

Greetings to the Ongaonga Community, Kia Ora

Ross Shield Rugby Team

With the holidays approaching fast, we will have 3 boys taking part in the Ross Shield Rugby Tournament. Well done to Hayden Long, David Parker and Rhys Hardwidge who have made the team.

They will play their tournament in the first week of the holidays in Dannevirke. We wish them well.

School Illness

A number of viruses 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.

Lost Property

We still have a number of items of lost property around school. It is a great help if all clothing is named especially socks. We have a huge collection of odd socks. All lost property at the end of term will be donated to a good cause.

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. It will start at 7.15pm and a babysitter will be provided to enable families to come to the meeting.

Families invited are;

Hilson, Hardy, Wall, Guerin, Strang, Roys, Hewlett - Mahar, Johansen, Jackson, Harrison & Irvine.

The Ongaonga ACE

Our tennis team has been entered in their competition as the Ongaonga ACEs, most fitting.

Wakarara Bus Run

I have had a number of concerns raised over the timing of the Wakarara Bus Run. There will be a meeting next Tuesday, 4th October at 7.15pm in the Multi-Media Room to discuss these issues.

Staffing For 2012

We have received our provisional staffing notice for 2012.

Our staffing will be 5.9 classroom teachers down from 7.1 teachers. We are currently advertising a 0.9 position which is classified as Principal Release. This position is for the year 7 & 8 class.

If we have an influx of children towards the end of the year this may change. We will be announcing the successful applicant in Week 2 of Term 4.

Principal's Question

This week; Which team did the Irish defeat last weekend?

Final Word

I finish with an old chinese proverb

"Learning is a treasure
That will follow its owner everywhere."

True words, never give up a chance to learn.

Michael Lewis

Principal

DPs Column...

Habits of Mind

In classes at Ongaonga School, we endeavour to challenge students to become life long learners with the skills to cope with change. One way we do this is through the development of the Habits of Mind. Described by Art de Costa and Bena Kallick, the Habits of Mind provide a focus for students so that they are able to think intelligently, when faced with problems where the answer is not immediately obvious.

The first of these habits is "Persistence". You might like to talk this skill over at home. It involves persevering in a task through to completion; remaining focused; looking for ways to reach to your goal when stuck and not giving up.

Good luck!

Anne Frater

Deputy Principal

Year 7 & 8

Technology Survey

This survey is to collate the thoughts of Year 7 & 8 parents on the delivery of Technology to our students. The Board have discussed the possibility of Year 7 & 8 students having their Technology taken at Ongaonga School next year.

Please answer the following survey and return to school by Friday, 7th of October.

1. Is travelling to Waipawa by bus for technology a problem?
2. Do you think students receive quality Technology delivery at Waipawa?
3. Do you agree that Technology should be delivered at Ongaonga School to Year 7 & 8 students?
4. Do you see any other pros or cons for and against a change in where technology is delivered?

Please send your responses to Michael Lewis by Friday 7th October.

Sports News, Results & Draws

Cricket

I have sent home registration forms for Milo Have A Go Cricket. As a result, I have had a request from a parent to hold this superb activity on Thursdays. Sessions will take place from 3.30pm at school. I will be running sessions and hope to have some younger coaches helping.

We need managers for the following cricket teams A Grade, A Reserve and B Grade. I hope to free myself up to coach on Fridays.

Milo Cricket will start next term, Week 2.

Miniball

Juniors

Ongaonga Dunkers vs Terrace Raiders at 5.30pm.

Seniors

Ongaonga vs Terrace Dunkers at 5.30pm.

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 28/9/11

Juniors

Takapau Diamonds (Te Kura/Onga) vs St Josephs Stars at 3.30pm at Memorial Hall.

Intermediates

1 game due to one team being on camp.

Mixed Magic (Onga / Waipawa) vs Terraces Aces at 4.45pm at the Stadium.

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

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.

Upcoming Events

29th Sept	Cluster Meeting - School 7.15pm
30th Sept	School Disco - Whole school - 6.30pm start
4th Oct	Wakarara Bus Run Meeting - 7.15pm in multi-media room
7th Oct	End of Term 3
24th Oct	Labour Day - No school
25th Oct	Tuesday - Start of Term 4
31st Oct	School Photos
1st Nov	SSG Meeting - 7.30pm
3rd Nov	BOT Meeting - 7pm

Office News

- * **School Photos:** Please note that the date for this is 31st October, not 21st as advertised in the newsletter handout from last week.
- * **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.
- * **Uniform:** A reminder that **all children** are expected to own some items of uniform - so they can wear them when necessary ie school photos, tech, trips when leaving school. **This is not optional.** Please see Diane if you need to order a polo shirt or polar fleece, otherwise all other uniform can be purchased at Postie Plus. Also we have a second hand box of uniform where items can be purchased for a gold coin donation

Ongaonga School Disco!!

This Friday is the Ongaonga School Disco. With an awesome Rugby World Cup theme there will be masses of prizes given away for the best costume and a whole lot of awesome games. Entry is \$2 at the Ongaonga Hall and there will lollies, chocolates, fizzy and glowsticks for sale! Looking forward to seeing you there!



Next Rock Solid: Next Wed, 5th Oct. Those going can wait at school and walk over to the hall with Mrs Frater at 3.30pm. Please remember the gold coin donation.

Room 1 Stories Helicopter Visit

I haven't been on a helicopter because I am scared of heights. I like helicopters. Lochie's Dad brought his helicopter to school. Helicopters haven't got wings, they have propellers. Helicopters are cool.

By Leah



The Rugby World Cup

We watched the rugby world cup. The Bibbys came to our house. It was on Friday night. Lucy and Ella also came to our house. It was so much fun. Leah didn't stay the night but Ella and Lucy stayed the night. I liked it.

By Sophie



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box

A big thank you to all the families involved in the Christmas Box appeal.

Boxes are due back at school next week. They can be left in the office or the Red Room.

Each box needs \$9 to get it to its final destination. If you pay online at www.samaritanpurse.com.au you can print off a barcode for your box and Samaritans Purse will track it for you, sending you an email to let you know which country it has been delivered to.

Equestrian Results

Results from Havelock North High School Primary & Intermediate Equestrian Event held on Monday, 26th September 2011.

Ninety riders competed in this event with the bulk being in Primary section.

Unfortunately due to Dylan Bibby, the Ongaonga Teams 3rd member being unwell and unable to attend, Beth and Emma were not able to be considered for team place.

Beth Strang: 7th Primary School, 1st Primary School Test B, 10th Primary School Obstacle Course.

Emma Dunderdale: 4th Primary School Best Rider, 1st Primary School Dressage Test J, 2nd Primary School 40-50cm showjumping, 10th Primary School Barrel, 4th Primary School Mug Race.



Community Notices

To Let: Four bedroom home in Bridge St, Ongaonga. Please phone 04 3844719 after hours.

Kiwi Adventure Holiday Programme:

For something different to do in the holidays see accompanying flyer. For more information or to book phone 06 8343500, Cell 021 994300, email - info@kiwi-adventure.co.nz or website - www.kiwi-adventure.co.nz This is based in Napier.

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 Turrefy 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 e-mail pipes@dronesandsticks.org

Wonderful Wizard of Oz: This is a fantastic show suitable for young and old alike and a fun way to kick off your school holidays. Saturday, 8th October at 2pm. \$15 per ticket which includes a half time afternoon tea. A cash bar is also available for drinks or pre-show snacks. Ph Rebecca Wilson on 06 8785722 for your tickets. This show will be held at the Aubyn Theatre in Hastings.

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

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