



Onerahi Primary School

Newsletter



22 February 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Tena koutou katoa
Nimen Hao

Welcome back to the new year, it has been great to see people from our community making connections with each other in the playground before and after school. A strength of our school is that these relationships allow us to work towards our common goal, success for all students.

Onerahi Primary School provides a safe environment for children to learn in. With the increased roll growth, the areas at the front of the school have become busier during drop off and pick up times. Our student road patrollers require a clear line of sight to perform their duties. Please be aware of the yellow no parking lines and be mindful of other drivers who are also trying to collect their children.

Teachers have been enjoying meeting with Whanau over these last few weeks. If you haven't had a chance yet to meet the teacher, there is no better time than now to build this relationship. Your input is crucial to your child's success.

Many exciting things are happening this term. Children are building towards the Year 6 camp in Auckland, swimming sports, trips to the Waimahanga Track and to participate in a Ki o Rahi tournament, to name but a few. As always we appreciate the support you provide in making these events successful.

Classrooms and Teacher Placements 2018

Principal	Gerald Koberstein
Deputy Principals	AnnMaree MacGregor Danny Hamilton
Associate Principal	Matt Dennis
Maths Specialist Teacher	Donna Broughton
Administrator	Ann-Marie Wilson
Receptionist	Carol Luiten
Resource Manager	Rosie Drummond
Administration Support	Carla Dixon-West
Property Manager	Mike Dent

<u>Room</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
1	Y1	Ros Luke
2	Y3	Sue Carppe
3	Y4/5	Tim Osborne
4	Y6	Kim Te'o
5	Y4	Leon Candy
6	Y5/6	Meredith McInnes
7	Y4	Monique Fisher
8	Y2/3	Debbie Sayer
9	Y2/3	Chloe Peter
10	Y1	Liz Crutcher
11	Y5	Jade Grant
12	Y3	Bev Haigh
13	Y6	Jess Buhr
14	Y2	Elly McInnes

15	Y1	Clare Spicer
16	Y2	Nadine McTaggart
17	Y6	Miriam Burgess
18	Y3	Gareth Blithe
19	Y4	Ella Hollows
20	Y2	Melany Oliver
21	Y5	Jennie Campbell
Release		Henry Beattie
Mandarin Language Assistant		Zhang Meng
Reading Recovery		Tania Green Susan Raymond

Support Staff/Teacher Aids

Liz Moon, Shan Morris, Wendy Jeffery, Viv Watkins, Anna Duval-Petersen, Heather Francis, Sarah Hall, Meg Baker, Hannah He, Zarrin Vaughan, Joke Reek, Amanda Reid, Cherie Kewene-Edmonds

Swimming

We have a beautiful school pool to enable us to focus on swimming and water safety skills. We are delighted to have two trained swim instructors, Joke Reek and Sarah Hall, who support class lessons.

All children should be bringing their togs to school on their swimming days, even when it is raining. We will cancel swimming if the weather is too bad. If you have long hair, please remember to have your hair tied up, or have a swimming cap. Also please name goggles.

Swimming Sports

Our annual senior school swimming sports will be held on Wednesday 28 February for all year 5 and 6 children and for those year 4 children who the teachers have contacted parents about.

The approximate times for events are: 9:15 to 11am—all competitive swimming heats.

11:30 to 1:30pm—Any unfinished heats and all non competitive races. If time start competitive finals.

2:00 to 3:00pm—Competitive finals.

We would love to have you join us to support your children with their swimming.

Onerahi School Uniform

It is great to see children at school wearing the correct uniform. A key part of that in term 1 and 4 is a sun hat. The sun can be ferocious and an important skill for our children to develop is how to keep themselves sun safe.

Nits in School

Nits are Nits!! It's a problem, but one that we can manage together. We ask you to please check your children's hair every day, and treat if necessary. If you discover nits, please make sure you treat your child's hair once a week for three weeks. Nit solution is free from your doctor, next time you are there ask for some. If your child has long hair please ensure it is always tied up at school. A very effective way to keep nits at bay is to brush, brush, brush! A swim

cap is also a good idea in the pool.

PTA

The PTA AGM was held on 21 February. Due to several key members having left we are in desperate need of new members

Onerahi Volunteer Fire Station and the Onerahi Football Club Quiz Night

on Saturday 3rd March

at the Onerahi Football club, Church Street. Starting at 7pm.

Make a team and secure your table of 8 now

Table of 8 costs \$200.00

Entry includes table nibbles throughout the evening. Bar is open, prizes and raffles throughout the evening.

