



ONEWHERE AREA SCHOOL

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Key dates 2018:

Monday 12th February	Netball Trials Yrs 9-13 (3.30-5.30pm)
Wednesday 14th February	Netball Trials Yrs 9-13 (3.30-5.30pm)
Thursday 22nd February	Swimming Sports (rain day Monday 26th February)
Friday 23rd February	Tabloid Sports
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:

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa,

Welcome to the 2018 school year everyone. Myself and all of the staff at Onewhero Area School are all looking forward to an exciting year ahead and we are all settling back into the routines of school well. I have been really impressed by the excellent attitudes that the students have brought to school in the first week.

Last Thursday we welcomed the new staff and students with a pōwhiri, which was extremely well attended by the community. Apologies if you had to stand, we'll know next year to put out more chairs! It was a great way to start the year and welcome those new to the school.

Goodbyes are not easy and at the end of last year we had to say them to a number of staff. It is great to be able to say that Onewhero has now helped to lead two more staff on to becoming principals and the other staff all moved on to new and exciting opportunities to further their careers. Yesterday, myself and a number of staff, students and community members participated in a pōwhiri to hand over Mrs Josie Redmond to Maramarua School. It was both a sad and

exciting occasion and our students represented us brilliantly with their haka and waiata.

As a result of those staff moving on, it is a pleasure to be able to introduce our new staff to you. You will have heard that there is a teacher shortage in the Auckland Region at present. Despite this, we were able to recruit some amazing staff to be able to start the year fully staffed and we are excited to have them join us. The new teaching staff are; Ms Donna Harper in Room 1, Mrs Christine O'Connell in Room 6, Mr Luke Robinson in Room 11, Mrs Claire Yee in the Maths department, Mr Alan Donald in the PE and Health department. In addition, Mrs Shirley Scott has been appointed to the role of Middle School Team Leader and is teaching in Room 12 and Mrs Maxine Pattinson has been promoted to the position of Junior School Team Leader - Curriculum. Also, many of you will have met Mrs Vikky Millin, who has joined us in the office in the finance role. Finally, we welcome Mr Jamie L'Huillier to the school and community as Deputy Principal and he holds responsibility for the curriculum across the school. Jamie joins us from the Dilworth Rural Campus.

In the week before school returned all of the OAS staff attended a two day hui at Te Awamarahi Marae where

we learned about the topic of wellbeing through a positive education lens. Positive education is how to teach the science of living a fulfilling life. The hui was presented by Mr Paul Tupou-Vea, who is studying for a Masters in Positive Psychology at Melbourne University and is one of New Zealand's leading educators in this area. Staff have given positive feedback about what was learned and are trialling some of the ideas in the classroom. Our next step is to develop a schoolwide programme for teaching these skills to the students. This will be led by Mr Mann, who is passionate about the subject. The following video shows how positive education has been implemented at Geelong Grammar, one of Australia's top private schools;

<https://www.sbs.com.au/news/thefeed/story/positive-education-teaching-wellbeing-and-mindfulness>.

Our NCEA results are in and I am pleased to announce that OAS has achieved excellent results in 2017. 90.2% of our Year 11 students achieved NCEA Level One. This is OAS's best result at this level and a big reflection of the hard work put in by both students and teachers. At Level Two we achieved an 84.8% pass rate, which is well above national averages for schools of our demographic and the national average. Finally, at Level Three our students achieved a 58.3% pass rate and, while this is an improvement on last year, it's slightly below national averages and not where we would like to be. Improving this will be a focus for 2018. So thanks for your support and we're looking forward to an even better year ahead.

Over the holidays I have been made aware of some outstanding successes achieved by our students in the sporting arena. Firstly, Tyler Brown (right of picture) won the junior 11-12 years 60-88cc category at the NZ Motocross Grand Prix at Woodhill in late January. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of you, Tyler.



Secondly, at the North Island Secondary Schools Rowing Champs at Karapiro, three of our rowers; Renee Henry, Chloe Bingham and Ella Henry won gold in the intermediate coxed four. Congratulations girls! This is definitely a good sign for the school with Maadi Cup approaching in Twizel. Also, a former OAS student, Phoebe Tumata won silver in the women's single.

