



Newsletter

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19 February Number 4
Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

Wednesday 19 February

Saturday 22 February

Wednesday 26 February

Thursday 27 February

Friday 28 February

Tuesday 3 March

Tuesday 10 March

Thursday 12 March

Tuesday 17 March

Wednesday 18 March

Thursday 19 March

Netball Coaches "Coaching session"

Ruapehu Express

Senior Swimming Sports

Senior Sports postponement day

Junior Swimming Celebrations

Junior Swimming Celebrations postponement day

Marae Visit (10am) Junior School

Interschool Swimming. Waiouru

Whole School Athletics

Weetbix Triathlon

Athletics Postponement day

Principal's Message

I hope this newsletter finds you all well, it is hard to believe we are creeping very quickly to the mid-point of term 1. Last week we celebrated learning with our first morning tea with the principal recipients. Each week on a Friday, I have the privilege of hosting our wonderful tamariki who have been nominated by their teachers for a wee treat. It is a great time for our learners to share their celebrations in learning and a chance for them to meet other new children across the school. We have also been focusing on showing kindness and manaakitanga to each other. This week is Random Acts of Kindness week. We are hopeful that our children will show this at home also. We encourage you to discuss and notice this at home too.

Swimming Celebrations

Our children are making good progress in their swimming lessons and shortly we will be celebrating the efforts of all their learning. Next week we will be holding two events at the Ohakune pools starting with our senior swimming sports on **Wednesday 24 February** and on **Friday 28 February** our junior celebrations. On both days the children will be walking down to the pools. We look forward to you all joining us with a picnic lunch. The PTA will be selling sausages and moosie/juices as their first fundraiser of the year. If the weather forces us to use our postponement days these will be Thursday for the seniors and Monday for the juniors.

Goal setting

We are well underway with learning and our tamariki have spent time with their teachers setting goals around their learning. We will be holding our goal setting evening on Tuesday 25 February at 5.30pm starting with class meetings followed by the option of speaking with your child's teacher individually. We hope you are able to attend to share in your child's learning journey.

Snow-sports

The pricing for the upcoming season in Term 3 is as follows:

\$79 season Pass (paid at RAL office)

\$22 per session (x4) paid at school - rental and lesson

\$5 - snow card fee if you have lost pass from last year.

*Please note that when purchasing a season pass, the parent/guardian needs to mention the school name, first and last name of student. If a child has an existing pass from 2019, kindly have that in hand when making the purchase so RAL staff can reload the pass. This deal closes on **30 April 2020**.

Please also note there will be no chocolate sales this year to support the schools snow-sports programme.

Specialist Programmes

We welcome back for the new year our Technology teachers Mrs Jude Hotter and Miss Liva Ozola. Mrs Hotter teaches Food Technology and Soft Materials and Miss Ozola teaches Hard Materials. We will be starting the programme with our Year 8 learners on Tuesdays for thirteen weeks, they will need covered shoes on this day.

Morning Tea with the Principal Week 3

Jack MacLean, JJ Sirett, Raukura Hansen, Hone Buckingham, Freddy Carter, Makita Boon, Lance Chapman and Jessica Gamble



We are also the local technology provider for the other schools in the community and enjoy these tamariki joining us at OPS. There will be an annual fee of \$60 for the year (3 terms) for the materials needed in Technology. This is payable at the office. Thank you.

Morning Tea with the Principal Week 4

Room 7: Bodie Deadman
Room 8: Colton Deadman
Room 9: Bear Soverel

Room 10: Lucas Mareikura
Room 11: Marley Evans
Room 12: Wilson Chambers

Room 14: Aria Ashby
S Block: Hayley Moore, Simeon Taura-Hawira
and Charlie Whitehead

Senior Swimming Timetable

General information for the day as follows:

- 10.00 Short Break – toilet, sun smart, snack
- 10.15 Gather on asphalt outside Rm 9 ready to walk to the pools.
- 11:00. Begin racing with large pool, non-championship width races.
- 11:40 House relays.
- 12:00 1 length championship races.
- 1:15 Championship events continued, medley's & 2 length events.
- 2:00 Yr 8 vs Ambassador vs House Captains vs Adults relay.
- 2:15 Clear pools and head back to school.

B.B.Q Sausages, Moosies and Juicies will be on sale at \$2 each



Junior Swimming Carnival FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY 10:30am - 2:00pm

We will be leaving school at 10:20am.

It would be great to have some whānau helpers meet us for the walk down to the pools.



