

Omanu School Newsletter



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

Principal's Chat

Term 2 is off to a flying start. Our 150 Yr 5/6 students are off on camp to Tui Ridge, Rotorua next week. This is a great experience. It does take a lot of organisation and preparation and we are grateful to the teachers and parents who are giving their time to make this happen for children. We are all aware of the importance of the safety factors that have to be in place for activities like this to be approved and the responsibility this brings. We are also very conscious of the costs involved and we have regularly applied for Grants to help with these expenses for parents. On this occasion we are again grateful to the NZ Community Trust/Pub Charity which has approved a \$6,000 Grant to contribute to the costs.

'Education Outside the Classroom' provides valuable learning experiences for children across the school and we endeavour to plan for these on a regular basis.

Rex Allott
Principal

Term 2 Calendar

- April 21 - ANZAC ceremony - 9am Hall
 - April 26 - School Camp this week
 - May 2 - Firewood Cutting Fundraiser Day
 - May 4 - Omanu School Support Group Meeting - Staffroom 7pm
 - May 19 - Meeting for New Entrant Parents 2pm Staffroom
 - May 20 - School Disco night
 - June 7 - Queen's Birthday holiday
 - July 2 - End of School Term
- (a bit thin at the moment, but it will fill up!)

*Please note:- Midyear Interviews to Report Student Progress and Achievement will be held early in Term 3.

Meetings

- Board of Trustees: May 20, June 24
- Omanu School Support Group: Tues May 4, 7pm
- Whanau Support Group: Wed June 16, 2pm

School Sharing Assemblies

(Fridays 11.50am - 12.30pm)

- May 7, Yr 4 Celebration
- May 21, Yr 1 Celebration
- June 4, Yr 3 Celebration
- June 18, Yr 5/6 Celebration

School Newsletters

This Term they are scheduled for:- Thursdays
April 22, May 13, May 27, June 10, June 24

Welcome to Omanu School

12 new children enrolled at Omanu this week. We welcome Hannah & Brooke Watson, Amelie Brady, Samuel Dryden, Jared Jacobs, Maia Fleming, Jack & Hannah Miller, Brayden & Connor Hathaway-Farrelly, Aleisha Cooper and Benjamin Lindsey, and their families.

Staffing

Debra Fielden has been appointed the position of Office Manager, at the 'front of our house'. Please note that the Office Hours are 8.15 - 3.15 daily. Gaye Del la Varis is the Administration Assistant. Her duties include supporting the role of the Office Manager and Administrative Support for teaching staff. Her hours are from 8.30 - 1.30 daily. Julie Thomas who has recommenced work at Omanu as a Classroom Teacher Aide.

Thank you

To Mount New World for their generous sponsorship of the Professional Development Teacher Only Day held at the end of last Term. We receive a lot of support from this business throughout the school year, supporting the education of children at Omanu. Also thanks - a great morning tea 'shout' last Term from Sung Hee!

Winter Sports Teams

There are lots of opportunities for children to become involved. Don't forget - with so much on - there may have to be choices made if the children - and families - do not want to over commit themselves timewise. The dishes still have to be done around Gym, Jump Jam, Dance, Choir, Music, Sports teams etc etc!!! Many thanks to the following who have made themselves available to coach/manage school teams this season.

Netball

Yr 6 Coaches Kay Josephs
Kathy Morrison
Manager Pam Warnes
Brenda Dye
Yr 5 Coach Antoinette Smith
Manager Sara Travers
Yr 4 Coach Natalie Clarke
Manager Michelle Thompson

Hockey

Shooters:
Coach Geoff Owens
Manager Sally Cox
Strikers:
Coach Jan Reid
Manager Nicola Wearne
Mustangs:
Coach Colleen Kiddie
Manager Susan Christie
Basketball/Miniball
Paul Salmon
Leanne Blackwell
Leonie Wiggins

Winter chills and ills?!!

Term 2 is Term in which we are 'hit' by colder, wetter weather. Coughs and colds do the rounds. Classrooms are great breeding grounds for the bugs. If children are clearly unwell, it is best to keep them home until they are healthy and ready to come back to school. We appreciate the difficulties associated with this when there are work commitments - but we only have one bed in our emergency ward!!

Change of Address

Emergency contacts, phone numbers (home and mobile) and email addresses? You will understand the need to keep our office up to date with these details, especially if we need to contact you urgently. Please inform us of any changes.

Whanau Support Group

Attached to this Newsletter is a report from the meeting held at the end of last Term. Please note the ways in which you might be able to support your school in developing the ideas the Whanau Group have discussed.

Heat Pumps??

Smartsparx Electrical along with Fujitsu heat pumps have put together a promotion for schools across New Zealand. Thinking of warming up?? Read the attached pamphlet and give them a call. Taking up their offer could result in the School getting a heat pump or two. (The Principal's office is not in the loop!)

ANZAC Ceremony

Yesterday we had our annual ANZAC Ceremony with guests from the Mount RSA. Congratulations to our senior students Mack Petrie, Catherine Sutton and Jack Beaumont who took part in this ceremony.

School Donations

A request for these will be forwarded to families shortly. Thankyou in anticipation for helping your school in this way. Details as to how your donation is used in 2010 accompany the request. Your Board of Trustees continues to keep this request at a comparatively low level. Donations will be receipted for you. Please ensure you obtain this.



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School Photos

We've been told they should be back within the next week. They will be forwarded as soon as they arrive.

'Move to Learn' Programme

Rms 10,11,12 & 13 will be doing this programme during Wks 3 to 6 on Mondays and Wednesdays 9 - 10.30. Please see Mrs Ward Rm10 if you are able to assist.

Omanu School 'Snowsports Team'

A meeting will be held Monday 10 May at 7pm in the Staffroom for interested families to discuss forming an Omanu School ski team to take part in the North Island Primary Schools Championships at Ruapehu. For information Ph Broni 574 5528 or Jan 574 8011.

Chocolate Fundraiser

Yahoo it's that time again - a chance to 'pad out' for winter. Notices will be coming home tomorrow. Get your order in by April 30.

And now to an Annual Request about Roadsafety around the school!!!

Baptist Church parking - the Church is happy for the car park to be used. But, PLEASE for safety reasons watch your speed and follow the directional arrows. It would be appreciated if you did not park on the grassed area in Ranch Rd.

Community Notices

- After school care service available. Contact Juliet Little Ph 027 8190735 or 027 420794740 for details.
- Wanted After school care until 5.30 weekly Ph 575 5358 or Text 027 4207947
- Continuum Dance: Hip Hop classes Ph 575 2911
- NZ Sign Language Week: May 2 -8. Fun Day 8 May 11 - 2 Historic Village
- Synchronised Swimming: 10 to 16 year old girls. Baywave 2.30pm (May) Ph 07 4484105 for details
- Rhythm Kids
Creative dance & movement classes for boys and girls aged 2 - 8 Ph 578 8780 for details

Congratulations Shey Verster who won the Under 7 section of the Rip Curl Easter Colouring Competition.