

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

### New Kids On The Block

A warm Ongaonga welcome to Kaitlyn and Lucas Brown-McRae who join Rooms 3 & 4. Welcome to parents Rebecca and Dwayne, to the Ongaonga Community.

### 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.

### Nits

Unfortunately it is nit season again. Please inspect all children's hair to ensure that no extra inhabitants are present.

### 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.

### 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. We are still finding that hats are not being worn.

### 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

An important part of Ongaonga School is that communication between school and home is good. We will endeavour to communicate information to families through the newsletter or directly by ringing home. Please contact us with any questions you may have.

**Michael Lewis**  
Principal

## DP's Corner...

### Languages Starting Soon

At Ongaonga School we offer a programme in languages to the students in Rooms 4-6. Students choose one language, either French, Spanish or Te Reo, and they study that language for 20 minutes, three times each week for the year. Students are asked to choose a new language each year. Classes have already made their choices and the language programme begins next week.

### Options

We also offer options in The Arts. Students, again from Rooms 4-6, choose two options from either Drama, Music (Ukelele), Visual Art or Dance. We run these programmes twice weekly, for ½ an hour. Students have already made their choices and this programme begins when swimming has finished.

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

**Anne Frater**  
Deputy Principal

### Weekly Manners Focus

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

## Week 3

### MANNERS FOCUS

#### SPEAKING NICELY TO EACH OTHER:

Values Focus: Treatment

In the: **Classroom**  
**Playground**  
or **Sportsfield**

#### **SKILLS:**

***Giving compliments and affirmations***

- a) Look at the person
- b) Say their name
- c) Say something nice like..  
Nice shot, Fred!  
Cool gear, Suzi!
- d) Smile 😊 😊 😊

## Sports News, Results & Draws

### Cricket

A & B Grade will start this Friday hopefully, 18th Feb at 4pm at CHB College.

Milo Have a Go will be on today, Wednesday, 3.30pm, weather permitting.

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.

### A Grade

Country (Onga/Puke) vs Town/Thorpe

### B Grade

Spikers (Onga/Sherwood) vs Wanderers B3

Stags (Onga/Tiko) vs Pacers B1

### Tennis

Tennis starts next Monday, 21st February with a Fun Day (for the registered players) at the Waipukurau Tennis Centre at 3.30pm and then will run on a round robin basis of singles and doubles starting on Monday 28th February at 3.30pm.

### Friday Sport

Friday sport over the next month will be focusing on triathlon training. This Friday, we will 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 - 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 tomorrow night, 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.

### Email Address

Family Name.....

## Upcoming Events

23rd Feb Practice swimming Sports 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

**Uniform:** We have three 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.

**Emergency List:** Thank you for the big effort families have made to get these forms back to the office. Please keep them coming in. If you misplaced your form with the business of school starting, ring Diane and another one can be sent home.

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

**Piano Lessons:** Piano has started and is now on a Thursday. If you are interested, give Edwina the piano teacher a ring on 06 8767309.

### Room 1 Story

On Thursday I am going on a steam train.

By Hamish Dunderdale.



### Room 1 News

- A Visique Schools Eye Care Flier has come home tonight. This is for the free sunglasses with other offers also included.
- Library day is on Thursdays.

### Trail Bike Ride

SSG 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

**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.

**Free Workshops:** This Sunday, 20th February 10 - 11am at Waipawa. Topic - Bokashi and wormfarming. Also on Sunday, 27th February from 10 - 11am at Waipawa. Topic - Hot composting. Phone Louise on 0276007479 to register. Supported by CHB District Council and Green Kiwi Trust.

**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.

**Waipawa Community Garden Open Day:** The CHB Green Kiwi Trust, Waipawa Community Garden Open Day is on Sunday 27th February from 4pm - 6pm, next to Waipawa School, Harker Street. Everyone is welcome. Come and see the progress of our plot holders and the wide variety of fresh produce and growing techniques. For further information contact Ann on 8577303.

**Opera at Oruawhoro:** Sunday, 27th February from 4pm - 8pm at Oruawhoro 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.

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