



Almost the end of week 3 already, time seems to be flying by!!
Let's hope that we have seen the last of the continuous wet weather we have been experiencing lately!!

TEACHER STRIKE ACTION - WEDNESDAY AUGUST 15TH 2018

As you are aware – A Full Day strike action for Wednesday August 15th 2018 has now been ratified via a vote through the NZEI (Teachers & Principal Union).

As much as we regret this inconvenience to parents and communities we feel strongly that various conditions and terms need to be addressed by the Ministry of Education, not only for our teachers but for our children, and the children in the future.

We are currently experiencing a shortage of trained teachers for full time positions and to relieve when teachers are sick or on professional development courses. This problem is only projected to get worse, due to the lack of trained and experienced teachers coming through our training and university systems.

On top of this we have an ageing Teacher/Principal population that will be retiring in the next 5 – 10+ years (the average Teacher age 54 years and Principals 59 Years) - without the experienced trained teachers coming through the system to replace them. There is a forecast of a possible teacher shortage of approximately 1800 in 10 – 15 years time.

Also Teachers have not had any real pay increase in relation to CPI for over 9 years which is all contributing to a down turn in teacher morale, but also deterring young passionate people to look at teaching as a career option due to the comparative pay rates.

NZEI Message regarding Strike Action:-

Both primary teachers and principals are determined to send a strong message to the Government and demand change so our students can have a teacher in every classroom, the learning support they need and teachers are recognised as the professionals they are. Both primary teachers and principals feel the Ministry's June offers did not address workload issues, extra learning support or ways to stem the growing crisis in recruiting and retaining teachers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

14 August – ICAS Maths

15 August – Teachers Strike (school closed)

Both primary teachers and principals voted overwhelmingly in June to reject the Ministry's offers and to hold three-hour strikes on 15 August. The feeling was so strong that the National Executive then balloted to replace the 3-hour strikes with full-day strikes. Both groups of members have now voted to undertake the full-day strikes on 15 August.

A notice about next Wednesday was given to students yesterday and emailed to caregivers today.

BUILDING PROGRESS

Unfortunately the carpark has been held up by the wet weather – they need at least two to three days of fine weather to lay asphalt , so fingers crossed this can happen soon? Meanwhile major work is happening around the hall with foundations for the new deck on the front of the hall and the ramps leading to the deck. Once completed there will be a large deck in front of the hall (no more steps), with two large ramps leading to the hall. The Pou (Carving) that was attached to the old Administration building will be installed at the front of the hall. New good quality decking will be installed around the hall, and a new Junior Adventure Playground will soon be installed (with the same blue rubber safety fall as we have in the new courtyard area at present). In the next week or two a new hard court (Netball/Basketball) will be laid on the field adjacent to the senior playground.

A good spell of fine weather will help increase the pace of progress with these developments

SCHOOL PHOTO UPDATE

The photos have just been proofed so we should expect to get the key codes sometime in the next week or two.

We will let you know as soon as we get them.

Tena koutou,

Further to my note in last week's school newsletter regarding the Board of Trustees's intent to change the number of parent representatives from five to four I wish to take a moment to update you all.

We had several parents attend our meeting on Tuesday evening or communicate their feelings regarding the Board's advised intent as stated above. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents and community members, which gave their time and shared feedback to the Board.

Issues and concerns raised included the process followed; lack of consultation; succession planning; whether the reduction in number would allow enough time for the Board to appropriately consider and deal with matters including strategy and policy work; and corporate governance moving forward.

We have reviewed our decision in light of this feedback and can now inform you all that we will not proceed with reducing the number of parent representatives of the Ohope Beach School Board of Trustees.

We have now resolved to hold a by-election to cover the casual vacancy, which is currently in place.

You will see a further notice in today's newsletter regarding the timetable for this by-election process. If you are interested in learning more about the role of a Board of Trustee member, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Tony in the first instance, or any of our other Board members:

- Cashy Ball
- George Esterhuizen
- Kiran Watkins
- Jenny Ward (Staff rep)

Once again, thank you to those that have shared their views with us - we really appreciate the opportunity for open dialogue.

Warm and dry wishes on what has been a rather wet week!

