

## Greetings to the Ongaonga School Community, Kia Ora

Greetings to the Ongaonga School Community. I am happy to be back at school after being away sick last week.

### School BBQ

The school BBQ will not take place tonight due to impending thunderstorms. Instead we will be having a BBQ lunch on Friday from 12.30 - 1pm. This will be followed by a triathlon practice. Parents are welcome to come and join us.

### Agri-Kids

Due to this event being staged in the South Island this year we have decided not to take part due to the possible cost of travel. We will look to take part next year.

### Technology

The Year 7 & 8 students have been attending Technology at Waipawa School in a week long block. I ask for feedback from parents and children about how this is going. This enables them to complete a unit in 1 week. The theme for this unit is the BBQ. They will attend again in Week 10.

### Triathlon Practice

There will be a triathlon practice this Friday 17th February. Please can all children bring their bikes if they have one.

### Phone & E-mail Contacts

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 e-mail the school with this at [office@ongaonga.schoolzone.net.nz](mailto:office@ongaonga.schoolzone.net.nz)

### School Swimming Sports

Next Wednesday, 22nd of February we will be travelling to the Westpac Indoor Pools for Swimming Sports practice. This will involve sorting out who is capable of competing in races. The Junior School will also attend on this day for some activities in the small pool. We will be leaving school around 9.30am and returning to school around 2.30pm.

This will be followed by our School Swimming Sports on Friday the 2nd of March. I invite parents to attend the Championship Day on the 2nd of March. From this event we will select a team to attend the inter-school swimming sports on Tuesday the 6th of March in Waipukurau.

### World Cup Road Show

The Rugby World Cup is coming to Ongaonga School but there has been a change in time. It will now visit between 11am and 12pm on Monday the 12th of

## House leaders & Sports Monitors for 2012

I congratulate the following students who have been awarded the position of House Leaders and Sports Leaders for 2012.

**House Leaders** - Elysha - Rose Grant, Tia Maniapoto - Cheer, AJ Marsh, Jade Marsh, Sarah Harrison and Matt Irvine.

**Sports Monitors** - David Parker, Liam Hewlett - Mahar, Lynus Magee and Ben McNeil

### Final Word

Unfortunately our weather this summer has been atrocious. We hope to have some more settled weather in the near future.

**Michael Lewis**  
Principal

## DP's Column.....

### Languages

Next week students in Rooms 4, 5 and 6 will begin Languages for the year. We offer Te Reo Maori, Spanish and French. Year 8 students will be repeating a language of their choice, while other students experience a different language each year. The 20 minute lessons are held Monday to Thursday.

*"In learning languages, students learn to communicate in an additional language, develop their capacity to learn further languages, and explore different world views in relation to their own."*

The New Zealand Curriculum, page 8.

**Anne Frater**  
Deputy Principal

## School BBQ

**The school BBQ is off tonight. We will be holding a BBQ Lunch on Friday beginning at 12.30pm. Parents, Grandparents and friends of the school are welcome to attend. Room 6 will again be cooking a BBQ to raise funds for camp.**

### For Sale

- ⇒ **Gourmet Burgers - \$4.00**
- ⇒ **Sausages - \$2.00**
- ⇒ **Drinks L&P and Sprite - \$2.00**
- ⇒ **Juicies - \$1.00**

**Looking forward to seeing you there.**



## Sports News, Results & Draws

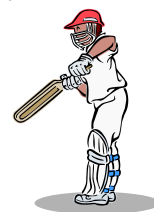
### Cricket

#### Milo Have A Go Cricket

This will begin next Thursday at 3.30pm weather permitting.

#### Friday Cricket

Cricket will start this Friday with players from Ongaonga School entered in the following grades;  
A Grade  
A Reserve  
B Grade



### School Triathlon

The School Triathlon practice will be held this Friday the 17th and the Champs will be held on Friday, 24th of February.



### CHB Swim Club

The first Club night of the year will be held this Thursday the 16th February. Be ready for a 6.45pm start. Sponsored by Amcal Waipukurau. New members welcome.

## Rugby World Cup to Visit Ongaonga School

**On the 12th of March the New Zealand Rugby Union will be bringing the Rugby World Cup to Ongaonga School between 11am to 12 noon.**

**It will be accompanied by a number of trophies, including the Bledisloe Cup.**



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### Cricket Term 1

..... will be playing in the following cricket team this term.

