



# Onerahi Primary School

## Newsletter



21 February 2019

Tena koutou katoa  
Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a fantastic start to 2019. Many of you know that Gerald Koberstein is on leave and I have both the honour and the privilege of stepping into the role of Principal for this year. We all have much to be proud of at Onerahi School and take every opportunity to build on our strengths, working together for all of our tamariki.

Your children have a bunch of enthusiastic and caring staff constantly finding ways to make learning real and fun. We look forward to working together with you and your children as we shape the future for us all.

- AnnMaree MacGregor

### School Communication

There is a real feeling of aroha in the school grounds as people reconnect after the holidays. It has been a reminder that this school is more than just a place of learning, but also forms a hub where our community can connect. A key part of growing these relationships is being able to communicate clearly. We have all been in situations that escalated because people involved didn't understand one another. In light of this we thought we would go over some of the ways our school communicates with you.

**Kanohi ki te kanohi** – Meeting face to face is a powerful way to build a relationship with someone. Education is complex and everyone has a perspective to share. Our teachers are keen to get to know you and we encourage you to share your thinking with them. It is also the perfect opportunity to talk to your child's teacher about your preferred method of contact, such as email, text, etc. Should you have any questions or concerns, your first port of call is your child's teacher.

**Newsletter** – Our newsletter comes out 2-3 times a term. It has messages from us to you, community notices, celebrations of learning and other reminders. A digital copy is also made available on our website and the school app.

**School App** – We use this to share reminders about school wide events as well as alerts about cancellation or last minute changes. You can also use the app to inform the school if your child is absent.

**Facebook** – Our school Facebook page is another home for notifications about events. It will also have some updates on the learning happening around the school.

**ClassDojo** – Your child will be bringing home a code that will allow you to access ClassDojo. This is a place you will receive details about your child's learning and what is happening in their class. It is secure and also provides a way to directly message the classroom teacher. You can also leave comments and like stories from the class. This digital platform plays an important role in connecting your child's learning to home and we encourage every parent to become involved.

**Reports** – Teachers will be creating reports to go out at the end of the term. These are initial reports that focus on how your child is developing through the school vision. That means they will focus on how they are developing their ownership, capabilities and ability to collaborate. These are brief documents and cannot possibly record all the many great attributes that make up your child. This again is where

having conversations with the classroom teacher will help to paint a clearer picture.

### Classrooms and Teacher Placements 2019

Room	Level	Teacher
<b>Team 1</b>		
1	Yr1	Ros Luke
2	Yr5	Monique Fisher
3	Yr3	Bev Haigh
4	Yr4	Debbie Harrison
6	Yr6	Kim Te'o
<b>Team 2</b>		
7	Yr4	Jade Grant
8	Yr6	Meredith McInnes
9	Yr2	Bev Maconaghie
10	Yr3	Deb Sayer/Gareth Blithe
12	Yr3	Liz Crutcher
<b>Team 3</b>		
13	Yr4	Chloe Peters
14	Yr5/6	Jake Baldwin/Donna Broughton
15	Yr3/4	Mara Kronfeld
16	Yr2	Elly McInnes
17	New Entrants	Clare Spicer
<b>Team 4</b>		
20	Yr1/2	Kelsey Hill
21	Yr4	Larissa Simpkin
22	Yr5	Ella Hollows
23	Yr3	Sue Carpe
24	Yr5	Leon Candy
<b>Reading Recovery:</b>		
		Debbie Sayer/Gareth Blithe

### Release:

Bridget Pickford  
Frances McGregor  
Michelle Murphy  
Nadine Reed

### Acting Principal:

AnnMaree MacGregor

### Deputy Principal:

Danny Hamilton

### Learning Support:

Wendy Jeffery, Liz Moon, Hannah He, Heather Francis, Anna Duval-Peterson, Shan Morris, Viv Watkins, Cherie Kewene-Edmonds, Paula Jones, Sarah Hall, Garion Bowman, Belinda Dierick

### Administration:

Anne-Marie Wilson, Carol Luiten, Rosie Drummond, Carla Dixon-West, Mike Dent

### Year 6 Camp

Preparations are well under way for this year's Year 6 camp to Chosen Valley Camp in Auckland. This camp develops resilience and builds the capacity within the children to step outside their comfort zones and lead. We are planning a stop at the Auckland War Memorial Museum on the way to camp as well. Activities at the camp include archery, go-carting, raft building, water slides and a flying fox!

The dates for camp are **Wednesday 27th March-Friday 29th March.**

Thank you to all the parents who offered the time and expertise on camp. We were overwhelmed with the number of parents that said they could help!

### Hats -- being sun smart

Your child's safety and well being are very important to us. This term we are taking a hard line on children wearing hats while in the playground. They must have one or be restricted

to a small shaded area beside the classrooms. Please make sure your child brings their hat every day in term 1.

### School drop-off / pick-up

The best location for this is from the car park beside the community centre. There is plenty of parking available and you can take your time. The children then have a safe walk across the field. If you do use the front gate, please park sensibly and avoid turning into the schools vehicle entrance as this causes dangerous build-ups of vehicles across the pedestrian crossing. On Tuesday morning, we had a very near miss, with a child nearly being hit by a car using the staff driveway to turn around. This is very dangerous behaviour, and we would appreciate your support with people making unsafe parking choices.

### Languages

Kia Ora, Nihao. In many of the classrooms we are learning Te Reo Maori, Mandarin and New Zealand Sign Language.

