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# WELCOME

NAU MAI  
HAERE MAI

*Quality Education, Country Values.*

## MISSION STATEMENT

All children accepted,  
extended and encouraged  
to reach their full potential

Ka Whakaaetia  
Ka Whakamarotia  
Ka Whakamanawatia nga tamariki  
ki ona taumata katoa

# ONGAONGA SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the  
*Onga Onga General Store  
& Cafe*

# Upcoming Events

3rd Feb	SSG Meeting
8th Feb	BOT Meeting 7pm
11th Feb	Cricket starts
20th Feb	Trail Bike Ride Fundraiser
23rd Feb	Practice swimming Sports - at Westpac Pools
25th Feb	School Triathlon Champs
4th Mar	Onga Swimming Sports
8th Mar	CHB Swimming Sports

## Office Bits & Pieces

**Bus Notices:** All permanent messages have been removed from the bus message board, so please call in if you have a permanent message or phone Diane with it on 8566840.

**Emergency List:** All families have been sent a 2011 Emergency form to be filled in with today's newsletter. These are one per family. (With the exception of our new families who have just handed theirs in). These forms are sent home at the start of each year just in case your details have changed. This form is what we go on in case you need to be contacted due to your child being sick at school or in case of other emergencies. Please take the time to fill these out and return them ASAP to the school office. If you cannot remember who your other contact person/s are, come and ask Diane to see your last year's form, so you can transfer your information over. Phone numbers especially are important to be kept updated.

**Family Phone Lists:** All families will receive a phone list in the next week. Please contact Diane if your details are incorrect. Thanks.

**Photocopying/Credit Accts:** \$7 per child for photocopying and approx \$30 per family for credit accts. Please pay at the school office. Phone Diane on 8566840 if you are not sure what you have in your credit account. (When you are in debit a note will be sent home).

**Access to Waipukurau Dental Clinic:** Construction of the Oral Health Services building will begin this term on the lower field at Waipukurau School. This may, from time to time, cause obstruction to access off the South Service Lane. We recommend that parents and children access the clinic from the main school gate on St Mary's Road.

## Room 1 News

- A Room 1 mini project has come home tonight. Please check your child's bag.

## Rooms 1 & 2 Swimming

If the temperature is below 20 degrees we do not swim. If your child is unable to swim, please let us know. **Named goggles** can be brought for swimming. On a cooler day, please provide your child with a sweatshirt to put on after swimming.



## Office Bits & Pieces Cont....

### Permission To Leave School Grounds

A slip will be sent home today asking for parents to give permission for their children to leave the school grounds during the day. This is for students from Room 4, Room 5 & Room 6 to allow them collect mail and milk from the shop. Students always go in pairs and it is usually Room 6 that do these duties. Please return to school as soon as possible.

### Piano Lessons

Piano is starting again. This year it will be held on a Wednesday and starts next week on Wednesday, 9th February. If you are interested, give the piano teacher Edwina a ring on 06 858767309.

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## Community Notices

Got something you want to sell, need a house to rent, or a job. Ring Diane at school on 8566840 and she will put it in this column.

**Wanted to Rent:** Young family of 5 moving into the Onga area are looking for a 3 - 4 bedroom house to rent. Please phone or txt Rebecca on 0277268755. Many thanks.

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### Room 1 Holiday Story

We went to Lake Tarawera.  
We played at Lake Tarawera.  
We saw our cousins.  
We had lots of swims with our cousins in the lake.  
I like our house at Lake Tarawera because there is an electric piano.  
We played with it lots.  
We caught some fish which we ate.

By Sophie Beamish



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### Email Address

Family Name.....

Our email address is.....

# 2ND FEBRUARY 2011 SCHOOL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

## Greetings to the Ongaonga Community, Kia Ora...

Greetings to the Ongaonga School Community and welcome to Week 1 of Term 1, 2011. It is great to see everyone back and really fizzing to get going. The staff attended a fantastic conference during the last few days of the holidays. It was held in Palmerston North and everyone found it to be an outstanding experience with valuable learning being gained by all staff.

### New Kids on the Block

A warm welcome to the following new pupils and families to Onga School - Travis Churchward who joins Room 3, Ethan Howie who joins Room 2 and Joshua Howie who joins Room 4. Welcome to parents James and Sonya Churchward.

