



## ONEWHERE AREA SCHOOL

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### Key dates 2018:

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April-9<sup>th</sup> June**

***Mahina Mobile Dental Clinic***

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April**

***Term One Ends***

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

***Term Two Commences***

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

***Franklin Schools Careers Expo 5.30pm at Pukekohe Indian Hall***

### Principal's Message:

Kia ora koutou,

Well, what a way to finish the term! I'm sure that some (very few, I'm sure) students didn't mind the extra day off school yesterday. From the school we'd like to say a huge thank you to the community for spreading the word so quickly around to ensure that very few people turned up to the school. Also, a big thank you to the staff who sent messages, met parents at the school gate and drove around the bus stops making sure people were aware of the situation. It has been a real community effort. Apologies to those few who didn't get the message early enough. With the power out in the whole area we weren't able to send out mass text alert or update the website or phone message. We will be looking at ways to improve that for future events.

It may have seemed strange for the school to close after the weather event. However, the indication from Counties Power was that we would be without power for a significant period of time. When we have no power at school we also have no running water or flushing toilets. Because of this we have no choice but to close down the school. I hope that this clarifies the situation.

The school has been offered a generous loyalty scheme with John Andrew Ford. The school will receive a commission for every vehicle sold with our school's name mentioned. So, if you're in the market for a vehicle, pop in to John Andrew Ford and mention Onewhero Area School.

Last weekend we had Brad Spicer attend the North Island Secondary Schools athletics champs. He placed

5th in high jump with a personal best of 1.8 metres, which is taller than me! He also placed 4th in triple jump and he has qualified for the National Secondary Schools Champs at the end of the year, again. Bearing in mind that Brad is competing against athletes that have been coached from very young in these events, it's a massive achievement. We are very proud of you, Brad.

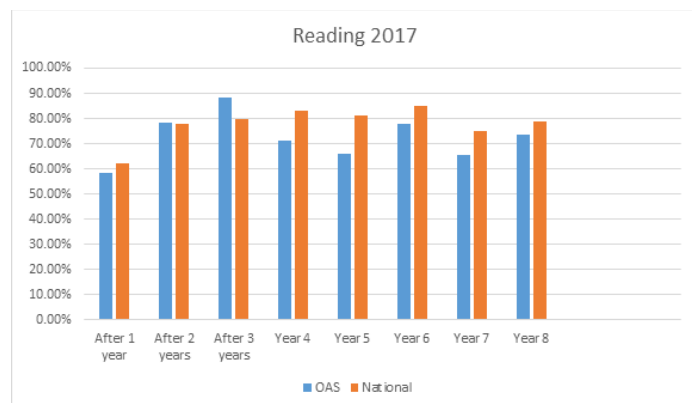
In another story of sporting excellence, Thomas (TJ) Murray is off to the National Age Group Swimming Champs next week from the 17th to the 21st of April. He will be competing in six events, two of which, 50m and 100m backstroke, he is ranked first in New Zealand. It is my understanding that the event will be live streamed through the NZ Swimming website. Event information here

<https://swimming.org.nz/2018nags-event.html>. No matter what Thomas's results are, we know that he will represent us well at the event and we are very proud of him.

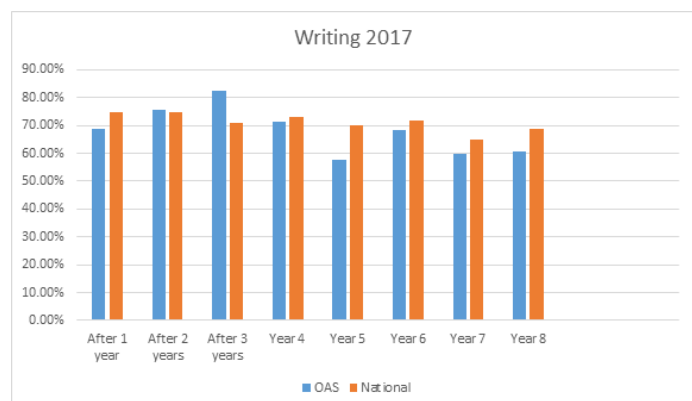
Calf Club dates have been set for this year. We were lucky to be able to secure our preferred date of Saturday 27 October. Please begin to consider whether or not your child will be rearing an animal this year. Chicken orders will need to be placed early next term. We will send out more information soon.

Earlier in the year we shared our excellent academic results for NCEA. This week we will report on our National Standards results in Years 1-8. Nationally referenced, reliable data, other than one-off tests, is not available for Years 9-10 but we are working on a method of collecting accurate information on this area.

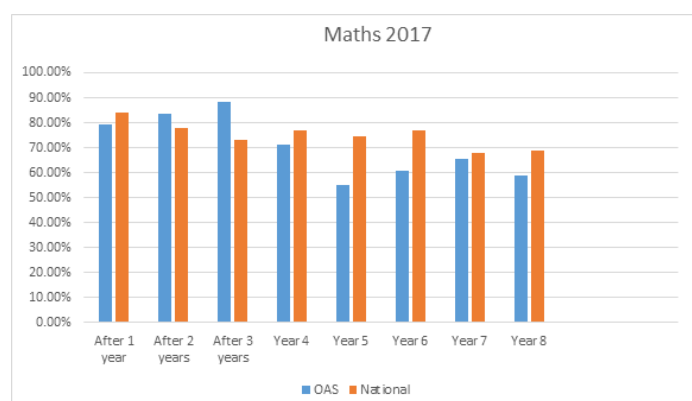
The following shows our reading achievement in relation to the national mean. This shows that from Year 4 onward our students are achieving at below other schools in the country. We are working hard towards improving these statistics this year and beyond.



