



ONEKAWA SCHOOL

Newsletter 31 January 2012

Dear Parents

Welcome back for the start of the new school year. I hope you all had a happy and restful holiday break. It is always an exciting time of the year with children returning to school full of enthusiasm and anticipation.

This morning we welcomed 30 new children to our school, 11 of the new enrolments are new 5 year olds. It's great to have you with us.

Welcome back to all staff too. While we have no new additions there have been several room changes for teachers.

Our school is sporting a fresh new coat of paint. Contractors have been working over the break and are expected to be finished in 2 or 3 weeks time.

EDUCATION REVIEW OFFICE VISIT

Next week three reviewers from the ERO will be conducting a review of our school. They will be looking at how effectively our school's programmes, processes and teaching promote student learning and achievement. Their visit will involve meetings with staff and Board of Trustees as well as visits to classrooms. We are looking forward to sharing all that we do with our visitors.

STATIONERY

This year, school stationery packs are not being sold from our school office. Instead pre prepared packs for all classes can be purchased through Office Products Depot in Wakefield Street, Onekawa.

Parents are finding that pack prices are very competitive and the service is convenient. A small percentage of all sales is paid to the school.

You will need to quote your child's room number when purchasing.

HATS AND TOGS

A uniform school hat is compulsory for all children and is to be worn whenever children are outside this term. Children who do not have hats at school must sit in a designated shade area.

SCHOOL DONATION

Each year the Board of Trustees requests that each family makes a contribution to the school to assist with day to day running expenses. This money goes towards providing essential teaching materials and resources (e.g. sports equipment, library books and art materials).

This year the Board has set the voluntary donation at:

\$50 per year for 1 child, discounted to \$40 if paid in term 1.

\$75 per year for 2 or more children, also discounted by \$10 if paid in term 1.

Best wishes to you all for a happy and successful year.

Regards

Wayne Keats
Principal

Community Notices

Manchester Unity School Banking – Will commence on Thursday 9th February 2012.

Ahuriri Art School – www.ahuririartschool.co.nz for all course details or contact Nic 0272552002 or 8344686.

Growing Through Grief, Hawkes Bay – Seasons a 9 week programme, for more information contact Jo or Sandie on 8734962.

Natasha Purcell School of Dance – Location: Onekawa School Hall, enrolments are now being accepted for 2012. Phone 8433475 or 021949349, email: natashapurcell79@hotmail.com.