

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

### Welcome to Week 8.

#### Staff Fly Around Triathlon Course

Well done to all the Ongaonga School Staff who took part in the Wahine Triathlon last week. A great effort by all to train and take part in this race. I watched the cycling leg and there was a huge determination shown on all faces. Watch out, next stop the Olympics.

#### Wacky Red and Black Day

This Friday the 25th of March, the school will hold a Wacky Red and Black Day to raise funds for Christchurch. This will be joined to the total already raised from our previous Wacky Hair Day which gives us a great start of \$170. The money raised will be donated to a school in Christchurch.

Many thanks to Jo Allan and the environmental captains Connor Hirst, Jack Waugh, and Trent Jordan for all their hard work in organizing this and for coming up with this inspired idea. Any donation will be greatly received.

#### Trail Ride

A tremendous effort from our SSG to raise over \$7000 from the Trail Ride held last Sunday. Many thanks again to all who helped especially the landowners who make this event possible.

Well done to Simon and his team from the SSG for a great event.

#### School Pool

The school pool will be closed this week with the last day for swimming being this Sunday, 27th March.

We would like all keys returned by next Friday, 31st March. Returned keys to the school office by this date will receive a \$5 refund.

#### Newsletter Photos

We are in the process of renewing the front page of our newsletter and so are on the look out for photos to go on this. If you have any that you think are suitable please contact Diane at the school office. Also if parents in business are interested in sponsorship of the newsletter please contact Diane as there may be several available spaces.

#### Friday Sport

Winter sports practices begin this Friday from 2pm. Please contact Sharyn Drylie if you can help with coaching a team.

#### Final Word

I finish with a Chinese proverb,

“Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.”

**Michael Lewis**  
Principal

## DP's Corner...

### Options

This week we are starting “Options”, where our students are given a wide variety of experiences in the Arts. Students from Rooms 4-6 make a first and second choice from either Drama, Music (Ukelele), Visual Art or Dance. These sessions are run twice weekly for ½ an hour. Students have already made their choices and today we have begun Option 1. Later in the year we will swap to the second choice, Option 2.

### PAT Testing

Early in March, we completed our Progress and Achievement Testing in Maths, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and Listening. These tests are done throughout New Zealand and they provide us with information about our student's ability compared with that of other students across NZ. These results will all be available to parents at mid year interviews, but if you would like to see them earlier, please contact your classroom teacher.

Thank you.

**Anne Frater**

Deputy Principal

### Internet Safety

With the development of our new Website we will be putting photos onto the website and writing articles.

We need to ensure parents are happy with photos and articles involving students being put on the website.

If at any time parents are unhappy with the photos on the website please contact the school and they will be removed.



### Weekly Manners Focus

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

## Week 8

### MANNERS FOCUS

**ENTERING ANOTHER CLASSROOM TO GIVE A MESSAGE:**

#### **SKILLS:**

- ☉ Enter quietly
- ☉ Say “excuse me” and the teacher's name
- ☉ Give the message to the teacher
- ☉ Wait for a reply if necessary

## Sports News, Results & Draws

### Friday Sport

This Friday sees the start of Winter Sport. It will begin at 2pm after assembly. Please contact Sharyn Drylie if you can help with coaching a team.

### Cricket Results A & B Grade

**Milo Have a Go** Many thanks to Hamish Bibby and his band of parents who took Milo Have A Go on Wednesdays, a great start for our budding cricketers.

**A Grade** Many thanks to all who helped out with our A Grade Team this year. A very successful year winning all their games.

### B Grade

**Spikers vs Wanderers.** A loss but all played well.

**Stags vs Steamers.** A close win to the Stags with Lucas Harris fielding outstandingly.

Cricket is finished for this Term.

The WYCOM Cricket Academy will have their last session this Sunday at 10am.

### CHB Athletics Club

Well done to Ben Waugh for being awarded a Certificate of Achievement and to Dylan Bibby for being awarded Most Improved Player and first in the 6yr old Boys Overall Athlete.

### Tennis

Week 4 - Monday 28th March at 3.30pm.

Orrsim Onga Outlaws vs Pukehou Power at Waipawa 5 & 6.

### Rugby Coach Training Session

HB Rugby Union's Dan Sommerville presents this free coach training session to help you learn games and drills that can be used in your training sessions immediately. To be held at Taradale Rugby Club, Tareha Park Guppy Road, Taradale on Wednesday, 30th March 2pm - 4pm. Register with Tim Motu at sports Hawkes Bay [tim@sporthb.net.nz](mailto:tim@sporthb.net.nz)

### Free CHB Barefoot 7's Fun Day

Saturday, 9th April from 8.30am - 12noon at Central Park. 2 grades - 10yrs & under or 13yrs & under. Entries close Friday, 1st April. Enquires to John Kilmister on 021759172. This is being organized by CHB Rugby as a bit of a pre - season tournament and all children from CHB are able to join in. See Miss Drylie if you are interested.

### Hockey Fantasticks

This is 3 day camp being run during the Easter School Holidays (19th - 21st April) by the Kelt Capital Hockey Academy. Designed for all abilities from beginner through to HB Reps and for players aged 7 - 13yrs. Players will also have the opportunity to engage in some external activities including a FantaS-TICKS quiz on day 1, Laser Force on day 2 and relaxation at Ocean Spa on day 3. The cost for this is \$250.00 player.

