



KIA ORA KOUTOU

8 February 2018

Newsletter 2

I hope everyone has enjoyed the first two short weeks – this especially a very strange one with the Tuesday as a holiday. From here on in for the next 7 weeks it will be school as normal without a break!

EASTER BREAK – AND PLANNED TEACHER ONLY DAY

The next break comes starting on **Thursday 29th March** – which is a Whakatane Schools Teacher Only Day – all Whakatane schools including both High Schools will be getting together for a Teacher Only Day. Following the Teacher Only Day is the start of the Easter Break Good Friday 30th March, Easter Monday and Tuesday April 2nd and 3rd. Term 1 ends the following week on Friday 13th April.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

There has been some information and discussion in the media about School Donations and Fees. The current Government has mentioned that they are going to look at funding all schools \$150 per pupil if the school does not request school donations from parents.

As yet this is only a discussion that the government are having and will be taking it further with discussion and policy decisions during the year. If this does become policy and something we can rely on as a school it will not come into being until the start of next year at the earliest.

Therefore we still have to rely on School Donations to supplement the funding given as Operational Grants by the Ministry of Education.

We will therefore be requesting School Donations be paid for the 2018 year – Invoices will be coming home next week.

School Donations are voluntary (***though tax deductible***) – in a perfect world New Zealand Schools would not need to ask for donations as we should all receive enough money to run schools without donations or fundraising.

The donations go toward the aspects of running a school that cannot be covered or fully covered by our Operations Grant, for example :- Teacher Aides/Support Staff, Computers in classrooms, Swimming Pool running costs and maintenance, Library Books, Sports Equipment to name just a few things funded with this money. We also apply for Trust funding and have a very active PTA that has fundraised the extra funds to cover these and other aspects of school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8 Feb – Family Picnic

14 Feb – Go By Bike Day

15 Feb – EBOP Triathlon Y3-6

19 Feb – Dream Team Y6 Sailing

20 Feb – Believe Team Y6 Sailing

21 Feb – Cycle Challenge

28 Feb - Nga Huiarau Swimming

- **EBOP Touch Rugby Y3 & 4 only**

16 March – Interschool Swimming

19 March – Interschool Swimming pp day

21 March – EBOP Swimming

30 March – 2 April – Easter Holiday

4-6 April – Nga Huiarau Camp

13 April – End of Term 1

FAMILY FUN NIGHT/MEET THE TEACHER AND PICNIC

When: ***Thursday 8th February (TONIGHT)*** - 5.30pm until just after 7.30pm

What to bring: *Bring your own food and drink, and something to sit on.*

What will happen: At around 5.30 pm we will all gather up on the main court area and grass near the pool – possibly arranged in class groups – time to sit and relax with a picnic dinner.

This is an informal chance for everyone to enjoy an early evening picnic at school – a chance to socially meet your child's teacher, and meet other parents from your child's class, and other classes.

At around 6.00pm we will introduce all staff and outline the year ahead (various plans of the new buildings will be on show).

Starting at 6.30 pm a series of meetings of the various syndicates will be held – an opportunity to meet the teachers and hear about programmes for the 2018.

Te Tiwai Syndicate - 6.30pm - upstairs in Meremere
Nga Peka Syndicate – 6.50pm – in Te Marama/Te Ra (first room on the field)

Nga Huiarau Syndicate – 7.15pm – In Whare Whakaaio - Mr McDonalds room (last portacom room on the field)

We will have sporting equipment available to play with, and maybe organise a few games. The Swimming Pool will also be available for those who would like to cool off – all children using the pool must be supervised by a parent or assigned adult.

ADVERTISEMENT

CREATIVE IDEAS STUDIO - Calling all young artists!!!! Creative Ideas after school art classes for kids aged 6-18 currently has spaces for term one!

You will use a range of mediums to complete projects such as painting, drawing, collage, pastel, water colour paint, and much more. Each term is different !

Artists are encouraged to experiment with their own styles and unlock their imaginations to create unique Artworks for enquiries please text Marie 0221910894

or find us on facebook

All kids classes are held in Creative Ideas studio

FOR SALE - 1 x Monterey 3/4 acoustic guitar - blue

1 x Monterey guitar bag, 1 x Ashton guitar stand

1 x Ashton tuner - needs a new battery

Total \$200 new, selling for \$100. Only played during school lessons for one year!

Contact Pam 027 244 3981

HATS AND SUNSCREEN

Reminder about school hats and that Term 1 is one of our two compulsory 'hat wearing' terms. All children must wear a hat when outside. The hats need to be a bucket style hat. The school has emergency sunblock available in all classes, and in the medical room (in the office) for children to use. We also have various sunshade sails around the school for added outside protection.

Parents are expected to provide sunblock each day for their own child. We encourage children to be responsible for their own sunscreen application and general safety around sun protection.

Teachers back this up at school reminding children about 'SLIP SLOP SLAP' before moving into the sun. We also expect parents to discuss the need to apply sunscreen often during the day especially on sunny days, and at special outside events.

We encourage children to become responsible for their own sun protection, and expect that parents are doing the same from home - this is especially important for school trips and other activities where they are not in the normal school environment, and not always under the direct supervision of their classroom teacher.

We also encourage parents to follow advice of the Cancer Society to provide children who are ultra-sensitive, sun protective clothing (long sleeved clothing, and or UV clothing - a parental choice).

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS – Please return order to school with payment by Friday 9th February. You can order on line using the scholastic app or at the following

<https://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz>

Orders to school are cheque only.



SCHOOL CROSSING HELP



HELP!! We need parents or friends of the school to help our children on crossing duty in the morning from 7.50am to 8.30am for Tuesday and Thursday. This is a very busy time for traffic and we need to keep our children safe when crossing the road. If you can help please leave you contact details with the office.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

 Kia ora kotou,

Firstly, on behalf of Ohope Beach School Board of Trustees, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back all our new and returning students and whanau. I hope your summers to date were as exciting, restful and rewarding as mine with my family were.

Most of you will remember that I wrote a note to all our community in November 2017, outlining some health scares that our ever hard-working and passionate Principal, Tony Horsfall was experiencing. It did indeed prove to be prostate cancer. Luckily for Tony (and us), the early detection meant that the operation that he had just before Christmas, allowed for the full removal of all cancerous cells and his recovery to date has gone exceptionally well.

I know for a fact, that Tony has hit the ground running this year and has already been working hard with all our teachers regarding the exciting year ahead.

Tony, on behalf of our students, teachers, parents and Board – congratulations on your speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing you back on the twilight Eastern Bay cricket scene!

Nga mihi, nui,
Mike Jones
Chair, OBS Board of Trustees



Do you know a girl who would like to have fun and learn new skills as part of an up to date organisation in your local area?

If so, [Girl Guiding NZ](http://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz) is here:

Pippins: [5 & 6 year olds](#)

Brownies: [7 – 9 ½ years old](#)

Guides: [9 – 12 ½ years old](#)

Rangers: [12 – 17 years old](#)

For further [information](#) please contact: [Girl Guiding New Zealand](http://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz)

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