



# Onerahi Primary School

## *Together We Shape Our Future*

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Newsletter  
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Welcome back to the last term everyone. We were all excited to see the completion of the scooter track, the first stage of improving our outdoor learning spaces for our tamariki. It has been well-used and the odd injury has proved a learning curve for some. Helmets and shoes are being worn and the children are learning their own limitations. We are also excited to let you know we are trialling the school pool being open from week 6 for classes to focus on water safety ahead of our summer holiday season. We all feel that considering where we live in proximity to beaches and the harbour, and our lovely Northland lifestyle that this is an important aspect of learning for our children, and it will be a nice chance to cool off on warm summer days. Teachers are currently writing end of year reports with the students and these will come home on the last Friday of term along with your complimentary copy of our school yearbook. After our successful open afternoon at the end of last term, we hope there will be more opportunities for getting together this term and we look forward to the chance to spend more time together.  
Nga Mihinui, AnnMaree MacGregor.

### UPCOMING EVENTS



- October 23**—Staff Only Day
- October 26**—Labour Day
- November 16**—Book Week starts
- November 17**—Book Parade
- November 19-25**—Book Fair
- November 25**—Road Patroller's Trip to the Pools
- December 4**—Te Whanga Festival At Parua Bay School
- December 09**—Yr 6 Graduation
- December 11**—End of year Assembly
- December 15**—Last Day of T4

## Welcome

We are pleased to welcome a new cohort of New Entrants students to our kura this term. These students joined Mrs Dela Cruz in room 24. We hope they enjoy their learning journey at Onerahi Primary and wish them all the best with their learning this term.



## Information re Teacher only days 2020

The Ministry of Education and NZEI have reached an agreement for teachers to have 8 teacher only days over the course of the next 3 years. This year, Onerahi Primary School will have 2 of these teacher only days. One was in Term 1, the next is this Term. (3 were originally scheduled.... and then there was Covid-19). School will be closed for all students on:

**Term 4—Friday 23 October.**

## Safety Notices

### School Driveway

Please, please do not enter or leave the school via the staff driveway. It can be hard to see your children here and may be difficult to stop. In the interests of safety we ask that you enter and exit the school via one of the main pedestrian gates.

We also recommend not performing a U-turn in Pine Park Rd as small people often cross here and again can be difficult to see. Continuing to the end of the cul-de-sac and turning there is a better option

### Pedestrian Crossing

A reminder to all whanau that there is a pedestrian crossing available on Church St near our main entrance. We ask that all students and families please utilise this crossing, even outside of the times it is manned by our friendly road patrollers. It is the safest way to cross the busy road. If adults model good practice here, then our tamariki will follow suit.

## Trophies

Could you please return all trophies awarded last year, so we are able to prepare them for this years recipients. We have begun the process of doing this already and need all trophies back now.

## Library Notices

REMINDER—Current book club orders due on the morning of 27th October.

Orders can be placed online at [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) or dropped off to the office.

Orders can still be placed online shortly after the 27th however a delivery fee will then apply.



**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club LOOP**  
for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club  
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.  
To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:  
[mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz)

GET IT ON  
Google play

Download on the  
App Store

### BookWeek is coming this term!

Book Week starts Monday the 16th of November, with the book character parade on Tuesday the 17th of November. Spot prizes on the day as well as prizes for best costumes. Start thinking and creating now!! Our school will be running a Book Fair starting after school on Thursday 19th of November and continuing through until Wednesday the 25th of November. Come and stock up on Christmas presents and support the school library by buying books.

## SPRING/SUMMER

Welcome to term 4, where its time to refocus on sun safety. We would like to remind you all that in terms 1 and 4, hats are to be worn at all times while students are outside. Please make sure that your child brings their hat (named) each day with them. We also encourage the use of sunblock as an important part of protecting skin from the harmful UV rays of the sun.

## SCHOOL HOURS

School gates open	8:15am
School begins	9.00am
1st Play Break	11:00-11:30
2nd Play Break	1:30-2:00
School finishes	3.00pm
School gates close	3:15pm

There are two eating breaks within the day, taken at times that suit each class. Please ask your child's teacher when their times are.

## Lunches

We have two options currently for school lunches at Onerahi.

### Tuesdays- Hell Pizza

A selection of 5 different pizzas only. All \$6.00 each. The school receives \$1 for each pizza ordered.

We ask however that all orders are clearly named with correct classrooms. This is very important as it can be difficult to identify who a pizza recipient should be without this vital information.

Place completed order form and money in a bag or envelope (these are available at the office on Tuesday morning) and pop it into the lunch box on the office counter. Orders must be in by 9:00am. Hell Pizza do not take special orders. Pizzas must be ordered as is.

