

OMANU SCHOOL SUPPORT GROUP

Term 3 Newsletter 2010

The School Support Group meets on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each Term at 7pm in the Staffroom. Extra support from the junior school is always welcome, as people move on as their children leave Omanu. Don't be scared, no-one has to do anything they don't want to do, but the network of skills and contacts is what keeps us strong and moving forward. **Please feel free to join us and offer new ideas!**

THANK YOU

We didn't do a newsletter in Term 2 as all the information we had to pass on was covered in the school newsletter. We would just like to say thanks to all those who helped out with the Firewood Fundraiser. It was executed again this year by **Tony and Broni Blewitt** and proved to be very successful, once again raising in excess of \$5000 for the school. This money was put towards the new Arts Building which has been completed and is now being enjoyed by our kids.

Also thanks to **Pete and Jill McSweeney** from **UNICHEM PHARMACY** who sponsored 24 new white Sports Shirts which you will no doubt see on your kids sometime soon.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Next year we are looking for a little extra help with school lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays, only 2 or 3 times a term from 8.30 to about 10am depending on the day. Wednesday is Sushi Day and takes a little more time, Friday is the busiest day of the week. If you are able to help, **contact Jan on 027 432 8514**. We have a couple of people leaving so training with them in the 4th term would be great.

CHOCOLATE SALES

Again this was hugely successful, raising just over \$5000 for the school. Thanks to **Sally Cox** for organising this once again and to everyone who contributed. We had 170 kids involved with prizes for 1st 2nd 3rd and 4th along with 20 spot prizes. We collected and counted over \$13000 and were making a profit of \$1 per bar so even if you only sold 5 bars it was very beneficial to the school. We're considering giving it a rest next year but let us know what you think, your feedback will help us make wise decisions as otherwise it is only a few people deciding what is best.

MATARIKI DISCO

The disco went well and as the Whanau Support Group are only holding one a year now, it is very well supported. We raised over \$1200 which has gone towards purchasing fabric for new uniforms for the Kapa Haka group. Numbers in Kapa Haka have increased from 30 to 50 recently, which is great for Omanu. If anyone can help with sewing or cross-stitch for these new uniforms, please **contact Janie on 572 2756**.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DIARY DATES

- **COOKING DEMO** on Wed 25th August at 7pm at the Mt Bowling Club in Nikau Cres - see attached Flyer. Virginia from Cucina Amore has arranged a great night of watch and learn and taste. Tickets are \$40 per head and numbers are limited so come along and support us, it will be fun!
Contact Brenda on 574 6603 or 027 405 4941 for tickets.
- **Cake Stall** on Friday 17th Sept in the school Hall, details to follow
- **Sausage and Ice-block lunch** on Fri 22nd Oct, details closer to the time.
- **Amazing Opera Evening** on Sat 20th Nov at the Historic Village Hall. Still finalising details but diary this date, as international Opera singers **Anna and John Corrs**, who are parents at Omanu, have generously offered to perform for us!
- **Duathlon** is in early Dec, date to be confirmed. We would like to upsize this event, selling more food and perhaps also face painting and superslides etc. - any other suggestions welcome.

NEXT YEAR

Looking ahead to next year we need a couple of events that may take over from firewood and chocolate sales. Ideas we are considering are:

- Concert on the Field type event on a Sunday afternoon with a band or two
- Guest Speaker of some kind
- Raffle with a great line up of prizes
- Second Hand Book Sale

We are very open to suggestions so **please** contact us if you have any great ideas. If anyone has any products we could access at wholesale prices we would love hear from you.

The funds we raise from now on are earmarked to go towards upgrading the school hall. The stage is first on the list, along with lighting etc.

Please feel free to make contact - your input is very valuable!

Many thanks,
Brenda Anderson

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