

Greetings to the Ongaonga Community, Kia Ora...

Welcome to Week 5.

Staff Bereavement

It is with great sadness that I announce that our Special Needs Teacher Megan Bolton's husband, Andrew, passed away.

A number of the staff will be attending the funeral tomorrow at 1pm.

All classes will be covered by relieving teachers and school will carry on as normal. Should any parents wish to attend, the funeral is at 1pm at Stonehaven in Waipukurau.

School Meeting and BBQ

On Thursday 10th of March at 5.30pm we will be holding a school meeting and BBQ. This is a meeting where parents and students will assemble under the shade sail and have a brief introduction of the School's Targets for 2011 and an outline of the schools aims and objectives for the year.

After this there will be an open classroom session where students will show parents their classes and teachers will talk informally about the way the class operates. This is not a parent/teacher interview night, this will take place at mid-year or if the need arises.

This will be followed by a school BBQ where the senior students will run a BBQ to raise money for camp. Drinks for students will also be for sale.

Communication

It is important that lines of communication are kept open. It is important that parents contact staff if they have any concerns even if they only seem minor.

We are fortunate to have an excellent staff who are working hard to provide the best education they can for the children of Ongaonga. **If there is a concern approach your child's teacher first.** If parents are still unhappy then make an appointment with the Principal and finally if there is still an issue the Board can be contacted in writing. This is an outline of our complaints and concerns procedure. Hopefully issues will be addressed in the first instance. They can't be addressed if the staff are unaware of any problem.

Swimming Sports

The School Swimming Sports will take place this Friday at the Westpac Trust Pool. Rooms 3-6 will depart at 11.15am to be ready to start races at 12pm sharp.

We will begin with the width races and then follow with the length races.

Rooms 1 & 2 will leave at the later time of 12.15pm.

Races will finish around 2pm at which time parents may take their children home. Teachers must be notified on the day when parents take children.

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.

Wakarara Bus Run

Great news, I have just been informed that the Wakarara Bus Run will now travel down Swamp Rd to Ongaonga Waipawa and complete the loop rather than turning around. This will begin on Monday, 7th of March.

Final Word

'Should it Stay or Should it Go'

As part of our fundraising activities for supporting the Christchurch Relief Fund I will be fundraising by taking votes on if I should keep my beard or shave it off. A vote is a donation of any amount to the Relief Fund. As well as that we have planned a Red Day which will be held sometime next week.

**Michael Lewis
Principal**

DP's Corner...

Greetings to all...

Royal New Zealand Ballet

As part of our senior options programme 15 students will be watching the Royal New Zealand Ballet perform 'Tutu's on Tour' today. A great way to introduce dance option to these children.

Thank you.

**Anne Frater
Deputy Principal**

Duathlon Results

5 - 6yr Girls

- 1st Alexa Gunson
- 2nd Lucy McCutcheon
- 3rd Raeleen Del Mar

7 - 8yr Girls & Boys

- 1st Kaitlyn Brown - McRae & Sam Wall
- 2nd Bradley Roys-Smith
- 3rd Carlo Ruddlesden

9 - 10yr Girls & Boys

- 1st Holly Purcell & Daniel Tilyard
- 2nd Millie McCutcheon & Al Delos Reyes
- 3rd McKenzie Jordan & Damon Peters

11+ yr Girls & Boys

- 1st Georgina Tilyard & Rhys Hardwidge
- 2nd Jade Marsh & Lynus Magee
- 3rd Natalie Purcell & Hamish Taylor

Triathlon Results

5 - 6yr Girls & Boys

- 1st Sophie Beamish & Dylan Bibby
- 2nd Leah Bibby & Jack Irvine
- 3rd Lily Simmons & Hamish Robottom

7 - 8yr Girls & Boys

- 1st Alyssa Harrison & Tauri Maniapoto-Cheer
- 2nd Jessica Wilson & Jack Brooks
- 3rd Megan McKenzie & Nat Beamish

9 - 10yr Girls & Boys

- 1st Olivia Hewlett-Mahar & Sean Baker
- 2nd Emily Wilson & Hannes Johansen
- 3rd Rachel Carlyle & Finn Beamish

11+ Girls & Boys

- 1st Elysha-Rose Grant & Matt Irvine
- 2nd Tia Maniapoto-Cheer & Lan Johansen
- 3rd Erica Morgans & Dion Baker

Well done everybody!

