



ONEWHERO AREA SCHOOL

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Key dates:

Friday 15th September

Last day to hand in Scholastic Bookclub Orders

Monday 18th – 22nd September

School Senior Exams Year 11-13

Tuesday 26th – 29th September

Year 7 Camp

Friday 29th September

Last day of Term Three

Monday 16th October

First day of Term Four

Tuesday 17th October

PhotoLife Class Photos

Wednesday 18th October

PhotoLife Team Photos

Thursday 19th October

Calf Club Day

Kia Ora tatou

to the boys, their coach, Dave Hopoi and management team. Congratulations, team, we know you will represent us well at Nationals.

Principals Message:

Tenā koutou kātoa,

Ngā mihi nui ki te whanau o Te Kura Takiwā o Onewhero. Tenei te wiki o Te Reo Māori.

Greetings to the Onewhero Area School family. This week we are celebrating Māori Language Week at school. Students and staff have been challenged to use Māori 'kupu' (words) and greetings as much as possible. I would encourage you to get your children to teach you some words, too.

Also, this week we have lots to celebrate. One of our students, Thomas Murray, won four gold medals in swimming at the AIMS games in Tauranga. What a fantastic achievement, Thomas! Our other participants have all been doing their best and showing improved results.

The basketball boys who went away to the basketball qualifying tournament last week finished fifth, qualifying for the National Secondary Schools Basketball tournament. This achievement has never happened before in the school's history and is a credit

Finally, one of our Year 11 students, Etuale Kele, was selected through a rigorous selection process, including an interview, for a scholarship to attend a 10 day sail training course on the Spirit of New Zealand. This is a fantastic opportunity for one of our students to challenge himself and develop leadership skills for the future. Well done, Etuale!

Well, what a successful week for our OAS students. Again, I would like to thank you all for welcoming me to your community so warmly. It's going to be an exciting journey ahead.

Ngā mihi nui ki ā koutou,
Simon Craggs
Principal

Greenies:

The names drawn from the box last week and this week were:

Max Smith, Themba Klay, Brooke Kervin and Nia Wilson

Amnesty:

We would appreciate any school readers or library books that may be sitting in your shelves at home to be returned back to school. Also if you have any Onewhero Area School blue sports shirts in your cupboards, we would appreciate them back as well as we are trying to do a stocktake of these items.

Mumps:

New Zealand has had 361 cases of Mumps reported so far this year. This is more cases than we have had in New Zealand in the last 16 years! Unfortunately, not all countries have the same vaccination schedule. There may be people who don't realise they are not protected. Anyone who was vaccinated in another country needs to check with their GP or Public Health Nurse. Some countries (like Tonga, Fiji, Kiribati and Tuvalu) vaccinate with MR, which is Measles and Rubella, but not Mumps. It's easy to get protected against Mumps, all GPs have the MMR vaccine, and it is free (and easier than having Mumps). Even with our New Zealand schedule, there are large numbers of young people not protected, due to an (unfounded) scare around the MMR vaccine in the late 1990s. Mumps causes high temperatures and very painful swelling around the jaw. It can also lead to infertility. It is spread through saliva (coughing, sneezing, sharing food and drink). If concerned, call your GP, Public Health Nurse, or Healthline on 0800 611 116.

Update Details:

Lately we have noticed some phone numbers and emails not going through. Please take the opportunity to update your contact details with the school. Email office@onewhero.school.nz with child's name and any updates or alternatively send a note in with your child to the office with any updates.

Senior Exams:

Our senior exams take place next week. When the students come in for their exams they are expected to be in full school uniform. The morning exams start at 9am till 12 midday. The afternoon exam is from 1pm-4pm. Students need to organise their own transport home from afternoon exams. All students have a timetable schedule for the exams. There will also be workshops offering extra support for students during the week and the schedule for this will be sent out tomorrow.

Canteen Specials:

Next week's special is Chicken, Cheese & Plum Sauce Paninis \$4.00. Available from Monday 18th-Thursday 21st September. Please ensure that money is brought to school in a named envelope for the juniors and handed into class.

Pre-loved Uniform:

If any families have any unused boys' shorts at home they do not want any more we would love to have them available in the office for children that fall over in the mud and need a change of clothes.