- A Grade
- (Hard Ball usually Year6-8)
- A Reserve
- B Grade

## Upcoming Events

16th Feb	BOT Meeting - 7pm
17th Feb	Triathlon Practice
17th Feb	School BBQ - 12.30pm onwards.
22nd Feb	School Swim Sports Practice
27th Feb	Visit from Artist Stu Duvall
2nd March	Ongaonga School Swim Champs
6th March	CHB Swim Sports
12th March	Rugby World Cup at Ongaonga
13/14 March	Goal Setting Interviews
17th March	Trail Bike Ride
5th April	Term 1 Ends

### Office News

- ⇒ **SSG News:** Thank you to parents who have returned their slip indicating where they can help. Please return yours if you haven't already.
- ⇒ **Emergency Forms:** Thank you to parents for prompt return of these. Please keep them coming in.
- ⇒ **Tech Fees** are now due for Year 7 & 8s. These are \$50 per pupil. It would be appreciated if these fees are paid now. Thank you to those parents who have already done so.
- ⇒ **Photocopying** costs are \$7 per pupil and are due now. Thank you to parents who have already paid these.
- ⇒ **Credit Account** notes will come home soon to those whose accounts are in debit. Please could **ALL** families endeavor to have \$30 in their credit account with the start of the new year. Ring or call into the school office if you are not sure what is in your account. A reminder that this money is used for any trips, transport or educational costs that occur throughout the year.

### Bus Information

**Morning Messages:** Lorriane, our Wakarara bus run driver, has asked that parents please ring her **BEFORE** 7.40am if they need to speak to her in the mornings. After that she is in the bus driving and cannot answer her phone as she is driving. Thank you.

**Bus Message Board:** A reminder that at the end of each year we delete all permanent messages off the bus message board. Please ring in with your permanent message or give your child a signed note.

### Bus Drivers Phone Numbers

For any alterations in bus arrangements especially in the morning, please contact our bus drivers;  
Lorraine on Wakarara Run - 0276591972

### Changes to the Ongaonga School Timetable

- March Goal Setting Interviews - 13th and 14th March.
- School BBQ now on 17th February at 12.30pm onwards.

### Room 1 News

- \* Library day tomorrow.
- \* Toy day is tomorrow. A separate note has come home about this. Please check the bags.
- \* All Year 1's have alphabet homework tonight. Please read the note in front of the poetry book.

### Room 1 Story

I got a collection of stones.  
They are black and white.  
There is a shape like an egg.  
There are 14.

By Faith Gaffey -  
Mansfield.



I painted some of my lego.  
It is a knight on a horse and he has a sword.

By Angus Williams.



### Community Notices

**Note for all Parents:** Where are you at in your parenting journey?

[www.theParentingPlace.com](http://www.theParentingPlace.com)

Your place to go for all things parenting - books, webinars, hot tips, family coach, parenting magazine, toolbox parenting courses.

This is for parents of 0 - 18 years.

**Wanted to buy:** A portacot mattress. See or ring Brenda on 8589150 pm.

**Vegies for Sale:** Tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, capsicums. Picked daily. Spray free. Call in at Promill or ring Jo on 8566860.

### News from the Dental Clinic:

Baby teeth **ARE** important.

They help our children eat healthy food.

They help our children speak clearly.

They hold the space for the permanent teeth.

**National Mud Slide Day:** This is an annual Scouting event and the Waipukurau Scouting movement would like you to join in the fun. This will be the BEST Mud Slide day ever! Both down-hill and flat mud slides. How fast can you go!!!! 18th February from 10am till the fun ends at Abbotsford Road, Waipawa. This will be signposted. The cost is a gold coin and food - sausages, drinks, ice blocks will be available for a small cost. Please bring **OLD** clothing - you will get **COVERED** in mud. Also bring a change of clothing so you will be allowed in your car. Your family is also invited - the more, the merrier.

**(Parents/Caregivers are required to accompany all children)**

### 20/20 Celebrity Cricket Match:

Hereworth School is hosting this event on Friday 24th February. General admission is \$5. Games start at 2pm. Come along and see some of NZ's finest sportsmen in our backyard.

For more information call Hereworth on 06 8778138 or email them on [www.hereworth.school.nz/2020](http://www.hereworth.school.nz/2020)



### Starting Next Week

**Rock Solid starting  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February  
Ongaonga Hall,  
3.30pm - 5.00pm  
Years 5 to 8.**

**SEE YOU THERE!!!**

Principal – Michael Lewis  
Ongaonga School

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