

Here we are in the penultimate week leading up to the end of the year.

The term and year have both flown by so fast, and yet again as a school, we have all been involved in so much, achieved so much and experienced so many new things.

2018 has been a big year adding a huge and important chapter to the history of our school, with the construction and opening of our new school buildings and site! All children will receive a commemorative school photo taken by drone on the day of the official opening – this will come home next week.

### SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Wow! What a great evening last Thursday! We had a huge response with what seemed like hundreds of people visiting our school to look at the changes and developments. This was also a great opportunity for parents and whanau to socially gather at school and enjoy an evening with great food and entertainment. It was great to see so many of our families here enjoying each other's company and our new facilities.

A massive thank you to Kate Lively and her crew of helpers who made the whole thing possible, organising the food and fun activities in the spirit of a small gala, which added to the celebratory feel to the evening. Also a big thank you to the wonderful school choir and band who entertained the crowds with some great music and singing – a big shout out to Jenny Ward and Greg Malcom for all the work they did coaching the children for this event.

Also a big thank you to our Kapa Haka group who also entertained the crowds with their Waiata – thank you to Alex Hanlen and Roberta McKelvey for leading this group. We will be hatching some plans for some similar events in the New Year – so watch this space!! Spoiler alert we are planning an outdoor movie evening at some stage in Term 1!!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- 10 Dec** – Y5 end of year trip
- 11 Dec** – Y6 Leavers Evening
- 12 Dec** – Y6 end of year trip
- 14 Dec** – Term 4 ends 12.00 midday.

- **Final Assembly – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, assembly starts at 11.00 am.**

**School finishes at 12 noon at the conclusion of the assembly. Only the Harbour Rd bus will run. Please arrange pick up for children who usually use the Town or Wainui buses.**

### BUILDING WORK (DURING THE CHRISTMAS BREAK)

After everything that has been going on this year you would have thought that this heading would not appear again in a newsletter for some time! **BUT** - Marra and Tracks will be on site over the Christmas holiday constructing a cycle track, finishing off drainage, and completing defect work on the new building.

We will also have contractors in working on the pool area completing that upgrade hopefully by day 1 next year so that our swimming programme can start straight away.

Davey painters will be in also painting the old block (hall and upstairs classrooms) to match the new school paint.

There will also be some work done outside the school on Pohutukawa Ave road way , mainly on the exit next to the crossing – this will be to level the road off to enable buses better exit heights on to the road ( currently they belly out on the road when leaving the bus bay).

Community Open Day raffles were drawn on Friday afternoon, and we are pleased to announce the raffle prizewinners as follows: Christmas Hamper - Josie Renwick, Flower Arrangement - Julie Staniland Scooter - Max De Jong, Spot prizes - Brooke Ellis, Fran, Selena King, Estelle, Naomi and Em, Norwex - Sue Spencer Nutrimetrics - Julie Staniland

Congratulations! If we have not already contacted you, please call in to the school office to collect your prize!

Thanks to everyone who bought a ticket and to all those who donated a raffle prize!

## ADVERTISEMENT

**SALT SPRAY SURF SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM!** 19th, 20th and 21st December. Full day of Surfing and Beach Fun! Ages 6 +. Find us on Facebook: Salt Spray Surf School Contact Ollie: 0211491972 or email: [Saltspraysurfschool@gmail.com](mailto:Saltspraysurfschool@gmail.com)

**Beacon Run** - We are looking for someone to do a couple of Beacon runs in Ohope in the holidays – 26<sup>th</sup> December until 4<sup>th</sup> January. If you are interested please contact Kate on 021 215 4514.

**SCHOOL SPORT COACHING** - I am offering to come to your school and provide group sessions during term 1 and 2 for a total cost of \$680.

**Contact:** Lewis Sharp (Foxy Feet Head Coach)

**Duration:** 30/45 minute group sessions

**Cost:** \$680 for term 1 and 2 (full school roll)

**FMS:** soccer, softball, cricket, track and field, dodgeball and other team building games that include throwing, catching, kicking, running, dodging and jumping.

