



Onerahi Primary School

Together We Shape Our Future

Newsletter

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Welcome back to 2021 everybody, we hope you had a great holiday and a restful break. The staff and students have had a very settled start to the beginning of the year, and the feel and tone in the classes and playground is positive. Teachers are getting to know your children and building relationships with them, and value a strong relationship with your whanau. Getting to know each other is an important part of a successful year of learning with your children. With our new strategic plan we are excited about the year ahead and look forward to sharing it with you. We have had a brief brush with COVID Level 2. The school has strong COVID Management plans in place and we appreciate your cooperation. These procedures keep everybody safe so that further lockdowns are avoided. Please keep your children home if they are sick and notify the school. We will contact you if they become unwell at school and require someone to pick them up. Please keep your contact details up to date at the office. Nga Mihinui, AnnMaree MacGregor.

UPCOMING EVENTS



March 29-31— Year 6 Camp

Thursday 01 April—Staff only day

Friday 02 April—Good Friday

Monday 05 April—Easter Monday

Tuesday 06 April—School closed

Friday 16 April—Last Day of Term 4

Welcomes

We are excited to welcome a new group of students who have just joined us here at Onerahi Primary School. We have a cohort of new entrants beginning their school journey here along with students in other levels who have transferred from other schools.

We also extend a big welcome to a new staff member—Ms Alysha Mitchell-Panoho who is teaching the students in Rm 14. We hope you all enjoy your time here at Onerahi Primary School.



SUMMER

A reminder from us in that in Summer we have a focus on sun safety. 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 encourage the use of sunblock as an important part of protecting skin from the harmful UV rays of the sun. We also have swimming during the Term 1 and remind you all to send along named togs/towels and goggles, if needed, on your child's rostered swimming days.

SCHOOL HOURS

School gates open	8:15am
School begins	9.00am
1st Play Break	11:00-11:30am
2nd Play Break	1:30-2:00pm
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 usually have two options for school lunches at Onerahi. Please note that only one of these options is currently available, the Pizzas have not yet resumed.

Tuesdays-Hell Pizza-Currently on hold

We hope to have these resume again in the near future. We will keep you posted.

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 and sign up to take advantage of this service. Orders must be in by 8am on the day of delivery or they 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.***

Accord Teacher Only Days

The school is required to have held an additional 6 accord teacher only days by the end of 2022. We have held our first one on the 3rd of February, ahead of the start of school. We have scheduled the remaining two this year for Thursday the 1st of April ahead of Easter and Friday the 4th of June, ahead of Queens birthday weekend. The remaining 3 days will be held in 2022. We ask you to make note of these days as the school will not be open to students.

Farewell...

On Tuesday the 16th of February Onerahi Primary held an intimate farewell for Gerald Koberstein who resigned as principal of Onerahi Primary at the end of 2020. Although he had been at the helm for 18 years, it was Gerald's preference that his farewell be concluded without great fanfare. It was always his focus that children are the heart of why we are all here. The school staff were able to thank him for his many years of service and we had a group of students perform waiata and haka to acknowledge and pay respect to our long-serving Principal. We all wish him the best of luck for his continuing adventures in education and beyond.



As we like to take advantage of every opportunity for learning, our roopu who performed this tautoko were asked for their thoughts and feelings on this occasion. We share these thoughts below:

"I felt like we were all leaders." - *Braxton*

"I felt good, I was looking at Mr Koberstein and I wanted him to feel good." - *Markus*

"I felt proud." - *Scout*

"I looked at the teachers and it felt like they were caring." - *Maddison*

"There was a feeling like people loving you." - *Ahlayiss*

From the Students...

It is always great to share some of the fabulous learning our children are undertaking. This year has started off with a bang! Some of what has been learned already is shared below. Enjoy!



GROWTH MINDSET!

Hi I'm Blaise, Kia Ora I'm Boglarka!

In room 3 we have been learning about Growth Mindset and Fixed mindset.

A Growth Mindset is where you always believe in yourself and that mistakes are good for your brain to learn. A Fixed Mindset is where you give yourself no

room to improve and you do not have a positive outlook on things. It does not help you learn or play, so always have a **GROWTH MINDSET** as this will help you to be a successful learner.

Room 22 have been focused on getting to know each other and building good relationships. They have taken part in lots of group activities which help grow collaboration skills. Check out the pics and comments below!