Sports News, Results & Draws

Cricket Results

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 Ongaonga Hall.

A Grade

Country (Onga/Puke) St Terry

B Grade

Spikers (Onga/Sherwood) vs Pacers

Stags (Onga/Tiko) vs Wanderers

Practice for B Grade 3.30 pm Thursday after school.

Tennis

Week 2 - Monday 7th March at 3.30pm.

Orrsim Onga Outlaws vs Flemington Flyers at Y'Puk 5 & 6.

Swimming Sports

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

School Champs - Friday, 4th March.

(At Westpac Pools).

Interschool Champs - Tuesday, 8th March.

(At Westpac Pool).

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. We will need help with transport on Tuesday.

Weekly Manners Focus

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

Week 5

Country Values Learning

Focus: Working to learn

Skills

- Put your hand up and wait to be asked
- Listen politely to others
- Use inside voices
- Stay in your seat

Upcoming Events

3rd March	SSG Meeting - 7.30pm at School
4th March	Onga Swimming Sports
8th March	CHB Swimming Sports - 9.15am arrive. 9.30am start
10th March	Meet the teacher night & BBQ
11th March	School Triathlon Champs
20th March	Trail Bike Ride Fundraiser, 8.30am

Office Bits & Pieces

Uniform: We have some new polar fleeces in stock. Two small and one medium. See Diane if you would like one. The cost of these is \$42 each.

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.

Room 1 Stories

I have a dog.
It is a small dog.
It is a white dog.
It's name is Minty.
By Leah Bibby.

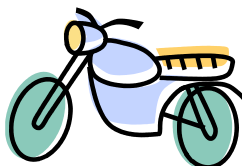


Today we had toy day. Everyone remembered to bring a toy. We had our photos taken with our toys.

Lochie's Toy Story

I got this motorbike.
I like it.
It's old.
I play with it a lot.
Mum and Dad gave it to me at Christmas.
I play with it in the sandpit.
I like pretending the sand is a motorbike track.

By Lochie Guerin.



SSG

Our next meeting is this Thursday, 3rd March at 7.30pm in the Staffroom at School. All welcome.

We have had 3 replies so far to the trail bike ride help slips. **PLEASE REPLY BELOW HOW YOU CAN HELP.** For this to be a success, we need everyone's help. Please see below where you can help.

Trail Bike Ride

SSG is hosting the big fundraiser 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
Corned Beef - donate
Corned Beef - cooked
Muffins / Slices
Money donation

Name.....

E-mail:

Phone:



Community Notices

Amazing Maze n Maize: A fun country fair family day at 157 Longlands Road, Hastings on this Sunday 6th March. Egg & spoon race, cowpat bingo, create a scarecrow, bouncy castle, pony rides. Food & wine available or BYO picnic. Entry is free and all proceeds from auction and other activities go to Riding for Disabled. For more information ph 06 8788117.

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 Marching Team travel fund. Delivery will be arranged.

Children & Adult Art Classes:

Children's art classes in Waipukurau on Mondays - 3.15 - 4.15pm and 3.45 - 4.45pm at 1 Marlborough Street, Waipukurau (Toy Library). Children learn watercolour painting, drawing in pastels and pencils and clay modeling. Adult Classes in drawing, watercolours and acrylics. No experience needed just the desire. Mondays 6.30pm - 8pm and on Tuesdays 9am - 12pm. Ph or txt Margaret - Mary Farr on 0272484193 or 068589314 or email her at manawastudio@gmail.com

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.

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.

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