Jack Brooks who joins Room 4. Welcome to parents Shane & Ange Brooks.

Connor Hirst who joins Room 6 and Cameron Hirst who joins Room 4. Welcome to parents Ian and Robyn Hirst.

Sarah Harrison who joins Room 5. Welcome to parents Mike and Sue Harrison.

Ruaridh Anderson who joins Room 3. Welcome to parents Steve and Jo Anderson.

Timea Cracknell who joins Room 3. Welcome to parents Wayne and Kate Cracknell.

And welcome to our new "new entrants" who already have older sisters here, Kayla Crispin, Noah Winchester and George McKenzie.

### Staff Welcome

A warm Ongaonga welcome to Tamara Douglas who takes up the position in Room 6.

We also welcome Cheree Drepaul back to Room 1 on Fridays.

### 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. These are ways of ensuring our children get to school safely.

### Use of the Pool

Please use the school pool well. The pool gate has been left unlocked on a number of occasions during the holidays. It is important that when you leave the pool you ensure the gate is locked. Thank you for your support.

### Picking up Children at 3pm

To ensure that children leave the grounds safely I ask that parents come out of cars and collect children from the pool gate. We had a number of near misses last year. At 3pm it is quite congested with buses and cars picking up children.

Please ensure that the bus message list is filled in before 3pm if children are not travelling on the bus or getting off at a different stop.

### One Day Cricket Game

Ten excited boys had the privilege of attending the NZ vs Pakistan Cricket match last night. At the tea break they played a demo game against each other, a great experience. We had 10 boys full of chips and candy floss cheering on the Black Caps.

A special thanks to Boyd Harris and Guy Beamish for providing transport.

### Phone List & E-Mail List

To aid our communication, we ask that families send us their phone contact numbers if they are new or if they have changed. To further assist with communication we ask that families send us their e-mail address to add to the school list if they have not already done so. Please fill in the slip on the next page or e-mail the school at office@ongaonga.schoolzone.net.nz.

### Swimming At School

We ask that children bring their togs and towels daily. We will be swimming every day. If children are unable to swim please send a note to the teacher or contact the teacher with a reason.

### Safety in the Sun

We ask that children bring a sun-hat daily and sun-cream to ensure they are protected from the sun.

### Final Word

A very busy week to start the year off. Again communication is essential to the smooth running of the school. I look forward to educating the children of Ongaonga this year.

I finish with a quote from an old Sanskrit Proverb,

"Look to this day...  
for yesterday is already a dream,  
and tomorrow is only a vision."

Michael Lewis

## DP's Corner...

Welcome back to everyone.

### Open Door Policy

It has been great to see families coming into the school grounds with their children. As a staff we like to keep good communication between home and school. Please come in and make yourself known to your child's teacher. We like to have an open door policy.

### Stationery

Thank you so much to those families who have already purchased books for the new year. If you need a stationery list, just ask your class teacher, look on the office window or ask at Paper Plus where they have the class stationery lists for Rooms 4-6.

Thank you.

Anne Frater  
Deputy Principal

## Sports News, Results & Draws

### Football Fun Day

The Central Hawke's Bay Football Club is holding a Fun Day this Saturday 5th February at Russell Park at 3pm. Everyone is welcome. BBQ food, Refreshments, Spot Prizes, Raffles Something for all the family. Come and enjoy a great afternoon of fun.

### Cricket

Make sure you get your cricket registrations into Sharyn Drylie this week.

A & B Grade will start next Friday, 11th Feb at 4pm at CHB College.

Milo Have a go will start next Wednesday, 9th Feb at 3.30pm.

Rachael Strong from Pukehou will be running Junior Cricket this year, so if you have any questions regarding cricket, please contact her at Pukehou School.

### Tennis

Sharyn will be calling for Tennis registrations for inter-school tennis on Mondays this week.

### Friday Sport

Friday sport over the next month will be focusing on Triathlon training. This Friday we will look at running and swimming. We ask that all children bring their togs and shoes that they can run in.



### Weekly Manners Focus

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

#### Week 1

##### GENERAL MANNERS

Values Focus: Treatment

##### Skills

- Asking politely
- Thanking people
- Saying sorry if you bump into others
- Avoid walking between people who are having a conversation