

Phew! We are almost through our first full week of school – it has been a great introduction to the year with two short weeks.

The warm weather continues, though it looks like we might have some rain forecast next week?? Let's hope so, we need some rain, our fields etc. are drying out fast!

What a great turn out to the Family Fun night/picnic and meet the Teacher last week, a great opportunity to connect with other families, and to also connect with the classroom teacher or teachers. If you were not able to make it last Thursday, make sure you make a time with your child's teacher to come in and look around and find out about the classroom, programmes, plans etc.

Goal Setting is not too far away – **Thursday March 7th** – this is a great opportunity to come and share information about your child and set some achievable goals that can be worked on at home and school, these goals do not have to be purely academic. This is an important meeting for teachers to find out important insights and knowledge from parents (and vice versa). Parents as a Child's first Teacher, you are best placed to know your child well and sharing the knowledge is important in the partnership between home and school.

As mentioned in the last newsletter we will be having our triennial visit from the Education Review Office (ERO), starting Monday next week – this is an external audit looking at our school in relation to Ministry of Education Policy and Compliance. The ERO officers focus is on the delivery of curriculum, student achievement, and the Governance and Management of the school. The review officers will be in classrooms and around the school from Monday through to Thursday afternoon.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION 2019

This is coming up soon (date to be notified soon but will be around May). This is a full triennial election of 5 Trustee members to make up the Ohope School Board of Trustees for the next 3 years.

This is an opportunity to contribute to your child's school and also getting involved in the wider aspect of vote education – some interesting times ahead with the recent Education Review!

Being a board member gives you a good perspective and insight into the education system and how things operate. If you would like to find out more feel free to contact any of the current board or Principal Tony Horsfall to find out more. Keep an eye on the newsletters for more information about the election.

UPCOMING EVENTS

25-26 Feb – Y6 Sailing

27 Feb – Nga Peka Camp Meeting

5 March – Nga Peka Swimming Sports

7 March – Goal Setting

Private Swimming Instruction at Ohope

Swimming lessons/water safety sessions available with a qualified, experienced swimming instructor (Nicola Olding Aquatic Centre Instructor) at the Ohope Beach School Pool.

To be held during lunchtime or straight after school from 2.30pm. Small groups, or private sessions available depending on your situation, with an emphasis on quality instruction. Looking to commence from Monday 18 February. If you would like to register or require further information please contact Nicola Olding

Email: nicolasswimschool@gmail.com

CHILDREN LATE FOR SCHOOL

It is extremely important that children arrive early to school i.e. at least 10 minutes i.e. 8.20am before the start bell at 8.30am (the definition of late is 5 minutes after the start of school bell has rung i.e. 8.35am). Lateness can cause many problems and issues for the child who is late; it also disrupts other children in the class, along with the teacher. Continual or regular lateness can cause on-going problems for the child who is late – ranging from loss of self-confidence, becoming self-conscious, lack of the vital start of day instructions and the feeling of being inadequately prepared for the academic day. Children arriving late also cause lots of disruption and distraction for others in the class and teacher who have settled into their day. Moreover, being punctual is a life skill that we should be trying to model for children – supporting lateness for whatever reason can be sending the wrong message. Teachers legally have to record attendance (twice a day) and are also recording all children arriving late to school each morning, this gets recorded against their name in the attendance register.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK ORDERS – please have the online orders completed by Friday 15th Feb (tomorrow). If paying by cheque (NO CASH) you can drop the orders into the school office before the same date as above.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND HEALTH FORM

Over the next few days a letter will come home with your child to update our records for any changed contact details or health concerns. There is also a section on who can pick your child up in the event of a Civil Defence emergency if you are unable to get to them. These will be held in a folder at school that will be taken with us if we have to evacuate the school. Please complete the form and return to the school office.

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Summer Yoga with Jane Steane @ the Westend 9-10 a.m. Fridays on the big lawn, (first house in the private drive). \$12 or \$90 for 10 sessions.

Kids yoga, age 7 up Tuesdays 3.30-4.15 @ the Ancient Arts Studio, 180, the Strand, (above Renshaw's). \$60 for term or \$10 a class.

Bellydance classes start Mon 25th Feb 7.15-8.15 @ Ancient Arts studio.

To book or for more info on the kids' yoga, Friday yoga or Bellydance, contact Jane 0212061469/nzflowyoga@gmail.com or to see full schedule check out FB page Dance of Life Yoga, Bellydance.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Term 1 is an 11-week term and will finish on Friday April 12th.

NOTE - The Easter holiday falls within the school holidays this year.

- Education Review Office visit during the week of February 18th – 22nd
- Year 6 Sailing Programme 25th and 26th February
- Nga Peka (Years 3-6) Camp Meeting Wednesday 27th February
- Nga Peka Swimming Sports – Tuesday 5th March
- Goal Setting Thursday 7th March. More on this later in the term.
- Interschool Swimming Competition Monday 11th March
- EBOP Swimming Comp Wednesday 26th March
- Nga Peka Camp Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th March
- End of Term 1 Friday 12th April
- Monday April 29th – Start of Term 2

Road Patrol Parent Supervisors – We require parent supervisors for Monday and Friday mornings from 7.55am to 8.30am. This is to assist our road patrol students. If you can help, please leave your name and contact number at the office. Thank you

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE – POHUTUKAWA AVE

Please note this is private property and you cannot park in there when picking up your children from school.

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

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 ice block. This term those with the most Pride tickets or Pride points from each class also get to have a special treat on Friday.

Winners for week 2 were –

Te Tiwai - Maraea, Kyreese, Jessica, George, Azzy

Nga Peka - Javier, James

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