Calf Club:

We will be holding a meeting on Monday 18th September at 3.15pm for anyone who would like to help with the organisation of calf club, which will be held in the staffroom. This year with calf club being on a week day all students who are entering an animal including chickens must be accompanied by a supervising adult as they would normally, if it was a weekend event. Calf club will commence at 10.30am, all entrants must be here by 10am ready to start. Those children who are not part of calf club, it will be a normal school day in the classroom with an opportunity to visit calf club with their teacher. All Calf Club entries must be in to the office by 22nd September. No late entries will be accepted.

Uniform:

The following uniform is still available at a discounted price at the office.

Junior

Cargo Shorts (size 4 only) \$22.86

Culottes (sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, 12) \$26.53

Senior

Polar fleece sweatshirts (size L only) \$35.60

Boys & girls poly cotton shorts (sizes 10, 12, 16 – 80, 84, 88, 92, 96, 100, 104, 108) \$22.48

Poly viscose skirt (sizes 52, 57, 87, 92, 97) \$39.19

Girls short sleeve white blouse (sizes 10, 12) \$30.45

Boys short sleeve white shirt (sizes 8, 10, 12) \$33.94

Blue Poly Cotton Polo Shirt (sizes S, M, L) \$25.90

China Trip:

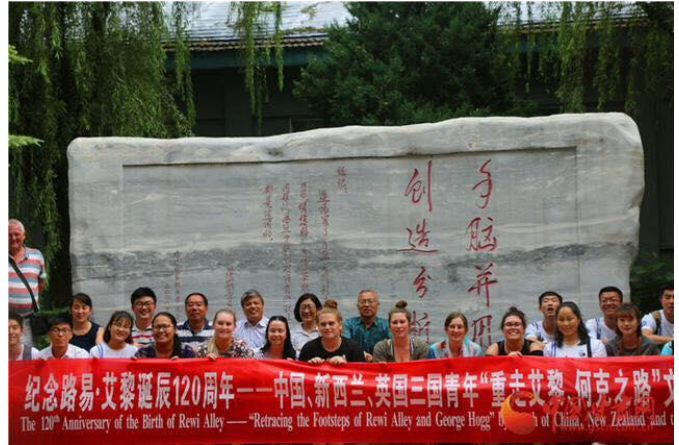
During July two Year 13 students, Tuene Henderson and Caleb Monk spent two weeks travelling through China, retracing the footsteps of New Zealand author, poet and pamphleteer, Rewi Alley. They travelled with six other NZ teenagers on a whirlwind tour that left them both wanting to return to China.

The best thing about my trip was absolutely the people, as we travelled with a group of Chinese university students and teachers. I was so incredibly touched by the warmth, friendliness and the openness of the Chinese people, who I am now so honoured to call my family. They are the most beautiful people I have ever met and we still keep in touch every single day. They made me feel at home in a foreign country and have now made China such a special place for me and I can't wait to return and see them all! Of course I loved all of the beautiful Chinese attractions, artwork, views and history! And I thoroughly enjoyed retracing the footsteps of Rewi Alley, and learning all about such a celebrated influential Kiwi. The food was so good, sometimes weird, but we are all experts at using chopsticks. However, the trip wouldn't have been the same without the people! <Tuene Henderson>

There were so many amazing things we got to see and experience while we were in China, and it's hard to choose just one thing that stood out. However, a few things that really took my breath away were: visiting the Bund and seeing the Shanghai skyline light up the evening sky; that is a view that I'll never forget. I also really enjoyed visiting the Yellow Crane Tower in the city of Wuhan, we'd done so many things in the big cities that it was so refreshing and amazing to witness something traditional, and a beautiful part of Chinese history. Seeing the hundreds of Terracotta Warriors in Xi'an was also pretty spectacular, there is so much history there and it's crazy to think that if that Chinese farmer dug his well maybe one meter out, they may never have found the warriors at all. <Caleb Monk>

Tuene and Caleb received scholarships from The New Zealand China Friendship Society, after applying through the Youth Action Group, an initiative of the Waikato District Council. For further details on the Youth Action Group visit

www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/your-district/youth-action-groups



Community Notices:

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

October holidays are fast approaching and KAS has an exciting new holiday programme planned to keep the kids entertained!

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!

Pukekohe Raceway Kids Obstacle Duathlon

Tuesday 26th September

Age Groups: Year 3 - 8

Events: Duathlon - Run, Bike, Obstacle Run

Bike Time Trial (NEW)

Enter Online : www.bsgevents.co.nz