### Fridays—Lunch Online (Hole in One Café)

An extensive menu of both hot and cold food including snacks is now available through your lunchonline account for delivery to school on a Friday. If you do not yet have an account head to [lunchonline.co.nz](http://lunchonline.co.nz) and sign up to take advantage of this service. Orders must be in by 8am on the day of delivery or will not be processed. A further reminder to ensure that all student information is updated regularly in your lunchonline account, including room numbers to ensure that ordered lunches reach their recipients quickly and easily on delivery.

## PTA

Unfortunately, as insufficient numbers of volunteers have been able to commit their time and skills the BOT has made the difficult decision to wind up the Onerahi School PTA.

The BOT have committed to continuing a number of the projects traditionally supported by the PTA. We would like to thank all present and past members of the PTA for their time and efforts over the years.

## School Vision

We would like to say a big thank you to all who offered feedback regarding our School Vision and what you see as important in the education of our children. Results are currently being collated and we look forward to sharing these results with you at a later date. Your ideas will help shape the future vision for our school and we anticipate sharing this with you in 2021.

# OPS Environmental Warriors

Room 31 at Onerahi Primary, led by Miss Peters and Mr Candy, have been working on a project alongside the NRC, Dragonfly Springs and Raurimu School to help our local area in its quest to become predator free and encourage the return of native New Zealand birds. They have undertaken learning around pest-trapping so they can understand the important role it plays in the protection of our local environment and created a number of posters calling for help in their mission. They have engaged local whanau who are happy to help and distributed a number of hand-painted predator traps.



## Onerahi pest free

HELP ROOM 31 AT ONERAHI PRIMARY SCHOOL MAKE ONERAHI PEST FREE. FOR YEARS PESTS SUCH AS RATS HAVE BEEN KILLING OUR NATIVE BIRDS.



WE WANT YOU TO PUT A RAT TRAP IN YOUR BACKYARD BUT YOU GET TO CHOOSE. IF YOU WANT THE RAT TRAP IT WILL BE DELIVERED TO YOUR HOUSE.



TO GET A RAT TRAP CALL 4360521, TEXT 0211343465 OR EMAIL LEON.C@ONERAHI.SCHOOL.NZ



# Check out our learning...

Room 3 have been studying Hundertwasser. We learnt how Hundertwasser was inspired by nature and never used straight lines. We learnt that he used bold, dark colours to create contrast with the environment. Here is some of our art.



Hundertwasser Art

Room 10 has created some art that is inspired by a famous artist, Hundertwasser. He paints and draws lots of domes, lollipop trees, and people with hats. He is in some way fascinated with top hats. We hand drew these and painted them in our own chosen colours. We are really proud of how our art turned out. The panels will be displayed in the school for others to enjoy.

Kyla Boyd, Room 10



# Important Notices

**Dental Reminder:** If your child has an appointment at the dental clinic adjacent to the school, and will need to leave class to attend it, they will need to sign out at the office before heading over and sign back in upon return. During Covid-19 Level 1 and 2 the low and high risk classification for all dental patients will continue. The questions will be asked at the time of scheduling an appointment AND also at the time the patient arrives for their appointment. If your child is unwell on the day of the appointment, please ring 0800MYTEETH to reschedule. Thank you. Your Dental Health Team.



## OPS Vermacast

Hello keen gardeners! We currently have a good supply of worm vermacast (worm wee) available. This is a great natural fertiliser and can help those spring plantings grow :-). Just \$5 for a bottle, it is great value for money.



## BOT

Board Of Trustees Mid Term Elections

Just a reminder that Mid-Term Elections are approaching. We have 2 parent representative positions on the Board of Trustees to fill in this round of elections.

We have a timetable we must adhere to for the election process which is as follows:

Close Main Roll – Friday 9 October at noon  
Call for Nominations by – Sunday 11 October  
Close Supplementary Roll – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October at noon  
Nominations Close – Sunday 01 November at noon  
Voting Papers issued by – Friday 06 November  
Election Day (Voting Closes) – Friday 4 December at 4pm  
Final day to accept Postal Votes – Wednesday 9 December  
Votes counted by – Thursday 10 December  
Board Takes Office – Friday 11 December

Please email [elections@onerahi.school.nz](mailto:elections@onerahi.school.nz) with your updated email or postal addresses as soon as possible.

