

Omanu School Newsletter



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

Office Manager

At the end of this term our School Secretary, Sandra Lynskey will be retiring. Sandra commenced work at Omanu in May 1981 and nearly 29 years later she has decided the time has come to say farewell and to get on with that 'list' which a forthcoming retirement usually fosters! Sandra has been a very loyal and dedicated member of the staff and has used her skills and abilities to ensure that the administration of the school has run smoothly and efficiently. Her knowledge of families and our wider community over this period of time has helped in our wider management of the school.

As a School Secretary, the need for multi-tasking skills would be an understatement - thousands of telephone calls, letters, newsletters, grazed knees- and of course millions of banked dollars later is clear evidence of that!

Then of course there has been the constant adjustment to “new technology” as it has evolved over the years. That's a story in itself. The Board of Trustees, staff and children - past and present express their sincere thanks to Sandra for a job 'well done' and wish her and husband Kelvin best wishes and a happy and enjoyable 'retirement'. On a personal note I would like to thank her for patience, understanding and the expertise she has brought to supporting my role as Principal. The 'Geordie accent' may have faded over the years but dedication to her role at the school has always been the same. Thank you and all the best.

We will “farewell” Sandra at a Special School Assembly next Tuesday at 2p.m. in the school hall. Parents, past and present are all invited to join us for this occasion.
Rex Allott- Principal

Kidsfest 2010 (Mandy's Garden)

This is 'production' year and our Junior school of 150 Yr 1 and 2 children have spent the last few weeks rehearsing for their show “Mandy's Garden” Over the last 2 nights the children performed for parents and family. Mandy's Garden is a children's musical with an ecological theme. It has led to integrated classrooms learning about many of the garden creatures. The children have worked hard to learn the songs and dialogue and their artwork has turned the hall into a flower show! Their technology work this term has also been based around the theme with the children constructing a garden windmill. Many thanks go to the team of parents that assisted with costumes and make-up. Every child has participated in our successful 2010 Kidsfest production.

Board of Trustees Elections

Nominations close on April 23. Further to the notice in the last newsletter, an information meeting about the role and function of Boards of Trustees will be held TONIGHT Thursday March 25 at 6.30 pm. in the school staffroom for anyone interested.

Thank you!!

Our swimming season has come to an end. Our Yr 5/6 classes have been fortunate enough to once again have the use of the Mt. College Pool. For this we thank the Mt. College and in particular the Phys.Ed dept. which has accommodated their timetable organisation to help support our programme. • To Dominion Salt (Matt Ford) for donating 60 pallets to use for the 'raised seating' in the hall for our 2010 Kidsfest productions.

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Swimming Carnival

(by Kaylie and Grace - Room 5)
On Thursday the 11 March the 'Senior School' competed in a swimming carnival where students had to participate in 3 events. It was a sunny day, with not a cloud in sight. We were competing against each other and against each others house. Every time you raced an event, your house got a point. All the houses got points over one hundred. It was extremely exciting for everyone especially for the red house because they won! Everyone was nervous but we all gave it our best effort. Thank you to all the Teachers for organising the carnival.

Mt.Cluster Swimming Championships

Omanu swimmers were in excellent form at last weeks Mt.Cluster Sports. Danielle Spreadborough and Jack Ellis made clean sweeps winning all of their races. Y6 pupil Kaylie Hansen was placed in all her 6 events. Other successful swimmers who will represent Mt. Cluster at this weeks WBOP Swimming Champs are Grace Elisara, Ryan Anderson, Carla Reid, Lachlan Farron, and Max Salmon. Our Yr 5 relay team of Ryan Anderson, Felix Hume, Grace Elisare and Ella Pollock were placed 1st. The Yr 6 relay of Lydia Farrell, Carla Reid, Lachlan Farron, Max Salmon were second. Our championship relay team of Danielle SSpreakborough, Jack Ellis, Kaylen Hansen and Coby Miln won convincingly.

REMINDER -Teacher Only Day
Thursday April 1 (all Teachers will be attending a professional development day). The last day of school this term for children will be next WEDNESDAY March 31. Term 2 commences on MONDAY April 19.

Enviro School Programme

As part of our "Enviro schools programme" we have 'adopted' a part of our local coastline. Various classes have had the opportunity to find out how to separate spinnifex seed heads and identify viable seeds. The children have planted these and are now going to nurture them for the next 18 months. Hopefully they will then have enough plants to support our own special part of the dunes. A 'planting shed' is planned to be built to keep the seedlings safe.

2010 School Donation

Payment will be asked for at the beginning of next Term. This has been delayed due to the range of \$ 'requests' that have been made at the beginning of the year e.g. Stationery, Photos, Senior Camp fees. We appreciate how budgets can be stretched. Your Board of Trustees has continued to maintain this request at a much lower rate compared to most other schools (\$50, first child, \$25 2nd child, and \$15 3rd child.) The support you give in this way is appreciated and details of how your contributions are spend by the school will be outlined in the letter to you - as well as payment 'options'. A receipt (which can be used for tax returns) will be issued.

Religious Education

Friday morning classes 9.00 am. to 9.30 am. for Terms 1, 2, have commenced for Years 4,5,6, children. Classes are taken by volunteers from various local church groups and programmes are Interdenominational and follow a prescribed format. Instructors have completed or are completing an accreditation course. The co-ordinator is Lynn Carter.



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School Photos

Photolife who took our photos last week have advised that they should be available in the first week of Term 2. They will be sent home to you as soon as they arrive.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

1. Global Fitness- ph. 5750470 Omanu Primary is proud to announce that we are partnering up with Global Fitness. This means that anyone who joins Global Fitness on a 6 month or more membership and mentions Omanu Primary as a reference will pay no joining fee and Omanu Primary will receive a \$50 donation. This is a great opportunity for Omanu Primary so we hope you will get in vbehind this very generous offer when you, friends, and or family consider joining a gym.(the deal excludes student membership)
2. Music lessons. Any families interested in enrolling children in music lessons at Omanu school, please contact Technics Music Academy. You can choose from Keyboard or Ukulele.Lessons are held before school starts.Phone.Kiyono on 5770-450.
3. Wanted to rent: 2/3 b/room house or apartment in the Mount area. Please contact Annette Barnett on 5750-639.
4. Swimtec Swim school - Easter holiday block course. Ph. 5420239.
5. Holiday Art & Fun- April 12-16 at St.Mary's centre.Bookings on 5759-945.
6. Dance classes: New hip-hop with Continuum Dance. Register with Amanda 5752-911.
7. Learn to Pony Ride. in the holidays. Ph. 5441-899
8. Term 2 Childrens Dance class: Super Dance Centre 8-12 years.Latin American, Rock & Roll, Ballroom.Ph. 5746568
9. Sport Bay of Plenty Water Polo holiday development Camp and Tournaments for under 12's. April 6, 7, phone. 5780-016
- 10.YMCA Holiday programme 6-16 April. Ph. 5789-272 to enrol.
- 11.Ezy Rider- school holiday Horse Riding from April 12 - 16th. Matapihi Road.PhMarty 5758-222 or 027 2089 881