

Omanu School Newsletter



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

Principal's Chat

We have a number of Omanu School teams taking part in competitions throughout the year - netball, hockey, volleyball, miniball, flippaball, rippa rugby. As well as these, children compete in many team and individual events at school - and against other schools. We have high expectations for good sportsmanship. We play to win - hard but fair - but children are expected to know how to lose - gracefully!

As I move around sporting activities and sports events throughout the year I am impressed with the way the children have taken the 'Omanu sporting message' on board. With the winter season of sport well underway it is timely to remind ourselves that parents and spectators have that important 'role model' task to carry out. In this regard our school has an excellent reputation for supporting participants and officials positively. Lets keep it that way - and have an enjoyable time together.

Rex Allott

Board of Trustees

The 2009 Annual Report has been adopted and sent to the Ministry of Education. This refers to key developments throughout last year in areas of roll-growth, school management, student achievement, property finance and staffing. The report acknowledges the impact of all groups who work together to ensure the educational needs of children at Omanu are met and particular thanks is extended to our School Support Group. Included is a range of assessment information used to establish learning goals for children and guide decisions about school resourcing.

The Board has a statutory responsibility to share this information with parents/caregivers. Full details are on file and available through the school office should you wish to access the report.

Jump Jam For Heart

Another great effort from our school community to support Heart Kids. The Jump Jam session last week, including Chiefs players (Mike Delany, Brett Mather & Callum Bruce), raised \$419.50. Given we have a number of 'Heart Kids' at our school this fundraising support has added significance for Omanu children.

Tsunami Emergency Response

Detailed below are guidelines prepared by the Board of Trustees with the Civil Defence. It is extremely important to note that:-

- (a) This evacuation will only be undertaken on the direction of Civil Defence
- (b) *Warning time frames will most likely enable children to be picked up from school.*

Tsunami Alarm Sounding - The alarm is not an order for evacuation. It is a Civil Defence Warning with instructions to follow. The school will follow Civil Defence Instructions as they are issued. (The aim is to evacuate the school in a safe manner, if required to do so).

1. Initially, all classes will assemble in the school Assembly Hall under the supervision of their classroom teachers.
2. As Civil Defence issue instructions, staff and students will be informed of appropriate action.
3. In the case of evacuation instructions from Civil Defence, staff and students will evacuate the school grounds via Ranch Rd exit, Golf Rd and cross Maunganui Rd under supervision and proceed along the grass area parallel to the railway line, across the Omanu Golf Course, then up to Matapihi Rd (Jacobs property) which is 70 metres above sea level.
4. It has been arranged for Yr 13 Mt College students to assist our evacuation to this location should this response be required by Civil Defence.

Mount/Papamoa Cluster Cross Country

(Mt Primary, Omanu, St Thomas More, Arataki, Tahatai, Te Akau Ki, Papamoa, Matapihi) A great effort from our Yr 4,5,6 girls and boys teams last Monday - a number of children, who finished in the first 7 places will be competing in the Western Bay Primary Champs next week. Good Luck! The effort of all 28 of our team saw them win the 'Interschool' Prize Teams Trophy. Our thanks once again to Mt Primary for organising this event for our Cluster of schools.

Yr 4 - 3rd Armanii Martelli-Ririnui
Yr 5 - Girls 1st Elin Tawharu; 2nd Grace Elisara; 3rd Levi Painter; 4th Tiana De Mooji Boys - 2nd Tyrese Tukaokao; 3rd Blake Ryan; 5th Jack Ellis
Yr 6 - Girls 5th Catherine Sutton; 6th Brooke Anderson Boys 1st Coby Miln; 3rd Flynn Kelly

Fresh Moves

A terrific display of dance at Bay Court last night from our Fresh Moves Team of 29 children. This group have put in many hours of practice - and it all paid off. Special thanks to Natasha McKenzie for sharing her expertise. Thanks also to Barbara Laing and all the parents helpers. It was a great team effort which provided our children with a wonderful experience.

Parents Meeting

(National Standards Reporting)
Thank you to those who were able to attend. We had a chance to talk to about 35 parents who provided us with opinions and ideas that will help us with trialling our mid-year reporting process. Given the changed focus for reporting, it has been decided for this year that:
(a) Reporting to the parents of Yr 1-3 children will take place in Wk 2 of next Term (July 26-30) and to parents of Yr 4-6 children in Wk3 (Aug 2-6)

(b) Initially parents will need to attend the scheduled interview to receive report details. We have made this decision because of the need to inform parents clearly about the nature of these National Standards introduced by the Government and the implications they have for school reporting.

Lost Property

There is a pile of it - it will be displayed again next Friday. At the end of the Term any unclaimed items are sent to the Salvation Army.

Reminder

The Support Group wish to remind you that children can order *Sushi* each Wednesday.

Community Notices

Holiday Art & Fun - 12 - 16 July St Mary's Anglican Church Girven Rd Ph 575 9945

Family Movie Night

Friday 25 June St Mary's, Girven Rd Free Entry - \$2 halftime snack.

Down Syndrome Assn

Dr Jude MacArthur - "In the Group and Making Friends" 23 June 6.45pm - 9.00pm Omanu Surf Club \$10 per person

Seasons Groups

For children and youth who are missing someone important in their daily lives (separation, bereavement) Small groups giving children a chance to talk together about their experiences of loss/change. Ph Ann 552 6649 or Nadine 544 9300 to find out more

Mt Action Centre Holiday Programmes

Sports days, skating, roller blading, soccer coaching. Ph 574 9862 for timetable/costs

Credit Union - May Winners

Morgan Erdbeer, Regan Erdbeer, Lily Balsom, Mitchell Grant

Chipmunks Holiday and After School Programmes

5-16 July 8.30am - 5.30pm Ph 579 4840

Mt Maunganui Intermediate School Learning Expo - Thurs 24 June See flyer enclosed for timetable.



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