



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter



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Tena Kotou/Greetings

## Coming events:

Tonight	Family Fun night (5-7pm)
Monday 20 February	BOT meeting
Wednesday 1 March	Senior swimming competition
	3 way goal setting conferences (Yr 4-8)
Thursday 2 March	Junior swimming competition
	3 way goal setting conferences (Yr 4-8)
Friday 3 March	Senior swimming (Back up)
Wednesday 15 March	Waimarino swimming sports
Thursday 16 March	Vision/Hearing testing
Tuesday 28 March	Yr 7/8 Immunisation talk 1pm
Friday 7 April	Athletics
Tuesday 11 April	Athletics (Back up)
Thursday 13 April	Last day of term 1

## Welcome back to 2017

I have the privilege of being appointed to the position of Principal at our fantastic school and I am so thrilled to be part of the Ohakune community. I was sincerely moved at the Powhiri on Wednesday as our fantastic school, community and Iwi welcomed myself and our new students. Thank you to everyone, the students sung beautifully and with such pride for our school. They are truly a gift to us all.

I was born and raised in Whanganui but only after a short time, Ohakune already feels like home.

I have begun my journey at Ohakune Primary School this year after 17 years at my previous school Whanganui Intermediate and I am very fortunate to be working alongside such exceptional, caring teachers, support staff, BOT and our wonderful tamariki. We are very lucky in our community to have such outstanding educators and children with such spirit.

It is my educational belief that we need to provide an environment that supports and nurtures our young people and in doing so they will be happy, safe and achieve at their potential. What an environment to do so with our maunga standing beside us.

I am married with four exceptional children and we have just been blessed with our first grandchild. I love spending time with my whanau and friends, travelling and I look forward to contributing to such a fantastic community. Mountain Biking has fast become my new hobby.

Learning is life-long and supporting others is at my core. I look forward to welcoming you to our school and involving my family in all our we can in our wonderful place.

## Staff for 2017

We welcome all our staff back for a wonderful year and especially welcome from Auckland, Hilary Mathieson who brings to our school 20 year of junior experience. We have started the year with very healthy numbers in the new entrant class and as a result and to keep numbers down, the Board of Trustees have agreed to fund an extra staff member.

NE / Year 1	Room 9	Suzi Couch/ Hilary Mathieson
Year 2	Room 11	Marie Milne (Mon-Wed) Vanessa Murphy (Thurs/Fri)
Year 2/3	Room 12	Aimee Aislabie
Year 3	Room 14	Cody Stewart
Year 4/5	Room 8	Mary Macdonald
Year 5/6	Room 7	Bridget Heffernan
Year 7/8	S Block	Rose Martin/ Alison Whale
Technology		Jude Hotter Steve Foster

Office	Donna Summerhays Michelle Fredericksen
Caretaker	Steve Foster

Support Staff	Jude Calder (Librarian) Jane Parker Ros Barlow Leanne Sherratt
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Cleaners	Ritzi Drayton Teati Cleary
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## Family Fun Night

Tonight is our first community event and we warmly welcome you to school to participate in a fun evening of games. Bring a picnic and the kids. There will be a free sausage sizzle and plenty for the children to do. It will also be a great opportunity to meet the staff and if your child is in Years 4-8, book in for the upcoming 3-way goal setting conferences. If your child is in Years 1-3 your child's teacher will be in contact around the anniversary of their school start date.

## Assembly

Assemblies will be held every fortnight on Friday, hosted by each class taking a turn. This week the staff are hosting assembly and that will be loads of fun. You are more than welcome to join us in the hall at 2pm. On the alternate weeks we will be whole school singing.

## School Hats

This term is one of our Summer terms and means we all need to be wearing hats. **For us to meet the criteria of being a SunSmart School and to keep children safe, all children need to be wearing the school hat.** This can be purchased from the front office for \$14.

Any child not wearing a school hat, will be asked to play either under the shade sails on the playground or under the 'Umbrella' tree in front of the office block.

This is part of our school uniform - please support the wearing of school hats from home. We want our children to be sunsmart.

### **Buses**

Could the areas designated for buses please be kept clear at all times. This is a plea from the bus drivers and we also need to consider the safety of our students. Your help will be appreciated.

### **Amazing classwork**

Room 12 have been exploring Science and were having loads of fun. Here is a picture of the experiment they were enjoying. They were making links in their writing and explored what happened when they added detergent into milk and food colouring.



### **3-way conferences and goal setting**

These conferences will be held in Week 5 (Wednesday March 1 and Thursday March 2) for our Years 4-8 learners to focus on setting goals. The purpose is to identify the learning pathway and individual goals for 2017. The 3-way conferences are for the child, parent and teacher to work together to set appropriate goals for the learner. These will be held from 3pm to approximately 7.30pm and bookings can be made at the family fun night tonight.

### **Self-defence classes**

Darren Corowa will be offering self-defence classes to our students, which are targeted to improve strength, balance, focus, self-awareness and confidence. If interested in these classes for your child please call Darren 021 588 415. Days: Monday/Thursday Time: 3.15pm

Cost: \$5 per class (first 2 sessions are free)

### **Thank you**

A big thank you to Bruce at Go Bus for the use of the bus to transport our students to swimming everyday. Thank you also to Jane for driving us. We really appreciate your support.



### **Value of the Week: Participation**

Our staff are encouraging our learners to participate in everything they do and to encourage to participate. This is a goal of our senior school, to support and help our younger ones.

**Lisa Clark - Principal**





