



ONEWHERE AREA SCHOOL

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Key dates 2018:

Friday 30th March	Good Friday
Monday 2nd April	Easter Monday
Tuesday 3rd April	Easter Holiday
Wednesday 4th April	Parent teacher interviews (years 7-13), starting at 3:20-7.30pm
Friday 6th April	School Colour Run
Monday 9th April-9th June	Mahina Mobile Dental Clinic
Friday 13th April	Term One Ends
Monday 30th April	Term Two Commences
Thursday 21st June	Franklin Schools Careers Expo 5.30pm at Pukekohe Indian Hall

Principal's Message:

Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou,

Happy Easter to you all! It's nice to have the opportunity for a long weekend while the sun is still shining. Please stay safe on the roads. It seems to be crazy out there at the moment.

As part of the vision for the school that was presented last year, a school marae was mentioned as a priority for the school. We are keen to progress this idea further and have convened a committee to brainstorm some ideas about how it might work. The educational benefits to students are clear. Our ERO report identified significant disparity between our Māori and non-Māori students' achievement, especially in the middle school years. The marae project seeks to provide a space in the school where students can be immersed in Kaupapa Māori. This is important for all of our students, not just Māori. Please read this article, which outlines the benefits of Marae-ā-Kura (school Marae)

<https://www.schoolnews.co.nz/2018/03/school-marae-and-success-as-maori/>. The school would appreciate the community's support on this project as we strive to 'Be the best we can be...'

Onewhero Area School is part of the Franklin South Bus Network, which is a group set up to administer the school buses on behalf of the Ministry of Education. Our school is represented on this group by me. The

network's main purpose is to set and administer the routes and choose the appropriate contractor to service the routes. If you have any issues with the buses then contact the school first and we will then be able to refer any issues on to the appropriate group but please be aware that the school does not control the buses. More information on buses can be found on the following site:

<http://www.franklinsouthbuses.co.nz/FactSheet.htm>.

I would like to clarify some of the messages that the school has been giving around electronic devices as I am aware that these have been unclear. Onewhero Area School is a 'bring your own device' (BYOD) school. We encourage students from Years 3-13 to bring their own device to school. The recommended device is a chromebook up until Year 10 but tablets and laptops are also acceptable. We do understand, however, that not every family is able to afford a device for every child and we have school devices to make up for these. Where we do run into issues is when we have students who own a BYOD device but don't bring it to school as we do not have enough school devices to cover this. I would strongly encourage students who own a device to bring it to school every day, even if it may not be used in class every day. For those looking to purchase a device for their child, we have arrangements with Noel Leeming and Warehouse Stationery in Pukekohe for devices to be purchased at a discounted rate, just mention the school's name when you purchase.

You may have heard in the news that Chris Liddell, an old boy of Onewhero Area School and son of a former principal of the school, has been appointed to a very senior role in President Trump's administration in the USA. In 2002 we were visited by Mr Liddell when he was CEO of Carter Holt Harvey and he attended a special assembly. He is proud of his time growing up in Onewhero and it is fantastic to see one of our students doing so well on the world stage. It just shows that country schooling produces graduates who can compete with anyone else in the world.

Congratulations on your appointment, Mr Liddell and we hope you are able to bring some wisdom to your important role.

Ngā mihi nui ki ā koutou,
Simon

Principal/tumuaki

Greenies:

The names drawn from the box this week were: Ashlin Coulter, Hollie Mahoney, Ricky Maitland, Neivh L'Huillier

Parent Teacher Interviews Yrs 7-13:

Years 7-13 have Parent Teacher interviews on Wednesday 4th April from 3:20pm to 7:30pm. To book in with teachers follow the link below and use the code **4hvzg**

<https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>

If you do not have internet access at home please contact the office and they can book for you.

Sports Uniforms:

If you have any basketball, netball, soccer or rugby uniforms at home can you please return them to school.

Sports leadership programme for athletes:

TLC (Talent, Leadership, Character):

OAS has been chosen to participate in a sports leadership programme for athletes called TLC (Talent, Leadership, Character) for some of our top athletes. This is an ongoing academy programme run by Counties Manukau Sport and is free to our students. The following selection criteria for the programme will apply:

- Students in Years 7-12
- Have a proven record of excellence in their chosen sport(s)

- Be committed to attending tutorials during break times
- Have a positive attitude to all aspects of school
- Have aspirations for pursuing sport beyond school

Interested students should write a letter of application for the programme outlining how they can and will meet the above criteria. This will need to be delivered to Mrs Guard by 31 March.

