning goals which will be revisited during the year.

## Communication

At the beginning of each year procedures for raising concerns are shared with you in order to ensure clear communication when necessary. Schools are very 'people orientated places'! At Omanu we currently have 484 children, a staff of 40 and 390 families. It is therefore almost inevitable that now and then issues arise that need to be clarified, 'sorted', addressed, resolved. Therefore each year we remind parents that the Board of Trustees has a Policy that outlines guidelines for addressing concerns or making complaints. A copy of this is included in our 'Information Folder' issued on enrolment. Copies are always available from the school office. Following these procedures will ensure that your concerns are addressed in the most appropriate manner. It will also mean that we focus on the facts of the matter causing concern. Most day to day issues can be discussed and resolved directly with the Classroom Teachers at an appropriate time (after school is usually the best time.) As Principal of the school I would like to make it very clear that I am available at all times to discuss issues with you and / or clarify matters of School Policy and organisation. Do not hesitate to contact me - you can make an appointment through the office.

## School Newsletters

Our school newsletter is usually sent home each fortnight on a THURSDAY with the eldest child in your family. It is our main way of 'communicating' school activities and issues, so please have a system for 'getting to it'. You may have to dig deep into the school bag to find it - but we encourage the children to put it on the bench when they get home - minus the bits of left over sandwich! Good luck. (Our newsletter is also posted on our website). We hope to provide an option of E-mailing these to you from the beginning of Term 2 after receiving up to date details from you.

## School Lunches

Monday / Wednesday / Friday

These need to be ordered by the 8.55am - school bell as orders have to be sent to the supplier promptly. Chicken, tuna or salmon sushi are available on Wednesdays (combination pack is no longer available). All orders need to be written on a named envelope with money enclosed.

## School Banking

This has started - on Wednesdays. Banking is collected in the classroom and taken to the Library. Start up forms can be obtained in the Library before school.

## Biking to School - and Scooters

Given today's busy roads and traffic conditions around the school our school guideline for road safety is that **ONLY** Year 5/6 children are permitted to ride their bikes to school. Younger children need to be fully supervised by an adult both to and from school. This guideline is supported and endorsed by the N.Z. Police. All bikes, or scooters, left at school need to be locked securely in the bike stands provided, or on the fenceline, and are not to be ridden in the school grounds at any time. Scooters for junior children can be locked on the seats outside the cleaning shed by Room 5. Unfortunately 2 scooters (which children tell me were locked) were stolen last Friday. Unfortunately you can't beat determined thieves. Naming/identifying your scooter clearly could be a deterrent.

## Sun-Smart

Given the hot sunny weather we are having it is important to reinforce good practices.

- wear the floppy hat out in the sun
  - get your sun-block organised
  - drink plenty of water to help stay cool (water bottle)
  - rest up in the shade areas if you are hot.
- As a school we reinforce the messages at school assemblies and in classes.

## Scholastic Book Orders

We usually do not issue these in term one as we are aware that this is an expensive time of the year. However, children who ordered a book at the end of last year were issued with a \$2 voucher which can only be used on this terms order. If those children would like to use their voucher they can collect an order form from the library any morning after 8.30am from Mrs Corbett. These orders would need to be in to the school office by Wednesday, 29 February.

## Public Health Nurse

If you have any concerns about your child's health needs or just require some general information, Public Health Nurse Siobhan is available to talk with you. To make contact just ask the office or contact your child's teacher.

## Community Notices

*Mt Maunganui Junior Football Club* - Registrations Tuesday 21 February From 4-6pm at Links Ave Clubrooms

*Mt Maunganui Sports Junior Rugby* - Registrations Wed 14 March 4.30-6pm; Sun 18 March 1-3pm; Thurs 22 March 4.30-6pm. Fees to be paid on the day. \$40 1 child, \$70 2 children, \$85 - family. Contact Donna Ph 572 5117

*Chill Out After School Care* - Arataki Community Centre. We pick up from Omanu school, provide snacks and activities with pick up until 6pm. WINZ Subsidies available. Ph 575 2048 of email [arataki@clmnz.co.nz](mailto:arataki@clmnz.co.nz)

*Mt Maunganui Music School* - Enrolment Day Wed 15 Feb, 3.30pm Rm A3, by Bus Bay, Mt College. Contact 575 4389 or 021 0270 1604 or [hullmusurf@kinect.co.nz](mailto:hullmusurf@kinect.co.nz) \$50 Deposit for Term 1.

*Guitar Lessons for Beginners* - For bookings & info on classes held at school please contact Rahim Callaghan 574 0995 or 0274 751 023 or [rahimc@email.com](mailto:rahimc@email.com)

*Girl Guide Biscuits* - on sale form 1 March. To pre-order Ph Donna 021 0381 797. Plain \$3, Chocolate \$3.5, Choc Minis \$3.50

*KNITTING for Kids* (From 8 years onwards) Thurs 3.00 - 4.00 - knitting is making a comeback - learn from the experts. Contact St Andrews Church Ph 575 9347 or [www.mountchurch.org.nz](http://www.mountchurch.org.nz)

*Jnr Sunday Soccer Coaching* - 7-13 yrs Tect Arena, Baypark 19 Feb 3.30-5pm \$40 per Term. Ph 0800baypark Xtn 6000



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