"We made play-dough, we had hot-water and we mixed it. We made blue and red. It was sticky."
Chloe Abraham



"We had a picnic outside." Finlay Blank



"In the morning, I like running fast." Finn Stanbridge

"I like school because I play with my friends and walk around the place." Noah Taipari-Herewini

"I like Mr's Dearn's Lego." Noah Piggott



Complaints and Concerns

ONERAHI PRIMARY SCHOOL COMPLAINTS AND CONCERNS POLICY

1. Purpose

To establish a process to ensure that concerns or complaints regarding the operation of the school are fairly and equitably resolved.

2. Policy

All Staff and Board of Trustees Members will ensure that the process of dealing with concerns and complaints is fair and just and that all matters are dealt with sensitively and confidentially.

3. Procedures

3.1 It is recommended that where possible, any problem should be raised and addressed with the staff member concerned with the issue, i.e. if it is a class problem, then with the class teacher initially.

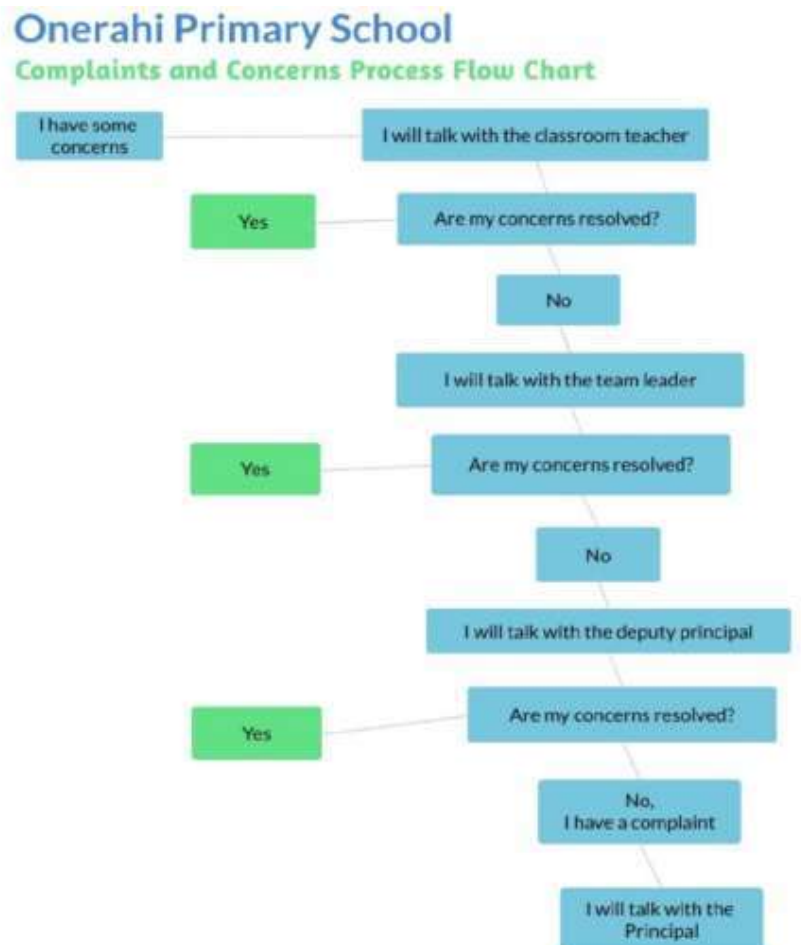
3.2 If the issue cannot be resolved at its source then the team leader should be consulted in the first instance.

3.3 If there is still no resolution reached then the Assistant Principal, Deputy Principal or Principal can be consulted.

3.4 The Principal, at his/her discretion, will direct any matters of concern appropriate to the Board of Trustees, to the Chairman of the Board, or alternatively a parent or caregiver may write directly to the Board if the concern relates to a matter the Board is directly responsible for.

3.5 Written complaints received by the Board of Trustees may be dealt with by way of an informal discussion with the parent or caregiver concerned, or the Board may form a Committee to investigate the matter.

3.6 The person concerned will be informed of the result of their complaint and any action taken.



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 2021 please contact me on 0273832633 or email me on: dave.d.meredith@gmail.com. I have spaces currently available.



