

# Omanu School Newsletter



“Excellence in the Academic, Social, Cultural and Physical Education of Children”

## Principal's Chat

How time flies when you are having fun!! Term One finishes next THURSDAY. It has been a very 'busy' term with teachers planning and initiating a number of important professional development programmes in addition to their on-going teaching commitments. Changing times mean that we all have to reflect on how we do things - what's working well and what can be approached differently - in our case how do children learn best in the context of the world they live in - and what is it important to learn about. To that end - we are all learners and as parents it is important that you give some thought to what education in 2009 - and beyond - should look like for your children.

As we continue to review our own School Curriculum opportunities will be provided for you to share your ideas and opinions about what is important for a child's education at Omanu. Last year we reflected on the place and importance of core values in our school environment and teaching programmes. Next term we will take a look at what are called the "Key Competencies" - what are they, and how can we address them in our own School Curriculum. Watch this space!

**Rex Allott** - Principal

## ANZAC Ceremony

Representatives of the Mount RSA will attend our ceremony next Tuesday at 11 a.m. Omanu Students will contribute to this, which lasts approximately 20 minutes. Parents are welcome to attend.

## HELP

A new addition to the Adventure Playground is planned. We need to remove the two large tractor tyres in the 'hollow' - and get rid of them! Can anyone out there 'volunteer' their services to help the school out with this one? A small 'digger' machine might be helpful. Give the school office a call - or see Greg our Caretaker.

## School Photos

The 'Word' from the company involved in taking these is that they should arrive back the first week in Term 2. They will be sent home to you as soon as they arrive.

## Omanu School Support Group

A 'keen' group of parents met recently and discussed/ planned ways in which parents could support the education of children and the work of staff at Omanu this

year. Special thanks to Brenda Anderson for taking on the role of convenor. Please get in behind their efforts this year and contribute where you can. It all helps maintain the 'community spirit' we work hard to foster. Their Term 1 Newsletter is attached to this school newsletter.

## Success stories

Congratulations to:

Max Salmon, Koby Milne, Lachie Miles, Colleen Fahy, Kaylie Hansen, Kane Sefton, Mitchell Dickson, Taylor Clark, Georgia Aitken, Sophie Ellis, Eva Gibson, Emma Bryom, Avannah Marshall and Lachlan Farron who were selected to compete in the Mount cluster Primary Schools swimming sports. Georgia Aitken and Kane Sefton went on to achieve a number of placings in the WBOP swimming sports with Coby Milne and Kaylie both gaining a 3rd with their respective relay teams

Congratulations to Steven Whyte and Bailey Arnold who played in the under 10 boys Tennis doubles in the Bingham Cup (involving Mt/Tauranga Tennis Clubs). They won all of their games!

## Thank you:

-Sung Hee for once again providing the staff with a delicious morning tea! Looks like another gym membership is on the cards!

-To the University of Waikato. It has been a pleasure to have 60 students working with our Yr 1 children developing their Mathematics teaching strategies. (They were impressed with how well our children responded to their lessons and what good learners they are!)

## Staffing Term 2

In Term 2 we will be joined by 3 new staff members.

- Laura Hill will commence teaching in Room 17. Laura has been teaching in Hamilton during last Term and completed her Teacher Training at the University of Waikato in Hamilton.
- Melissa MacDonald will initially teach new entrants in Room 10 with Celia Ward. She will be starting a class of Year 1 children in Room 19 early in Term 2. This is a roll growth fixed term position.
- Glen Gear has been employed as a learning support teacher. She will be working with groups of Yr 3-6 children for 15 hours a week. This is a fixed term position until the end of the year, funded by the school.
- We welcome them and know that they will have the support of parents as they work with the children at Omanu.

## SPCA Visit Notice

Next week a member of the SPCA will be visiting the school. She will be talking to the children about caring for their pets. Currently the SPCA have many kittens to care for and desperately need kitten food and kitty litter. If you are able to help with either of these items, please bring them along to your child's classroom.



(See the true colours of our fish on the school's website)

## TEACHER ONLY DAY

MONDAY MAY 11th (Wk 3-Term 2)

### Teacher Only Day

The Ministry of Education has initiated these professional development days to allow all staff to work together to review aspects of the school curriculum. We are asking parents to arrange for children to remain at home on that day or make arrangements for their supervision. The Board of Trustees is giving you as much notice as possible so that arrangements can be made. You will be reminded about this T.O.D. early next Term.

### Netsafe

Following our staff and parent's 'Netsafe' meetings, the school has drawn up new agreements for both staff and families of Omanu school. These new documents are an integral part of our new 'Netsafe' infrastructure. We would ask the you read the document, discuss it with your child/ren and then return it to your class teacher or the school office completed. There is a survey on the reverse side of the return sheet which, when collated, will give the an idea where our children are at with ICT. Many thanks for your cooperation.

By Jade



By Jonas

### Community Notices

1. Nigel Latta- "The politically incorrect Parenting Show" The first decade- Staying sane! Wednesday April 29th. 7.30p.m. Otumoetai College. Ph. 5482-587.
2. Girl Guide Biscuits- phone Megan Horgan on 5757-852 for your supplies.
3. Kids Bible Klub.Mount Bible Chapel. Cnr Monowai St & Bedford Place. Tuesdays during school terms.Ph.Wendy 5788085
4. Childrens holiday painting & drawing tuition.Acrylic on Canvas.Ph. Paula on 5423-455 or 029 602 4108
5. Clay Art Studio. Mosaic for adults.Holiday programme ph. 5713 726.
6. Mt.Library- e-citizen is coming!! Basic computer course provided by BOP Polytech.Tues or Thurs.Ph. 0800-267-7659 to register. Limited places.
7. Dance 4 Kids with Body Rhythms. Papamoa Primary School Hall.Ph. 5446-452
8. Tga City Libraries. Free activities and competitions throughout the holidays at all libraries. Ph. 5777-177 or visit [www.librarytaurangovt.nz](http://www.librarytaurangovt.nz)
9. Art programmes at St. Mary's (Girven Road) April 20-24 \$15 per child.Phone Finella on 5749-633. also after school care \$10 per child.
- 10.10. Kids Dance classes - Term 2. Moa St. Hall. Latin/Ballroom. 8-12 yr olds. Ph. Sonia on 5746-568 or 027-322-1786.
- 11.Mt. Action Centre- Holiday fun- please phone. 5749- 862
- 12.Gymnastics @ the Mount. Starts Term 2. Tuesdays after school. Contact Annette O'Connor on 5722-651.



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