

Omanu School Newsletter



Principal's Chat

Janet Winton, our Deputy Principal will be retiring at the end of this year. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful contribution she has made to the education of children at Omanu. A key role has been to ensure that Omanu students get a great start to their education. This has been a real feature of her work, as she has lead the Junior School. Her Deputy Principal role of course has required her to undertake a wide range of responsibilities across the school. In her 18 years at Omanu she has responded positively and successfully to the rapid changes needed to address the learning needs of children and to the application of changing teaching strategies - while holding on to the tried and true. Curriculum Review and Implementation and the ongoing professional development of staff have been an integral part of her work. We admire the energy, expertise and enthusiasm she has always brought to her work and her experience is going to be missed greatly. We wish her all the very best in her retirement.

Rex Allott Principal

Farewell Assembly

Parents are invited to attend our school Farewell Assembly for Mrs Winton.

When: Friday, 2 December (next week)

Time: 2.00pm

Where: School Hall

Jump Jam North Island and National Finals

Congratulations to our Jump Jam teams. Both were placed second in the North Island and third nationally. Amelia Axton took out the National title of Idol with Ella Penn Mitchell being placed fifth in the North Island. These awesome results have won \$1200 worth of resources for our school. Special thank you to our coaches Laura Hill, Emma Axton and Tracey Bourgeois for the amazing job they did. Also to Margaret Stewart and Melissa Tierney for sewing our fantastic costumes and to all other parents who helped in a variety of ways. We would also like to acknowledge contributions from Stewart Browne Electrical, Inferno Consultants, Hair By Chris, Cherrywood Pharmacy and Melame Cold Store. Thank you for

supporting our fundraisers. You have all contributed to amazing growth and learning for our students. Well done everyone - and special thank you to staff members Barbara Laing and Laura Hill who gave so generously of their time.

Road Patrol

These students undertake an important role in helping to get children safely across roads on their way home from school. They form an essential part of our Travel Safe team. Recently they took part in the 'Orange Day' parade - a day in which the Ministry of Police acknowledge the work undertaken by our Road Patrols. Congratulations to our Road Patrollers for meeting your responsibilities so well, and thank you to Vicky Hackett for organising the team this year and to other teachers for supervision.

Enviro Week Report

A great week of activities was capped off with a great assembly Celebration in which children shared their terrific learning activities. We can be very proud of the effort our students take to support Enviro initiatives in our school and community and making it a great place for all of us to learn in each day.

Term Dates for 2012

Our 2011 school year finishes on Wednesday, 14 December at **12.30pm**. People are already asking about Term dates in 2012 - so here they are! (Details are also on our school Website).

Term 1

Tues 31 January - Thurs 5 April (10 Weeks)

Term 2

Mon 23 April - Fri 29 June (10 Weeks)

Term 3

Mon 16 July - Fri 28 September (11 Weeks)

Term 4

Mon 15 October - Fri 14 December (9 Weeks)

End of Year Activities

There have been a number of activities planned for children over the next couple of weeks as the school year draws to an end. Class trip, and visits to various activities. These do not happen without the support of parents with transport and supervision. Thank you for that.

Thank You!

- To The Skin Care Centre (Paul Salmon) for the sunblock provided for every classroom in our school. This generous donation contributes to our school 'Sunsmart Guidelines'. We have great support for 'hat' requirements. Omanu School hats are available from the School Office (\$9.00)

- To parents who have donated kiwifruit for distribution to children, parents and staff.

Omanu Walking Bus(es)

The Travel Safe team enjoyed another great picnic and fun activity afternoon last Saturday. Thanks to Cindi Feder and her team for organising this. Cindi is 'pulling the plug' on her Co-ordinator role at the end of the year. We appreciate the fantastic job she has done in the past few years setting up our Travel Safe initiatives and thank her for that. We need someone to step into her shoes. Any volunteers? Give her a call to discuss it in the first instance - Ph 5750897.

Reminders

- End of year Written Reports for all children will be sent home on Friday, 9 December.

- Our Farewell Assembly for our Year 6 students takes place on Friday, 9 December (11.30am).

Library Books and School Reading Resources

Our Annual Audit of these has started. Children are expected to be responsible for them - and returning them to school, some are 'misplaced' - sometimes under the bed, behind the fridge or in the cats basket etc etc. There is a considerable cost to school to replace them. Please take a little time to have a good look and to return them to school. Thank you for your help with this.

TECT Payment

We wish to acknowledge the payment of this annual subsidy to the school. As a Trustpower customer we received a cheque for \$1,616.40. This money will go to our ongoing upgrading of classroom audio visual and computer equipment.

Credit Union North

October winners were - Lily Balsom, Ruby McSweeney, Carter Swan, Regan Erdbeer.

The winner of the bike announced at our last school assembly and presented by Credit Union staff was Lily Anderson.

Please note -

Duathlon results and sponsor acknowledgement will be addressed in our next school newsletter.

Community Notices

Babysitter - 22 year old female with previous experience, First Aid Certificate/ Plunket Tots Course. References available. Ph Darnica 027 305 9795

Quality Childcare offered - 5 years experience caring for children in home based settings and Early Childhood Centres. References available. Ph Kobie 022 679 3281

Before school care needed?? Call the YMCA Tauranga - Mount Sports Centre \$13 per morning Ph 578 9272

Home Based Child Care available (through home based care provider, WINZ approved) Mon - Fri - all ages. Ph Jenna 022 091 8443

Do your Christmas Shopping On-line

Go to www.yourfastshop.co.nz

Participation funding goes to your school.

Mount Maunganui Dance Academy
Has a new phone number - 575 0880

Shirl's Swim Lessons - Term 1, 2012 After school at Memorial Pool. Start Tues, 7 Feb. Ph 576 2457 or 021 2924021

Odd Jobs/Helping Hand? - University student (19) looking for part-time work. References available - Retail and child minding experience Ph Sean 575 3433

University Student - available for summer work. Ph 027 575 3037 or contact Mr Garmonsway in Room 2.

Tauranga City Libraries - Read books, win prizes. Free summer reading programme for children aged 5-11 years. Children read books, tell library staff about their reading and receive incentive prizes. Enrol for 'Be a Legend - Read!' - starts Mon 5 Dec. Ph 5677 7220 for information.



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