Ph Viv on 06 8441166 to book.

### Are You NZ's Junior Tiger?

A nationwide hunt is on and the winner will get to represent NZ at The World Junior Golf Championships in the USA, including a trip to Disneyland with a family member!

Tournament categories are 11 & Under (girls & boys) and 12 - 14 ( girls & boys). Register online NOW at [www.juniortiger.co.nz](http://www.juniortiger.co.nz)

## Upcoming Events

25th March Wacky Red Day at Onga School  
 15th April Last day of Term 1  
 2nd May First day of Term 2  
 2nd - 6th May Senior Camp

### Office Bits & Pieces

**Bus Messages:** A reminder that changes, either permanent or daily, to the bus message board need to be rung in or a signed note by a parent please. (Not just a verbal from the pupils).

**Tech Fee:** The tech for this year is \$50 per pupil. Payment for this can be made at the school office.

**Senior Camp:** Parents, who wish to, are welcome to start making deposits towards the senior camp. See Diane at office regarding this.

### Dear Parents, Caregivers and friends of the Ongaonga School -

What a great start to the year. We had over 250 riders turn up for what can only be described as 100 km's of pure back country dirt and quad bike riding indulgence!

The Ongaonga School Support Committee would like to thank everyone involved for their support of the annual Trail Bike Ride this past weekend.

It was another great success and could not have happened without the support of the School Support Committee, the parents, the landowners over whose land this Trail Ride was run, the folks who manned the registration, car parking and lunch duties, the lead rider and the marshals for their knowledge and incredible patience, the riders from Hawke's Bay and other regions for supporting the schools fundraising trail ride, the duty flight crew from the Hawke's Bay Rescue Helicopter Service, the sponsors (Ongaonga Garage, Westpac Bank and the Department of Labour OSH), but most of all for everyone who came out to donate time and supply food, apples, lemons, vehicles, radios, personal locator beacons and other resources etc!

I want to personally mention an observation for all those 'fellas' sitting out at crossings all alone until that last rider came by, the dead bike recovery team, the trail sweepers and the chap closing hundreds of gates, they were all truly amazing!

All good things must come to an end. Because of everyone's generosity, the committee was able to earn some much needed funds to support the Ongaonga School and its students.

Simon Osborne  
 SSG Chairperson

### Room 3 Story

My mum went to the triathlon. She got a medal. The neck part is blue and white and red. Its silver. I don't know what place she came. I watched her do it for half of the time. I was playing on the skate park. It was fun. I was in the tree. I saw Jo, Jo Jo and Miss Drylie doing the triathlon too.

By Karl Turner.



### St Oran's Fun For Kidz

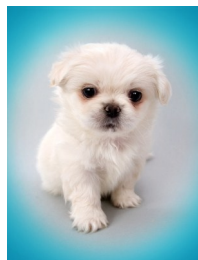
Watch this space for details of our new St Oran's Fun For Kidz. We will still meet after school on Thursdays as usual, but we will be returning as ..... ROCK SOLID. Starting soon. Watch this space.

Anne Frater.

### Room 1 Story

I got Max my dog for Christmas. It was cool. I can bounce on the tramp with Max.

By Jemma Jackson.



### SSG Meeting

There will be meeting on Thursday, 7th April at 7pm in the staffroom to debrief the recent Trail Bike Ride. This is open to all parents, past and present landowners, volunteers, marshals and sponsors.

Simon Osborne  
 SSG Chairperson

### BOT Results of Bi - Election

The result of the Staff representative By-election is as follows -

Maria Douglas	10 votes
Sharyn Drylie	6 votes
Invalid votes	0 votes

Maria Douglas is duly elected to the Board of Trustees.

Dale Hornblow,  
 Returning Officer.

## Community Notices

### House Cleaning Wanted:

References available. Ph Vicki on 8566066.

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

**Girl Guide Biscuits For Sale:** Plain large \$3 per pkt or \$45 box (15 packs), Minis \$3.50 per pkt or \$56 box (16 packs), Choc \$3.50 pkt or \$63 box (18 packs). Ph Rochelle Alder on 8566740 to place your order.

**Bookarama:** Friday 15th & Saturday 16th April from 9am - 4pm at the Waipukurau Memorial Hall. Drop off points are Winloves Re-travision, WM Story, Waipawa Clock Shop and Otane Store. For those who would like books collected please phone Carol on 8558301 (Takapau) or Frank on 8589706 (Waipukurau).

**Pigs for Sale:** Ready now or at the beginning of next term. Saddleback - cross. Ph Megan Bolton on 8568649.

**Honey for Sale:** 2kg pots of honey for sale at school. Bush Blend \$17, Rewarewa \$20 and Manuka \$25. Proceeds go to the Waipukurau Youth Group.

**Ongaonga Netball Club:** Social Team - There will be a pre-season meeting at the Sandford Arms Tavern on Saturday, 26th March at 2pm. New players needed. All welcome. Ph Nik on 8556553 or Denise on 0211888766 for more information.

**Guinea Pigs:** To give away - 4 young males. Txt Shelley on 0273601702.

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

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