



ONEWHERE AREA SCHOOL

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Key dates:

Thursday 7th, Monday 11-13th December

Wednesday 13th December

Thursday 14th December

Community Pool Keys Available

Prizegiving (note: date changed from 14th Dec)

Minor Prizegiving – 9.15am start

Major Prizegiving – 7pm start

Last day of 2017

Key Dates 2018:

Monday 22-24th January

Thursday 25-26th January

Tuesday 30th January

Wednesday 31st January

Thursday 1st February

Tuesday 6th February

Friday 9th March

Friday 30th March

Monday 2nd April

Tuesday 3rd April

Friday 13th April

Monday 30th April

Office Open from 9-3pm

Office closed – Teacher Only Days

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

Year 7-13 students start

Whole School

Waitangi Day

Teacher Only Day

Good Friday

Easter Monday

Easter Holiday

Term One Ends

Term Two Commences

Kia Ora tatou

Principal's Message:

E mihi ana ahau ki te whānau o te kura nei,

Here we are with only one week to go in 2017. What a year it has been! A year of big changes at OAS. As I reflect back on my three months here I can see what a fantastic school it is with great students, a committed staff and board and a supportive community. I feel lucky to be part of the team.

What a wonderful week it has been for our Years Nine and Ten students to be away at camp. Summer definitely seems to have arrived now. As I said last week, camps are a great opportunity for students and staff to be able to bond with each other in a different setting and develop skills and strengths that are not shown in the classroom. I trust that all of our students enjoy their outdoor experiences.

At the beginning of next year all of our staff will be getting together for two days to learn about Wellbeing through the positive education model. Positive

education is about teaching students the skills that they need to understand and have control over their own wellbeing. You can find out more about how a school in Australia has adopted the positive education model by watching this short video <https://vimeo.com/99798574>. As a staff we will be

looking at how these strategies can have an impact on our own lives and then how we might apply these in the classroom.

This week has been another massive one for our students. I find it hard to keep track of all of the many achievements. If I do miss something, please let me know so I can put it in the following week. Anyway, this week we had nine students go to the Auckland Athletics Championships and the most notable success was Zanya Collins, who won the Year 7 girls' high jump. Congratulations on your amazing achievement. Zanya and her sister Layla have also been selected in national polocrosse development squads.

Also, last week I mentioned our boys who attended the National Secondary Schools Champs in Hastings. Brad Spicer placed 6th in high jump by clearing 175cm and also finished 12th in long jump. Ricky Bingham placed 10th in shotput and 18th in high jump and also made a cameo appearance on television.

A number of our students have been involved in swimming at the Auckland Champs; Aria Murray, Maia Kervin and Cayden Upfold have all competed in the junior competition and have qualified to compete in a national meeting. Also, this week, Thomas Murray is swimming in the Auckland Age Group Championships and will hopefully bring back a few medals from this competition.

Vanna Johnston achieved some notable successes in equestrian last weekend.

Finally, just to confirm that for next year the school will be running with the same daily structure as this year as per last week's newsletter. Please let me know if you would like more information about this.

Hei manaaki, hei tiaki,
Simon Craggs

Prizegiving:

On Wednesday at 9.15am we will be holding our minor prizegiving in the school hall. Our major prizegiving will be in the hall starting at 7pm. Full correct school uniform must be worn for all students. All parents and caregivers are welcome.

Last Day Of School Tabloids:

On our last day 14th December the whole school will be having a tabloids afternoon so children can wear mufti. Weather dependent there may be an opportunity for a swim. Please bring their togs and towel.

Auckland Year 7/8 Athletics Championships:

Last Thursday nine students – Tyler Brown, Zanya Collins, Haydon Danford, Chloe Hagan, Tylahmaree Meads, Hayden Reese, Janelle Smith, Sacha Thomas and Cayden Upfold – attended the Auckland Year 7/8

Athletic Championships at Mt Smart Stadium. All students represented the school with pride and participated at their best.

Zanya Collins competed in the Year 7 Girls High Jump, finishing first and breaking the record with a jump of 1.49 metres. Well done Zanya.

Chicken Pox:

There have been a number of cases of chicken pox reported in the junior end of the school. If your child has spots please get them checked by your doctor. If they do have chicken pox they are not to return to school until all spots have scabbed over. Please advise the office.

Canteen Specials:

No weekly special for the last two weeks of this term. The canteen will be running with limited stock the last week. Due to the unavailability of yoghurt sticks, Moosies are now available for \$1.20. Please ensure money is brought to school in a named envelope for the juniors and handed into class.

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.

Tuakau Christmas Parade:

Onewhero Area School was well represented in the Tuakau Christmas parade on Saturday. Our lively safari themed float, complete with drummers, won prizes in two categories including 1st Place in the school's category and also Most Entertaining Float. A big thank you to all the students who helped create its features

and decorations. Thank you also, to all of the students and the parents who travelled on our float and to Paul Tipping our driver and Glenn Graham, from Tuakau ITM, for again providing us with a truck for our float.



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

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:

Mower Position Available:

The current school contract for mowing the school playing fields has come to end, if anyone is interested in taking on this job and bringing in a quote, please contact the school office.

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

Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change Program to help deal with challenges in the lives of youth, such as separation, divorce, death or other major family changes. The next after-school program for children, teens and their parents will be starting in Term 1 2018 (February) in Pukekohe. The Programs run for 8 weeks during term time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton on 021 142 5812, or contact us at seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons



Onewhero Swimming Club

Registrations closing Friday 15/12/2017

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...

KIDS AFTER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Come enjoy the summer holidays with us! Check out our awesome activities planned for Christmas and January. From festive favourites, exciting trips and summer fun - there's something for everyone!!!

Our brochures are online now at:

www.kidsafterschool.co.nz

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



A Day On the Green Future of Bowls

Date: Sunday 4th February 2018

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Onewhero Bowling Club

Stalls \$5.00 plot - limited numbers

Fire truck rides - Gold coin donation
Face painting, ice cream parlour, lollies, drinks
Food, plant stalls, books and clothing on sale
Local Owner of Wairamarama Honey for sale
Local lady pancakes, Lattes, cappuccinos available also.
HANGI \$12 - pre-selling tickets also available to buy on the day.

Come have fun and enjoy company of the extended community.

Maymon - Hangi tickets 0273520856 Text
Cherry Black - Plots for sale 02102458993