

## Whanau Evenings – Getting to Know You:

Thank you for your attendance at these evenings. The staff appreciate your involvement in your child's education and see it as a partnership with you. Having the time to discuss your child's strengths and interests and to share the expectations for the year has been very valuable. If you were unable to attend either of the two nights, please make contact with your child's teacher to set a time that suits you both.

## News from the Board:

The board have had their first meeting for the 2020 school year. The Charter and 2020 budget have been approved. The swimming pool upgrade has now been completed. This project was started during the holiday break and has provided a much-improved swimming environment. The next school project will be the upgrade of the senior playground. This will involve the removal of the surrounds, the bark and much of the equipment. We would look to have new equipment with safety matting beneath. We will be carrying out an inventory of the school ICT equipment so that new devices can be purchased for student use in the classroom. The next board meeting will be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

## Working Bee:

The board have planned a working bee for this Saturday, weather permitting. We hope to paint the inside and outside of the student sports shed, we want to clean out the music room so we can make use of it for music again. We hope to build some more shelving inside the school physed shed to house the sports equipment and inside the student sports shed. We welcome your support. If you can attend and have building skills we would welcome your expertise. We plan to get started by 9.00am. **Please give the office a call or text if you can make it.** Thank you so much.

## Sports Updates:

Congratulations to our golf team who competed at the Ōhope Beach golf course on Monday. The children competed well and enjoyed the opportunity to extend their skills. Thank you to the parents who transported and supported the students.

## Important Dates:

**11 & 12 March** – 'Getting to Know You' whanau meetings

**18<sup>th</sup> March** - EBOP Swimming Champs 8-12+ year olds

**24<sup>th</sup> March** - EBOP Cricket World Cup (Y 3-6)

**25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 4 camp

**1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Y5 & 6 camp

**9<sup>th</sup> April** – Last day of term 1

**28<sup>th</sup> April** – First day of term 2

Congratulations to the swimming team who competed at the inter-school swimming sports on Tuesday. Another event where our children competed with PRIDE and modelled great behaviour. Thank you to the parents who supported the team and to Mrs England for looking after the team.

This week we have had two days of Water Skills for Life lessons at the pool. These have been good sessions and have added to the lesson skills of the teachers.

Good luck to the Netball players who have started training and have games coming up. We wish you all the best for the netball season. Thank you to the parents who have come forward to coach the teams.

## **Camp:**

The year four camp is not far off now. Be sure to send back all notices that have been sent home and ensure payment has been made to the office. This camp is planned for Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at Ohiwa camp.

## **Kapa Haka Tutor:**

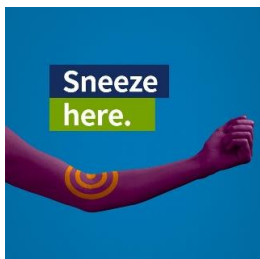
Mrs Hanlen is keen to continue our Kapa Haka group and is looking for support. We are very keen to hear from anyone who can help us with this as we do not have the expertise on staff. We are looking for a tutor who can work with the students. Staff will be available to support the tutor. Please make contact with the school if you can help or know of someone, we could approach to help us.

Nga mihi  
Cathryn Naera - Principal

## Covid-19 - Update from the MOE

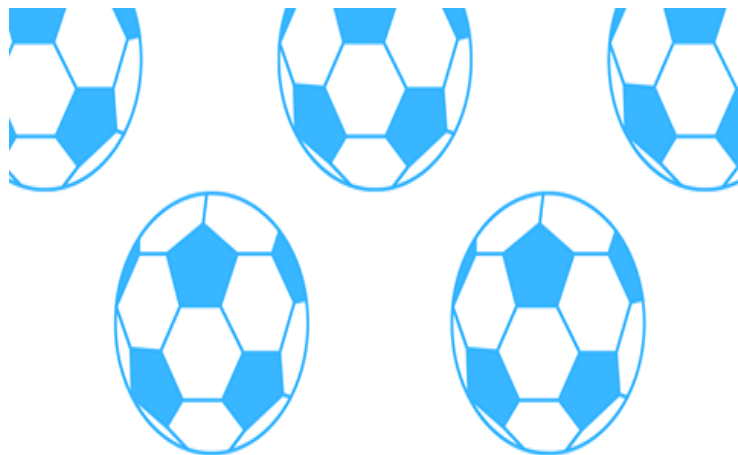
**Focus on prevention** - the best preventative steps for any communicable disease include simple but important measures to practice as part of your daily routine, but especially during flu season:

- wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and dry thoroughly
- avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



- avoid sharing anything that has come in contact with saliva, whether in your living or social environments
- stay home when you are sick and seek medical attention
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the rubbish
- get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system

Further information can be found on the Ministry of Health website. If you have been traveling or intend to travel you should check the latest information on their website.



OHOPÉ JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

# 2020 CLUB MUSTER

Club open day for all players aged 4-13

SUNDAY, MARCH 15 | 11AM  
BLUETT PARK, OHOPE

Come along for some family football fun, sausage sizzle and our annual boot swap.

[www.sporty.co.nz/ohopesoccer](http://www.sporty.co.nz/ohopesoccer)



## School App:

Currently there are a number of communication tools in use for the school. We have now set up a school app which you will be able to download and have access to school information on your phone.



You can download the app by searching for SchoolAppsNZ. This is the logo you need to be looking for. Once you have downloaded this app you will be prompted to search for the School.



You will be asked to select groups you wish to receive alerts from. At this stage groups are not yet set up but will be a feature of the app as we move forward.

You will be able to notify the school of student absences via the app either by phone or email. Other features will evolve over time.

We look forward to keeping our communication with parents as accessible as possible.

## 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.

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

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.

**SUBWAY FRIDAY LUNCHES** - Friday lunches are supplied by Subway Whakatane. To order your child's lunch you need to go to [www.subway.co.nz/schools](http://www.subway.co.nz/schools).

Orders can be made at any time during the week but must be completed by 9am Friday morning ready for the lunches to be delivered to school.

**Please make sure you enter the correct classroom name on your child's order to ensure that their lunch will be delivered to their class. If you do not know the classroom name, ask your child.**

**Favourites**  
**Last order**  
Add to your order at any time. Click the **Buy** button.

**School**  
 Search school  
 Select from all schools

**Class**  
 <none>  
 Enter class here...

**Student name**

**New order**

### Classroom names and teachers:

Manuka – Whaea Meg, Whaea Emma &

Whaea Abi

Kowhai – Miss Gouk, Mrs Hanlen & Miss McCarthy

Awatea – Mrs Jones

Matariki – Whaea K

Meremere – Ms Baker

Rimu – Mrs J & Miss Spencer

Totara – Mrs England

Kahikatea – Ms Walker & Mr Meyer