

# ONEHERO AREA SCHOOL

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Newsletter 1

8<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## Please note: Key dates 2017

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Kia Ora tatou

Dear Parents

2017 has begun with the usual hot weather now we are back at school! We welcome everyone back this year, a special welcome to all our new families joining us for the first time. It was great to see so many parents attend our first full assembly last Thursday.

We have started this year fully staffed and with approximately five hundred and fifty five students.

## New Staff:

We welcome a number of new staff members who have been appointed to positions at our school this year:

<i>Year 1</i>	<i>Room 2</i>	<b>Mrs Rebecca Peach</b>
<i>Year 1 / 2</i>	<i>Room 3</i>	<b>Whaea Mere Astle</b>
<i>Year 7</i>	<i>Room 13</i>	<b>Mr Fergus Lang</b>
<i>HOD Music</i>		<b>Mr Cameron Love</b>
<i>HOD Physical Education</i>		<b>Mr Karl McGregor</b>
<i>HOD Technology</i>		<b>Mr Tony Wynne</b>
<i>Physical Education/ Social Sciences</i>		<b>Miss Justine Wootton</b>

## Teachers for years one to eight are as follows:

<b>Rm</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>- Brenda McLean (teacher in charge of yr. 1-2)</b>
	<b>2</b>	<b>- Mrs Rebecca Peach</b>
	<b>3</b>	<b>- Whaea Mere Astle</b>
	<b>4</b>	<b>- Mrs Kelly Harlick</b>
	<b>5</b>	<b>- Mrs Lisa Swift (Teacher in charge of yr. 3-4)</b>
	<b>6</b>	<b>- Mrs Shirley Ruhe</b>
	<b>7</b>	<b>- Ms Rosalie Miller</b>
	<b>9</b>	<b>- Miss Cheyenne Campbell</b>
	<b>10</b>	<b>- Miss Rebecca Bills (Teacher in charge of yr. 5-6)</b>
	<b>11</b>	<b>- Mrs Jess Lorimer</b>
	<b>12</b>	<b>- Mrs Josie Redmond (Teacher in charge of yr. 7-8)</b>
	<b>13</b>	<b>- Mr Fergus Lang</b>
	<b>15</b>	<b>- Ms Maxine Pattison</b>
	<b>16</b>	<b>- Mrs Cam Cameron</b>

If you need to see any of these teachers about your child it is a good idea to make an appointment as they are often very busy before, after and during school. Please be aware that you can also message using Class Dojo for years 1-6.

Last day of term one (Easter and ANZAC day in holiday)

## 2017 Change in Procedures:

We have introduced seventy five minute periods this year and different break times.

*Break one*      **11.30 – 12.10** (This is our long break)

*Break two*      **1.25 - 1.45**

We are encouraging all students to eat their lunch at *Break one*, and have a snack at *Break two*.

**Please note:** Full School Assembly is now 2.30pm every Monday.

## Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club will start next week on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> February. It runs from Tuesday to Thursday each week. When you receive your school fees invoice you will notice that there is now a Breakfast Club Donation of \$5.00 per student. This donation is a new voluntary fee. It will be used to support our three day a week Breakfast Club.

*We are always looking for support for Breakfast Club, items of bread, jams, butter and eggs are always appreciated.*

## Newsletter:

In 2017 the newsletter will be available on our website [www.onewhero.school.nz](http://www.onewhero.school.nz) or emailed direct to parents. If you have not already given us your email but would like to take up this opportunity, please email us your address to [office@onewhero.school.nz](mailto:office@onewhero.school.nz). There will be paper copies at the office for those who do not have internet.

## General Information:

### Swimming:

Students in the junior school should bring their togs everyday so that they can be prepared for swimming as the days and times for lessons can vary. Please note that swimming is part of the school curriculum and students are expected to participate.

It would be really helpful if all clothes were labelled as teachers spend a lot of time trying to sort clothes out and many unnamed clothes end up in the lost property.

### **Hats:**

All junior students have to wear hats during breaks. Please name hats as students often take them off and forget where they put them.

### **Absences:**

If your child is ill or going to be late / absent, please contact the office staff by 9am each day, as it saves the office staff having to ring up your household. Please be advised that if absentees are not rung / emailed in and we are unable to contact the caregiver of the student, he/she will be marked Truant.

### **Signing In or Out:**

If you take your children out of school during the day or you arrive late, you need to sign them *In* and *Out* at the office. The office will go and get the student when you arrive as we do not allow them to wait at the school entrance during school hours.

### **Buses:**

For all students that are Out of Zone, a charge of \$47.50 per term will apply in 2017. We will be introducing an ID/barcode system for the buses, which will enable us to manage the number of students per bus and ensure that children are travelling on the correct bus. Term 1 bus fees are due by 24<sup>th</sup> February. This is a user pays service, if fees are not up to date your child will not be able to travel on the bus and will need to be collected from school. The student's original ID card will be supplied with no charge, however should the student lose their ID a fee of \$10.00 will apply to replace.

### **Uniform:**

Uniform for 2017 is available for sale at The Warehouse in Pukekohe, we apologise for any issues that have arisen with this change over, and we are working with both Schooltex and The Warehouse to improve supply and customer queries. We do still have some heavily reduced uniform available at the office. Please give us a call to see if we have your sizes available.

### **Mobile Phones:**

No junior students should have a mobile phone at school. This is causing a number of issues, especially on the buses. If a child is seen on a mobile phone during school hours these will be confiscated.

If you need to contact your child or your child needs to contact you, please go through our office on 09 2328866, we are more than happy to run messages when required to students and call on their behalf.

### **Basketball:**

Any students who still have uniforms from last year can you please return them to Whaea Shirley.

