

Greetings to the Ongaonga Community, Kia Ora...

Welcome to Week 4.

Swimming Sports Practice

Tomorrow we will be leaving from school at 11.30 to the Westpac Trust Pool. We will be having an early morning tea before we go.

All the school will be going and taking part in swimming races and activities. We will return to school at 2.15 pm in time for buses.

This is a **practice** for next Friday's School Champs which involves everyone at school.

On Tuesday the 8th March, our champion swimmers will take part in the inter-school championships. Those swimmers will be notified on Monday 7th March.

Cycling to School

It is important that if children cycle to school, they must wear a cycle helmet as set down in the law. It is recommended that children under 10 ride to school accompanied by an adult. No cycling is permitted in the school grounds

Phone List & E-Mail List

Thank you to those families who have sent in corrections to their phone numbers and/or email addresses. Please fill in the slip on the next page if you have changes or e-mail the school at office@ongaonga.schoolzone.net.nz.

Safety in the Sun

We ask that children bring a sun-hat daily and sun-cream to ensure they are protected from the sun. **A number of children are still coming to school without hats in this weather. All children need a hat on when outside.**

We have also moved our lunch area to under the trees at the front of school, which is a much cooler site and this is being enjoyed by all.

School Target

The academic target we have identified for 2011 is;

To raise student achievement in writing across the school, with a focus on the surface features of grammar and punctuation.

After looking at results at the end of last year, the staff have seen a need to focus on this area to improve student's ability in writing.

Final Word

With our focus on children becoming curious about their world it is most relevant that I finish with a quote from an anonymous writer,
"Those with a lively sense of curiosity learn something new every day of their lives."

Michael Lewis
Principal

DP's Corner...

Languages Starting Soon

Languages are now well underway. Mr Gordon teaches Spanish, Mrs T. Douglas teaches Te Reo and I am taking over French from Mrs Stevens.

Dance

We are planning to take the Dance students from the first option, to a performance of Pinocchio by the Royal New Zealand Ballet on March 2nd. We are just waiting to see if we have been successful in securing tickets. As soon as this is finalised, a note will be sent home. I will need 3 parents to accompany us. Please fill out the form below if you are interested in coming.

SSG Thanks

Many thanks to our hard working SSG. Recently were able to upgrade further sets of Maths textbooks. We have also called on the SSG for new reading materials over the past year. This support makes a big difference to our classrooms and we really do appreciate this extra support.

Thank you.
Anne Frater
Deputy Principal

Sports News, Results & Draws

Cricket

A & B Grade

Well done to the A Grade Country Team, Willis Wall 17 runs, a great win over Town.

Well done to the B Grade Stags

(Onga-Tiko), who defeated Pukehou. The B Grade Spikers (Onga-Sherwood) had a loss to St Jo's.

Milo Have a Go will be on Wednesday, 3.30pm, weather permitting. If wet it will be held at the Ongoonga Hall.

A Grade

Country (Onga/Puke) A Bye

Which means there will be coaching at CHB College from 3-4.15pm with Danny Drepaul.

B Grade

Spikers (Onga/Sherwood) vs Wizards

Stags (Onga/Tiko) vs Knights

Practice for b Grade 3.30 pm Thursday after school.

Tennis

Tennis starts next Monday, 28th February at 3.30pm. This will be round robin of doubles and singles.

Orrsim Onga Outlaws vs Waipawa Whizz Kids at 3.30pm at Wpa 1 & 2.

Friday Sport

Friday sport over the next month will be focusing on triathlon training. This Friday, 25th February, we will again look at running, cycling and swimming. We ask that all children **bring their togs, running shoes and bikes**. All bikes can be parked by the bike stand and they will be marshalled from there.

Swimming Sports

The school swimming sports will take place on the following dates;

Practice session - Tomorrow, Wednesday, 23rd February.

(At Westpac Pools).

School Champs - Friday, 4th March.

(At Westpac Pools).

Interschool Champs - Tuesday, 8th March.

(At Westpac Pool).

