

**Greetings to the Ongaonga School Community, Kia Ora**

**Week 7 and only 1 week until the end of the year. A busy time ahead with lots happening.**

**Academic Prize Giving**

The Ongaonga School Academic Prize Giving will be held at school next Monday, 12th December at 5.30pm.

**Trail Bike Ride**

There will be a meeting on tonight, Wednesday, 7th December at 7.30pm at the Onga School to discuss the set up and plan for next year's Ongaonga Trail Bike Ride. We need a group to work together to do the following roles;

- Decide on a route to take and possibly an alternative
- Contact Landowners to seek permission
- Set dates for next meeting.

It is important we get a good crew on board to support this fundraiser.

**Classes for 2012**

Classes for 2012 have been published and are on the office window.

**School Pool**

The school pool is full and is open for business. Keys are on sale for \$30 for the season from the office.

**Help Required for Pool**

We still require one more person to help with the pool over the summer. This is important to ensure we keep the pool open for the community.

**Principal's Question**

What is the highest mountain in the North Island?

**Reports**

Reports will be sent home the day after the End of The Year Prize Giving. School will finish on Wednesday the 14th of December.

**2012 Start of The Year**

School will begin on Tuesday the 31st of January. Teachers only day will be on Monday the 30th of January. The school office will be open for new enrolments between 10.30am and 12pm on the 30th.

**Website**

We will be publishing the class lists, stationery lists and Term 1 Calendar on the website before the end of the year. We will endeavor to get the calendar correct but bare with us if there are some changes to dates.

**Final Word**

A special invitation to the community of Ongaonga School to attend the End of Year Prizegiving. I invite families, friends of the school and grandparents to attend this event at 5.30 on Monday the 12th of December.

**Michael Lewis  
Principal**

**DP's Column.....**

**Cut Loose THANK YOU**

Thank you to everybody for your fabulous support of "Cut Loose" week. On Monday Mrs Barkle and myself had a large number of students fishing off the pontoon at Ahuriri after time spent on the rocky shore. The students behaviour was outstanding and we were supported incredibly well by a fantastic group of parents. Thank you.

**Journals and Readers**

Please continue to check in cupboards, under beds etc. and return all journals and readers to school. We need to keep our stocks up and replacement of these is expensive. Unfortunately, older journals cannot be replaced at all. We really appreciate your help with this.

**Hats**

Please ensure that your child has a hat to wear at school and that they come to school either wearing sunblock or carrying it in their bags.

**Anne Frater  
Deputy Principal**

**BBQ - following Prize Giving**

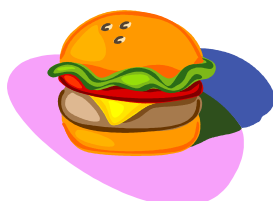
**There will be a BBQ following the Academic Prizegiving, so come along with your coins and stay on for a catch up with others and help raise funds for next year's Yr 7 & 8 Senior Camp.**

**For Sale**

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

**Adults to bring your own drinks.**

**Weather permitting the school pool will also be open after prizegiving. Parents will be responsible for their own children.**



**Sports News, Results & Draws**

**Cricket**

**Milo Cricket**

Last session for the year this Thursday at Onga School at 3.30pm.

**Cricket Draw for 9th December**

**A Grade**

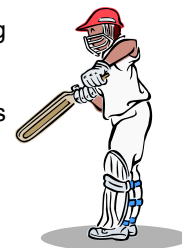
Districts have a coaching session this week.

**A Reserve**

Stags vs Takapau. Note this is a change to the draw.

**B Grade**

Highway 50 vs All Saints.



**Interschool Tennis Draw 12th December**

Ongaonga Aces vs St

Josephs Stars at 3.30pm at Wpuk 3 & 4.

**Grasshoppers - NEW Tennis for Kids.**

No experience necessary. Tournaments are for 5 - 10yr olds and are a fun way of competing in tennis. \$15.00 per child. Prize and certificate for all players. Games played on smaller courts, with softer balls and shorter racquets. Ideal for all levels. This will be held at the Waipukurau Tennis Club this Saturday, 10th December from 9am - 11am. Contact Simon Winter on 06 8436573 or 021776107.



**Room 6 Veggie Sales**

The Room 6 Veggie Garden shop is OPEN! Get your veggies before the holidays start!