Learner Driver Licence Workshops:

Want to get your learner licence? Are you between the ages 16 and 24 yo? Auckland Transport are holding a free two day workshop this holidays in Pukekohe. Thursday 19th and Friday 20th April. Franklin The Centre, Pukekohe. To register or for further details see: <https://at.govt.nz/driving-parking/safer-communities-roads-schools/road-safety/young-drivers/learner-driver-licence-workshops/>

ARTS AWARDS:



As you are aware our school has an active and enthusiastic Arts community, with students of all ages keenly engaging in the Visual and Performing Arts, both within and outside the classroom.

This year we are introducing the Arts Awards as an opportunity to acknowledge the contribution, commitment and increasing success of our students in the fields of Music, Drama, Dance and the Visual Arts.

The Arts Awards will take place every two years. They will provide the opportunity for our school to get together and to celebrate the many artistic events and successes that have occurred during that time, and to acknowledge those students whose individual efforts have contributed to that success.

This week many of our students will be notified that they will be receiving an award at this event. These student's will have made a notable contribution to the Arts in our school, through such activities as School Productions, Arts and Culture Evenings, Mural Projects and various other initiatives.

The Arts Awards will take place in the school's Learning Hub on Thursday 5th of April at 6.30pm. We encourage anyone interested in attending, to come along and help us celebrate the artistic successes of our students. The evening will also include some musical items and a small

supper at the conclusion of the event for all those attending.

Canteen Specials:

No specials next week. For juniors please ensure that money is brought to school secured in a named envelope or small bag and handed into class.

Lost Property:

Wednesday 4th April in line with the interviews lost property will be displayed in the school office foyer for parents to check. We will also display it again Monday 9th April before assembly on the junior courts.

Lockers:

Lockers are available to hire for years 9-13. The cost for the year is \$20. You need to provide your own padlock. Please note locker numbers are limited, they will be provided on a first come basis.

School Colour Run:

Friday 6th April starting at 4.30pm. Please supply your own white t-shirt. See attachments folder for more details.

4th April 2018 – Book Fair to be held in conjunction with Parent Interviews:

We would like to ask all whanau, friends and family if you have any quality books, you would like to donate to our Group? We have members in Tuakau, Onewhero and Pukekawa, whom are able to arrange collection of books. We will look at selling books for \$1, \$2 so please have a look around home and see if you have any. All donations gratefully received. On the evening we will have a stall, tea, coffee and cake will be available to add to your book browsing enjoyment. Times to be confirmed. All funds received will go to the school to assist with technology purchases.

Contact Nat 027 284 6060 or email smithgr8dig@gmail.com (see attachments folder)

NZ College of Chiropractic:

Interested students and their parents are invited to attend the NZ College of Chiropractic Open Day on Saturday 12th May. This is a great opportunity to learn more about a career in chiropractic. Open day is free but book is essential. Please RSVP online at www.chiropractic.ac.nz or email

admissions.assist@nzchiro.co.nz or phone (09) 5266789.

Whānau and Friends of Onewhero Area School:

Please check out our Attachments on the Newsletter

Information available on – Book Fair – Our First Meeting – And Wearable Arts Festival

Thanks everyone, if you would like to be on our email list please let me know.

Natalie smithgr8dig@gmail.com

Community Notices:

The Glen Murray Community Equestrian Group is organizing its first:

Open Ribbon Day on Sunday 8th April.

Come along for a fun filled day.

If you've never been to a ribbon day before this is the one to come to.

Day Starts at 9.30am.

Registrations and entries on the day. \$15 half day / \$25 full day. Non-members will also need to pay a \$5 ground fee.

Flat work in the morning and jumping in the afternoon.

There will also be a sausage sizzle and a range of food and drinks available.

Hats and correct footwear must be worn.

For more info: Theresa ph 027 923 9672 or check out our facebook page



Kids After School - Easter Tuesday

All Schools are closed on Tuesday 3rd April 2018.

KAS are offering a full day of care for your child/ren based at our Pukekohe Hill, Bombay, Har-risville, Patumahoe and Waiuku programmes.

Join us for a day of special activities as part of our Commonwealth Games week!

Book now through our website www.kidsafter-school.co.nz

Create your parent/child profile through our online system, Aimy Plus.

Click our special day bookings tab to secure your place.

Call us on 09 236 4078 for more information!

Please see attachment folder:

Book Fair Flyer