**Region:** Eastern Bay of Plenty

**FOXY FEET** - Futsal (Indoor soccer) and soccer Training Term 1 and 2 Age 8 to 13 Sign up for 2019 for more information Contact: Lewis Sharp [foxyfeetfc@gmail.com](mailto:foxyfeetfc@gmail.com)

**OHOPE TRY A TRIATHLON** – All welcome (adults and children). Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Ohope Boat Ramp, opposite the golf club. Give a triathlon a go, individually or as a team. Free entry. Prizes for best dressed. Races for under 11 years – register 9.30am, start 10am. Races for 11 years – adults – register 10.30am, start 11am Contact Anna Humpherson, [rexandanna@slingshot.co.nz](mailto:rexandanna@slingshot.co.nz) for more info

## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2019

Following are the agreed term dates for Whakatane Schools (*note Intermediate and Secondary School dates may differ slightly*)

**Note:** There are a couple of dates throughout the year that have to be confirmed, which could alter the end date in Term 4, plus or minus a day or two.

### Term 1

Wednesday January 30 – Friday April 12 (Monday January 28 Auckland Anniversary Day, Waitangi Day Wednesday February 6) Easter Holidays fall in the School Holidays.

### Term 2

Monday April 29 – Friday July 5 (Whakatane Schools (Primary, Intermediate and Secondary) - Teacher Only Day Friday May 31, Monday 3 June Queens Birthday)

### Term 3

Monday July 22 – Friday September 27

### Term 4

Monday October 14 – Wednesday December 18 (Monday October 22- Labour Day)

## 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 Diligence

Each fortnight at our Monday Morning assemblies, we present 2 to 3 children from each learning space with a Pride certificate related to the current Value focus and a coloured band. Whanau should be extremely proud if their child brings one of these home. Children who have also earned pride tickets around school or on the bus also go into a draw to win an iceblock. This term those with the most Pride tickets or Pride points from each class also get to have a Pizza party on Friday.

Week 7 winners

**Te Tiwai** - Lachie, Charlee, Sienne G, Zoe W

**Nga Peka** - Ailish, Jacob, Jaimee

**Nga Huiarau** - Dom, Ra

At the end of this term all those who have received a PRIDE ticket go into a draw for prizes.

**Prizes needed** -Do you have anything that you can donate that we can use as prizes for the end of term prize draw. Please send into the office. Thank you

## Class Lists

2019 Class lists will be put up in Manawanui on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Teachers within the current and future syndicates are working long and hard putting these lists together. A lot of thought and work goes into sorting out the class groupings.

Whole varieties of factors are considered when deciding on classes. This is not an easy or an exact science – Teachers have the best interests of *all* children in mind and at heart when making placements.

Below is a list of some of the factors that are considered when placing children in particular classes (you will find that these do not differ a great deal from school to school/area to area, in fact Intermediate and College use similar if not the same process to work out their classes:–

- academic levels and mix
- girl/boy balance,
- social balance
- year group balance
- ages mix
- Behavioral needs
- Teacher pupil ratio
- various specific Individual needs

Children work a lot with other teachers in the syndicate and are increasingly working across various other classrooms, especially now as classes work more collaboratively together. The Middle Syndicate and Senior Syndicate cross group for various subjects and activities, which does mean children work with a variety of Teachers.

The main two reasons for grouping for subjects (or cross grouping) as can happen in Maths, Reading, PE etc. is to reduce the ability level range and therefore focus teaching and learning at identified levels and needs. This is also a great opportunity for children to experience other teachers and get used to changing physical and social space for their learning. It is also about having to learn to adapt themselves to different teaching styles and levels of expectation etc. – this is something that children need to become more accustomed to and should readily be able to adapt to, better enabling their transition toward Intermediate and College where this type of resilience and level of adaptation and change is an expectation. Children having to cope with change, difference, etc. is one of the life skills taught in the New Zealand Curriculum. At Primary level, we try to ease this process in giving small focused experiences, gradually building this, as children get older before the big change and transition times.



**Do you need school holiday care for your child during the week before Christmas?**

Bookings available at OASIS for the week of the 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> of December  
Operating at Ohope Beach School from 8:15am – 5:30pm  
Standard fees of \$5 per hour  
Please pack their lunch, afternoon tea will be provided.  
Contact Vanessa for an enrolment form  
Email: [ohopeaterschoolcare@gmail.com](mailto:ohopeaterschoolcare@gmail.com)  
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