

Omanu School Newsletter



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

Principal's Chat

Welcome back everybody to the new school year. We hope everyone had a relaxing break and with a bit of luck we can look forward to an 'extended' summer. Fingers crossed!

There are many things that foster good learning. Clear goals, that are clearly understood by teachers, parents and children and a happy, safe and enjoyable learning environment are essential. Establishing and maintaining a strong learning culture is the 'core business' of this school. Parents have an essential role in this and we appreciate the positive support you provide for teachers throughout the year.

Our School "Vision" for your children

Last year our community established a focus for our "Omanu Kid". This graphic appears around our school and in all classrooms - and reflects in children's terms, our vision for children who attend this school. We want our children to be:

“Effective learners and communicators who interact positively within a supportive environment”

We believe children should be provided with:

- a secure foundation for the challenges of the future
- a broad range of skills and knowledge
- confidence in themselves and their abilities.
- skills to live happily and successfully with others
- staff should be supported in their professional and personal efforts to implement the school's Mission Statement
- Parents / caregivers should have confidence in the school's efforts to meet the needs of their children

Providing a safe and happy environment for this to happen is essential. Our expectations for behaviour are as follows and require ongoing endorsement and support from both the school and home. This partnership is paramount in our school community.

OUR SCHOOL CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

For our classroom / our playground.

Treatment of Others

- I treat people and property with respect
- I keep my hands, feet and unkind words to myself

Communicating with Others

- I speak and act considerately and co-operatively

Learning

- I respect everyone's right to learn
- I take responsibility for my own learning

Safety

- I will keep myself and others safe

Solving Problems

- If I have a problem,
I STOP, THINK and ACT appropriately.

Moving Around

- I move safely and consider others.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees - your elected Board of Trustees is responsible for the 'governance' of the school (setting and monitoring school policies and Ministry of Education requirements.) The Principal works with the Board to manage the school on a day to day basis and ensure teaching and learning programmes are in place for all children. Meetings are held twice a term. You are informed of these through the school newsletter. Minutes are displayed in the school foyer and are available on request. Your Board members are:

Ady van der Beek (Chairperson), Sally Cox, Wendy Dobbs, Deane Wearne, Tim Bell.

We are all looking forward to working with you to make the year successful and enjoyable for all of our children. Please do not hesitate to contact me personally if you seek clarification about any aspects of our school policies and procedures relating to the education of your child. Here's to a happy 2010.

Rex Allott (Principal)

Special Welcome

A special welcome is extended to:

- the 25 new children - (and their families) who have enrolled at the beginning of this year. Our School roll currently stands at 450 and is expected to rise to 510 by the end of this year. We operate an Enrolment Zone which extends from Clyde Street in the north to Girven Road in the South

- to Michelle Burggraaf who is teaching in Rm 18

- to Carmel Proudfoot who joins our support staff as a Teacher Aide.

School Community and Staff "Meet and Greet" get together

This will be held on WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24 from 7.30 - 8.30pm. This is an informal chance to get together, visit your child's classroom, meet the staff and Board of Trustees - and share some information about our school. (Drinks and nibbles will be an essential ingredient.) A notice about this will be sent home with the details.

School Support Group.

Interested in helping at your school-sharing ideas for school development / community events/fundraising/special projects etc? The Term 1 meeting will be on Tuesday Feb 16 at 7pm - School staffroom.

SUSHI orders will be available for students on Wednesday 10 Feb, Wed 3 and Wed 24 March. These days only.

Teriyaki chicken rolls 4 pce \$5.

Tuna rolls (4 pce) \$5

Combo pack (2 pces each) \$5

•Sushi orders are to be handed in at the lunch room by 8.55 am.

• Children should bring sushi packaging home for disposal.

SCHOOL NOTICES

School Stationery

A special notice has been sent home with each child outlining requirements for 2010. You are asked to support our "Stationery Pack" arrangements. Without it we would have to go back to everyone taking part in the bookshop 'bunfight'.

Swimming

All children are expected to take part in school programmes unless classroom teachers have been informed by parents.

School Banking

Commences on Wednesday 17 February through the Credit Union, Mount Maunganui. This is organised by our School Support Group. Enquiries to the school office.

School Lunches

Lunches are available Mon, Wed, Fri. from next Monday 8 February - orders with money in an envelope please. Prices are as follows.

Steak or Mince Pies \$3

American Hot Dog \$3

Pizza Bread. \$2.50

Sausage Roll - Low Fat.\$1.50

Chicken Roll. \$4.

Chicken /Ham sandwich \$3

Lamington - Chocolate \$2.00

Choc. Muffin. \$2.

Tubs of fruit in Juice \$ 1.50

Term Dates

(for your calendar)- Term 1 concludes on Wednesday March 31. Term 2 commences on Monday April 19.

School Hours

Our day is structured as follows:

Morning 8.55 a.m. - 12.30

Lunchtime 12.30 - 1.15 p.m.

Afternoon 1.15p.m. - 2.45p.m.

We ask that children DO NOT arrive at school TOO EARLY. 8.30 a.m. is the entry time and when teacher duty supervision commences. It is also important that children arrive at school in time to prepare for the day before the 8.55 a.m. bell. LATENESS does disrupt class programmes and your child's day at school. Thank you for your support with this. Consistent school attendance is essential for on-going learning.

Absences

You are requested to contact the school on 5755-868 to report absences or circumstances in which children will be late to school. An answerphone service is provided for this purpose. You can also TEXT these details to the school number 027 5755-868. Unexplained absences will be followed up by the school ringing your designated contact number. The school undertakes this role in good faith in order to enhance school safety initiatives. Please support this initiative by contacting the school. Children who are late are required to report first to the school office.

