



## ONEWHERO AREA SCHOOL

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### Key dates:

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**River Zone Athletics**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Franklin Athletics**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

**Math Learning Information Evening Yrs 1-4 3.15pm**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**

**Prizegiving (note: date changed from 14<sup>th</sup> Dec)**

Kia Ora tatou

### Principal's Message:

Tenā koutou ki nga whānau o Onewhero, Another week gone in this rapidly disappearing last term of 2017. At OAS we are still going about the business of learning and this week has seen a number of exciting events happening at school. On Tuesday we had the Year 10 Market Day, which was a success despite the weather throwing a spanner in the works. Well done to the students for their work and some groups made a healthy profit.

As alluded to above, in my absence on Tuesday, we had a major weather event with a lightning strike very close to the school. As a result of this, the students were kept under cover and both staff and students did a great job of making sure that they stayed safe. This was also a good opportunity to put some of our emergency planning into action and make some amendments for future events.

Just a reminder please to all parents and whānau that the staff carpark on the old courts by the junior school is not for public use and students should not be entering the school through this area. It is also not a pick-up and drop-off area for parents to use. The front entrance to the school is much safer with footpaths for the children.

NCEA examinations are now underway and we wish students all the best for success in these. Just a reminder for those who are either preparing for exams or have yet to complete their internals that teachers are available for tutorials and catch-ups and there is an expectation that students attend these in order to achieve their qualifications.

Every two years the school is required to consult the community on what the school offers in terms of the Health curriculum. Please find attached a link to a survey for you to feedback on what you would like to see included for our students in Health lessons <https://goo.gl/forms/oIMvRkDrXa2ZgAsm2>. Please be aware that you are entitled to withdraw your child from any lessons related to sexuality education by informing the school in writing.

We have some major staff announcements this week. Our deputy principal of seven years, Mrs Koren Hopoi, will be leaving us at the end of the year and taking up the position of principal at Coromandel Area School. This is a well-deserved promotion and, while she'll be missed, we know that she will do a fantastic job of leading her new school. We look forward to catching up with her at possible future exchanges between the schools.

Also, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Claire Yee to the position of Maths teacher. Her and her family will be joining the team at OAS in the New Year. Also, Mrs Vikky Millin to the position of finance officer. She will be transitioning into the position over the remaining few weeks of the year.

Finally, I am sad to announce that Mrs Mary Kaihau has been unable to continue in the position of cleaner at the school. Mary has been at the school for two years and has given great service during this time. We are thankful for the service she has given to the school.

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou,  
Simon

### **River Zone Athletics:**

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> our school will be hosting River Zone Athletics starting at 9.15am. Most students from Years 3 to 6 will be involved. Students will need to bring a hat and have black shorts. They can wear their school polo shirt or the school PE house shirt. There will be sausages \$2, drinks \$1 and juices for .50c

Parents are most welcome to come and support us during the day.

### **Greenies:**

The names drawn from the box this week were:

Ketia Aldworth, Heath Muir and Liam Fleming

### **Year 11-13 Workshops & NZQA**

#### **Examination Timetable:**

Year 11 to 13 students are now officially on exam leave. However, there are many workshops available to finish Internal Units, and help them prepare for their exams. Students who have been targeted to attend these workshops are expected to attend. Please go to this "[November Workshops](#)" link and make the most of this support. Good luck seniors!

Here is the link to find the 2017 NZQA Examination Timetable. Senior students should print this off and display it at home!

<http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/.../exams-and.../exam-timetable-2017.pdf>

### **Cups & Trophies:**

Please return your cleaned, cups and trophies back to school asap for this year's prize giving.

### **Lost Property:**

After assembly on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November lost property will be laid out on the courts for you to look over.

### **Want To Learn How To Support Your Child's Math Learning?:**

Parents/caregivers of Years 1-4 are invited to attend an afternoon on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 3.15 onwards in the Junior Learning Centre.

Teachers of the junior school will be sharing resources and very practical tips and tricks that support your children's math learning over the holidays. There will also be an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's classroom teacher.

### **Integrated Learning Information Evening:**

For those parents who could not attend the Integrated Learning Information Evening, you can use the following link to access the presentation [https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1q\\_IJ1p5h8laqsXgBmguJW\\_FZD4JmHLxJPwYZ7b0EHvY/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1q_IJ1p5h8laqsXgBmguJW_FZD4JmHLxJPwYZ7b0EHvY/edit?usp=sharing)

Please contact Nikita Butler or Tessa Ritchie if you have any further questions or queries. Thank-you for your support.

### **Canteen Specials:**

Next week's special is Bacon, Egg & Tomato Panini \$4.00. Available from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November-Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Please ensure money is brought to school in a named envelope for the juniors and handed into class.

### **Photolife Shoot Keys:**

These are being sent home tonight for years 1-10. Would year 11-13 students or siblings please come to the office to collect your shoot key.

### **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, 8, 10, 12) \$26.53

Polar fleece sweatshirts x 1 size 4 now avail \$30.17

#### **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 – (1 only), M, L) \$25.90

## **Community Notices:**

### **Orienteering:**

Counties Manukau Orienteering Club (CMOC) runs a Summer Series around different parks in Pukekohe.

It is just for fun and great training, there are no points or competition. Just turn up, pay for a map and run. You can even do two different runs on one afternoon if you are keen and start early.

8 November - Schlaepfer Park

15 November - A&P Showgrounds

22 November - Roosevill Reserve

29 November - Rosa Birch Reserve

6 December - High School / Bledisloe Park

You can start any time between 4pm and 5.30pm but don't leave it too late - they will start picking up controls if it is quiet. \$5. Enquiries 238 6911

### **Guitar and Ukulele Lessons:**

Enrol for 2018.

All abilities and ages are welcome. Solo lesson \$17.00. Buddy lessons are \$10 each.

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