



ONEWHERO AREA SCHOOL

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Key dates:

Friday 1st December

Mid Term Election Voting Closes 12 Noon

Saturday 2nd December

Tuakau Christmas Parade School Float

Thursday 7th, Monday 11-13th December

Community Pool Keys Available

Wednesday 13th December

Prizegiving (note: date changed from 14th Dec)

Key Dates 2018:

Monday 22-24th January

Office Open from 9-3pm

Thursday 25-26th January

Office closed – Teacher Only Days

Tuesday 30th January

Year 11-13 students and new students to the school (from years 1-10) start

Wednesday 31st January

Year 7-13 students start

Thursday 1st February

Whole School

Tuesday 6th February

Waitangi Day

Friday 9th March

Teacher Only Day

Friday 30th March

Good Friday

Monday 2nd April

Easter Monday

Tuesday 3rd April

Easter Holiday

Friday 13th April

Term One Ends

Monday 30th April

Term Two Commences

Kia Ora tatou

Principal's Message:

Ki te whānau o te kura o Onewhero, tenā koutou,

Again, we have much to celebrate this week at OAS. Tomorrow we celebrate two students, Ricky Bingham and Brad Spicer, who are off to the National Secondary Schools Athletics Championships in Hastings for high jump. For such a small school to have two athletes competing in the same event at nationals is highly unusual and is a sign that there must be something special in the water in Onewhero!

In addition, Tanika van Dijk won the student song writing category at the New Zealand Ukulele Festival for her original song, 'Eyes of Aotearoa'. This is an outstanding achievement on a national stage and we will be lucky enough to hear her perform her song at prize giving. It's great to see students performing at a national level in both sporting and cultural pursuits.

For those who are unaware, the school is part of a scheme with ANZ Bank that means that anyone who draws down a mortgage with them over \$50,000 and nominates the school earns us approximately \$400 towards the purchase of equipment for the school. We

have just purchased a \$1200 camera for the junior school through this scheme so there are real benefits for the school. Thank you to those who have nominated us in the past and tell your friends who are taking out a mortgage to nominate us, as well.

Over the last few years I have seen first hand the power of outdoor education to change students' concept of themselves. Students learn skills in the outdoors that transfer well to other areas of their lives such as resilience, goal setting and teamwork. With this in mind, I cannot stress how important it is for students to attend camps and participate in all of the activities on offer. Even if your son or daughter is not the 'outdoors type', there is still plenty that they can learn about themselves and others in these situations. I understand the costs of camps can be prohibitive and our staff do all that they can to keep costs down. However, we can be flexible about payment options and will never allow a student to miss out due to hardship. Just let myself or one of the camp organisers know and we will see how we can help.

Finally, staff have discussed the daily timetable and the consensus from both senior and junior staff are happy that the current structure is working well. The addition of a snack break for junior students has made the long first block more manageable. It is likely that we will continue with this next year. If you have any feedback on this then please let me know.

No reira, tenā koutou kātoa,
Simon Craggs

Mid Term Election Voting:

Please have your voting papers in before closing at 12 noon this Friday 1st December in the box in the school office.

Canteen Specials:

No weekly special for the last two weeks of this term. Please ensure money is brought to school in a named envelope for the juniors and handed into class.

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, 14) \$26.53

Senior

Polar fleece sweatshirts (size L only) \$35.60

Boys & girls poly cotton shorts (sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 76, 80, 88, 92, 96, 100, 104, 108, 112) \$22.48

Boys & Girls poly cotton trousers (sizes 76, 80, 92) \$30.63

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

Girls short sleeve white blouse (sizes 8, 10, 12) \$30.45

Boys short sleeve white shirt (size 12 only) \$33.94

Blue Poly Cotton Polo Shirt (sizes S – (1 only), M, L, XL) \$25.90

Tuakau Christmas Parade:

This week our school will again be entering a float in the Tuakau Christmas Parade. The parade will take place this Saturday December 2nd at 3pm. The Onewhero Area School float will explore the theme - A Christmas Safari, combining African themed animals, masks and drums. We welcome any of our younger students, from Year's One to Three, who like to ride on the float, to assemble in St Stephens Avenue in Tuakau (opposite ITM) at 2pm. This is a fun experience that many of our students have enjoyed taking part in over the years. To enhance the visual effect of our float, we would like all our students to come wearing black clothes. They will be provided with animal print scarves and head bands to wear during the parade. It is important that we provide some adult supervision on board the float, so we would greatly appreciate having some parents prepared to travel on the float as well.



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Community Pool Keys:

The pool keys will be available for sale from 3-4pm in the school staff room on Thursday 7th, Monday 11th, Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December at a price of \$80.00 **cash only**. **NO** cheques or eftpos available.

End Of Year Leavers:

Would caregivers please advise the school if your child is leaving our school at the end of this year in Years 1-12. This will enable us to place children in classes accurately. Please email or phone the office.

Rowing Team Fundraiser:

The Onewhero School rowing team is fundraising for their biggest regatta Maadi Cup that is being held in Twizel March 2018.

The team are offering help before Xmas to anyone who needs a little help with window washing, babysitting weeding etc. Open to suggestions. \$50 for 2 hours. More if needed. Call Sarah 021713448 to arrange. Thanks in advance.

Community Notices:



Onewhero Swimming Club

Registrations for 2018 are open!
We are now taking registrations for the 2018 Onewhero Swimming Club season. As in previous years, lessons will be held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Lessons hope to start from Thursday 1 February 2018 (first day back at school for Onewhero Area School kids) and will end on Thursday 15 March 2018.

You can register your child(ren) online, or by downloading and completing a registration form...
Register online -

<https://goo.gl/forms/tSHuEg9GW8oveYLx1>

Or find the links on our Facebook page **Onewhero Swimming Club**

2018 Fees

Beginners* (small pool, 20min lesson) \$40.00

Learners (small pool, 20min lesson) \$50.00

Transition (big pool, 30min lesson) \$55.00

Intermediate (big pool, 30min lesson) \$55.00

Junior/Senior Squad (big pool, 1hr lesson) \$70.00

Family of 3+ children \$140.00

If your family has previously been involved with the Onewhero Swimming Club, we will have a good idea of your child's ability and will assign them to a swimming level accordingly. The first swimming club session (on Thursday 1 February 2018) will be used to assess the swimming abilities of all the kids to make sure they are at the correct level of learning.

All registered swimmers will receive an Onewhero Swimming Club swimming cap, which they are expected to wear during lessons and club nights.

* Must be 4 years or older as at 1 January 2018...

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 - Roosevelt 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.

Please ring Donna Allely 021 185 8553 or email allelydj@gmail.com. NZ Modern School of Music

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KIDS AFTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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Or pop into our programme at Harrisville School.
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