

Omanu School Newsletter



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

Board of Trustee Elections

A reminder that voting closes tomorrow (Friday May 7, 12.30pm). All postal votes must be sent tomorrow. Alternatively you can place your ballot form in the box located in the foyer at school.

School Support Group

20 attended the Term 2 meeting held last night. This level of support for our school is very gratifying. Lots of ideas were tossed around as to how we can continue to involve our community in our school and some of these will be actioned as the year progresses.

The Firewood ‘Chop, Split and Deliver’

This project has again been very successful with \$5000 raised for the schools Visual Art Centre Project. Our special thanks to Tony and Broni Blewitt for the many hours spent organising this, and to the great team of over 40 parents who helped out over the weekend. We would like to acknowledge the following: Mount Golf Club; Hire Quip, Mt Maunganui (Brian Scrivener); Hire Pool, Mt Maunganui; Maleme Coolstores (Andrew Wiggins); Omanu School Support Group parents (food to keep up the energy levels). The good news is the Golf Club has 30 more trees to get rid of - but right now that’s another story!!



Meeting for Interested Parents

Calling all families interested in an Omanu School “snow sports team”. Meeting in the school staffroom Monday May 10. There will be an open discussion with a view to forming an Omanu School Ski and Boarding team to attend the North Island School Ski Champs. (maybe not 2010, but 2011). *Interested Boarding families please attend* as we are persuading what is available for boarders as well.

Contacts: Broni 574 5528 or Jan 574 8011

“SOS Samoa” Project

Last year Omanu School was involved in a fundraising effort to assist Satitua School in Samoa after the tsunami. We have had an ongoing communication with the school principal and are pleased to hear the new school site has been cleared and the building of much improved school buildings is due to start soon. Recently we received the following message from Associate Professor Regan Potangaroa from the UNITEC School of Architecture.

“Hi, I think we came across your container prominently placed in Satitua where we have been researching post disaster reconstruction. It was refreshing to see it and perhaps one day some of your students will be part of future research teams and come across such ‘refreshing’ evidence of teaching humanity. Regards, Regan”

Congratulations

To our lucky ‘Savers’. The credit Union North Lucky Monthly draw has been won by Phoebe Soulsby, Hunter Dickson, Jack Beaumont, Jessie Grant - all win \$5 each. Don’t forget - good saving habits start young! Children can join up with the Credit Union banking scheme. Forms available from the school library every Wednesday morning.

Camp 2010

All 160 of our Year 5/6 children have returned safe and well from their camp at Tui Ridge, Rotorua. So have the staff and helpers!! They obviously had a great time and responded positively and successfully to the many challenges they were set - whether tackling the high ropes and abseiling - or not losing too many pairs of socks!

Congratulations to everyone on planning, organising and supporting a great learning experience.

Omanu Primary KiwiTag

A great big thank you to all the children who took part in the KiwiTag Module held in Term 1 at Grenada Park each Tuesday. We entered 2 teams, Omanu Dragons and Omanu Tigers, with Omanu Tigers taking 2nd place in an exciting golden point finals match. Well done to everyone. Congratulations to Coby Miln who earned Most Outstanding KiwiTag player. Thanks to Phill Oakley and special thanks to Jules Walker, who organised this activity for our Omanu children. Flynn Kelly, Liam McFarlane, Tiare Saxton, Jaycob Murphy, Navarone Walker, Melino Fotu, Mac Parker, Caleb Muir, Jayden Rawiri, Tyrese Tukaokao, Gaige Oakley, Oliver Strauss, Raiha Ensor, Olini Fa'au, Boweyn Franks, Darcy Adams, Jasmin Collier, Regan Stephens, James Hobdell.

Disco Disco Disco

The Matariki disco is coming up again. Mark **Thursday, May 20** on the calendar.

Yr1-3 Disco 5.30 - 6.30

Yr 4-6 Disco 6.45 - 8.15

Gold coin donation for entry. Sausage Sizzle, Drinks, Glow Sticks for sale. Spot Prizes. Disco notice/consent will come home next week.

Chocolate Sales

Order forms have been sent out to you. Please return return these to the box in the Office Foyer - now!! Replacement order forms are available from the Office. Great Spot Prizes to be won from people participating in this School Support Group promotion - and great chocolate for Mum and Dad's workplace!!

We are sending away for our bulk order on Monday - so get yourself into gear.

Our School Library

This is a great learning resource for our school, built up over the years with the help of your donations. To maintain it like this children need to follow some clear, basic rules. The books that children take out on loan

- need to be looked after (wear and tear accepted!)
- need to be returned on time (currently there are **50** "over due"
- have to be replaced if lost. To this effect we request a contribution to payment if this happens.

Our library runs like any other library. Teachers reinforce with children these requirements and we ask parents to help out with this request. The cost of books is not going down - like most other things! At an average of \$20 each it mounts up. It is not acceptable to "lose" 50 books through the year and the replacement costs this entails. Thank you for helping us out with this little matter.

(Eileen Dowdell/Barbara Laing)

Technics Music Academy

Group keyboard/ukelele lessons are offered after school here at Omanu (numbers permitting). See Celia Ward Rm 10 for contact information.

Community Notices

Chipmunks - After school care now available to pick children up from Omanu School. Playtime, afternoon tea and homework supervision all provided. Closing time 5.30pm Please contact us for booking forms or more information Ph (07) 579 4840 or tauranga@chipmunks.co.nz

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