

Omanu School Newsletter



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

Principal's Chat

National Standards

(in Reading, Writing, Mathematics) for Yr 1-8 students have been developed by the Government. The teaching staff have been undertaking professional development to determine how our school can use the information we have about children's learning in these areas, to make valid judgements about where each individual sits in relation to these 'standards'

- after 1,2,3 years at school
- at the end of Yrs 4,5,6

This year we will be 'trailing' some new approaches to reporting student achievement to parents/caregivers.

To do this (in "plain English") it is important that parents have an understanding of what these standards 'look like' and how teachers will be reporting these to you.

Next Wednesday, June 2nd, we will provide an opportunity for parents to learn about these standards and contribute opinion about how we might best report students progress. You can choose to attend either session.

Parent 'National Standards' Information Meeting

Venue: School Staffroom

Time: Meeting 1 1.45pm - 2.30pm

Meeting 2 7.00pm - 8.00pm

* A reminder that Mid-year Interviews/Reporting this year will take place in Wks 2/3 of Term 3.

Chocolate Sales

Thanks to those families who have taken on the Chocolate Sales challenge. With the cold/wet winter nights and days settling in for a while there shouldn't be too much trouble selling them. This School Support Group fundraiser concludes Monday May 31. Please return any money or unsold chocolates to the library each morning. Money raised will be used to provide equipment and furniture for our new Visual Arts Centre.

Thank You

To the Mount/Papamoa Rotary for donating 65 dictionaries to our school. This project has been funded to support the education of children in our community. These have been made available to our Yr 5 students.

This is a great gesture from our local Service Group.

Well Done!!

Hayley Thomas (Rm 6) a finalist in the Bay of Plenty Times/TVNZ Heartland competition in which she wrote a letter about why the Mount was such a special place. She won a \$50 prize pack. Good luck for the final Hayley. Well done to all the other children who entered this writing competition.

Weetbix Tryathlon competitors. Mr Hefferen and parents organised the practices and entries. Congratulations to the **42** children who competed in this event.

Coming Up?

- The Yr 3 Hangi event has been postponed until next Thursday June 3. Hopefully the weather will be right for this syndicate study activity.
- Our Senior School Cross Country event is on June 18. (Trials have already been run for the Omanu team to compete in the Mt Cluster Cross Country next Monday, May 31.
- Our Fresh Moves Dance Team has been hard at work putting together their presentation. They perform at Baycourt on Wednesday, June 9.
- Next Board of Trustees Meeting, June 24.

Celebration Assemblies

A great assembly by the Yr 1 children last Thursday, sharing lots of their learning and music with the rest of the school and many parents who turned up. Our next 'Celebration Assembly' is on Friday, June 4 when our Yr 3 classes will celebrate some of their work with us.

Jump Jam for Heart Kids

Tomorrow Friday May 28 at 10am
Each year many organisations ask the schools to help sponsor charitable ventures. Because of this we have to choose one or two each year. As we have 'heartkids' currently enrolled at our school we have chosen to again support this organisation. A voluntary gold coin donation can be made by children on Friday as they take part in the whole school Jump Jam display on the courts (weather permitting!!)

School Donations - 2010

These have now been sent to all families. Thank you for forwarding these to school. They will be receipted so please expect to receive these. Please contact our school office if you have any queries.

Kaimai Challenge

Omanu v Greenpark

Unfortunately Greenpark School was unable to field a team this year, resulting in a sleep in for our staff team a couple of Sundays ago!! We retain the trophy and will stay in training (mostly!) for next years event!!

**DON'T FORGET
QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
MONDAY, JUNE 7**

Omanu School Snow Sports Team

We had 11 families attend our meeting. Our team will attend 2 coach training days - late July and mid August. The first day will be to assess the teams ability to enter the Nth Island Primary School Ski Champs in September. Any keen skiers/borders welcome.

Contact Jan Ph 574 8011 or Broni Ph 574 5528

Kia Ora!!

We want to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the children, parents and staff who made the Matariki Disco a fabulous success. The funds raised will go towards costumes for the Kapahaka Group - look out for performances from them later in the year. Special thanks to: Our fabulous DJ's; all the Mums and Dads who helped; school staff; Rms 1, 8 & 20 for their beautiful stars; Mount New World; Bayprime; Mount Surf Shop; Bees +

Rugby Goal Posts

With the World Cup next year it looks like we need to get a lot of practice in! Thanks to the donation of time and materials by Robert Page Engineering (Kevin O'Dey) we now have another set of goal posts. Shots at goal can now be taken from both ends. Watch out Daniel Carter.

Community Notices

Credit Union bankers - Lucky winners (\$% to bank) for April: Gabrielle Salmon, Will Fraser, Amber Daisley, Carter Swan. Happy banking.

YMCA Winter Holiday Programme

July 5-16 Ph 578 9272 Ext 700

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Gwen Rogers Kindy

Our 'famous' cookbook will be on sale at the Macville carpark gate on Mon, Tues and Wed next week from 2.30pm.

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