We will be busing students to the pool for the school events, but will need some transport on those days. More information will come out next week regarding this.

Go-Kidz Triathlon Series - This Saturday, 26th Feb. Three bikes to give away on the day, heaps of prizes, goodie bags for all children entering. CHB is going for GOLD 4 years in a row with the Mayoral Cycle Challenge. Information is on the student notice board.

Weekly Manners Focus

This is our weekly manners focus, please talk about these manners at home.

Week 4

Country Values: Safety

Moving Around School Skills

- Stand back.
- Lets adults go first.
- Be orderly.
- Enter classrooms quietly.
- Walk around buildings.

Email Address

Family Name.....

Upcoming Events

23rd Feb	Swimming Sports Practice at Westpac Pools - bussed in
25th Feb	School Triathlon Champs
4th Mar	Onga Swimming Sports
8th Mar	CHB Swimming Sports
20th Mar	Trail Bike Ride Fundraiser, 8.30am

Office Bits & Pieces

Uniform: We have some hats at the office for sale at \$12 each. These are size small, medium and extra large. Also polo shirts are at the school for sale. Polar fleeces can be ordered through the office. All other new school uniform can be purchased at Postie Plus. A small percentage of these sales comes back to the school.

Second-hand Uniform: We have a box of second hand uniform that can be purchased for a gold coin donation per item of clothing. See Diane at office.

Lost Property: If school uniform ends up in the lost property and is not claimed because it is not named, it will eventually be washed and put in the second hand uniform box for anyone to buy. So PLEASE name your uniform.

Photocopying / Credit Accts: Thank you to those parents who have been prompt in paying the photocopying charges at the start of the year.

Room 1 Stories

A wave pushed me off my boggie board.
It was fun
By Noah Winchester.

I rode my motorbike.
I had fun.
By Finn Horvarth.

BOT News

Currently a Bi-Election is taking place for a Staff board member for the BOT, due to Sheelah Stevens leaving the staff at the end of last year. A result will be posted on the 17th March.

Trail Bike Ride

SOG is hosting the big fund raiser of the year for our school with a motorbike ride on Sunday, 20th March, 2011.

Any help with catering, either on the day or prior would be most welcome.

Likewise we will require help with marshalling or registration on the day.

Please phone Hamish Bibby on 8566095 regarding marshalling or registration or Sue Hill on 8578815 regarding catering.

Please fill in the slip where you can help and return to school.

Many Thanks,
Sue Hill

Yes, I can help on the day with:

- Catering (Please tick)
- Marshalling

Yes, I can provide:

- Ice cream container of grated cheese
- Ice cream container of grated carrot
- Ice cream container of sliced onion
- Muffins / Slices
- Money donation

Name.....

Email:

Phone:



Community Notices

Peaches for Sale: Genuine Golden Queen peaches for sale. \$1 per kg. Phone Dale Hornblow for orders on 8566573.

This is a fund raising venture for a March team travel fund. Delivery will be arranged.

Toolbox Parenting Courses Term 1:

Information at school for those interested. Topics include Parenting Styles, 5 Love Languages, Personality Types, Introvert/Extrovert, Tools for engaging co-operation and others. You can sign up also for a newsletter. www.theparentingplace.com or contact Joelle on 068786842.

This is through Parents Inc.

Work Wanted: Need a hand to tidy your garden, clean your windows or any other odd jobs done? Ph Sandy on 8566041.

For Sale: Full size basketball hoop. Never used. Still in box. No back board. \$25. Ring or see Brenda in Room 1.

For Sale: Reasonably priced 3/4 acre. Walking distance from school. Quiet end of the village. Ph Viv Dahm on 8566824.

For Sale: Cricket pads. Will suit an 8 -10yr old. \$15. Ph Viv Dahm on 8566824.

Room 1 News

- Everyone in Rooms 2-6 received a Visique voucher. (Rooms 1's received their special New Entrant voucher last week.) There are special offers on the voucher for the whole family. The school can also benefit and could be in to win some awesome prizes. Check it out.
- No poetry homework tomorrow because of the swimming practice.

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