20 August 2018

*Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau * Tena Koutou Katoa * Niman Hao*

There are lots of opportunities to get together throughout this term and celebrate learning. We recognise the amount of effort that our children put in during their time at school, and the effect that can have on them. We acknowledge this by providing a mid term break. This is an opportunity for the children to recharge. **The break will take place on Monday 27 and Tuesday 28 August, with school reopening on Wednesday 29 August.**

A brief note on the recent Principal and Teacher Strike Day Action held by primary and intermediate schools. The purpose of the strike was to send a strong message to the Government that each student in New Zealand deserves a highly trained and skilled teacher, as well as access to the learning support they need to succeed. We thank you for your support in accommodating this change to the regular routine.

Children's Safety

It is important that we are able to easily contact you or the other emergency contacts listed for your child. There may be a medical emergency or we may need to contact you to clarify pick up details. **We ask that you please update your contact details when you change house or have a new phone number**.
You need to contact the school, if someone is coming to pick up your child up who is not on your contact list. As you know, we have a system that requires an early release form to be filled in and signed when you are picking your held up before 3pm. This is for the safety of all our children, the classroom teachers will not release your child without one of these forms. Please also be aware that we will not arrange for children to be at the office to be picked up, you will need to give yourself enough time to get them from the classroom.

OPS News Flash

Every two weeks a talented group of year 6 students coordinate, film and edit our Onerahi News Flash. Their goal is to find different ways for Onerahi School to celebrate itself and its community. It is a great platform to highlight students, share what is happening around the school and to take a closer look at what makes Onerahi such a special place to be. This will be opened up to our community soon.

Cross Country

Senior Cross Country is taking place this Thursday 23 August for our 8 to 11 year old students. Please note, children do not run based on their school year level, but on their age as of 1 January. This will take place at the Onerahi Sports Domain. We will be leaving the school at 10:30am to walk up to the domain and we will start at 11:00am. Much like with camp, we appreciate the support of the community, and if you are able to walk up with your child's class please be at your childs classroom by 10:20am.Children will need to ensure they have warm clothing to put on after their run and a drink bottle. Races will start with the 8 year olds and move through the ages. Everyone is looking forward to a muddy run through the fields, regardless of the weather.

School Rippa Rugby Tournament

Last week Onerahi School held a year 5 and 6 Rippa Rugby competition. Students in year 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to play a different sport starting every two weeks, next up is football. Congratulations to Room 15 for winning our first lunchtime sports tournament. Room 15 then went on to play the teacher team. Congratulations to the teachers, who won the game, and well done to room 15 who showed a high level of sportsmanship and team work. We look forward to hearing about the next games.

Year 5 Camp

Camp is a fantastic opportunity for children to grow as individuals. It provides them with a perfect chance to collaborate, develop ownership and build their capabilities. Our Year 5 students get to experience this in week 10 of this term, as they head off to their school camp at Pataua North. The camp's aim is for children to develop leadership and team skills, all driven by adventure based learning. We would like to thank all those parents and caregivers who have offered to provide support. School camps succeed in large part due to the support of the community.

Connecting With Our Community

Know your water
After a busy snack play I ran quickly across the field through the lovely grounds and into class. I very much expected to see Miss Hollows sitting in her usual chair (with her perplexed look on) but instead I found a very strange man in her spot. Once I had a closer look, I realised he was the nice man who was about to teach us about water!
I was excited and a little confused at the time, what would we learn? Once we got into it, he quickly started to ask us questions about water in New Zealand to find out what we knew. I thought I was on fire! Every single question Anton asked, I shot my hand up with an answer and Anton kept on saying I was 100% right!
After our discussion, Anton showed us some videos. They were called *I am water*. Here are some facts from the videos about water: 60% of our body is made up of water, including our skin, teeth and even our bones! Other people from countries like China and Africa have to carry more than 16 buckets of water a day from a muddy well to their home in their village. This normally takes around six hours! The women, not the men normally, have to carry the buckets while the men go hunting or work. We learnt about how much water it takes to make the food we eat. Did you know, it takes 70 litres of water to just grow just ONE apple?
After learning about how people have to carry water a long distance just to have a drink, we played the bucket game which showed us just how hard it is to carry water.

HERE'S HOW TO PLAY:
There are two teams, and two buckets full of water. When the teacher says go, you have to carry the bucket of water up to the cone in the distance and back. Then the next person goes to the cone and back and so on. The winner of the game is the team who has the most water and who finishes first.

I really want Anton to come back again. That is how we learned how lucky we are in New Zealand to have fresh, clean, drinkable water.

By Maddison Bowmar, Year 4 Room 22

Community Notices

Onerahi Volunteer Fire Brigade
Open Day
Handforth Street
Saturday 25 August - 9.30am to 1.30pm
Celebrating 20 years serving the Onerahi Community
Come along and join us for;
Games for the kids, sausage sizzle, displays, look through our fire truck.

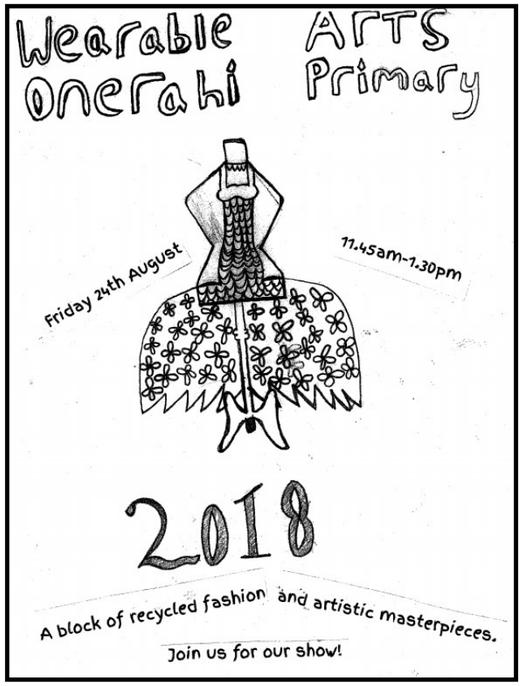
- Kamo Intermediate Production of Disney High School Musical Jr-Tuesday 21 and Wednesday 22 August. 7pm Kamo Int Hall. $10 Adults, $8 children & school students. Tickets available from Kamo Int or email office@kamoint.school.nz
- Daffodil Day Festival-Cameron Street Mall, Friday 31 August 11:30am to 4:00pm.Come and enjoy the fun and support the Cancer Society.
- Fantastic Gymnastics– Gymnastics for all. Contact Hannah@fantasticgymnastics.co.nz

Upcoming Events

Thursday 23 August	Senior Cross Country
Friday 24 August	Wearable Arts—Trash to Fashion. 11:45am
Wednesday 29 August	WPSSA Cross Country
Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 August	**Mid term break. School closed**

Wearable Arts—Trash to Fashion

The children are busy creating amazing works of wearable art and sculptures made from recyclable materials. All their hard work will come together in a spectacular show of their creations. Come along and join us on Friday 24th August at 11:45am.



125 Year Celebration

Ms Spicer and Mrs Drummond are planning a 125 year celebration quilt. We would like pupils and their families to contribute to this project More information to come. Start

Intermediate School Enrolments

Whangarei Intermediate:
21 August-Parent info evening-W.I.S Hall, 6pm.
22 &23 August-Open days for parents and students
27 September-all enrolments submitted online

Pompallier Catholic College
Sunday 19 August-Open Day starting at 2:00pm
(info available at Onerahi Schhol office)

Huanui College
30 August-Open Evening –6pm start
Register at http://bit.ly/hcreg01 or at www.hc.school.nz

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