**Bag Mixed Lettuce Large bag for \$1.50**

**Spring onions - 5 for \$1.50**

**Silverbeet - Large bag for \$1.50**

**Last of beetroot - 5 for \$1.**



**Yes, I would like to buy some veggies.**

**Name:** .....

**Lettuce:**.....

**Silverbeet:**.....

**Beetroot:**.....

**Spring onions:**.....

## Upcoming Events

5th - 9th Dec	"Cut Loose" Week
7th Dec	Trail Bike Ride Meeting 7.30pm
8th Dec	BOT Meeting - 7pm
5th - 9th Dec	Life Education Trust Caravan
12th Dec	Prize Giving, 5.30 pm. BBQ
13th Dec	Reports go home
14th Dec	Last day of Term 4, 2011
31st Jan	First day of Term 1, 2012

### Office News

**Credit Accounts:** With end of year not far away, please could parents check that their credit accts are in order.

**Sports Accts:** If you have had an account come home regarding this, it would be appreciated if this could be paid before the end of the school year.

**Library Books:** If you receive an account for a library book it means your child has been issued that book and it has not been returned. Please could this be paid before the end of the year.

### Room 1 News

⇒ All children in Room 1 are expected to attend the end of year prizegiving. This is next Monday, 12th December beginning at 5.30pm Children do not have to wear school uniform, but please come tidily dressed.

⇒ The children will be swimming everyday in the afternoon so please pack swimming gear. We do not take the classes swimming unless the temperature is 20.



⇒ Rooms 1 & 2 raised \$400 - \$500 in the Spelling Bee. What a wonderful effort. Thank you for your support. We will use the money to buy equipment which is over and above the usual classroom budget. This will be purchased early next year and will benefit the children who raised the money.

### Community Notices

**Wanted:** Any pots for repotting pot plants. Any size, any amount. Please phone Sandy Nicholls on 0210670724.

#### Christmas Trees For Sale:

\$10 each. 17 Mill Str, Onga. Please phone Viv first on 8566824.

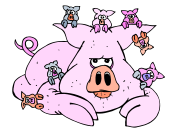


**Springhill Christmas Party:** Come along and relax & catch up with neighbours at the Springhill Christmas party on Saturday, 17th Dec at 5pm. Santa will be making an appearance. Parents, please come along discreetly prepared. Please also bring a shared plate, togs & tennis racquet etc. New families welcome to join. A great community get together. Phone Muriel on 8566528 if you have any queries.

**Christmas at the Park:** Free Family Event. This Sunday, 10th December, Anderson Park Gates open at 4.30pm.



**For Sale:** 2 x 4wk old pet piglets. \$30.00 each. Also 6-8 wk old weaned piglets. \$65.00 each. Ph Shelley on 0273601702.



**Wanted to rent or borrow:** Caravan between 22nd Dec - 28th Dec. Phone Jo Beachen on 8566576 from 4pm onwards or see her at school. Thanks.

### Spelling Bee

As of today the pupils who participated in this have collectively raised \$2107.50

Money raised will be used to offset the cost of "Cut Loose" week for the students who raised sponsorship money. For some students this will mean no charge for "Cut Loose".

Any money left over will go toward additional resources next year for in the classrooms.

### Room 1's NZ Christmas Poem

C crackers, celebrate  
 H ho, ho, ho, happy holidays  
 I iceblocks, icecream  
 S songs, Summer, Santa Claus  
 C trees, tinsel, takeaways,  
 M Merry Christmas  
 A angels, apples, apricots  
 S strawberries, stocking, sleigh, sunny

### "Cut Loose" Week

Below is an outline of the "Cut Loose Week" that is still continuing this week.

#### Wednesday 7th December

Rooms 1 & 2 - Trip to the library & pools then a picnic in the park.

Rooms 4, 5 & 6 - Indoor Pool and A. W. Parsons Stadium.

#### Thursday 8th December

Rooms 1 & 2 - In school activities.

Rooms 3 & 4 - Camping on the back field.

Rooms 5 & 6 - In school activities. Life Ed.

#### Friday 9th December

Rooms 1 & 2 - Tabloids & Christmas activities.

Rooms 3 & 4 - Life Ed with Harold.

Yr 6 - Yeoman's Mill, Wakarara, Makaroro River.

Yr 7/8 - Softball Tournament at Waipawa School



### St Oran's FUN FOR KIDZ

Christmas fun coming up.

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec.

3.30pm - 5.00pm

Christmas Activities

EVERYONE WELCOME.

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