***Important: Please note that there will be no school basketball teams playing in Term One. We will be holding a muster during term 1 and will have school teams playing at Pukekohe in term 2 and Term 3.***

### **Netball:**

Netball trials for Yr. 7-13 students will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February from 3.15 – 5.30pm. Trials for yrs. 5 -6 students will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February from 3.15 -4.30pm.

***Note: Yr. 7-13 maybe required to attend a 2<sup>nd</sup> trial on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.***

Please ensure your child has appropriate clothing, footwear and a water bottle.

Please note that this season each player from yrs. 9 – 13 will be required to pay a \$20 deposit towards their fees before trialling. This is non-refundable if they decide to withdraw from the team in which they are selected. The \$20 may be paid to Mrs Guard prior to the trials, but must be paid no later than the afternoon of the 20<sup>th</sup> February before trials commence.

***Coaches*** – If there is anyone interested in coaching a netball team, please contact Sharon Guard at school on 0274158061.

### **Homestay Students:**

This year we have been given the opportunity to home stay overseas students again. If you are interested we would love you to fill in the necessary paperwork with police vetting forms early, as getting this done before hand greatly simplifies the process. These packs will be available from the office. Last year's international students loved our school and the parents and students who hosted all had positive experiences.

### **Canteen Specials**

The first week's special is American Hot Dogs, \$3.50. Available from Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure that money is brought to school in a named envelope for the juniors and handed into class.

Ngā mihi  
Greg Fenton  
Principal

## **Community Notices**

### **Duke of Edinburgh Hillary Award**

OAS offers students the opportunity to participate in this internationally recognised Award scheme. This three level scheme tells prospective employers and Universities that this individual has drive, motivation and well-rounded life experiences.

**If you are busy** - this award is for you! With very little extra effort, get recognition for the activities you already do and make them worth even more.

**If you are bored** - this award is for you! Get some inspiration and support to expand your horizons and try out a new sport, hobby, voluntary work and an adventurous journey.

For more information - ask your teacher or Mrs McArley for a flyer and form OR contact Bridget Dobbs: 09 2328250 / 022 6011615 / [bridgetdo@gmail.com](mailto:bridgetdo@gmail.com) or the Duke of Edinburgh website: [dofehillary.org.nz](http://dofehillary.org.nz)

### **Seasons for Growth**

This is a Programme for young people aged 6-18yrs with changes or challenges in their lives, dealing with difficult circumstances, death or separation. A

Parent Programme and Adult Programme is also available. We are now taking enrolments for our Programmes beginning on February 16th 2017, Term 1. If you would like more information or to enrol, please contact Marisa on 021 142 5812, Deb on (09) 238 7375, or email us at [seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz). More information can be found at [www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/Seasons](http://www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/Seasons).

### **PUKEKOHE SOCCER CLUB 2017**

Registrations are now open for the 2017 playing season for Pukekohe Soccer Club. I would like to invite you to register to play football for Pukekohe AFC this upcoming season.

You can register now by accessing the Pukekohe AFC website [www.pukekoheafc.com](http://www.pukekoheafc.com)

Alternatively you may register in person on the Registration Days at the Bledisloe Park Sports Centre building (John Street, Pukekohe) on: Thursday 2 February 2017 5.30pm-7.30pm or Tuesday 7 February 2017 5.30pm-7.30pm.

Any queries please contact:  
[secretary@pukekoheafc.com](mailto:secretary@pukekoheafc.com)

### **Guitar, ukulele and recorder lessons:**

Multiple styles of music are taught and students are encouraged to develop their own interpretations of musical pieces and improvise. From absolute beginners through to budding musicians. 20 min personalised lesson. Alternatively all instruments can be taught in a

group. The groups are limited to a maximum of three per group. Please ring Donna Allely 021 185 8553 or email [jdallely@ihug.co.nz](mailto:jdallely@ihug.co.nz). NZ Modern School of Music

## **TWILIGHT TENNIS**

Social Doubles Team Competition on Wednesday nights

- Enter a team of 4 or we will find a team for you.
- \$60 per player or \$240 for a team
- Starts on Wednesday the 8th February
- 7pm - 8:30pm for 8 weeks

To enter please contact Cherie on 027 4596075



## **Midweek Ladies Competition**

Tuesdays from 9:30am – 12:30pm, Term 1 2017

Starts: Tuesday 21st February

Teams of 4, each player playing 2 Doubles matches

Location: Counties Tennis Centre, West St, Pukekohe

Competition Grades: Competitive or Social

Team Entry Fee: \$160 (includes cost of match balls)

Enter online at [www.countiestennis.co.nz](http://www.countiestennis.co.nz)

Contact Lynette 021313407 or [lynettetennis@yahoo.com](mailto:lynettetennis@yahoo.com)



## **ONEWHERE JUNIOR RUGBY CLUB 2017**

All 2016 rugby players will have received an email to re-register for the 2017 season at Onewhero Rugby Club. Please use the link in the email to re-register – please update the team you will be playing in.

Any new players to Onewhero (Under 6 to Under 13) may register online at

<http://sporty.co.nz/onewherorugby> on the Junior Registration page.

If you are unable to register online, we have three registration days at the Onewhero Rugby Club

Thursday 17th February 3.00 - 5.00pm

Friday 18th February 3.00 - 5.00pm

Friday 24th February 3.00 - 5.00pm

Saturday 25th February 10.00- 12.00noon

Rugby Muster will be Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March at the club rooms.

If you have any registration queries, please contact Leanne 021 323 795.

### **Music Lessons:**

For music lessons in Piano, Keyboard, Guitar and theory please contact:

Zettie on 021 111 8308 or [zettiformusic@gmail.com](mailto:zettiformusic@gmail.com)