

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

Welcome to **Week 11**.

**The last week of Term 1 and hasn't this term flown by. I am sure the students are ready for a break after a long term.**

**The Year 7 & 8 students will be going to camp on the first day of Term 2**

### Principal's Question for The Week

Here's the Principal's Question.

Last week:

Which singer's name was once Declan McManus?

Declan McManus' name is Elvis Costello.

This week's question;

Who was Vito Genovese?

### Disco

Thank you to all who supported the recent disco. The senior pupils raised over \$ 400, which will go toward their camp in the first week back of next term. We thank everyone for their support.

### ANZAC Day

Monday the 25th of April, Easter Monday, is when ANZAC Day will be observed throughout New Zealand.

Our Year 8 students take an active part in the Ongaonga Service and it is important that they attend, if possible.

They will be involved in laying a wreath and poppies, reciting poems, raising and lowering the flag etc.

We will assemble at the Ongaonga Hall at 8.45am and then march to the Cenotaph.

This is a special service, which is followed by morning tea at the Fire Brigade. I look forward to seeing families there. Rooms 5 & 6 were visited today by members of the RSA to talk about ANZAC Day.

### Easter day

Tomorrow is Easter Day where students will study a festival as part of the Social Sciences Curriculum. Children will be grouped in houses and work through a variety of activities based around Easter.

### Gymnastics

Next term we will be focusing on Gymnastics for PE. Also as part of this we will be holding sessions at lunchtimes. Any parents who can help out please contact Mike.

The Highway 50 Novice Gym Festival will be held on Wednesday 1st of June. The CHB Gym Festival will be held on Friday 17th June.

### Final Word

It is amazing what can be achieved if we work together.

"Kai urupu tatou; kaua e taukemekume."

Let us be united; not pulling one against another.

This really sums up what is possible if we all head in the same direction.

Have a safe and restful holiday and I will see everyone back at school on Monday, 2nd May.

**Michael Lewis**  
Principal

## DP's Corner...

### Holiday Project: "Shoe Boxes of Love"

Please find enclosed a flier about a project known as "Shoe Boxes of Love" for people affected by the Christchurch Earthquake. This is a really practical way of helping and it is a fun thing to do. Please read the enclosed leaflet, go to the website and if you would like to make up a box over the holidays, I would love to co-ordinate the collection at school.

### Stationery for Term 2

Please check that your child still has enough stationery for Term 2. In Room 4, I would like my class to return to school with 2 HB pencils, 2 highlighter pens and a new glue stick, (please check your rubber also).

### 40 Hour Famine

This takes place nationwide on 27-29 May. At school, I will co-ordinate this for students who would like to "make a difference for the hungry". Sponsorship books will be distributed in Week 1 of Term 2.

**Anne Frater,**  
Deputy Principal

### The Great Giveaway

Worried about a study area for homework?

Need a desk for children to study at?

On Friday, 15th of April, the last day of term, Ongaonga School will be running -

**The Great Giveaway.** There will be old shelves, an old fireplace, desks and other furniture items able to be taken away. This will take place between 3 & 5pm **this Friday** in front of the Tennis Pavilion. All items must be taken during that time. No item will be held over to another date. It's not often you get something free.

### Help Needed.

We need several willing people to come at 2.30pm on Friday and help take items out of the pavilion shed ready for The Great Giveaway at 3pm. If you can help, please ring Greg Wilson on 8566817.

## Sports News, Results & Draws

### Netball

We have started netball practice on Friday afternoons. Please ensure children have suitable clothing and footwear.

The A Grade team will be named this week. We desperately need a parent to help with coaching.

Please phone Sharon Drylie if you can help.

Thank you.

We hope to issue netball uniforms for our A & B grade at the start of next term before the senior classes go on camp. There will only be grading games for A & B Grade on the first Saturday back.

We will be entering 4 teams;

A, B, C & D Grades.

We will require coaches and managers for these teams. Please contact Sharyn Drylie if you can help.

### Miniball Draw 15th April

#### Junior

Orrism Onga vs Te Kura at 4.50pm.

#### Senior

Ongaonga vs Wpuk Hotshots at 8pm.

Siu Swinburne is unable to be there on Friday, and is asking that teams please turn up on time and that senior teams fill out the score sheet. Thank you.

### Intermediate Rugby

All Ongaonga Intermediate players will be based at Waipawa Rugby Club this year. Players will train on a Thursday, at Waipawa (Coronation Park) at 5pm starting tomorrow Thursday - 14th April. Children will continue to practice on a Friday afternoon at school. Please send a change of clothes if wet on a Friday as players will still train. Phone Boyd Harris if you have any queries.

### CHB Barefoot 7's

Well done to our teams who played in the Barefoot 7's. Both teams played well and some good wins. As one parent said - What a positive way to start the season.

A big thank you to Bruce Parker and Boyd Harris for their help in coaching these players.

