



# KIA ORA KOUTOU

22 March 2018

Newsletter 8

The term is really flying by now with only 3 weeks until the end of Term, though we do have 2 short weeks in the middle with Easter and the Teacher Only Day (29<sup>th</sup> March) next week.

### TEACHER ONLY DAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH (NEXT THURSDAY)

This is a Whakatane Community of Schools Teacher Only Day – all schools (including both High Schools and Intermediate) in the Whakatane district will be closed on that day. All teachers will be attending a mini conference at Trident High School for the day. We have been very fortunate to attract Dr Nathan Mikaere-Wallis a New Zealand internationally renowned expert on child brain development (you may have seen him recently on Breakfast TV). There are also a variety of workshops on a huge range of new developments and programmes on offer for teachers and schools. A great opportunity for all the local teachers from all levels to work together sharing ideas and learning new things.

### EASTER BREAK

Officially, the Easter Break is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April with school starting back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Obviously, the Easter Break for our area starts on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> with the Whakatane Teacher Only Day on that day. I have had a couple of questions about why we have the Tuesday as a school holiday. From what I recall it is something that has carried over from the days when we had 3 Terms in a school year. The first term used to be 15 weeks long, so the Easter break was used as a Mid Term break – they did this by adding a day on the end of the Easter break. The legislation around has never been changed.

### GOAL SETTING

We had an excellent turn out at our Goal Setting last Thursday night with many classes having up to 100% of parents and children attending.

It is important that learning involves the child, parents and teacher as a team, and that the focus is on the child and their learning.

Those people who were unable to make this meeting are expected to arrange a time in the near future.

The goals that were set will be an important part of the children’s learning over the next few months, to be reviewed again at the interim reporting and Student Led Conferences mid-June.

If you were not able to make it on Thursday check with your child’s teacher and make an appointment to work through goals at some other time.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 29 March – Teacher Only Day**
- 30 March – 3 April – Easter Holiday**
- 4-6 April – Nga Huiarau Camp**
- 13 April – End of Term 1**
- 30 April – Start of Term 2**

### LOST PROPERTY

Please check the Lost Property Bin (behind the Staffroom/Office – by children’s toilets). If fine this Friday we will display all lost property. There is not a lot of lost property (compared to previous terms and years). At the end of the term we will bag all items (that have been in the Lost Property Bin for more than 2 weeks), and donate it all to a worthy cause. Please take a look and claim any misplaced clothing – a lot of it this term is swimming gear - towels, togs, goggles etc – there is also quite a few shoes, Jandals, etc .

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS** – please place orders by Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Orders to the office are cheque (NO CASH) only payments. For Credit card payments please order on line <http://www.scholastic.co.nz/parents/lucky-book-club/>

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## ADVERTISEMENTS

**FIREWOOD** - Mexico Home's for Hope Team is selling firewood. Poplar Wood \$75 for a small trailer and \$150 for a tandem (\$75 per cubic meter) Ph. Jon 0274902133

**MEGA GARAGE SALE @ 311**  
Pohutukawa Avenue, Ohope on Saturday 24th March from 7.00am

**OHOPÉ JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB**  
registrations the are now open and all the info can be found on our website <http://www.ohopesoccer.org.nz/home/registration>



### KATHMANDU GEAR UP PROGRAM

A flyer was sent home on Tuesday which gives you great discounts at Kathmandu.

Ohope Beach School discount days are the 23 & 25<sup>th</sup> March.

This is a great opportunity to get ready for school camp. Show the flyer in store to receive exclusive offers.

## Whakatane Interschool Swimming Results

### 8yr old girls

Lottie G – 1<sup>st</sup> 25m Butterfly, 1<sup>st</sup> 100m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 100 Individual Medley, 3<sup>rd</sup> 25m Backstroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> 25m Freestyle

Kate S – 1<sup>st</sup> 25m Freestyle

### 8yr old boys

Joseph T – 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 25m Breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 25m Backstroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> 25m Freestyle

### 9yr old girls

Kayla F – 2<sup>nd</sup> 25m Butterfly, 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m Freestyle, 1<sup>st</sup> 100 Individual Medley, 1<sup>st</sup> 25m Breaststroke, 3<sup>rd</sup> 25m Backstroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 25m Freestyle

Isla W – 2<sup>nd</sup> 25m Breaststroke

### 9yr old boys

Freddie E – 3<sup>rd</sup> 25m Backstroke

### 10yr old girls

Keira F – 2<sup>nd</sup> 25m Butterfly, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Freestyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Individual Medley, 2<sup>nd</sup> 25m Breaststroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> 25m Backstroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> 25m Freestyle

### 10yr old boys

Josh C – 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Freestyle, 2<sup>nd</sup> 25m Breaststroke, 1<sup>st</sup> 25m Backstroke, 2<sup>nd</sup> 25m Freestyle

Ohope Beach School has retained the Interschool Swimming Trophy.

**Expo and Family Festival**

**APRIL 7<sup>TH</sup> @ 10am**  
War Memorial Hall & Grounds, Whakatane

TREASURE HUNT / FREE CLOTHING / FREE HANGI / BOUNCY CASTLE / FACE PAINTING / SPOT PRIZES / LOCAL MUSIC & DANCE TALENT / COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS + FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DELICIOUS HOME BAKING

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE PHONE (07) 308 4268



### OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE OHOPÉ HARBOURSIDE TRAIL –

11 am on Saturday, 24 March at the Waterways Drive entrance – Please bring the family and spread the word to celebrate this awesome community facility – sausage sizzle provided.

## PRIDE VALUES

**P – Positivity** - We participate in all activities with enthusiasm. We say kind and positive words.

**R – Respect** - We listen and use our manners. We care for ourselves, our belongings, the environment and each other.

**I – Integrity** - We make the right choices and do as we say. We are trustworthy.

**D – Diligence** - We try our best in all activities and take on challenges. We work hard to achieve our goals.

**E – Empathy** - We think about others and their feelings before we act.

Pride time winners get to spend time in the native area, have beach time or play space

**PRIDE TIME WINNERS FOR WEEK 7 –**

**Te Tiwai – Hudson, Alex, Hunter, Georgia, Addison, Case**

**Nga Peka - Elle, Nanami, Jaimee, Janu, Finn, Eden**

**Nga Huiarau - Indigo, Derek, Issac J, Dom, Kaharau, Chelsea, Max**