

Omanu School Newsletter



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

Principal's Chat

This is final newsletter for 2010. Please note that school finishes at 12.30pm (lunchtime) next Thursday, 16 December. School recommences for 2011 on Tuesday, 1 February.

We have ended our school year with 525 students. Teachers, parents and children have been involved in many activities throughout the year both in and out of the classroom. Much has been achieved and as a school we have had many successes to be part of and to celebrate together.

Your Boards of Trustees (Ady van der Beek, Sally Cox, Dean Wearne, Harley Balsom, Jimi Grant and Celia Ward - Staff Rep) have provided positive and constructive governance of the school working as a team in the interest of children, staff and parents. I wish to express my sincere thanks to all staff for their commitment and contribution to all aspects of school life this year. To everyone, my best wishes for the festive season and a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Rex Allott

Staffing

Our thanks to Janet Roberts, Kim Watson and Rall who have been working in short term Fixed Term positions at Omanu in the latter part of this year. They have contributed widely to the ongoing corporate life of our school.

2011 School Organisation

You will appreciate that organising the overall teaching and learning environment is a complex matter!! Ministry of Education staffing allocations, the number of classrooms available, provision for expected (and unexpected) roll growth, provision for specialist programmes - are a few of the many things that have to be taken into account. Teachers spend many hours giving consideration to the classroom placement of children. At this time it is likely that we may be able to indicate the placement of your child for next year on the last day, but please appreciate that given the transient factor of families moving to and away from the school, some changes may have to be made.

Reports

End of year reports will be sent home next Tuesday, 14 December. We have reviewed and revised the format and included, where applicable, a reference to 'National Standards'. We will be able to make further reference to these early next year at Parent Teacher Interviews where goals can be set and as necessary, the Standards explained further to you. Explanatory notes accompany the report.

Year 6 'Final' Assembly

Next Tuesday, 4 December, we will farewell our Yr 6 students, acknowledging the efforts of children and recognising special

achievements. Thank you to Raewyn Pedersen for organising the banners. The assembly will commence at 11.00pm and will be followed with a shared lunch for Year 6 children, staff and parents.

Families Moving On!!

With our Yr 6 children "moving on" to Intermediate some families will be 'severing their direct links with Omanu - some after many years. To the families of:

Tanesha Horsburgh, Emily Hislop, Tapiki Hiku, Catherine & Joanne Sutton, Vivian Mitchell, Kristyn Bourke, Lydia Farrell, Luke White, Monique Wesley-Yates, Kaydin Miny-Summerell, Carly Warnes, Lucy Dobbie, Taylor Morrison, Lily Parton, Brad Cameron, Cody Ross, James Compton, Shaun Cambell, Marcel Henderson, Travis Morrison, Sione Tonga, Flynn Kelly, Vili Veikoso, Ariani Campbell, Lachlan Farron, Colleen Fahy, Georgia Johnson, Robert Stephenson, Hannah Josephs, Ashley Wilson, Joshua Leopold, Zayne Grant, Georgia Inglis, Grace Kim, Jack Beaumont, Kaylie Hansen - our very sincere thanks for your valued contribution to this school. There will be a number of children transferring to other schools next year. We hope you have enjoyed your time at Omanu and we wish you well.

Please note! Parents if you have children (other than Yr 6's) leaving to attend another school next year please inform the school

Thank You

To all who have helped out this year. Brenda Anderson has again convened a very hard working Omanu School Support Group. Money raised has contributed to improving hall facilities (staging, lighting, data projector), Visual Arts Centre furniture including a large Tv with computer link capabilities - and mobile Tv teaching stations in classrooms. Cindi Feder has led the Walking Bus and Enviro-school initiatives and Janie De Malmanche, Tracey Wright and Tracey May have initiated activities for our Whanau Support Group. We have strong community involvement in our school which reinforces on a daily basis the partnership we all share in the education of your children.

Year 3 Kidfest Production - "An Out of this World Christmas"

Congratulations to our Yr 3 children on the presentation of their show this week. Its 'Christmas with a difference' theme was a real hit" The singing, dancing, acting, costumes, props and backdrops all reflected the great team work that goes on with children, parents and teachers all working together to 'make it happen' on the night - and make it happen they did!! Well done.