Get in quick—only 16 tables available.

Contact Brian on 021930951

This is a fundraiser for
Leukaemia & Blood Cancer New Zealand
Through the Firefighter Sky Tower Stair Challenge

Do you Want to play Hockey?

Mangapai Hockey are having their hockey rally on SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY and SUNDAY 4th MARCH at Northland Hockey Kensington from 4pm to 5pm. Bring your gear on Sunday 25th February if you are ear 5/6 as we are trialling for those teams this year. Come a long and put your name down if you are keen to play or contact Dianne Sketchley on 021 354224 or email andy.dianne@xtra.co.nz for more details. As we don't have Onerahi Hockey Teams, we play under the umbrella of Mangapai Hockey.



Onerahi Football Club

Registration Day
Saturday 24th February
at Onerahi Football

Clubrooms:

1pm - First Kicks/Fun Footballers

2pm - Juniors and above

Or register online at

<https://mycomet-oceania.analyticom.de/en/NZ/login>



competitive squad please contact corinne at

hannah@fantasticgymnastics.co.nz or visit us at facebook <https://www.facebook.com/fantasticgymnasticsNZ/>

Ta Da Drama and Musical Theatre Classes. Enrol your child in our engaging TaDa Drama or Improv Antics classes or our one-stop shop for Musical Theatre—learn singing, acting, dancing all in one place! Parents reclaim your time! Kids - Love it! Classes in Whangarei and Bream Bay. We have something for everyone, details on our website www.makingascene.co.nz

Table Tennis Northland—Years 5—8. Wednesdays 3.30 to 5.00pm. Beginning Weds 21st February. \$40 per year or \$2 per session. Enquiries to Jessica 0279254538

willing to take on positions to help keep the PTA running. The PTA is a valuable partnership with the teachers at Onerahi Primary School and our support as a group has a direct impact on the our school and children. The PTA is a parent and teacher association and we need you to be part of PTA to strengthen the partnership.

Thank you, Nga mihi, Xiéxié and Fa'afetai tele lava
Gerald Koberstein
Principal

Coming Events

February 28	Onerahi sch senior swimming sports
March 1	Ki o Rahi Tournament
March 2	Rooms 5 & 7 Waimahanga track walk
March 5—8	Year 6 School Camp in Auckland
March 14	WPSSA Swimming Champs
April 12	Northland Swimming Champs

2018 Term Dates

Term 1	Weds 31 January to	Fri 13 April
Term 2	Mon 30 April to	Fri 6 July
Term 3	Mon 23 July to	Fri 28 September
Term 4	Mon 15 October to	Tues 18 December

Statutory Holidays

Waitangi Day—Tues 6 February
Easter—Fri 30 March—Tues 3 April
Queens Birthday—Mon 4 June
Mid Term Break—Mon 27 August—Tues 28 August

Community Notices

- **Skatescool Skate Classes**—Thursdays 3.15pm at Onerahi Hall . All ages and all levels welcome, also at 116 Bank St on Mondays at 3.30pm Technique, levels, games on skates. Check out skatescool.co.nz
- **Extra help for students with dyslexia:** Is your child being well taught but still not making the progress you would expect? Could your child be dyslexic, have a specific learning disability? To discuss this please contact Dyslexia PLUS, provider of both educational assessments and customised 1:1 private tutoring. Phone 09 430 0693 or email admin@dyslexiaplus.org.nz
- **Hello,** My name is David Meredith. I have been teaching guitar at Onerahi Primary for the last three years. If you would like your child to learn the guitar this year, please contact Dave on 0273832633 or 4343459, or email dave.d.meredith@gmail.com. I look forward to starting lessons soon, so if you register your child with me now, this will ensure their placement.
- **Fantastic Gymnastics:** enrolling now for term 1. providing the whangarei heads and onerahi areas with gymnastics for all, from preschoolers to adults, boys and girls, we have classes to suit all ages and abilities including a new tumbling class and adult gym and conditioning for class times and information or to arrange a try out for the

ASB

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$250,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$500

ASB lending criteria and terms apply. Fees may apply. To be eligible for this donation your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between 1 July 2017 and 30 June 2018. A minimum of 20% equity is required in the security property provided to ASB. This home loan offer is only available on loans secured by an owner-occupied residential property. Only one donation will be given per customer. Donations will be made by ASB on behalf of the customer to the chosen school upon full draw down of the new home loan. This offer excludes loans for business purposes and bridging.

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