

# Omanu School Newsletter



Effective learners and communicators who interact positively within a supportive environment.

## Principal's Chat

The Christchurch earthquake is at the forefront of our thoughts and feelings at this time. As a school we will support the efforts to provide whatever help is needed. Western Bay of Plenty schools have all initiated fundraising activities this week. A notice home the other day gives details of our Funky Hair/Hat/Red and Black themed day tomorrow (Friday). Thank you in anticipation of your support - we realise many families will be contributing help in many ways.

If families in our area are providing accommodation for relatives/friends we will happily have children attend the school while they are here. Please contact us should you have any queries about this.

Thank you to all of those children and their families in our community who are doing their bit out there to help.

**Rex Allott**  
Principal

## School Photos

Class/individual/family group photos will be taken Wednesday 16 March, commencing at 9.00am, beginning with Junior classes. An information pack will be sent home soon with instructions about ordering photos/payment etc. Please read these carefully, and return the completed envelope to school by Tuesday, 15 March. They have to be collated by the photographer.

## TECT (Tauranga Energy Consumer Trust)

Our school has applied for and been successful in being provided with a grant of \$18,500. This subsidy will contribute to the Board of Trustee's expenditure of \$90,000 to purchase laptop computers and Tv Work Stations to enhance the role ICT (Information and Communication Technology) can play in supporting learning and teaching.

We thank TECT for their ongoing support for schools and community projects.

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Further to the notice sent home Monday. These are to take place next Tuesday/Wednesday. Bookings can be made online - as explained. If you are unable to access this process - please ring the school office, book in the Library before school or contact the class teacher who will find a time for you.

## School Support Group

Parents interested in supporting and contributing ideas about how we can involve people in school projects and activities met last week. Brenda Anderson has kindly agreed to co-ordinate activities again this year. She has a great team to work with - and when the 'call goes out' there is always a great response. Keep it up!!

The Support Group will clearly identify projects towards which fundraising will contribute this year - and keep you informed of the results of your efforts. This will be communicated through the regular newsletter to parents - reinforced through our Website, and reported at the meetings, usually held at the beginning of each Term.

\* The first fundraising venture is kicking off.

Details about 'Chocolate Sales' are attached to this newsletter. Stock up for Easter! Winter is coming! Orders must be in by 11 March.

## Surf Life Savers Visit Omanu School



Morgan Foster gets mauled by fans at Omanu.

During National Surf Festival Week we had a visit from a group of surf life savers competing locally in an international event.

We get lots of visitors to our school during the year. Its great to meet up with people who are doing great things in our community.

DUNNIES complete!! And they are great.



### Monitoring Attendance

Schools are required to check carefully on student attendance. We meet this requirement by:

- marking attendance registers daily
- checking on 'unexplained' absences
- asking you to phone in if your child will be absent or late for school
- asking you to provide an explanation for student absences to the teacher
- requiring all children who are late for school to report to the school office
- asking you to inform the office when children are removed from school during the school day for any particular reason.

### Vacancy

Our Te Reo support person, Audrey Rimiha, is no longer available to help with our Te Reo programmes. We are looking for someone to undertake this work, alongside teachers in a classroom setting. This is a paid position currently for two afternoons per week. In the first instance indications of interest in this position can be made to the school Principal - through the school office Ph 575 5868. We are hoping someone in our community has expertise in Te Reo to share in a supported environment - or know of someone who could be interested.

### What's On!!?

It's a busy time here!

- Swimming programmes are coming to an end - and demonstrations of skills are being arranged by syndicate groups.

- Sports Groups are up and running - community organisations are getting organised for winter sports.

### School Banking

Our School Banking service is provided through Credit Union North. They have advised that a Birth Certificate is required when opening a new account. Banking day is Wednesday - to classroom teacher, or new accounts straight to the Library.

### Community Notices

*Rocket in the Park* - fun for everyone in your family (no unaccompanied children please). Fri 4 March and 1 April. Games start 6.30, of catch up with others over a picnic or takeaways dinner from 5.30 onwards. All equipment supplied, you just need to bring enthusiasm. Contact [peterstas@maxnet.co.nz](mailto:peterstas@maxnet.co.nz) or 021 1476471

*Rugby Registrations* (Take birth cert for registration)

- Arataki Tues 8 March 5pm Arataki Primary School or Sat 10am Grenada Park Ph 572 1046
- Mt Maunganui Sat 5 March 12 - 4pm or Mon 7 March 4 - 7pm Fees \$40 per child, \$70 for 2 or \$80 for 3!
- Papamoa Sat 19 March 1.30 - 4pm Sun 27 March 12 - 2.3pm at Gordon Spratt Sports Centre Ph 542 3404

*Tough Love* Parent Support Group meetings held regularly Ph 571 1503  
*Mobile Phones? Had enough of yours?* Old phones can be donated to the Starship Hospital Fundraiser. Hand them in at our school office.

*Girl Guide Biscuits*

On sale at Bayfair 5/6 March and 12/13 March Ph Janet 575 8463



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### U-Save Investments

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on

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