Girls' Brigade invites you to join a fun and inclusive group for young women aged between 5 and 18 who want to make the most out of life. Our badgework programme focuses on developing the physical, educational, social and spiritual skills of those who attend.

You can find out more @ <https://www.girlsbrigade.nz>



There are two Girls' Brigade Companies in Whangarei and we meet on Thursday nights during term time commencing 18 February:

1st Kamo Company meets from 6.00 - 7.45pm at St John's Golden Church, [149 Kamo Road](#), Kensington,
contact Brenda 027 2771159

Or

2nd Whangarei Company meets from 5.30 - 7 pm at Hope Whangarei Church, Hunt St, Whangarei,
contact Sue 021 2600792

Thank you and best wishes for the start of the term.



Raise the Bar Rehab is a fitness studio based in Onerahi that provides quality personal training sessions, group fitness sessions and a great supportive environment to be part of.

We have a variety of group fitness sessions throughout the week with daily classes at 9:30am Mon-Thurs to suit stay at home parents (kids welcome to come) or those who work from home/have flexible work hours. The rest of the classes are timetabled for before and after standard work day hours.

For Onerahi Primary School parents we are offering a FREE trial class for those who would like to come and test it out!

Please contact Caitlin on 0212072641 or via Raise the Bar Rehab on Facebook or Instagram

Does your child / children want to play rugby?

The year seems to be racing past already so it's time to start advertising rugby information for 2021.

Kamo Rugby Club are a family focused organised club who want to offer the opportunity for any players to play rugby at our club we cater for players who want to play U5 to U16.

We are having our first club rally day on Monday 15 February 3.30pm to 6.00pm.

All the information can be found on the image attached or at our website <https://www.sporty.co.nz/kamorsc/HOME>

Whangarei Futsal

Playing Dates:
14th, 21st & 28th February
7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March
11th April

Junior: Mixed U10 & U12
 Youth: Mixed U14
 Senior: Mixed Semi-Social, Men's Premier, Women's Premier
 Junior/Youth = \$235 per team
 Senior = \$310 per team

For more information contact:
 Kezia Holmes
 021 0377 187
 Northlandcdo@NFF.org.nz

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details and registration
www.northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz
 Or contact Christian:
 021 246 7328
christian@northlandfutsalacademy.co.nz

Afterschool Theatre & Drama Classes at Northland Youth Theatre!

Join our after-school drama classes to learn about theatre-making and acting, all abilities welcome! These classes focus on having fun, developing drama skills, teamwork and building confidence.

We explore elements of storytelling, movement and characterisation through games, scenarios and short script work. *Our goal is for young people to fall in love with theatre craft.*

Spaces available in all Classes!

Junior (ages 9 - 11) Intermediate (ages 11 - 14)

Senior (ages 14+)

Email office@nyt.org.nz or message us on Facebook or Instagram - Northland_youth_theatre

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2021

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WHANGAREI HEADS SCHOOL

Sponsors: Power Tools, Rory White, Northland District Council, 100% Pure, 24/7 Petrol Stop, KALAMAKAI, DAYLEYS, and others.

"Children's Day Whangārei | Te Rā o Ngā Tamariki

Sunday 7th March 2021, 10am – 1pm

Manaia View School, 64 Murdoch Cres, Raumanga

Join us for a free fun day out that the whole family can enjoy. Activities include a bouncy castle, waterslide, face painting, sausage sizzle and much more! Free buses will be running to and from Children's Day covering Hikurangi, Otangarei, Kamo, Tikipunga, Kensington, Bank St, Riverside, Onerahi, Morningside and Raumanga.

For more information contact

Leanne Brownie: leanne@caringfamilies.org.nz or 027 566 0294"



Key Functions, ones that empower your child.

This family-friendly workshop hosted by Dyslexia PLUS, Whangarei. 1 Adult and 1 child (8 or older) combos are invited to this 2 hour introductory workshop on the 8 executive functions that can transform 'I can't' to 'I CAN'.

This will be led by RTLB Janet Stowell who has written the book 'The Executive Function Toolkit for Classroom Teachers'.

Saturday 27 February, 10 – noon, Whangarei Women's Club Rust Ave. \$15 per combo.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/4ecqjrw2> by 23 February.

Dyslexia PLUS
 Pursuing Your Potential