# Cyber Safety

We are sharing our next Digital Safety Information sheet with you, which is on the popular gaming platform Minecraft. Popular among students from a young age, there are still things parents need to be aware of as it is an online game and therefore comes with some risk.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



There's a very good chance you've heard of Minecraft. The block building phenomenon is, arguably, the most beloved video game of all time which has managed to maintain its popularity since its first release back in 2011. Nine years later, it still has a huge userbase of 112 million people playing the game every month. Accessible to those 7+, Minecraft can be a gateway into a world of learning and exploration which encourages players to use their imagination to build three-dimensional worlds with virtual building blocks. While Minecraft is considered relatively safe generally speaking, there are some safety precautions parents may want to consider before allowing their children loose on the game.



## What parents need to know about MINECRAFT



### OPEN TO HACKING

Hackers can be a real problem in any online game, including Minecraft. Some individuals can access other people's games to disrupt their playtime, or even worse, access private details about players such as their names, email addresses, dates of birth and so on. It would be incredibly rare and unfortunate to encounter a player like this, but it does happen and must be taken as a serious risk.

### RISK OF GRIEFING

Griefing is when someone purposely upsets another player during the game. This can be done by ruining somebody's creation or generally doing something to spoil someone's gameplay and can essentially amount to a form of cyberbullying. In open servers, or even private ones among friends, it can be difficult to keep track of who's saying what, and an innocent comment in one person's eyes could be seen as bullying by somebody else. Intimidating messages, destroying things that take hours to build and harassing innocent players can all be commonplace if care isn't taken.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Most players aged 7 and over will be able to play the game comfortably and, whilst creating an account does ask you to input your date of birth for confirmation, there's no way to check if the information is correct nor to check someone's real identity. This could mean that children younger than 7 could access the game. However, what is more concerning is that adults pretending to be children could theoretically be using false information to access the game and be interacting with your child.

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Minecraft can be an incredibly exciting game but it can also be very addictive. Too much time on the game could impact on your child's behaviour, causing them to become irritable or angry when being asked to stop playing. This might suggest it might be time to enforce some time away from the game. Addictive behaviour can be compounded at a young age and encouraging gaming in moderation is always recommended.

### 'SCARY' CHARACTERS FOR YOUNGER GAMERS

For the most part, Minecraft is not a scary game. Despite this, there are certain characters in the game that younger children in particular may find frightening. Creepers, zombies and various other 'baddies' can be commonplace in some parts of the game and young minds may find it difficult to disassociate them from real life once they switch off the game.



## Safety Tips For Parents

### BLOCK STRANGERS AND UNWANTED CONTACT

Despite the fact that private messages can no longer be sent in the game, strangers may still attempt to interact with your child. From the game menu, players can block chat and friend requests from others in the game. This causes any profanities, small addresses and phone numbers to become automatically blocked, meaning it's harder for people you don't know to potentially contact your child.



### LEARN FROM YOUTUBERS / TWITCH STREAMERS

There are a lot of Minecraft focused YouTubers and Twitch Streamers that offer a huge variety of fun, engaging content. Many of them focus on making videos specifically for younger audiences, which don't include bad language or anything scary. If you're unsure about the game, check out some of the biggest streamers and more importantly, ask who your children like. This will help you to understand what the game is about and also make sure that your children are watching age-appropriate content online.



### PLAY IN CREATIVE OR PEACEFUL MODES

Playing the game on Creative or Peaceful mode ensures that the experience is strictly safe. Peaceful mode allows children to explore with friends without having the survival element of normal Minecraft, while Creative mode allows imaginations to run wild with unlimited resources, encouraging creation of vast, personalised worlds. There really are no limits as to what can be accomplished and getting involved yourself can make it a great way to bond with your child and give you a long-term project to complete with them.



### MONITOR GAME TIME

Being able to play on a wide variety of platforms can be beneficial however it can also make it more difficult to put the game down. Play time should be monitored and it's always a good idea to talk to your child if you feel they are spending too much time on the game or showing signs of addictive behaviour.



### CREATE A PRIVATE SERVER

The best way to avoid unwanted strangers or grievers in a server is to simply create your own. Private servers do exactly what they say on the tin by offering a safe, secure place for children to play and create with their friends, free from outside interference. They land you control over who is allowed in the server and what kind of things they can do in it, making it the closest thing Minecraft offers to parental control.



### LEARN TO PLAY YOURSELF

Minecraft is an incredibly easy game to pick up and play. Furthermore, it doesn't require an expensive console or computer, with versions available for smartphones and tablets. Learning to play yourself and playing alongside your child is the best way to understand the game and will help to put your mind at ease in respect of what your child is viewing and who they may be interacting with.



### CREATE SERVER WHITELISTS

usernames you know to be safe, like your child's friends or relatives, can have their accounts whitelisted as safe. Essentially, this means that server moderators can create a community made up of people they know to be friendly and children will only be playing alongside people both they and you know, reducing any risk of contact with strangers or experiencing griefing.



## Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.





# Golden Wrapper Promotion!

**Hole in One Café @**

**Onerahi School – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

**Order a lunch from Hole in One Cafe for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov and  
be in to WIN the lucky Golden Wrapper Lunch!**

**Inside the Golden Wrapper is a FREE voucher to be  
redeemed instore at Hole in One Cafe!**

**Not registered? It's simple; all you need to do is register at**

**[www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz)**

**and follow 4 easy steps to get started**

- 1. Register an account**
- 2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location**
- 3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order**
- 4. Select your lunch and place an order**

Phone 0800 LOL LOL Phone 0800 565 565

[info@lunchonline.co.nz](mailto:info@lunchonline.co.nz)



# Community Notices

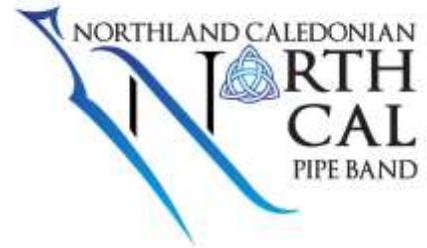
Hello, My name is Dave Meredith. I have been teaching guitar at Onerahi Primary for several years.

If you would like your child to learn guitar in 2020 please contact me on 0273832633 or email [dave.d.meredith@gmail.com](mailto:dave.d.meredith@gmail.com). I have spaces currently available.



**The Pipes and Drums are Calling! Northland Caledonian Pipe Band are calling for anyone wanting to learn drums or bagpipes. Lessons are on a Monday night. Its awesome fun!**

Contact [northcalpb.co.nz](http://northcalpb.co.nz) or Sarah on 027 858 5729 or 09 437 0530.



## SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2020 Family Fun Fireworks



As you know the Whangarei Lions Club organizes and holds the annual fireworks display at:

**Semenoff Stadium: Okara Park Whangarei**

**( if wet the reserve day is Sunday 8 November )**

**( Listen to "The Hits" for Details)**

**Gates open 6pm Cost \$25 / Family (2 adults, 2 children), ( or1 adult, 4 children); Under 5's free. \$10 Adult single, \$5 school children.**

# Predator Free Onerahi Community Meeting



**11am-12noon,  
Saturday 31st October  
Raurimu Avenue School Hall  
(48 Raurimu Avenue)**

Tiakina Whangārei is supporting the Onerahi community to become predator free so birds and other native species can thrive!

Come along to our first community meeting to find out more. We'd love to see you there!



**Eves Athletics Whangarei Inc**  
**“Wonderful Wednesday”**  
**9 week Challenge Series**  
**Suitable for all ages 7 to 97 years**

**Starting date: 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

**5.30 registration for 6 pm start**

Trigg Sports Arena Park Avenue Whangarei.

Enquiries to 09 4352614 /02102429890/02102796487

All events will be timed so you can see how you are doing over the series

Results will be on our website.[www.athleticswhangarei.co.nz](http://www.athleticswhangarei.co.nz) after the events

Date:	Place	Event	Start time
21.10.20	Trigg Sports Arena Park Ave Whangarei	Flat grass circuit Approx. 2 k laps 1.2.3 or 4 laps	Registration 5.30 for 6 pm start
28.10.20	Trigg Sports Arena park ave whangarei	Cycleway circuit Approx. 2.5 k laps 1.2 3 or 4 laps Estimated time -no watches to be worn. We will time you.	a/a
4.11.20	Meet at Rurumoki street Off Hatea Drive in Park by the toilets and playground	Parihaka – UP the mountain Or along the river – distance options	a/a
11.11.20	Trigg Sports Arena Park Ave Whangarei	Flat grass circuit Approx. 2 k laps 1.2.3or 4 laps	a/a
18.11.20	Trigg Sports Arena park ave whangarei	Cycleway circuit Approx. 2.5 k laps 1.2,3 or 4 laps Estimated time -no watches to be worn. We will time you	a/a
25.11.20	Meet at Rurumoki street Off Hatea Drive	Parihaka – UP the mountain Or along the river – distance options	a/a
2.12.20	Trigg Sports Arena Park Ave Whangarei	Flat grass circuit Approx. 2 k laps 1.2 3or 4 laps	a/a
9.12.20	Trigg Sports Arena park ave whangarei	Cycleway circuit Approx. 2.5 k laps 1.2 3 or 4 laps Estimated time -no watches to be worn.	a/a
16.12.20	Christmas Fun at Trigg- 	Followed by Prizegiving /spot prizes and Christmas Fare 	a/a