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# Newsletter

Term 1, Week 5, Wednesday 6th March

## Dear Parents and Whanau

Already nearly the end of week 5 - there has been lots of conversation around how quickly this term is flying by.

## Carpet

The MP room is being carpeted this week.

## Data Projector and screen

This will be installed next week :-)

## Renovation

We met with the architect this week to discuss the tenders. We are certainly making progress - watch this space!



## Swimming

Our year 4-8 swimming sports was a very successful day last Friday. I think it was the first ever sports we have had where I haven't had to ask the students to be quiet when the whistle blew! The overall general behaviour was awesome all day.

We have a team of swimmers representing Otaua School at Waiuku Group Day Swimming on Thursday. A big thanks to parents/staff who helped with time keeping /recording and to Lesley Wright once again for the morning set up.



### **Kiwi Cricket**

We have had emails today requesting numbers for Kiwi Cricket teams! This will be March 22 - Yr 3/4 at Waiuku Primary; Yr 5/6 at View Rd and Yr 7/8 at Sandspit Rd School.

### **Book Fair**

Advance notice - we will be having a Book Week 11th to 15th March and a Book Fair in the library at the same time. Each class will have the opportunity to look at the books and some children may bring home a "wish list". (See later in this newsletter for more information).

### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Many thanks for the returns we have in - there are heaps! You will receive a little slip confirming times later this week or the beginning of next. Please note these will be on **THURSDAY 14 March.**

### **Kids On Youtube**

I guess you have probably all seen or heard of Momo - the ghastly face that appears in some kids' videos, telling children to do things. Although we have had no direct reports, schools are warning parents to talk with their children about device safety and what to do if they come across something online that looks alarming. Please be aware of what your children are watching (as most of you already are) and limit their screentime. There is an increasing reliance on devices that is not healthy for young, developing minds.

### **Nits**

These are a perennial problem in **all** schools. Classrooms have sent home "nit notices" - that is all we can do. Please check and treat your child's hair regularly.



### **Class Dojo**

After many emails back and forth to the States, I think we have finally got the hiccups a few people were having with Dojo sorted. Please can you let us know if yours still isn't.



### **Lost Property**

Please ..... Monitoring this is not our core business. We can't be expected to know where every child's belongings are. There is quite a collection in the MP room (outside it on the BBQ table at the moment) that is un-named and unclaimed. By the end of next week it will be binned if not taken.

Kind regards  
Carol Graham

### **Tummy Bug**

We appear to have a tummy bug doing the rounds again. As this is highly contagious could we ask parents to keep children home for 48 hours after their last symptom (either vomiting or diarrhoea). This is in accordance with Public Health guidelines.

### **Book Fair**

We are holding a Scholastic New Zealand book fair all of next week. The library will be open after school each day until 3pm for parents to view and purchase books and till 7pm on Thursday evening (the night of Parent Interviews). Each class will have the opportunity to look at the books and some children may bring home a "wish list". The school receives a percentage of all books sold to use for our library. Thank you for your support!!

### **Invoices**

Invoices were sent home last week for bus and manual fees along with a request for school donation. Thank you to those that have already settled these. Please remember that bus and manual fees are ones that are paid by the school on behalf of your children to the Waiuku Transport Network and View Road School. These are the only fees that Otua School has so we appreciate prompt payment. Thank you

### **Congratulations**

Well done to Archie Bullock who competed in his first Show Jumping competition last weekend. He rode three rounds and won all three of them! This is Archie and his pony Kazi.



### **Bus Children**

Just a reminder that if your child is **not** catching the **afternoon bus** when they normally do we really appreciate a call, text or email before 2.15pm so we can take them off the bus list. This saves us holding the bus looking for a child when they have already been picked up. We have a messenger who collects all messages from the school office at 2.15pm and goes to each class.

### **View Road Dental Clinic**

We have been advised that the Dental Clinic at View Road will be open each Thursday and Friday for Waiuku families. To enquire about times etc please phone the mobile unit on 021 419 855 or Pukekohe Intermediate Dental Clinic on 09 237 1070.



### **Waiuku Junior Football Registrations 2019**

All players aged 4 - 17 must register with the club to play, this includes all school soccer please follow the link <https://mycomet-oceania.analyticom.de/en/login> Past players should have received a Username and Password last year. Please login using this. New players to Sign up under Players name. If you have any issues with registering, please let us know and we may be able to help you. Please do not sign up as a new user if you have lost your login or password. Contact us First. At checkout please click Pay Later.

Fees for 2019 - (whatever age your child is turning this year is the grade that they are in)  
First Kicks (4 - 6 years) \$45, Fun Football (7-8 years) \$75 Mini Football (9-12 years) \$90,  
Youth Football (13+ years) \$110.

Please deposit all payments into club account. Do not make payment via MYCOMET.  
ASB Waiuku 12-3052-0081213-00 Waiuku Junior Football Club. Please put first and last name as reference. Contact Melissa Tauroa 021 216 0030. mels.tauroa@gmail.com

***Otaua will need a School Coordinator for First Kicks Teams.***