



Onerahi Primary School

Newsletter



23 March 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers
Tena koutou katoa
Nimen Hao

One second it is the first day of school, the next we are staring at swiftly approaching holidays. As you read through this newsletter you can see there are a lot of exciting things happening at Onerahi Primary. You will also notice that many of the events and activities discussed are not possible without the support of our community. Thank you for your continued support.

You will find attached to this newsletter a call for new members to join our PTA. Members of our PTA take actions that directly lead to better opportunities and outcomes for our tamariki. If you have an opportunity to lend a hand, it would be greatly appreciated.

WE'RE TURNING 125!

Onerahi Primary is set to celebrate its 125th anniversary this year and we need you! We intend to hold anniversary celebrations over Labour Weekend 2018 and are seeking volunteers to coordinate and organise some fun-filled events in honour of all of our years in the community. Our vision here at Onerahi School is **Together We Shape Our Future** and we strongly believe that it should also be **Together We Celebrate Our Past**.

There will be a meeting at the school on **Thursday 12 April at 6:30pm** to start planning and we invite you to be part of this event in our school's history. We look forward to seeing you there.

New Bell Times

A reminder of our bell times at school.

8:15am	Bell rings so children may enter the school
9:00am	Start of the school day
11:00am - 11:30am	First play break
1:30pm - 2:00pm	Second play break
3:00pm	End of the school day

There are two additional breaks during class time where students and teachers eat together. Each individual class negotiates what eating times works for them. This promotes ownership and a sense of community in the classroom.

Anzac Commemorations

Onerahi School will commemorate our ANZAC heroes in the last week of Term 1. A **special ceremony will be held at 11:30am on Tuesday 10 April (Postponement date Thursday 12 April)**. To try and create real meaning with our students, we are looking for stories linked to our school and community. We would love to hear from people who could talk about what it is like to serve your country, or have a relative leave to do the same. We are not just after the soldiers' and nurses' stories, but also those of their families, with a focus on the impact their leaving had. We can arrange senior students to interview any willing candidate and then share that learning with the wider school.

Easter Raffle

Yes, it is Easter Raffle time again. Save up that pocket money and try your luck in our annual Easter Raffle. You could win a basket or bag full of yummy goodies.

Tickets are available until Thursday 29 March in the Onerahi School Information Centre (Library), between 8:30am and 9:00am only. The raffle will be drawn at a special assembly on Thursday 29 March.

For this raffle to be successful, we would like to ask if families could donate Easter Eggs or goodies for the raffle. These can be dropped into the office. Thank you so much to all of the families who have already donated so generously.

While we are on the subject of Easter. Make sure you all enjoy your long weekend, and remember that Onerahi School extends the break for an extra day. **Easter Weekend starts on Friday 30 March (Good Friday) and runs through to Tuesday 3 April.** We look forward to seeing you all back at school, refreshed and revitalised, on **Wednesday 4th April.** Happy Easter!

Visiting Days for New Entrants Starting Term 2

A new class is taking shape and will become part of our school next term. We are excited to welcome Cara Brittliff, who will be the teacher in this new room. Cara has been involved with our school over many years and both her children are students here. **New Entrant visiting days are Thursday 29 March, Thursday 6 April and Thursday 13 April.** For further information or to enrol a student for next term, please visit the front office.

Onerahi School Swimming Sports

Congratulations to the following children, who were place getters at our senior swimming sports, also to everyone who participated, had fun and swam like a champ.

	Boys	Girls
Free style		
Year 4	Tiaki Pou Charlie Lewis O'Shea Aiden Gray	Zoe Langridge Hannah Livermore Puawai Beardsell
Year 5	Daniel Pickford Rhys Jones Dominic Wrend	Lyla Sherwood Hollie Furze Lana Pilon
Year 6	Chey Beasley Toby Hamilton Matt Andersen	Ruby Lewis O'Shea Brianna Gurnell Sara Williamson
Back stroke		
Year 4	Tiaki Pou Charlie Lewis O'Shea Xavier Corsbie	Hannah Livermore Zoe Langridge Lacey Sergeant
Year 5	Daniel Pickford Rhys Jones Dominic Wrend	Hollie Furze Sharise McGee-Griffin / Lana Pilon
Year 6	Max Eckstein Chey Beasley Bronson Longworth	Ruby Lewis O'Shea Ritihia Te Pania Jasmin Boyd
Breaststroke		
Year 4		Hannah Livermore
Year 5	Rhys Jones Troy Cleaver Daniel Pickford	Lyla Sherwood Olivia Stowe Sharise McGee-Griffin
Year 6	Toby Hamilton Bronson Longworth Logan Wirihana	Ruby Lewis O'Shea Marie-Louise Weissmeyer Sara Williamson

A group of children headed off to the Whangarei schools swimming championships last week. Congratulations to:

Tiaki Pou	3rd in the year 4 boys freestyle
Daniel Pickford	3rd in the year 5 boys freestyle
Ruby Lewis O'Shea	3rd in the year 6 girls backstroke

These swimmers will now move on to the Northland Primary Schools Championships. Tu meke!

Keeping Our Children Safe Outside Our School

Dangerous parking/stopping at the front and rear of school. The broken yellow lines at the front and back gates are painted there to create a clear area so our Road Patrol volunteers can see approaching vehicles. Stopping your car in these spaces directly increases the danger at our crossing points. There is no good excuse. Please consider others and stop a little further from the school.

Lost Property

The lost property is overflowing with togs and towels at the moment. Please ask your child to have a good look, or come in yourself to see if you can claim some of this.

Thank you, Nga mihi, Xiéxié and Fa'afetai tele lava,
Your Onerahi School Whanau



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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WHY PLAY FUTSAL?

- Caters to boys and girls of all abilities
- No cancellations due to weather!
- Dramatically increases skill, agility, speed, quick decision making & confidence
- It's fun - Kids love it!

WHO IS IT FOR?

Anyone aged 8 - 15 years old

WHEN & WHERE?

Term time 2017

Choose one or more of the following:

TUESDAY: WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEARS OLDS)
5:45 - 7:15 (11 - 15 YEAR OLDS)

FRIDAY: WHANGAREI BOYS HIGH SCHOOL
4:00 - 5:30 (8 - 10 YEARS OLDS)
5:45 - 7:15 (11 - 15 YEAR OLDS)

CONTACT:

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Coming Events

Wednesday	28 March	PTA Meeting 3:30pm in the Information Centre
Thursday	29 March, 6 and 13 April	New Entrant Visiting Days
Friday	30 March to Tuesday 3 April	Easter Break-Friday, Monday and Tuesday off school
Tuesday	10 April	Anzac Ceremony 11:30
Tuesday	10 April	BOT Meeting 5:30
Thursday	12 April	Northland Swimming Champs
Friday	13 April	Last day of term 1
Monday	30 April	First day of term 2

Community Notices

- **STAND UP FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE**—Sausage sizzle every Monday from 5:30 to 6:30pm at Onerahi Skate park. Come and support us, have a sausage and enjoy some social time. Contact Karaitiana Taitoke on 02041458305 if you can support us or if you would like to get involved.
- **Hora Hora Junior Hockey club (Y3 – Y8)** Looking for players for the 2018 season. Practice after school on Tuesdays. All inquiries to Shirley-anne McBeth 0212924366
- **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 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 Improve 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