ONGAONGA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - 21ST SEPT - TERM 3 - WK 8

Greetings to the Ongaonga Community, Kia Ora

School Illness

A number of virus' and bugs are circulating at present. It is important that sick children are kept home. We have had up to 20 children absent daily. Hand hygiene is also extremely important.

Absence Procedure

A reminder to parents of the procedure for absences;
It is the parents responsibility to ring in with absences if children are going to be absent.
If we do not hear why a child is away we will endeavour to contact parents between 9.30 and 10am.

Changes to Bus Messages

If parents have changes to routine for buses please ring in or send a note.
A student cannot tell us verbally or write on the bus message list.
We have had a number of incidents where children are convinced they are not on the bus, but this message has not been confirmed by a phone call. This is often confusing for us and the children concerned.
I thank you for your support in regard to this matter.

Cluster Group Meetings

The last Cluster Group Meeting is scheduled to take place on the 29th of September at school.

The Ongaonga ACE

I was thrilled with a visit from Room 1 yesterday bringing me their Rugby Jersey designs. They were all being Ongaonga ACE's.

Wakarara Bus Run

A larger bus has been put on the Wakarara Bus run. This will mean we can revert back to all students who previously went on this run. A good result.

Principal's Question

This week; Which team did the Irish defeat last weekend?
Well done to Tia Maniapoto-Cheer for correctly answering Japan for last week's question.
Winner will be drawn at Friday's assembly.
Who won the 100m men's final at the recently held World Athletics Champs?
Well done to Dylan Bibby for answering correctly.

Final Word

Reading some of the early journals of Ongaonga School dating back to the 1880's, there are some delightful entries. Some students have difficulty completing homework and it seems that this was the case in the past.
A student named Sam Coles had a number of references to his no completion of homework;
"Sam Coles brought no homework, stated he prepared homework, duly, mislaid it."
"Sam Coles prepared homework in part only, went fishing."
The teacher had documented this boys homework progress.

Michael Lewis
Principal

Summary of SSG Meeting 15/09/2011

A structure for fundraising was discussed i.e. Creation of a "wish list", fundraising towards a target & reporting on achieved targets.

A new resolution regarding previous roles of chairperson & treasurer were discussed with thoughts around spreading the work load between events, with coordinators being appointed for each fundraising event.

Ideas for fundraising tabled for more thought, any ideas always welcome. Current ideas involve a car rally and cropping as well as our usual annual events.

Simon Osborne resigned as Chairperson and a huge thank you goes out to him for his efforts in the role, well done!

Next meeting 1st November, 7.30pm in the staffroom. As always every parent is welcome and input is appreciated.

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box

Our kids know all about receiving presents. What do they know about giving?

The annual Christmas Box appeal is a great way to get kids involved in doing something practical to help another child.
It's a fun to pack a box of goodies - helpful suggestions come with each box - then $9 will get the box to one of the poorest countries in the Pacific.
For boxes and further information ring Penelope Gordon on 8566551.

Sports News continued.....

Horseshoe Lake Kids Triathlon

This is coming up so now is the time to think about getting a team together and registering. The race day is Saturday, 29th October - first Saturday back into Term 4.
This is a run - bike - kayak race which can be competed in a team or by yourself and will be held at Horseshoe Lake, 298 Mangarara Rd, Patangata. If you are interested see Diane at the school office for a registration form or go online at www.thefamilyfarm.net.nz for one. All the information you need is on these forms.

Sports News, Results & Draws

Miniball

Juniors
Ongaonga Dunkers vs Waipukurau Whizz Kids at 3.30pm.
Seniors
Ongaonga vs Waipukurau Hotshots at 4pm.

Rugby Jerseys If you still have rugby jerseys at home, please bring them back to school ASAP.

Soccer Jerseys

Please return all jerseys to the school office as soon as possible.

Indoor Hockey Draw for 14/9/11

Juniors

Takapau Diamonds (Te Kura/Onga) vs Teina Toa (Te Kura) at 3.55pm at the Memorial Hall.

Intermediates

2 games:
Mixed Magic (Onga / Waipawa) vs Terrace Bombs at 4.45pm at the Memorial Hall.
Mixed Magic (Onga / Waipawa) vs St Joseph's Slayers at 5.10pm at the Memorial Hall.
A reminder that each week costs $2 (regardless of how many games are played) and players are to pay before they play their game.

Calf & Lamb Competition HB Show

Thursday, 20th October

If you are interested in entering your calf or lamb in this competition, please see Diane at the school office for the schedule and entry form or go to www.hawkesbayshow.co.nz where the form can be photocopied.

Ironkids Duathlon

Run - Bike - Run
For all kids aged 8 - 13 years old.
9th October at Frimley Park.
The school office has several forms. www.hbmsc.co.nz

Inter-School Cross Country

We will be travelling to the Inter-School Cross Country Champs tomorrow, being held at Lake Station, Flemington.
The team is slightly smaller than usual due to a number of children being ill.
I ask that parents providing transport meet at school at 10.05am ready to depart at 10.15am.
The Team is;
12yrs + Lan Johansen, Ethan Punter, Connor Hirst, Elysha - Rose Grant, Erica Morgans, Natalie Purcell, Kasey Griffin.

10-11yrs Matt Irvine, Jarrod Drummond, Sean Baker, Hamish Taylor, Bruno King, Olivia Hewlett-Mahar, Emily Wilson, Jade Marsh, Holly Purcell, Caitlyn Capper.

