

Upcoming Events

11th Feb	Cricket starts
15th Feb	BOT Meeting, 7pm
23rd Feb	Practice swimming Sports - at Westpac Pools
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

Bus Notices: A reminder that if your child is not getting on the bus for a period of time, please put your message on the board with a **capital P** next to it so Diane can type in your message for the following week.

Emergency List: Thank you for the big effort families have made to get these forms back to the office. Please keep them coming in.

Family Phone Lists: A phone list has come home with this week's newsletter. Please contact Diane if your details are incorrect. Thanks.

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

Permission To Leave School Grounds: Permission slips to leave the school grounds for Rooms 4, 5 & 6 were sent home last week. Please return the signed slip to school office if you are happy for your child to have this responsibility. This is for collecting mail & shop items and most times usually two seniors fulfil this position.

Piano Lessons: Piano will now be on a Thursday, not Wednesday as previously advertised. This will start tomorrow, 10th Feb. If you are interested, give Edwina, the piano teacher a ring on 06 8767309.

Access to Waipukurau Dental Clinic: Construction of the Oral Health Services building will begin this term on the lower field at Waipukurau School. We recommend that parents and children access the clinic from the main school gate on St Mary's Road.

Room1's Class Story

Leah Turner came to show us her 4 chicks. Their names are Cheep, Tina, Peck and Jack. We held them. They ran around in circles. The chicks were funny. The chicks were soft and cute.

Room 1

Letter of the week homework has come home tonight. Homework to be completed and returned by tomorrow. Mini projects sent home last week are due in now.

A recipe for you to try....

Courgette & Feta Fritters

4 medium courgettes, grated
3/4 c(90g) feta cheese, grated
3/4 c fresh breadcrumbs
1 T chopped marjoram
2 eggs
1 sm red onion, thinly sliced
Cooking spray
4 tomatoes, chopped
1/4 c fresh mint, torn
2/3 c plain yoghurt, to serve

Squeeze excess moisture from courgettes. Combine with feta, marjoram, breadcrumbs, eggs and half the onion. Spray a non-stick frying pan with oil. Over a medium high heat, cook heaped tablespoons of batter for two to three minutes each side, or until golden. Repeat to make a total of 16 fritters.

Combine tomatoes, mint and remaining onion in a bowl. Serve this salad with fritters and yoghurt. Serves 4 as brunch or a light meal.

For tasty burgers, shape the mixture into 4 patties and serve on wholegrain bread rolls.

Community Notices

Free Composting Workshops:

Sunday, 20th Feb 10 - 11am at Waipawa. Topic - Bokashi and wormfarming.

Sunday, 27th Feb 10 - 11am at Waipawa. Topic - Hot composting. Phone Louise on 0276007479 to register. Supported by CHB District Council and Green Kiwi Trust.

Missing: Last Friday someone accidentally picked up some size one sandals. These are quite new with Velcro straps. A picture of these are on the student notice board. Please return to school office if you have them.

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 8 - 10yr old. \$15. Ph Viv Dahm on 8566824.

Opera at Oruawharo: Sunday, 27th February from 4pm - 8pm at Oruawharo Road, Takapau. Tickets can be purchased at the CHB Information Centre phone 8586488 and are as follows - entry only \$35, gourmet burger and entry \$45, seated dinner and entry \$85. You can take your own picnic basket into this venue. No BYO alcohol but this can be purchased at the venue. Low seating is allowed.

A little information about this event... this is the 6th year that this fundraising event has been going. The performers perform for free and this year the proceeds are going to the Ronald MacDonald House.



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8TH FEBRUARY 2011 SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Greetings to the Ongaonga Community, Kia Ora...

We are already into week 2, time is beginning to fly. The children have made a great start to the year and it is great to see the positive atmosphere in the playground.

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.

Use of the Pool

We have installed a new lock on the pool gate to ensure that it closes making it safer. Please ensure that the pool gate is closed at all times when in use.

Bus Run Update

We have been able to get a larger bus on the Blackburn run which means we can take all children home on one run. The application for an extension on the Wakarara bus run around Swamp Rd-Onga-Waipawa Rd has been approved by the local provider and has been sent to the ministry for approval. Hopefully we will have an outcome soon.

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. We will have a teacher on duty at the pool gate. Traffic Wardens are also at the other gates and corners of streets around Ongaonga.

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 numbers 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. A number of children are still coming to school without hats in this weather. It is essential that they bring a hat. We have 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.

Police Notice

Please read the inserted police notice supplied by the New Zealand Police, let's hope this is not occurring in our community.

Final Word

I finish with a quote from Charles de Gaulle former French President,

"Nothing great will ever be achieved without great men, and men are great only if they are determined to be so."

Michael Lewis
Principal

DP's Corner...

"Inspired Impact"

At the end of January our teaching staff joined with 1,400 other teachers from around New Zealand, at a conference in Palmerston North called "Inspired Impact". We all returned rejuvenated and encouraged once again, to value our children's innate ability to WONDER and INQUIRE. Education needs to open children's minds to possibilities. As a staff, we really value the balance this type of conference provides to the much more narrow focus of the National Standards. Come in and see how we are encouraging wonder and inquiry in our classrooms.

Anne Frater
Deputy Principal

Weekly Manners Focus

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

Week 2

IN THE PLAYGROUND SKILLS

- Listen to others
- Ask for help
- Tell the truth
- Be fair to everyone
- Own up

"Are you getting someone into trouble?"
Country Values: Problem Solving

Sports News, Results & Draws

Cricket

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

Milo Have a Go will start today, 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

Please contact Sharyn Drylie with interest in playing tennis this year. The interschool competition is for Year 7 & 8 students.

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 running shoes.

Swimming Sports

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

Practice session - 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.

CHB Swim Club

First club night of the year is on Thursday, 17th February. Be ready for a 6.45pm start.

Can you swim one length of the pool?

Would you like to join in a fun night of swimming once a month?

We cater for competitive and non competitive swimmers of all ages. Come along and see if this for you.

Junior Golf

This is for 7yrs and upwards and is on each Sunday from 13th Feb till 10th April from 9am - 10.30am at the Wpuk Golf Course. Cost is \$1 per time. If you are interested phone Kane on 021754527.

Email Address

Family Name.....

Our email address is.....