Mike Jones
Chair
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Ohope Beach School **Board of Trustees By-Election**

Nominations are invited for the election of one parent representative to the Board of Trustees.

The voting roll is open for perusal at the school office during the hours 8.30-2.30 pm.

Nominations close at noon on 27th August 2018.

Candidates are advised to submit with their nomination form a statement (maximum of 400 words) of experience, involvement with the school and reason for standing as a parent representative to the returning officer.

A list of candidates' names will be available for inspection at the school office.

Once nominations close, eligible voters will be sent voting papers that should be returned to the school office by noon on 17th September 2018.

Jenny McKenzie
Returning Officer

By-Election time line 2018

9 th August	Call for nominations
27 th August	Close nominations
6 th September	Voting papers sent
17 th September	Election Day
24 th September	Count votes
25 th September	Declare results
26 th September	Board member takes office

READING TOGETHER

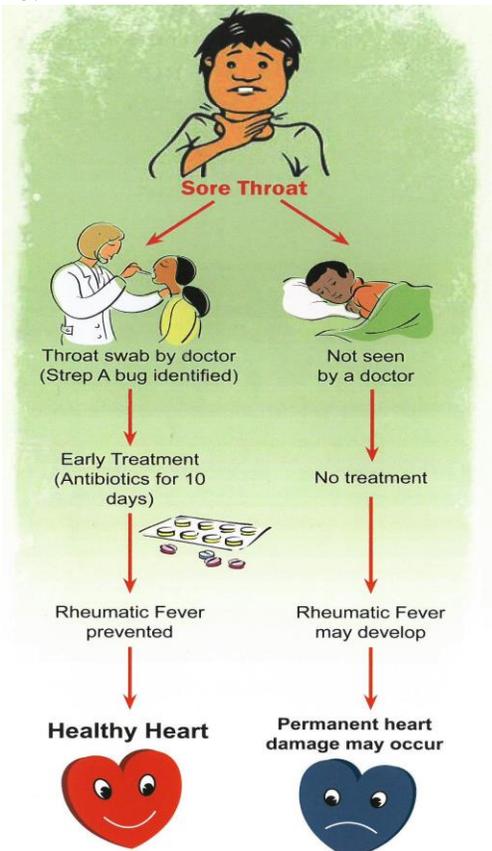
As a school we plan to run the Reading Together Programme if there is enough interest from whanau. These workshops will be run on Friday afternoons from 1.30- 2.30pm so that parents can tie it in with picking up their children from school.

Here are some key points about this programme:

- Enables parents/whānau to learn sound and specific ways of helping with reading at home
- Is a programme comprising 4 workshops over 7 weeks, with each workshop lasting 1 hour.
- Is for all school age groups.
- Focuses on an area of learning (i.e. reading) that all parents recognise as being important.
- Is practical and manageable and enables teachers, parents/whānau to work together in informed and collaborative ways.
- Develops more positive relationships between children, parents/whānau, teachers and librarians.
- Supports children's reading more effectively than any of them can achieve if they are working independently of each other.
- Has a sound theoretical and research base.

If you feel you would like to be involved in this programme and can commit to attending 4 workshops please either let the school office or your child's teacher know by next Thursday. Or else leave a comment on this facebook post.

RHEUMATIC FEVER - We have had several students tested and confirmed that they have 'Strep Throat'. If your child complains of a sore throat, please arrange to have a swab taken to be tested. The following pharmacies provide throat swabbing and treatment services; Adamsons Pharmacy – King St Whakatane, Ohope Beach Pharmacy, Total Health Pharmacy – 252 The Strand Whakatane, Life Pharmacy – 183 The Strand Whakatane.



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.

Our focus this week is **Respect**

This week's PB4L lessons have been based around the respect value and ensuring children keep doing the correct things with their hands and feet. The Top Pride Point winners from each class will be having a special lunch with Mr Horsfall on Fridays for the remainder of the term so we can acknowledge their efforts.

Our pride time winners for last week were:

Te Tiwai - Elise, Gian, Liam, Zoe Whakairo, Lilli

Nga Peka - Ava Rose, Holly, Daniel, Elena, Zoe, Sienna

Nga Huiarau - Jasmine K, Fred S, Fred E, Nick, Mikylah, Felix