9yrs Hannes Johansen, Abel King, Cameron Hirst, Finn Beamish, Tasha Capper, Alyssa Harrison.

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Upcoming Events

22nd Sept	BOT Meeting, 7pm at School
22nd Sept	Interschool Cross Country
26th Sept	Rotary Speech Competition
29th Sept	Interschool Cross Country - postponement date
30th Sept	School Disco - Whole school - 6.30pm start
7th Oct	End of Term 3
24th Oct	Start of Term 4

Office News

* **Upcoming Events:** Please find enclosed with this newsletter a more detailed list of school events till the end of 2011.
* **Credit Accounts:** Please make sure your accounts are in credit. See Diane at office.
* **Containers:** We still have several of these in the staff kitchen which have been there since the 7 A-Side. Please come and check if you are missing any.
* **Second-Hand Uniform:** We are regularly lending out second hand uniform to students who have forgotten theirs, but need some because of a trip away from school ie tech, choir practice. We ask that these items are washed and brought back the next day, please.
* **Absences:** Thank you to those parents who are ringing in when their children are absent.
* **Bus Messages:** These need to be rung in or sent with your child as a **dated and signed** note please. Thank you to those parents who are doing this. This makes bus time a lot smoother.

Cross Country Stretching

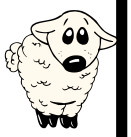
The importance of stretching before and after Cross Country training:
Leg muscles do a lot of work when running. If you run when your leg muscles are cold you can injure them. A simple calf stretch after a 5 minute warm up can help to reduce injuries. Running in shoes or
sneakers can also help support your feet. If you are running in bare feet, stick to the softer grass rather than the footpath. After running it is important to redo the stretches to prevent injury.

To stretch the calf muscle:
Standing stretch: Keep the back knee straight with the heel on the floor and the toes pointing forward. Lean into the wall until a stretch is felt in the calf. Hold 30 seconds, repeat for the other side.

Next Rock Solid: This Thurs, 21st Sept.
Those going can wait at school and walk over to the hall with the Rock Solid Leaders at 3.30pm. Please remember the gold coin donation.

Room 1 Stories

Mrs Gordon's Lambs
We went to Mrs Gordon's house and we looked at the lambs. The sheep were rushing into Mrs Gordon. She was feeding the lambs milk and nuts.
It was fun.
By Finn Horvarth



I went on a Spring walk to go to Mrs Gordon's house. I saw a lamb. It was cute. Khan got to feed the lamb with Mrs Gordon.
By Carter Griffin.

More Stories from Room1….
I went to Pongaroa.
I saw Jemma's friend at that school. Her name is Nikita.
I got a new book.
I like my book.
It is called Furry Logic.
By Rylee Fraser.

I got a new donkey.
His name is Tom.
I got him on Monday.
I like him because I like the colour and I like the pink bow.
By Jemma Jackson

ROOM 1

- Library tomorrow.
- Spring homework to be handed in by some children.
- Please name gear. We have unclaimed socks in Room 1 nearly everyday.

Results from Language Perfect World Championships

Ongaonga pupils spent a total of 124 hours on-line and answered 52,660 questions.
Our final ranking in the world was 171st in the world.
Our top language learners were;

Gold: Sarah Harrison with 3,392 points - ranked in the top 1% of pupils in the world. She came 661st out of 80,000 participants.

Silver:	Elysha-Rose Grant	2,716 points
	Ned Stuitje	2,044 points
Bronze:	Jessie Magee	1,485 points
	Tia Maniapoto/Cheer	1,444 points
	Emily Wilson	1,358 points
Excellence:	Hamish Taylor	655 points
	Daniel Tilyard	614 points
	Leonie Morgans	537 points
	Ethan Punter	516 points

Well done to all our language learners!

Community Notices

Alpine Strawberry Plants:
For sale. 10 for $5.00.
Great groundcover, plant in sun or shade. Kids love hunting for the tiny berries.
Phone Annie on 8566624.

For Sale: 500 litre old chest freezer in good working order. $125.00. Ph Geoff Hornblow on 8566573 or 0272729127.

Fresh Eggs For Sale: Available daily. Phone Jo Gilbert on 8566860.

For Sale: 21" Panasonic TV with Nicam stereo and teletext. Also Panasonic G Code video cassette recorder. Offers. Phone Vicki Turfrey on 8566066.

Pipe Bands are Cool: Young people (and older) can learn to play a drum or the bagpipes and march with the Drones & Sticks Pipe Band. Contact Kerry on 06 8337988 or email pipes@dronesandsticks.org

Wonderful Wizard of Oz: First Sat. of the holidays at 2pm. $15 per ticket. Ph Rebecca Wilson on 06 8785722 for your tickets. See enclosed flyer for more information.

Beyond Handy: Renovations, repairs of buildings & yards, plastering, painting, water blasting, water reticulation, concreting, tiling etc, etc! Phone Bill Cook on 06 8556864 or email him at ragtime@slingshot.co.nz

Porangahau Spring Fair: This Sunday, 25th September from 10am to 3pm at Chapelwick Coastal Estate.

Free Composting Workshop: This is on Saturday, 24th September and will go for 2 hours from 10am - 12 noon at 133 Ongaonga Road. Topics covered are worm farming, Bokashi, as well as hot and cold composting. To register ph Louise on 027 8765085.Supported by the CHB Council and the CHB Green Kiwi Trust.

Zumba: This started 3 weeks ago with Louise at Sherwood Hall and goes for another week on Thursday. Starts at 5.45pm sharp. Phone Megan on 8556865 for further queries.

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