



KIA ORA KOUTOU

16 August 2018 # 24

A huge thank you to all parents/caregivers for your understanding and support during the teachers strike yesterday. All of our teachers took part in the march from Rex Morpeth Park to the Library at 7.30am, followed by our rostered session on the Valley Road roundabout 3pm – 4pm.

Also a massive thank you to all our support staff who were at work as per normal (governed by a separate collective contract). These wonderful people were busy giving the classrooms a good thorough disinfecting, clean – table tops, and all other surfaces that children come into contact with. All our teaching spaces were clean and sweet smelling this morning, thank you! We decided this was a good opportunity to get this done, considering all the various bugs around that the moment.

Strep Throat, Flu etc

As most of you are aware sickness is an ongoing issue for a lot of people at the moment. All local schools are currently experiencing a huge number of children away sick – we had 83 and 82 children away Monday and Tuesday this week, and around 70 away today – not to mention 5 and 6 staff away sick. Please make sure you take note of all the advice around about how to manage yourself and children when confronted by these bugs.

Schools by their very functional nature are a real breeding ground for various bugs, we do our best to minimise the ongoing problem – but we do need all families to do their bit to minimise the spreading of the various bugs.

Please make sure if your child is presenting with the **symptoms of the flu, sore throat, rashes, aching body etc. that you keep them home**, and take them to a Doctor or Pharmacy to get checked out. Sending them to school with the early stages of any of these bugs only means the spread goes further faster!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

28 September – End of term 2
15 October – Start of term 4

Building Progress

Carpark has been sealed at long last – hopefully we will get to use the carpark and school frontage next week some time.

They are continuing to get the decks and ramps built around the hall, and have started on the construction of the amphitheatre in front of the hall area. The deck upstairs where the old stair case used to be is now complete, and the windows in the new link way between Meremere and Te Waenganui (room above the hall) have all gone in and the final touches to this area is now underway. The new hard court construction has started – you will see all the earthworks adjacent to the senior playground. This will be a hard court, basically the size of a netball/basketball court.

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

MISSING - We are missing a black with lime green Kathmandu jacket. It has no hood, and has the name "Marlo" written on the white label inside the coat. Please could you check to see if it has been picked up by mistake? This was a new gift that son managed to forget.



THE ROAD TO WORLDS

Steps Dance School Fundraiser

Friday 24th August @ 7pm
Liberty Centre, Whakatane

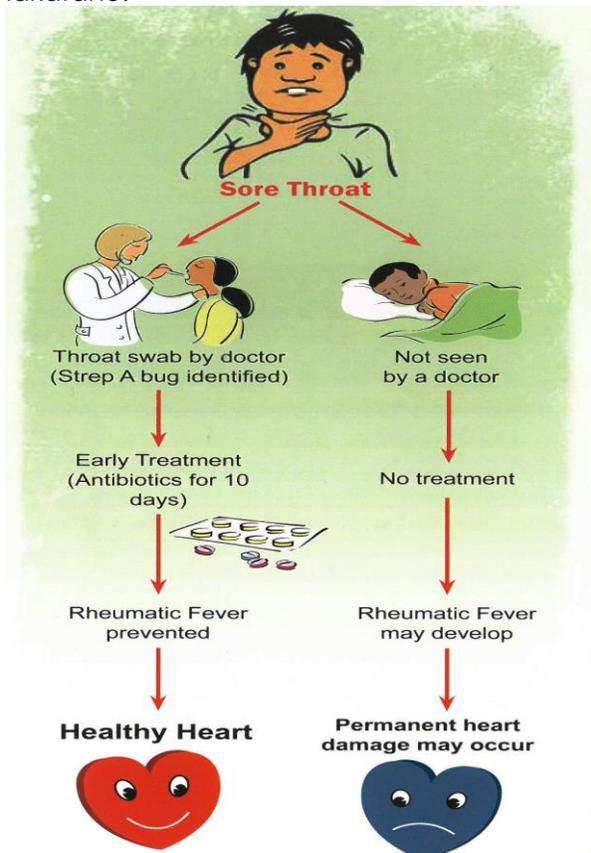
ONLY \$15
(always a sell out)

Singing Dancing
Raffles Food
SPECIAL GUESTS

Entertainment for the whole family
Come and support these amazing dancers represent NZ at WORLDS in October

Tickets on Sale Aug '18 @ Him.Her.. Cash Only

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.



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



SCHOOL PHOTO UPDATE –

We have been advised that the online ordering codes are on the courier so hopefully they should arrive today. If they arrive today the codes will be sent home tomorrow with your child.

Please check their schoolbag. Thank you.

Mind over Manner - We are heading back to Whakatane!

Thanks to some very dedicated community fundraising, we are heading back to Whakatane on September 5th 2018. We will be bringing two public neurodiversity workshops with us.

These workshops are for those who are in close communication with a young person who has anxiety, sensory processing differences, who struggles to fit in or who learns and behaves differently.

These workshops are designed for parents, caregivers, whanau, youth workers, educators, health workers, justice workers, sports coaches and many professionals who work alongside these teens.

For those who have experienced our work, we are asking you to reach out to those people you know who are close to this region Whakatane, Rotorua, Opotiki, Tauranga, Taupo and beyond!

We are asking you to reach out to those Whakatane regional organisations and professionals that align with yours. Let's bring everyone into the same room.

In this collaborative and engaging workshop our experienced facilitator works alongside a team of four actors to give participants an inside view of what it is to live with sensory or cognitive differences.

Using these internal snapshots, Mind Over Manner give participants the opportunity to discuss, re evaluate and reassess their responses to these most challenging moments.

Wednesday 5th September 3.30 - 5.30 pm - The Over-Responder.

In this session, we will explore the experience of a sensory over responder (sometimes diagnosed as Aspergers, Autism or OCD). Together we will unpack confused and oppositional behaviour in home and school environments, the stages and recovery of a meltdown and more.

Wednesday 5th September 7.00 - 9.00 pm - The Sensory Seeker.

In this session, we will be focusing on the sensory seeker (often diagnosed as ADHD, FASD, Bipolar). We will be exploring situations involving hyperactivity, lying, stealing, time management and oppositional behaviour. We will be working together to understand the requirements these students need to thrive in their environments.

These workshops will be presented at Whakatane Intermediate Auditorium, 101 James Street, Whakatane

Free of Charge (or optional Koha is appreciated)

To register (or ask any questions!) email anthea@mindovermanner.co.nz

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 - Ciara, Marlo, James, Georgia, Belle, Caiden

Nga Peka - Joshua McG, Paris P, Benjamin M

Nga Huiarau – Sammy, Nick, Anya, Jasmine, Chelsea, Derek