SHOWCASES !

11.00am - Room 6/7

11.15am - Room 8

11.30am - Room 9

11.45am - Room 10

12.00pm - Room 11

PTA BBQ!
SAUSAGES,
MOOSIES &
JUICIES - \$2 EACH

Enviro Report Weeks 1-4

Over the past few weeks our enviro leaders have watered our remaining plants and weeded the hot house and gardens. We have harvested the vegetables that grew over the holidays and have more to come. We are planning our next planting hopefully to harvest in autumn.

It seems as though our worms have eaten all of the food from last year!! They have all survived the boiling summer so we will continue to feed them and collect worm wee for our gardens.

We are beginning vision maps for the school. We would like everyone to have a say and put forward their ideas, so this will be followed up in classrooms. If you would like to add to this map and have some great ideas for our school please let us know, either at the office or pop in and see Suzi Couch. This will be on display in the hall.

Room 14 and Mr Allen will be learning about pests and help our school to become a predator free environment over the year with support from Horizons.

We are looking forward to supporting our school to make sustainable and Environmentally friendly changes. After gaining our Bronze Award last term we will begin working towards our Silver Award.

We meet in Room 5 on Tuesdays and every second Friday at 2pm, if you would like to join us or come along and find out what we are doing you are most welcome. **Rose Soverel**



Young Leaders at Ohakune Primary School

Introducing the House Captains for **Miro House**

Rose Soverel (below)



I like sports especially athletics and softball, netball and rugby. I want to help little kids to do sports they haven't done before.

I think it would be really cool for our house to win the Swimming Sports with the most points- I've entered every race I can!

Yoko Story (right)

I enjoy softball and playing soccer.

I would love it if Miro won the House Cup at the end of this year or even winning one of the Term House Challenges would be great!

I want to be a good leader so our house is always on top!



Introducing School Leaders- Ambassadors 2020

Alysha Rhodes

My role is to assist younger children in the playground.

I am part of the team taking Ambassador Sport and alongside Izy, this week we will be running Longball on Friday.

I think my strengths are that I am kind and helpful. I like to help out both at school and at home. I am quite quiet but I like to get the job done.

I have been a member of the Enviro School team and enjoyed contributing to making a change.

When I leave OPS, I would expect people to say... "Alysha was a leader who showed the way by doing!"



3 Km Fun Run Saturday 22 Feb

It's a great FREE event for the local kids to experience what a race feels like and to cross a big finish line, this would also be a great practice event for those kids who are going to participate in the Iron Kid or Weetbix Tri in coming months.



3KM FUN RUN

SAT 22 FEB
2020
'Run Free'

Introducing the 2020 Camelbak Ruapehu Express 'FUN RUN'.

This is a short distance fun event open to anyone to run or walk. The trail winds through beautiful native bush alongside the crystal clear Mangawhero river. It is safe, fun, achievable and you get to be part of the big event, so why not give it a go?

DATE: Saturday 22 February 2020.
TIMES: 11:30am Race Briefing.
12:00pm Race Start.

LOCATION: Please gather at outside the Powderkeg, Thames St, Ohakune at 11:30 for a briefing then a short walk to the start line on Ohakune Mountain Road opposite Ngāti Rangī offices.

COURSE: Mangawhero Forest Trail loop track. Start and finish at the Junction, Ohakune right outside the Powderkeg. Note that we have traffic management set up on the Ohakune Mountain Road that ensures the safety of runners.

OPEN TO: Anyone who can run or walk. Children 8 years or under on the event day must be accompanied by an adult.

COST: Free of charge.

WHAT YOU GET: A safe run or walk, race number, official race time, be part of the big event.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING: Appropriate footwear.

Netball 2020 Term 1

Day: Wednesday
Time: 3-3.45pm
Where: At school

Starts: Wednesday 04 March 2019

How long: 6 sessions. Last one on 08 April 2020.

How to sign up: Add your name to the list in the office.

PARENTS: We would appreciate parent help due to the number of children who have expressed interest. All information will be provided. Coaching workshop with Irene Van Dyke is scheduled for today for parents who will be involved. Please contact Leba on 0211787228 for more information.



Caught On Camera



Casey Shields, Jessie Harding, Eva Hovelle and Mila Piotto were caught on camera this week working on their learning during break time.



Value for the week Respect

This week we are focusing on the school value of RESPECT. We are supporting our learners to show this to each other and staff, their learning and our wonderful environment.

Lisa Clark
Principal