Finally, just to inform you of the fee structure for subjects and trips in 2018. If you are charged a subject fee, this is a compulsory charge to cover the cost of courses that have a take-home component. If you are asked for a parent contribution then this is a voluntary payment to help to cover the cost of the subject for your student. For many subjects this may include a write on workbook and, while an alternative will be provided, students who haven't paid will not receive a new workbook. While you can opt not to pay these subject contributions, non-payment may mean that some of the planned activities may not be able to run. All camps will be charged as fees as students will have the option of remaining behind at school. Curriculum related trips will be charged as a parent contribution. Finally, the school donation is also a voluntary charge to assist the school to pay for extra things that are not funded by the government such as the school magazine, ICT materials, school vans etc. If you are unable to pay at the beginning of the year, as there are so many costs at this time, then please contact Vikky in the office to arrange for an automatic payment to be made. Please contact me if you require any clarification of the above.

Kia pai ō wiki,
Simon Craggs
Principal/Tumuaki

Newsletter:

In 2018 the newsletter will be available on our website www.onewhero.school.nz If you have not already given us your email but would like to take up this opportunity, please email us your address to office@onewhero.school.nz. There will be paper copies at the office for those who do not have internet.

Swimming Sports:

Swim Sports will be held on Thursday 22nd February starting at 9am. This year we will only be holding competitive events, there will be no non-championship events.

Students 11 years and older will be required to swim a minimum of 2 events all 50m (2 length) Championship races.

Students 10 years and under will be required to swim a minimum of 2 events, these will be 25m (1 length) Championship Races. Junior students will be advised by their teacher if they will be involved in swim sports.

Please note that for students not participating in swimming sports it will be a normal school day and their attendance is compulsory.

If you are a parent/caregiver or know of anyone who would be willing and able to help with timekeeping on the day please email Anna;
a.ronaki@byod.onewhero.school.nz. Your help will be greatly appreciated!!!!

Tabloid Swimming Sports: which will include all students from Year 1 – 13 will be held on Friday 23rd February starting at 12.15pm.

Parents are welcome to attend on both days. Nau mai haere mai

General Information:

Swimming:

Students in the junior school should bring their togs everyday so that they can be prepared for swimming as the days and times for lessons can vary. Please note that swimming is part of the school curriculum and students are expected to participate.

It would be really helpful if all clothes were labelled as teachers spend a lot of time trying to sort clothes out and many unnamed clothes end up in the lost property.

Hats:

All junior students have to wear hats during breaks. Please name hats as students often take them off and forget where they put them.

Donations for 2018:

Subject:	\$
Activity Donation (per child)	\$50.00
Activity Donation (per family 3 or more members)	\$110.00
Breakfast Club Donation	\$5.00

Absences:

If your child is ill or going to be late / absent, please contact the office staff by 9am each day, as it saves the office staff having to ring up your household or send a text. Please be advised that if absentees are not rung / emailed in and we are unable to contact the caregiver of the student, he/she will be marked Truant.

Signing In or Out:

If you take your children out of school during the day or you arrive late, you need to sign them *In* and *Out* at the office. The office will go and get the student when you arrive as we do not allow them to wait at the school entrance during school hours.

Mobile Phones:

No junior students should have a mobile phone at school. This is causing a number of issues, especially on the buses. If a child is seen on a mobile phone during school hours these will be confiscated.

If you need to contact your child or your child needs to contact you, please go through our office on 09 2328866, we are more than happy to run messages when required to students and call on their behalf.

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club will start next week on Tuesday the 13th February. It runs from Tuesday to Thursday each week. When you receive your school fees invoice you will notice that there is a Breakfast Club Donation of \$5.00 per student. This donation is a voluntary fee. It will be used to support our three day a week Breakfast Club.

We are always looking for support for Breakfast Club, items of bread, jams, butter and eggs are always appreciated.

P.E. Tops

These will be available in the school office to purchase at a cost of \$36.00.

Buses:

For all students that are Out of Zone, a charge of \$45.00 per term will apply in 2018. Term 1's bus fee is due now. This is a user pays service, if fees are not up to date your child will not be able to travel on the bus and will need to be collected from school.

