



ONEWHERO AREA SCHOOL

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Key dates:

Thursday 13th April

Last day of Term One (Easter and ANZAC day in holiday)

Monday 1st May

First day of Term Two

Thursday 4th May

Year 1-13 Parent Interviews

Tuesday 23rd May

BOT Meeting 7pm

Kia Ora tatou

Dear Parents,

We would like to say a huge thank you for everyone’s patience with the recent disruptions to school due to the terrible weather, and the consequential roading issues we faced. We hope that this current weather bomb doesn’t cause any further disruption to the school for the remainder of the term. Please keep an eye on our web page over the next couple of days for updates. We would also like to apologise for the issues we have been experiencing with our phones, we are trying our best to sort these, should you need to contact us for absentees or urgent messages and are unable to get through on our phone lines please email office@onewhero.school.nz

Greenies:

The names drawn from the box this week were: Ketia Aldworth, Hayley Pedersen, Ricci Putohe, Zoe Ross, Flynn Pearson, Ricky Maitland Declan Fenton and River Missen, well done to these students.

Value Certificates:

The awards that were presented at Monday’s assembly were:

Purpose – Ako: Angus Cathcart, Maxwell Morgan and Jacob Livingstone Stephenson.

Teacher interviews will take place on Thursday the 4th of May if you are still needing to make a booking please follow the instructions below.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 29th March - 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 6th April - 3.30pm – 7.30pm

To book go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Put in our school code **Code: 4hfgb** and follow the prompts

If you don't have access to the internet, please ring the School Office and we can make the booking for you. Please have your child's subjects/class and teachers name ready.

School Office – 09 2328866

Staff:

It is with regret that we are losing three staff members this week.

Rebecca Bills has been contracted to work on a special Math Project for the rest of this year, she will be

working in different schools around the South Auckland Area. We know she will get a lot of valuable learning from this experience.

Cheyne Campbell is leaving us to teach in Taupo. She is moving closer to her whanau and we wish her well in her new position.

Ashley Pillow is taking maternity leave and we wish her all the best with the new addition to the family.

Uniform:

We have a number of uniform items still available at school in the larger sizes. We also have a number of Culottes in various sizes, please enquire at the office.

Calf Club 2017:

Can all Calf Club Trophies please be returned to the School office ASAP.

Hall Booking:

All Hall Bookings need to be placed through the School Office. Should you require the Hall please Phone or Email your request in as we would hate there to be any double bookings.

Homestay Families Wanted:

This year we hope to be able to host some overseas students again for a short time.

The process to become a host family takes quite some time due to the necessary police vetting taking around 20 working days. We would like to be ready to welcome our overseas students and would love to have more families added to our database. Hosting an overseas student is a wonderful experience for both yourself and your children. It is like having an extra child/brother/sister

for a short time and the friendships built up can last a lifetime. It is a very enriching experience for your children to gain some knowledge of different cultures.

If you want to find out more, please contact

Anke van Dijk on 021482990 or email:

a.vandijk@onewhero.school.nz, alternatively, pick up an application pack from the office.

As of next year, we might also have the opportunity to host some longer term students for one term up to a year. Please also let me know if you might be interested in this.

Onewhero School pays you to cover the cost of international students, both short and long term, and the rates are very generous.

Year 9 Integrated Studies:

As a community we are constantly reflecting and looking for new ways to improve the learning experiences and achievement of our children. Engagement, enjoyment and success within our own identities are three things which we desire. Coming from an English and Social Studies perspective, we wanted to increase engagement and improve the literacy skills of our students. Further to this, we believe it is paramount for students to recognize that subjects are not discrete, isolated pockets of learning – the skills and strategies they learn are relevant and applicable across all learning areas, as well as beyond the school gates.

Integrating English and Social Studies has resulted in a course that prioritizes effective literacy practices, whilst providing authentic and relatable learning contexts. Being able to connect and apply what they learn in class to their own lives and society is a powerful tool. Our focus has been on developing the skills and strategies that will enable students to be confident, independent and successful learners. These self-management skills are essential for every learner and will be necessary for their future endeavours and success.

Over this first term we have experienced many challenges, it is these times that provide the opportunity for learning and growth. However, the dedication and persistence that has been demonstrated has resulted in a positive term, where quality work has been produced by engaged students (and engaged teachers).

As teachers, it has allowed us to expand our own practice, whilst working collaboratively alongside colleagues. We have found it extremely rewarding and look forward to what the rest of the year will bring. We would like to thank the students, their whanau and the community for the support we have received over this first term and encourage further discussion and involvement as we progress on our journey.

Defensive Driving Course:

Franklin Driving Education Ltd have spare places in their next Defensive Driving Course in Pukekohe. 1, 8, 15, 22 May. If interested see www.franklindrivingschool.co.nz or phone 2392678 or 021337865.

Ngā mihi
Greg Fenton
Principal

Community Notices

Lost uniform:

One size 14 School Fleece with the name Ben Beveridge has been lost at school. Can you please check uniforms for names and either return to school or contact Alison on 027 5715478.

Seasons For Growth:

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 will also be available. The next Programmes will begin in Term 2 2017. If you would like more information or to enrol for next term, please contact Marisa on 021 142 5812, Deb on (09) 238 7375, or email us at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. More information can be found at www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/Seasons

***Art @ the Port* FESTIVAL**

Easter Saturday

9 - 2pm Brasell's Woolshed

Paintings, Crafts, Plants, Food

Face painting & Kids' Easter activities

A fun day out for the whole family.

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

April School Holidays are fast approaching!

Keep the kids entertained and get your holiday care sorted with KAS!

A copy of our brochure has been sent out through your school.

For more information and enrolments visit:

www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

Or pop into our programme at Harrisville School.
Book now to secure your place, spaces are limited!

Wearable Arts Festival:

Preparations have begun, see the attached Flyer. Book your spot today and start creating tomorrow.

Contact: Natalie Smith for further details
027 284 6060

Onewhero Netball Wearable Arts Festival
27th May 2017

3 Categories * Trash to Fashion *
* Ocean Inspired * Down on the Farm *

6-7pm Nibbles and Non-Alcoholic drinks
Show starts 7.15pm to 8.30pm
Tickets \$20 Adults - \$5 Children/School Age
Come and enjoy a fun filled evening show casing all our fabulous local talent.

Contact Details: Natalie Smith
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Phone: 027 284 6060

Onewhero School Hall

All School Age and Community Members
Welcome to enter
Spaces are limited so get in quick and secure your spot