

The first week back has been very quiet - a good settling week! Everyone quickly getting back into their routines. A huge thank you to all parents and caregivers for your understanding and cooperation on Tuesday during the Paid Union Meeting. A heads up - it sounds like the planned Teacher Strike is more than likely to be Wednesday 29th May - this is still to be confirmed. We should know by the end of this week/early next week once all the Paid Union meetings around the country have been held.

School Bikes

Our new bikes have all arrived - all 36 of them, various sizes. We have someone in this week putting them all together and giving them a safety check. Hopefully in the next week or so we will incorporate these into our programmes etc. A huge thank you to our Fundraising Group, Go Bikes, Ministry of Education, NZTA, and NZCT Trust for their fundraising and grant allocations to make our bikes and containers possible.

Board of Trustees

Next Tuesday is the last full official Board of Trustees Meeting before the Board elections, on behalf of the staff, children and community I would like to say a huge **Thank You** to our outgoing Board of Trustees: - Mike Jones (Chairperson), George Esterhuizen, Cashy Ball, Kiran Watkins, Ben Gibson and Staff Rep Jenny Ward. Particular thanks to all these people for all the extra work and dedication that they have contributed to our school. It has been a very collaborative board who have worked well together achieving many things in their time. One of the big successes has been the School Rebuild Project which took a lot of negotiating and politicking to get the Ministry to finally commit to this project after 7 years of lobbying. The Board and in particular Mike Jones were very instrumental in this, working hard in the background doing all the things that are not easily noticed.

I would like to thank them for all their time and commitment to our children and school – a huge volunteer effort. A very special mention must be made of the contribution of George Esterhuizen who has been on the Board for around 9 years, with Mike Jones not far behind.

Fun Rotations Start this week - Each Thursday afternoon from this week for the next 6 weeks children will be working in multilevel groups with different teachers. Our focus is on play-based learning. Some of the activities they will take part in are – dramatic play, clay, native area, beach, kitchen, using pipes and water, bamboo/flax, sand/wood, blocks, building supplies.

Important Dates:

Thursday 16th May – Cyber Safety Information Meeting

Thursday 30th May - Open Day for parents to walk the Cross Country track, starting 11.30am.

Friday 31st May – Whakatane Schools Teacher Only Day

Monday 3rd June – School Closed – Queen's Birthday Holiday

Wednesday 5th June – School Cross Country (Thursday 7th Postponement date)

Tuesday 11th June - Interschool Cross Country

Tuesday 18th June – EBOP Cross Country

Wednesday 3rd July – STUDENT LED

CONFERENCES – more details will come out soon about these

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

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Friday 5th July – End of Term 2

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN ONLINE - FAMILY ZONE PARENT MEETING

– We will be holding a second Family Zone Cyber Safety Parent Information event on Thursday 16th May 2pm at school.

There is a free license for every child at our school.

WINTER TERM FLU SEASON!!

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. Some simple healthy practices 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)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTIONS

7 June 2019

All of New Zealand's state and state-integrated schools have a board of trustees. The board of trustees is the Crown entity responsible for the governance of the school. The board is the employer of all staff in the school and is responsible for setting the school's strategic direction in consultation with parents, staff and students, and for ensuring that its school provides a safe environment and quality education for all its students. Boards are also responsible for overseeing the management of personnel, curriculum, property, finance and administration.

This three-minute video is for use with prospective trustees and briefly outlines what trusteeship is all about.

<https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/>

EVENT	DATE
Select Returning Officer by	Wednesday 1 May 2019
Close Main Roll	Noon Wednesday 8 May 2019
Call for Nominations by	Friday 10th May 2019
Close Supplementary roll	Noon, Wednesday 22 May 2019
Nominations Close	Noon Friday 24 May 2019
Voting Papers Sent by	Wednesday 29 May 2019
Election Day (voting closes)	Noon Friday 7 June 2019
Count Votes	Thursday 13 June 2019
Board Takes Office	Friday 14 June 2019

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 **Positivity**

PRIDE Winners for week 1 were:

Te Tiwai – Karlos, Liam

Nga Peka - Caru, Jayden S, Olivia

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.

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

Hi, my name is Patricia and I work with children who struggle to keep up with their peers.

Signs & symptoms for **dyslexia** include:

- Difficulty reading;
- Slow reading & writing;
- Problems spelling
- Mispronouncing names or words or retrieving words.

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/dyslexia/symptoms-causes/syc-20353552>

Typical symptoms for **dyscalculia** include:

- Difficulty counting backwards;
- Difficulty remembering basic facts;
- Slow to perform calculations;
- Weak mental arithmetic skills;
- A poor sense of numbers;
- High levels of maths anxiety.

<https://www.dyslexia.uk.net/specific-learning-difficulties/dyscalculia/the-signs-of-dyscalculia/>

Specific Learning Difficulties (SLD) such as dyslexia and dyscalculia affect the way your child achieves at school. I can help.

I can provide evidence-based strategies and tools that will facilitate your child not to survive but thrive in today's educational environment.

If you're in need of assistance send me an email:

Patricia Sabourin B. Ed., Speld teacher nableyou2017@gmail.com

I look forward to supporting your child reach their goals.

WHAKATANE EMBROIDERER'S GUILD JUNIOR EMBROIDERY CLASSES 2019

Wednesdays 22 May – 26 June 3.30pm to 5pm at ATC Rooms end of Tuhoe Ave

Girls and boys from 9 years welcome. \$5.00 for 6 classes. Please contact either;

Miss Nancy Neilson or Mrs Peta McMillan

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RENTAL HOUSE WANTED - Tilhi and Virna family wish to live closer to school. If you have or hear about a long-term rental in Ohope / close to Ohope, call Anniina Talaslahti: 0272033662 or email: olli.talaslahti@sig.biz.

Scholastic Book orders – Please complete orders by Friday May 10th (**Tomorrow**). Cheques can be sent to the office by the above date. (**NO CASH orders**)

WHAKATANE COMMUNITY OF LEARNING TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday May 31st - (Friday before Queens Birthday Weekend) Early notification of a Teacher Only Day

Our Community of Schools (CoL) group is holding a Teacher Only day for our district on Friday May 31st - this is an opportunity for all the local teachers, Early Childhood through to Secondary to all come together for some shared professional development, sharing of information, skills and ideas.

All local schools will not be open for instruction on that day.

Parent Election Notice

Ohope Beach School - School Board of trustees' election

Nominations are invited for the election of 5 parent representatives to the board of trustees.

Nomination forms are available from the school office.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Nominations close at noon on 24 May 2019 and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on 7 June 2019.

Signed

Jenny McKenzie

Returning Officer