



KIA ORA KOUTOU

23 August 2018 # 25

Almost the end of a week like no other!! Lightening, Thunder, Hail, Tornados!!

I am sure everyone joins us in sending best wishes and support to the Fertich family and other whanau affected by the Tornado on Tuesday, we cannot comprehend what that frightening few minutes would have been like? Thankfully, quick thinking and action ensured everyone stayed safe.

I think a comment I saw in the Beacon could be a lesson for us all "We are well prepared for earthquakes and floods, but not a tornado"

This is probably an opportunity for everyone to review their family emergency plans, and preparedness.

We will be having a focus on emergency preparedness in Term 4 as part of the National 'ShakeOut Challenge' on October 18th.

REMAINING 2015 TERM 3 & 4 DATES

- Term 3 ends on Friday 28th September
- Term 4 starts Monday October 15th – (Labour Day Monday October 22nd) - Term 4 Ends Friday December 14th

FLU AND OTHER BUGS

Things seem to getting back to normal, with numbers away sick dramatically reduced. Though we still have to be vigilant about recognising early signs and symptoms, and making sure we are taking all practical steps to reduce the possibility of spreading bugs.

We are not totally out of the woods yet, with a number still presenting with flu like 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!!

Some simple healthy practises to avoid sickness this winter:-

- ❖ Wash hands thoroughly after toilet use and before eating
- ❖ Cover mouth with elbow when sneezing
- ❖ Use tissues to wipe noses (all classes have a supply of tissues)
- ❖ Do not share drink bottles or food
- ❖ Get plenty of sleep
- ❖ Eat healthy and exercise

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 7 September – Reading Together Session 1**
- 21 September – Reading Together Session 2**
- 28 September – End of term 2**
- 15 October – Start of term 4**

MATHS QUIZ

On Friday, 4 teams of Year 5 and 6 children went to Apanui School for the Annual Maths Problem Solving Competition. They did us very proud with lots of good thinking going on. Team 1, Finn, Zoe G, Kayla and Alex came 3rd overall. Well done to all of you, great work.

BUILDING PROGRESS

The bottom of the large stairway (near the playground) will be temporarily closed until early next week to allow for the connecting path to be laid between the new block and the hall. Our emergency exit during this time will be across the access bridge to Awatea classroom (in the old block) and out the back door.

The carpark is due to be marked out any time soon. All going well we will be partly using the car park and main front entrance by Friday next week (more on this next week) – Marra (construction company) have to have council signoff before the area can be opened up!! The Carpark, when in use will be for **Staff Only**. The Bus Bay will be for **Buses Only** - as it was with the previous Bus Bay area.

- ❖ Both the carpark and bus bay areas will not be available for child drop off – for safety and congestion reasons.

The new junior playground is almost finished – the playground installation workers have had a lot of handy advice and comments during the construction!! Next week the blue rubber matting will be laid under the playground.

At some stage next week the new hard court area in front of the senior playground will be laid – the approximate size will be big enough for a full size netball/basketball court.

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.

The reading together workshops are planned to go ahead on Friday September 7th with the second session a fortnight later on September 21st from 1.30 until 2.30pm Afternoon tea will be provided as well as the opportunity to win grocery vouchers. The purpose is to provide parents with the knowledge on how we learn to read and develop the skills to support their child's reading progress at home. The second session involves the children coming along.

Please RSVP to the school office or your child's teacher if you plan to come to the two workshops.

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

SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS

You should have received your school photo keycard last Friday or Monday. Please note that orders need to be made on line by the 9th September to give you Free delivery.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS – Please complete orders on line by Friday 7 September. If you are dropping your order into the office we can only take cheques (NO CASH)

Here are last week's pride time winners enjoying pizza for lunch with Mr Horsfall.



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 **Integrity**

Our current focus is on integrity with lessons being based on speaking respectfully and playing by the rules. 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 - Eilidh, Phoenix

Nga Peka - Alice, Caru, Marcus W

Nga Huiarau - Dom, Jonas