

Another busy week is almost over - with an even busier week next week for some groups in the school with various celebration end of year trips. Let's hope the improving weather keeps trending toward the nice calm warm weather - which will make these activities much more enjoyable!

Fundraising Team

Thank you to this small team of dedicated parents for a fantastic effort on behalf of our school taking part in the 'Late Night Extravaganza' on Tuesday night this week putting together some fantastic raffles - tickets are still available in the school office until tomorrow (Friday).

All funds being raised to make some improvements and changes to our Senior Playground - every bit helps!



Well done to our school Choir with a great performance at the Extravaganza - very well received by the crowd present! Also particular thank you to Dominic Espinosa, who has coached and developed this Choir to a very high standard in such a short time.

Class Lists

2020 Class lists will be put up in Manawanui on Monday 16th 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. A whole variety 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 two main 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.



Important Dates:

- 10th December (Tuesday) Year 6 Leavers Evening
- 11th December (Wednesday) Year 5 Celebration Trip
- 12th December (Thursday) Year 6 Waimarino Trip
- 16th December (Monday) Class Lists up on Manawanui (hall) front windows.
- 16th December (Monday) Reports come home.
- 18th December (Wednesday) Term 4 and 2019 School ends 12noon

COMMUNITY FAREWELL FOR TONY HORSFALL & ROBERTA MCKELVEY

Monday 16 December 5.00pm in school hall.

Everyone is welcome to come along and show your appreciation for their years of contribution to Ohope Beach School.

If you would like to contribute to their farewell gifts, you can do so by dropping in to school office or using online banking but please make sure you reference 'gift'. Thank you.



Gifts for Bus Drivers

As a school, we would like to acknowledge the kindness and hard work of our bus drivers who are very accommodating to our children.

We would like to give them a gift basket of "goodies" at the end of the year and would ask that each family who uses either the Harbour Rd/Wainui bus or the town bus to please send along a treat item to add to the basket. Thank you.

The staff of Ohope Beach School



LIBRARY BOOKS AND SCHOOL READERS – It's that time of the year again to start checking under the bed, in the wardrobe and on bookshelves for school books that are not being used and return them to school.



PARENT HELPERS- needed Monday and Tuesday of Week 9 (9th & 10th December) for stock-take of school readers please - many hands will make light work!!!! Anytime during the day. Leave your name at the office. Thank you.



After school care staff vacancy

Staff vacancy from 2:30 -4PM on Thursdays

(potentially other days as well).

If interested contact Vanessa on 021

030 8960

or email

ohopeafterschoolcare@gmail.com

*See holiday programme below

ABSENCES AND LATENESS – If your child is going to be away or late please let the office (even if you have advised the teacher) know by 8.45am. If we are unable to contact you, your child will be marked truant.

For every child that is away, and we have not been advised we are legally required to contact a caregiver to make sure that the child is safe.

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**

Pride winners for week 6 were:

Te Tiwai – Manaia, Hunter, Mathew, Sahej

Nga Peka – Nga Huiarau – Chrisme B, Lana P, Elena, Eden

This term we are focusing on a different **PRIDE** value each week.

Each week 2 to 3 children from each learning space are the Pride time winners and they have an extra 30 minutes of special time on Friday.

All those with PRIDE tickets go in a weekly draw where 3 names are pulled out as are 3 bus pride tickets. These children receive a special treat.



December Holiday Programme

Opening hours: 8AM – 5:30PM Please be at school before 9:30am for bus trips and walking adventures (Closed January 2020)
 \$5 per hour, per child. Casual bookings welcome, contact Vanessa for an enrolment form if your child has not previously attended Oasis.
ohopeakafterschoolcare@gmail.com

Please pack lunch, afternoon tea supplied **Trips need to be paid in advance or on the day**

Wednesday 18 th December	Thursday 19 th December	Friday 20 th December	Monday 23 rd December	Friday 4 th October
Open From 12PM, walk to Maraetotara Park from 12:45 – 2:10PM then walk back so parents can pick up children from school at 2:30PM if required	Whakatane Aquatic Centre Vanessa will pay for Oasis children to have a privately booked hydro slide	Whakamax to see Playmobil	Checking Traps on the farm behind school. Bridget from Halo will guide us up the Ngati Awa farm.	Secret Santa mission to drop off sweets to letterboxes as far as our little feet can take us. Please bring walking shoes and sunhats or Santa hats
			 Please bring gumboots for the cutty grass and stream crossings. <u>Also</u> a water bottle and gardening gloves if you have them.	
No additional cost	Additional cost Swim \$3 + bus \$4 = \$7	Additional cost Movie +popcorn + drink \$14 + bus \$4 = \$18	No additional cost Vanessa to donate traps we will carry.	No additional cost