Towards the end of the term we will be hosting a Global Friends festival within our cluster of schools. It is an opportunity for students to have a glimpse of different cultures within our community. This year we are fortunate to have a Mandarin Language assistant working with us. Yanyan arrived in Whangarei on the 1st of February and has been busy meeting the students and getting to know our way of life at Onerahi Primary. She will be supporting our learning with Mandarin and helping to share some of her culture with us.



### Swimming

The warm weather we have been experiencing this term has blessed us with pool temperatures of up to 29 degrees which has been awesome for our swimming and there have been huge improvements across all the year groups already

in water confidence. All the classes started the year learning how to keep themselves safe around water and we are now working on our freestyle and backstroke to make us stronger swimmers in the water. Swim Sports for years 4, 5 & 6 will be coming up in mid March so please keep an eye on the school website calendar and app for the date. Please keep making sure your children are bringing their togs on swimming days to take advantage of all the fun and learning we are having in the pool this year!

### Kapa Haka

Our senior kapahaka roopu has had a flying start to the year! Nga mihi nui to our whanau and friends who joined us for our community Waitangi Day celebrations. If you have a child who is a part of senior kapahaka this year, we would like to invite you to our first Whanau Hui. Our students are taking ownership of hosting this event. The students will be opening our doors after school (3.30pm) on Thursday 28th Feb in Room 6 to gather our whanau members and gather support for the year ahead.

We would love to start the year off officially as a whanau group and collaborate together on ideas for our journey ahead. Nau mai haere mai

AnnMaree MacGregor—Principal

### 2019 Term Dates

Term 1	Weds 30 Jan.	to	Fri 12 April
Term 2	Mon 29 April	to	Fri 5 July
Term 3	Mon 22 July	to	Fri 27 Sept.
Term 4	Mon 14 Oct.	to	Weds 18 Dec.

### Holiday Dates

**Waitangi Day**—Wednesday 6 February  
**Anzac Day**—Thursday 25 April (school holidays)  
**Easter**—Friday 19 to Monday 22 April (school holidays)  
**Queens Birthday extended Weekend**—Monday 3 June and Tuesday 4 June  
**Mid Term Break**—Friday 23 August and Monday 26 August  
**Labour Day**—Monday 28 October

### Community Notices:

- Hello, my name is David Meredith. I have been teaching the guitar at Onerahi primary school for the last three years. This has been a great time for both my students and myself. During 2019 I am offering my skills as guitar tutor again. If you would like your child to learn the guitar with me this year, please contact me on 0273832633 or 4343459 or [dave.d.meredith@gmail.com](mailto:dave.d.meredith@gmail.com) I look forward to hearing from you. Early registration is recommended
- Wanting to Play Hockey?** As we don't have Onerahi School Hockey Teams we play under the umbrella of Mangapai Hockey and have done for the past five years. Mangapai Hockey are having their hockey rally on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February at Northland Hockey Kensington from 3pm-5pm. Bring your hockey gear if you are year 5/6 as we trial these teams commencing around 3pm to ensure you get put in the correct division. Come along and put your name down if you are keen to play, or contact Dianne Sketchley (021)354224 or email [andy.dianne@xtra.co.nz](mailto:andy.dianne@xtra.co.nz) for more details.
- Childrens day activities on the day:** Fun and Games, Bouncy Castle, Water Games, Face painting, Sausage Sizzle, Stalls, Prizes, Kuia/Kaumtua Rest Tent, ALL FREE. Childrens Day FREE bus to and from the pulse, Raumanga Valley Road. 10am to 1pm.
- Manaia Makos Junior Rugby League Club** "Come have a run around and a game at your local fields!" 4pm Friday's 15th&22nd Feb Onerahi Rec fields with Dave Parua Bay, Ross Trust Community fields with Caleb PLAY LEAGUE IN 2019? Manaia Junior Rugby League Club invites you to register your interest as a player for the 2019 season. The season gets underway late March at the Otaika Sports Grounds (Blue goose fields) and are played at the same time each week. All grades play in boots and play tackle. The age grades are : 7's, turning 7 or Under in 2019 9's, turning 8 or 9 in 2019 11's turning 10 or 11 in 2019 13's turning 12 or 13 in 2019 SUBS \$30 per child (includes a mouth guard and socks) Visit our facebook page at Manaia Junior Rugby League Club Or call/text for more information. Caleb Piggott 0212220721 Brett Yakas 021 844 109 Dave Odgen 0212244504
- Speech & Drama Academy:** We are taking enrolments for Speech & Drama classes for ages 7-16. Come discover your people and performance prowess! Public Speaking, poetry, pantomime & applause, plus more! Click here for class info <https://enrolmy.com/making-a-scene>
- Northland Kenpo Karate Self Defence School:** Classes for 2019 begin at Maunu Primary School Hall on Tuesday 5 February 2019 at 6pm (juniors) (and thereafter each Tuesday – excluding school holidays) Separate classes available for primary, secondary and adult students. Please phone 09 439 5011 or 021 567 607"
- Girls Brigade:** Fun activities for girls aged 5-17years. Craft, games, outings, cooking, life skills and more. \$30 per term. Meets at St Andrews, Hunt St on Thursdays from 5:30 - 7pm. For more info, contact Sue 436 5372 (a/h) or 021 2600 792
- Fantastic Gymnastics:** TeamGym, Acrogym,Fantastic Fit, Tumble n'bounce, Adult Gym, Family-Have-A-Go. All at the parua bay Community Centre. New year, new days, new classes, visit our website or facebook page or phone Hannah on 0276659174 or email [Hannah@fantasticgymnastics.co.nz](mailto:Hannah@fantasticgymnastics.co.nz)