

Rain at last!! It is great to end the long dry spell with a good amount of rain last night and today, with more to come!!

All class swimming programs are now well underway, with most children swimming every day. A big thank you to Pearl Giles who has volunteered to come in and assist with the teaching of swimming - Pearl is an experienced swim coach.

The children are enjoying a lovely warm pool at the moment with our solar heated water averaging temperatures in the mid to high 20's with a couple of days hitting highs of around 30 - 32 C

We have had another full week— our cycle challenge children had a great day yesterday at Apanui School competing in the challenge. A huge thank you to all the parents who assisted with this with both supervision and transport. In particular a big thank you to Pam Pearce for organising the use of the Whakatane High bike trailer - a huge help.

A busy week planned next week with Year 6 Sailing and Nga Peka Camp meeting for parents.

Goal Setting Evening Thursday 7th March.

(School finishes at 12.30pm on Thursday 7th March)
We expect all children and their parents to attend. These are goal setting conferences, and not reporting. Specific goals will be set in literacy, numeracy and often in other areas.

This is a really good opportunity for parents to share their in-depth knowledge of their own child highlighting any concerns or informing the teacher about strengths.

All classes and teachers are currently full on into their programmes – Teachers put together assessments plus other information gathered to help inform the teacher to set next teaching steps for your child, this also identifies where there might be some need or focus for the next term or so.

Most of this information will be shared as part of the Goal Setting process.

Booking instructions will be in next week's newsletter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

25-26 Feb – Y6 Sailing

27 Feb – Nga Peka Camp Meeting

5 March – Nga Peka Swimming Sports

7 March – Goal Setting (12.30pm finish)

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

WHAKATANE MUSIC SCHOOL The Whakatane Children's Music School offers music lessons to year 5-8 students. The enrolment day will be held on Saturday 2nd March in the Whakatane Intermediate School Auditorium from 9am -11am. Lessons are offered for guitar, keyboard, violin, flute, recorder, fife, saxophone, clarinet, percussion and brass instruments at only \$50 for the year. Enrolment forms will be available through the school office.

PAPER PLUS would like to thank all the parents who purchased their back to school stationery from them this year.

Is your child having trouble learning letters and connecting it with their letter sound???

This is a red flag
for early learning disabilities.



How to spot the signs?

- Struggling to learn the alphabet?
- Difficulty reading the most basic words?
- Having trouble with math concepts?

For further inquiries please contact
nableyou2017@gmail.com

EMERGENCY CONTACTS AND HEALTH FORM

Please complete the form and return to the school office.

ADVERTISEMENT

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.

TERM 1 OHOPE JUNIOR GOLF, training will now be on Sundays at 9.30am down at the Ohope International Golf Club. There is an option to spend extra time with a Golf Professional on Mondays (Golf professional requires a \$5 donation, bookings essential). Golf on Sundays is free to boys and girls from 6 years of age and up, come and give it a go, it is the perfect way to spend a Sunday morning! For further information please contact Don Krauss on 0274890716. Please jump on over to our Facebook page also to keep up to date with trainings and up and coming events

IMPORTANT DATES:

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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.

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

URGENT

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

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 3 were –

Te Tiwai - Phoenix T, Archie, Whakairo, Mia, Ali

Nga Peka - Rose, Milla, Astyn, Annabel, Tracey

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