Calendar

Term 1 calendar of events - dates for school events will be in the next newsletter.

www.omanu.school.nz

School information can be found on this site. The School newsletter, a calendar of events, school terms, school support group information, Board of Trustees news.

Your child's class

Detailed class and syndicate letters outlining general class routines and expectations will be distributed to all families as usual. Parent/Teacher interviews will take place in week 6 (March 8 - 12th). Together you will be able to establish learning goals for your child. In the meantime, should you wish to discuss particular issues or clarify anything, please contact the class teacher.

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REMINDERS

Some important reminders:

1. Change of address/phone number. If you have moved recently and changed your phone number, please let the office know to enable us to keep our records up to date.
2. Parking / Road safety - you are asked NOT TO PARK on the grassed area adjacent to Macville Park. (Taxi's have a dispensation, for obvious reasons.) This enables children to move safely to the carpark area and keeps the City Council happy.
3. *Please DO NOT DRIVE INTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS, to drop off or pick up children. Watch the no-parking yellow lines in Tui Street / Ranch Road and watch for children crossing. Discuss the Safe Crossing of the Cycle Track at Ranch Road.
4. *BE PATIENT - thousands of schools throughout NZ face the same hassles before and after school. Our requirements of you are only in the interests of safety for all children at our school. Thank you for your co-operation and be aware of the Police 'blitz' around schools! The safe 'passage' of children to and from school is the responsibility of parents. You should have clear expectations of them and our own school rules will be reinforced regularly and consistently. Children should go straight home after school or follow pre-arranged requirements set by you. The 3pm bell is to clear the school grounds so duty staff can account for children still at school waiting to be collected.

School Patrol

School Road Patrol - Trained Road patrollers are responsible for monitoring crossing points. You are required to stop if one of the signs is out. Please be a good role model for the children!

** If you are available for a small but important road safety job that will take about 5 minutes at approx. 2.30 each day, please see Vicky Hackett (Rm 4) a.s.a.p. We will roster this daily.

HATS (not caps)

Hats are essential in the summer. Please ensure children have one at school. These can be purchased at the school office, or they may wear one of their own choice. We require all children to wear a floppy wide brimmed hat outside in the sun during terms 1 and 4. Please help support this "Sunsmart" initiative.

Condolences

We extend our condolences to Carole Morrison who's husband Geoff passed away suddenly last Thursday.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

1. Mt.Maunganui Music School. New enrolments Wednesday Wed 10 Feb. 3.30p.m. Mount College- Rm A3. Phone Keith Hull on 5445-051
2. Papamoa Junior Rugby. 13th Feb. 11 - 2p.m. BBQ lunch provided. Gordon Spratt Reserve.
3. Moa Park Kids Club. 5 - 8 year olds. Moa Park Scout Hall- Contact Bonnie on 5759 - 199.
4. Piano / Keyboard Music Lessons. \$12 per lesson. Ring Cathrine Roberts on 5743 - 011
5. Childrens Painting and Drawing tuition with artist Paula Knight. Ph. 5423 455 or 029 602-4108

SCHOOL ORGANISATION 2010 (Who's where - doing what?)

Junior school (Years one two, three)

Junior school Administration and Management" Janet Winton - Deputy Principal.

Yr 1 classes

Rm 10 - Celia Ward (Team Leader). Rm 11 - Melissa MacDonald,

Rm 12 - Nicole Adlington Rm 13 - Hannah Mortimore

Yr 2 Classes

Rm 20 - Francie Reynolds (Team Leader) Rm 16 - Annette Carruthers

Rm 17 - Laura Hill Rm 15 - Rachel Carson

Yr 3 classes

Rm 8 - Penny Deane (Team Leader) Rm 14 - Denise Donald (Yr 2/3)

Rm 19 - Sally Paviour-Smith

SENIOR SCHOOL (Years Four, Five, Six)

Snr School Administration and Management: Maree Pollock, Assistant Principal.

Yr 4 classes

Rm 6 - Eileen Dowdell (Team Leader) Rm 7 - David Hefferen

Rm 18 - Michelle Burggraaf

Yr 5/6 classes

Rm 3 - Alison Shearer (team Leader) Rm 1- Barbara Laing (Maree Pollock)

Rm 2 - Jacqui Van der Beek (Don Garmonsway) Rm 4 - Vicky Hackett

Rm 5 - John Tawharu. **Part-time teachers** (Special Support Programmes)

Carole Morrison, Kristen Curragh, Ann Carruthers, Michelle Rall, Leanne Blackwell. Lorna Dwiught.

Teacher Aides

(Classroom) Denise Blair, Gay Hunt, Gaye del la Varis, Raewyn Pedersen.

(Support Programmes) Carmel Proudfoot, Adrienne Fry, Tracey Wright, Audrey Rimiha.

Teacher Aides (Library)

Raylene Corbett, Barbara Laing.

Office Staff

Office Manager: Sandra Lynskey

Admin Assistant: Debra Fielden

Property Manager.

Greg Kilgour (7.30 - 4.30p.m. daily)

School Cleaners.

1. Millie Buckley (Junior school)

2. Cheryl Moran (Senior school)

Throughout the year we receive extensive voluntary help from Parents and others in our Community. We welcome and appreciate this ongoing support.

We all work together and take responsibility for the education and well-being of all in our school. "It takes a village to raise a child!"