### Small Whites Coaching (Junior 6 -12yrs)

This is a 2hr workshop which blends together demonstrations of practical activities with good advice on how to survive your first coaching season. This will be held in the Memorial Hall, Waipukurau tonight, 13th April from 6 - 8pm and is free. **The special treat is that Jonathan Gould (Wellington Phoenix Coach & ex-professional footballer) will be running the session. There are more spaces if anyone is interested.**

### CHB Hockey Coaching Clinics

CHB Hockey will be running these coaching clinics during the school holidays - 19th April - 21st April with groups for younger (Yr 1-5) and older (Yr 6-9) players. Anyone who wishes to observe and learn current hockey skills, drills and techniques is welcome. The cost is \$4 per session - \$12 for all sessions. Times are from 9am - 1pm each day. More information and registration forms at school office.

## Upcoming Events

14th April	Easter Day
15th April	The Great Giveaway - 3pm
15th April	Last day of Term 1
25th April	Anzac Service - 8.45am at Hall
2nd May	First day of Term 2
2nd - 6th May	Senior Camp
1st June	Novice Gymnastics at Sherwood
17th June	CHB Gymnastics Festival
10th August	7 A-Side
11th August	Cancellation date for 7 A-Side

### Office Bits & Pieces

**Second Hand Uniform:** This is in the office at present. Come and have a look and help yourself for a gold coin donation.

**Cricket Second Hand Uniform:** There are two pairs of trousers and 1 white vest in the second hand clothing box. Again gold coin donation for each item of clothing.

### Room 1

#### Library

All library books to be handed in tomorrow. No books will be issued over the holidays. Some are overdue. Please check.

#### Poetry / Alphabet Homework

Autumn homework has come home tonight, to be handed in by Friday.

Can everyone please bring 2 large gluesticks for the beginning of Term 2 plus 2 named sharpened pencils. If any other stationery is required for Term 2, a separate note will come home.

Thank you.  
Brenda

#### BOOKARAMA

This Friday 15th & Saturday 16th April from 9am to 4pm at the Waipukurau Memorial Hall. Please support this Annual Event by donating your surplus books, puzzles, etc. we have "drop off" points at -  
Winloves Retravision  
W M Story  
Waipawa Clock Shop  
Otane Store  
For those who would like their books collected please phone Carol Seymour on 8558301 (Takapau) or Frank Tombleson on 8589706 (Waipukurau).

### Thank You

We would like to thank the Ongaonga School Community for all the love and support we have received over the past few years.

The children have absolutely loved their time at Ongaonga School and are sad to be leaving, but at the same time are very excited about their next stage in life. They have made some special friends and have been given an excellent start to their schooling by a wonderful team of teachers and support staff.

Ongaonga as a community is extremely lucky to have such a well equipped school with such dedicated staff. Many thanks, we will miss you all. Paula, Millie, Lucy & Poppie McCutcheon.

### ROOM 1 STORIES

I went to the disco and they sold glowsticks.  
By Noah Winchester.

I went to the disco and I liked it. I danced with Jessica.  
By Kayla Crispin



### Easter

There will be face and hand painting on Easter Day. If your child has a skin allergy or you do not want them to be involved in the activity please let the school know.

### Gymnastics Festival

This will be on Friday, 17th June at CHB College. The girls who think they may be in Elementary A, can start planning their music and routines. Something to work on in the holidays.

#### Novice Gymnastics

This will be in a cluster of Argyll Tikokino, Sherwood and Onga and is to be held at Sherwood School on Wednesday the 1st June.

### Community Notices

**Missing:** Green "Drover" long sleeved shirt and trousers. Hannes's name is written on the label. Please check your children's Drover gear as many have the same.

**Missing:** We have lost Cassy our cat. She is a 4-5yr old tortoise shell with a blonde streak on her nose and back. Missing from the village since Sunday. If you have seen her or see her please phone Jo on 8566081.

**For Sale:** 1 petrol weed eater. \$60. Ph Leanne on 8566093.

**Easter Service:** Church of the Good Shepherd in Ongaonga at 8.30am on Easter Sunday. All Welcome.

**For Sale:** 2 Jack Russell pups. 1 male, 1 female. Vaccinated and wormed. Ready on 16th April. Ph Crystal on 8566615.

**For Sale:** 2 Female foxie pups. Have been wormed and vaccinated. Ph Vicki on 8566066.

**For Sale:** 1 pair of lotto soccer boots. Suitable for an 8 - 9yr old. In very good condition. \$10. Ph Tauri on 8565521.

**House Cleaning Wanted:** Ph Vicki on 8566066. References available.

**Babysitter:** Available in weekends and holidays. \$10 an hour, very reliable. Please phone Lara Beachen on 8566576 or Jo on 8566840 (school).

**Wanted :** Heading dog or bitch. Must be broken in. Older dog if possible. Ph Brett on 0212 988 226.

**CHB Parents Centre Fundraiser:** CHB parents Centre is holding a Quiz Evening on Friday, 13th May. Keep this date free so you can attend. More information to come.

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