Canteen Specials:

Next week's special is American Hot Dogs, \$4.00. Available from Monday 12th Feb – Thurs 15th Feb. Please ensure that money is brought to school in a named envelope for the juniors and handed into class. See attachments folder for price list.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Onewhero Area school is once again welcoming a group of 23 keen Thai students (13 and 14 years) to experience our school and our wonderful kiwi hospitality.

We are urgently in need of another 7 keen host families, preferably with children at the school but not necessarily. You will be involved in their Thai cultural night, invited to the exhibition and enjoy a great cultural exchange. On top of that, you will be reimbursed for your extra costs of hosting students at \$270 per student per week. Students will need to be hosted in pairs so that's \$540 per week. If you have a room available and would like to be part of this cultural experience, please let me know.

This is a fantastic opportunity for your children to be exposed to and learn about a different culture.

Let me know if you are keen or have any questions.

Anke van Dijk - International student coordinator
A.vandijk@onewhero.school.nz or 021482990

Teacher Aid Wanted:

The school is looking for a person who loves working with young people to work as a teacher aide for the next term assigned to a particular student. No formal qualifications are required, although a background in working with young people would be an advantage.

This is a paid role and will be subject to police vetting requirements.

Contact Stacey Ingram on 09 2328866 or
s.ingram@onewhero.school.nz for more information.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

SECOND HAND UNIFORM FOR SALE

2 x boys school shorts size 12 RRP \$ 75
For sale for \$40 Good condition.
Phone Helen 0276301583

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DESENSITIZATION FUN DAY

Date: 24th February 9.30am to 2pm
Cost: members \$10 non-members \$15
Venue: Glen Murray equestrian grounds.
The desensitization fun day provides an opportunity for you and your horse to have a go at a range of obstacles at your own pace. There will be ground crew on site to help at any stage. You can work your horse in-hand or under saddle.
Sausages and drinks will be available to purchase on the day.
Come along and having a fun day with other horse minded people on our beautiful grounds.
For further information contact Theresa Sherrard 027 9239672
Here are the dates for events and informal rides planned:

Twilight Thursdays 5-7pm at the Glen Murray equestrian Grounds (alternate Thursdays)

Saturday 10- 1pm at the grounds (alternate Saturdays)

Following dates:

Saturday 3rd Feb 10- 1pm : Informal riding at the grounds

Thursday 8th Feb: Twilight Thursday 5-7pm informal riding at grounds

Saturday 17th Feb: working bee at grounds

Thursday 22nd 5-7pm Twilight rally and set up for desensitization clinic

Saturday 24th Feb: Desensitization clinic & BBQ

Saturday 3rd March 10-1pm

Thursday 8th March Twilight ride 5-7pm

Saturday 17th March 10-1pm rally at grounds

Thursday 22nd March set up for Ribbon Day

Saturday 24th March: 'End of Daylight Saving' Ribbon Day. & BBQ.

PUKEKOHE SOCCER CLUB 2018

Registrations are opening shortly for the 2018 playing season for Pukekohe Soccer Club. I would like to invite you to register to play football for Pukekohe AFC this upcoming season.

You can register now by accessing the online link on the Pukekohe AFC website www.pukekoheafc.com .

Alternatively you may register in person on the Registration Day at the Bledisloe Park Sports Centre building (John Street, Pukekohe) on: Monday 12 February 2018, 5.30pm-7.30pm.

Any queries please contact:

secretary@pukekoheafc.com

"Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change program for children, and helps them deal with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death or other major family changes.

The next after-school program starts on Thursday 15th of February, 4pm-5pm at St Andrews Church hall in Pukekohe. A Parent Programme and Adult Programme are also available. The Programs run for 8 weeks during term time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton on 021 142 5812, office on 238 7228 or contact us at

seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz. For more info go to www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons.

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ATTACHMENTS FOLDER:

Go to our attachments folder to view:

Pukekohe Pythons Community Club Gala and Disco
Bay Of Plenty Rugby Union Tournament and Netball
Tournament
St John Youth Onewhero
Canteen Price List 2018