Our 'Kidfest' year has involved all children in the school putting on a production. This provides an ongoing high profile for the Performing Arts at Omanu.

2011 Stationery Purchases

Stationery requirements will be able to be purchased as complete packages next year. We ask families to support this process because:

- it ensures the correct requirements are bought
- you can be assured of extremely competitive prices because of the bulk deal arrangements
- it certainly saves you the hassle of competing with everyone else in the bookshop at the beginning of the year. Classroom stationery requests will be sent home on the first day of school next year.

Kapahaka

The school enjoyed a dramatic performance from the Omanu Kapahaka group on Tuesday. Thanks to many last minute costume alterations by Kiri Niha the group not only sounded stunning but looked impressive as well. This year's tutors, Josephine Clifton and Connie Thompson, have worked hard along with our students and have prepared a haka which tells our local Omanu story. With guidance from Audrey Rimiha the group is well prepared and looking forward to participating in the Ra Whakangahau at Merivale School today.

Jump Jam

Congratulations to both our Jump Jam teams placed 3rd at National competition. They performed exceptionally well. A very special thank you to coaches Tracey Bourgeois and Emma Axton for a magnificent job. Thanks also to Emma Butler, Gaye Del la Varis and Norma Stevenson for the wonderful job they did to create our costumes. Thanks also go to our Sponsors Ballance, Stewart Browne Group and to the Smith family.

Congratulations to Lucy Tustin on being placed 5th nationally in the Jump Jam Idol final.

Duathlon

Another wonderful, successful night. Congratulations to all 240 children who participated, to John Tawharu & Greg Kilgour and the staff for their organisation, to the team of parents who helped out. The 'lucky draw' bikes were provided by Dental Plus and Steve Bird Winery, and other sponsorship was provided by: Rocket Bikes, Sushi Heaven, RPM, Helen O'Grady, Mt New World, Scholastic NZ Ltd, Subway, Bunnings, Ultimate Homes, Educational Essentials, Work Dog Ltd, Baywave TECT Aquatic, Office Max, Sth Pacific Books, Mt Hot Pools, Mt KFC, K Pasgaard Sports Distributors, Ricoh, Top Class Books, Credit Union North, Waiwhetu Distributors, Ultimate Homes, Pyramid Distribution & Travel Safe - Walking Bus (Tauranga City Council).

Results:

5 Yr Girls 1 Ainsley Osborne, 2 Lucy Bartlett, 3 Nikki Whyte
5 Yr Boys 1 Carlos Miln, 2 Jared Jacobs, 3 Noah Liddicoat
6 Yr Girls 1 Ella Rutten, 2 Penelope Salmon, 3 Elise Luker
6 Yr Boys 1 Caleb Cobb, 2 Gus Shivnan, 3 Ben Blewitt
7 Yr Girls 1 Jazz Russell, 2 Amelia Hishon, 3 Giverny Hume
7 Yr Boys 1 Boston McNamara, 2 Cooper Gibson, 3 Adam Wearne
8 Yr Girls 1 Abigail Lane, 2 Jessica Blewitt, 3 Molly Shivnan
8 Yr Boys 1 Cairo Daisley, 2 Mac Parker, 3 Rique Miln
9 Yr Girls 1 Elin Tawharu, 2 Ella Pollock, 3= Georgie O'Dea, Danielle Spreadborough
9 Yr Boys 1 Blake Ryan, 2 Ben Blackwell, 3 William van der Beek
10 Yr Girls 1 Grace Elisara, 2 Brooke Anderson, 3 Francesca Wiggens
10 Yr Boys 1 Flynn Kelly, 2 Ben Soulsby, 3 Tyrese Tukaokao
11 Yr Girls 1 Colleen Fahy, 2 Savannah Marshall, 3 Raiha Ensor
11 Yr Boys 1 Coby Milne, 2 Max Salmon, 3 Mack Petrie

Credit Union North End of Year Winners
Matthew Anderson - Bike
Regan Erdbeer, Abbie Thomas, Ella Mithcell - Gift Packs



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