

Greetings to the Ongaonga School Community, Kia Ora

Welcome to Week 4, the school term has started well.

New Kid on the Block

A warm welcome to Kieron McKay who joins Room 1 as a new entrant. Welcome also parents Lachlan and Megan, to the school community.

School Swimming Sports Practice

We will depart school at 9.30am tomorrow to travel to the Westpac Pool to have our swimming sports practice. This is where we sort out competitors into appropriate events. Rooms 1 & 2 will attend and run through some water activities. They will not attend the Swimming Sports Championships due to the lack of swimming opportunities this term due to the weather.

Also with missing the trip to Monckton's Bush it is important we give younger children experiences with water outside the classroom and visiting the pool tomorrow meets that need.

Sports Academy

Congratulations to the following pupils who have been accepted into this year's CHB Sports Academy - Elysha-Rose Grant, Tia Maniapoto-Cheer, David Parker and Matt Irvine.

Bus Run

If at any stage the bus is late for your stop, please call me on my cell phone. At times there may be mechanical issues which will make the bus run late. My phone number is 027 4183916.

SSG Trail Ride Meeting

A meeting will be held this Thursday night at 7.30pm at the school staff room to discuss the organization of the upcoming School Trail Ride. Planning is well underway and it is great to see the way people are standing up and becoming involved. Contact Paul Robottom or myself if you can help. We look forward to seeing everyone at this Thursday's meeting.

Triathlon

The School Triathlon Championship will take place this Friday, 24th beginning at 1pm. We invite parents, grandparents and friends of the school to come and support our triathletes on Friday. All children will compete on Friday either in a triathlon (run, bike, swim) or in a duathlon (run, swim). **Children will need to dress in house colours and bring their togs, running shoes and their bikes (optional).**

Parents are invited to bring their lunch and have lunch with their children.

School Swimming Sports

We will be holding our school swimming championships on Friday the 2nd of March. From this we will select a team to go to the CHB Inter-School Swimming Championships.

CHB Inter-School School Swimming Sports

This will be held on Tuesday the 6th of March at the Westpac Indoor Pool. We will need transport and I will contact parents of the team over the weekend of the 3rd of March.

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 March. Other schools will also be here at that time as Ongaonga School is the only Primary School in CHB it will be visiting.

Final Word

I finish with a quote from physicist Albert Einstein,

"Knowledge is limited.
Imagination encircles the whole world."

In this day and age we need to encourage our children to be imaginative.

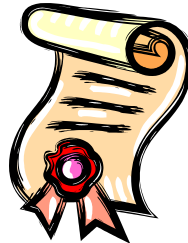
Michael Lewis
Principal

DP's Column.....

Onga Oscars

If you are in the office, please cast your eye over our display at Onga's Oscars. This display celebrates the success of our students in school based activities. We will soon start the 2012 display. What a great bunch of talented students we have.

Anne Frater
Deputy Principal



School BBQ Fundraiser

Room 6 would like to say a big THANK YOU to the parents and students for supporting the BBQ last Friday.

We raised \$450.00 (minus our food costs). This will go towards our camp this year.



Sports News, Results & Draws

Cricket

Milo Have A Go Cricket

This will begin this Thursday 23rd at 3.30pm weather permitting.

Friday Cricket

A Grade

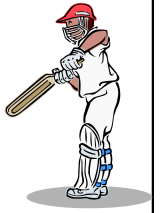
Stags vs Firebirds

A Reserve

Stags vs Pukehou Pacers

B Grade (H 50)

H 50 vs Country Districts



School Triathlon

The School Triathlon Championship will be held this Friday, the 24th of February.



Tennis

Monday, 27th February.

Onga "O" for Awesome vs St Joseph's Smashers at 3.30pm at Waipukurau Courts 3 & 4.

CHB Go Kidz Triathlon Series 2012

Three races with 3 bikes to give away. Waipukurau School Tri - Sat 3rd March, Sherwood School Tri - Sat 10th March and Argyll East School Tri - Sat 24th March. See notice on student notice board at school or visit online at www.sporthb.net.nz for lots more information. Entry forms also at school office.

Rugby World Cup to Visit Ongaonga School

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

Other schools will be in attendance as Ongaonga is the only Primary School in CHB it will be visiting.

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

I can assure you it is the real thing!!



Upcoming Events

22nd Feb	School Swim Sports Practice
23rd Feb	SSG Meeting - Trail Bike Ride
24th Feb	Triathlon Championship - 1pm
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

Changes to the Ongaonga School Timetable

- Ongaonga School Triathlon Championship is on this Friday 24th February starting at 1pm.
- March Goal Setting Interviews - 13th and 14th March. A reminder that school will finish at 2pm on these days.

Community Notices

Vegetables for Sale: Cucumbers \$1.50 each, tomatoes \$3.50 per kilo, as well as beans and capsicums. Picked daily. Spray free. Call in at Promill or ring Jo on 8566860.

A percentage of the vege income will be donated to the school for the senior camp this year.

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

International Cultures Day: Saturday 3rd March at Cornwall Park in Hastings. Performances 11am - 3pm. Food tastings from around the world. Crafts & information stalls. Entry is free. All welcome.

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

News from the Dental Clinic: Help to reduce the chance of dental decay by keeping sweet foods and drinks to meal times.



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.

Room 1 News

⇒ Sorry for not getting to library last Thursday. With having toy day the afternoon slipped away. Library day will definitely be Thursday.



Air Force Story

By Year 2's in Room 1

We travelled to Dannevirke to see and hear the Air Force Band. We all really enjoyed the show.

Harry said: I liked the last part, the motorbike part. I liked how the person was dressing.

Noah said: I liked the part when the gorilla sang a song. It was a funny song and everyone laughed.

Flynn said: I liked the part when the lady sang a cool song. She was a movie star. The clothes she wore were pink and sparkly.

Faith said: I liked the part when the lady had a hat and was chasing the man with it. She didn't catch him.

Kayla said: I liked singing the songs. They sang lots of songs. I joined in.

George said: I liked the gorilla because it was tickling the others in the band.



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 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;
Lorriane on Wakarara Run - 0276591972.

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Starting This Week!

Rock Solid starting tomorrow
Wednesday 22nd February
Ongaonga Hall,
3.30pm - 5.00pm
Years 5 to 8.

SEE YOU THERE!!!