Again, our results in writing show a similar pattern. Students from Year 5 onwards are working below where we would expect them to be nationally and this will also be a focus for improvement.



Our mathematics results tell a similar story. Achievement levels dipping from Year 4 onwards. The staff team are working hard on looking at how the curriculum can be adapted in order to turn these results around and we have been developing programmes in the school such as Accelerated Learning in Mathematics (ALiM), which is showing promising results.



You will probably be aware that National Standards have been discontinued by the government. This is a good thing in terms of students whose rates of achievement in three narrow areas have labelled them as not being a successful learner. However, we are committed as a school to continuing to ensure that you are provided with information about your child's learning in all curriculum areas, including but not exclusive to, the ones above. I would be happy to discuss any of the above information with you either by phone or email [s.craggs@onewhero.school.nz](mailto:s.craggs@onewhero.school.nz).

My apologies for the length of this week's newsletter. However, it's important for you to be well-informed about the school's performance. The staff team wish everyone a wonderful, restful holiday and we look forward to welcoming back your tamariki and rangatahi in two weeks time.

Heoi anō,

Simon Craggs

Principal/Tumuaki

### **Canteen Specials:**

No specials first week back Term 2. For juniors please ensure that money is brought to school secured in a named envelope or small bag and handed into class.

### **Orienteering:**

Twelve of our orienteers went to Strathallan College for the final round of the South Auckland Kiwisport Sprint Series. Unfortunately, Luke Anderson, Fletcher Harris, Mark McKay and Josh Cole missed some controls this time. OAS had 5 top ten finishes. The placings for the series points tables are also shown below.

#### **Intermediate Girls (29 runners)**

Katie Graham 10th Age group series placing 12th

#### **Junior Boys (17 runners)**

Brunton Harwood 3rd Age group series placing 2nd  
 Rusty Greaves 10th Age group series placing 6th  
 Cole Readings 11th Age group series placing 12th  
 Josh Cole Age group series placing 7th  
 Mark McKay Age group series placing 13th  
 Fletcher Harris Age group series placing 20th

### Junior Girls (17 runners)

Hillberry Dobbs 3rd Age group series placing 2nd

### Y7/8 girls (33 runners)

Tanika van Dijk 1st Age group series placing 1st

Katie Readings 19th Age group series placing 15th

Sylvie Conroy 23rd Age group series placing 24th

This has been Onewhero's best year with all orienteers doing well and showing lots of promise. They have all shown great commitment and attitudes to make their school proud.

As well as winning her age group for the series, Tanika finished the series in fourth place overall for girls of all ages. Congratulations, Tanika for this outstanding achievement.

There will be an all-Auckland final event on Saturday 7 April with a morning race at McLeans College, Howick and an afternoon race at Unitec, Mt Albert.

Auckland Secondary School Relays (including Y7/8) will be on Thursday 12 April.

North Island Secondary Schools Orienteering (including Y7/8) will be 27, 28 and 29 April near Levin.

Franklin Zone Primary Schools Orienteering (including Y7/8) will be on Wednesday 2 May.

There are also training opportunities with Counties Manukau Orienteering Club (CMOC) on 19 April and 29 April. Go to <http://cmoc.co.nz/> for more information.

Any student wishing to go orienteering should ask Sharon Guard or Bridget Dobbs (2328250) for more information. Juniors contact Ms Pattinson for the

### Wanted:

Blue and green milk bottle tops! I am making a dress for the Onewhero Netball Wearable Arts Awards, and need about 1000 milk bottle tops. Could you please bring your milk bottle tops to Bethany Mahoney in room 12. Thank you

### ROOM 2:

At assembly this week Room 2 children showed the beautiful wreath they had made to remember the soldiers who died in the war and their special little poppies. The children also read the poem "Little Poppy". They did a great job.



### Book Fair:

A big thank you to all the people who supported our Book Fair last Wednesday. Whether it was donating books or having a browse and purchasing. It is greatly appreciated.

We redistributed approximately 75 books back into the community, collected \$124.00 from this event and have heaps of books for our Gala at the end of the year.

If you have an IOU – Please either put into school bank account with Book Fair as reference and your Name as well.

Or send in an envelope with Book Fair and Surname on the outside. That would be very helpful.

Thanks Again, From Whānau and Friends of Onewhero Area School.

### **Onewhero Wearable Arts Festival:**

Franklin Zone event.

Just a reminder if you are interested in creating an outfit for our Netball fundraiser contact Natalie with category details and I'll send through an Entry Form.

Holiday time is perfect to design, create and make.

We are also seeking donations for prizes.

We had some amazing prizes donated last year so if you are in a position to support this event again that would be fantastic.

(Check out our Flyer in the attachments.)

**May 12<sup>th</sup> 2018** – approx. 31 Days to go

Contact details: [smithgr8dig@gmail.com](mailto:smithgr8dig@gmail.com)

Or Ph 027 284 6060

### **University Information Evening:**

The University of Canterbury | Te Whare Wānanga o Waitaha (UC) invites students from our school and their families to attend its Waikato Information Evening on Wednesday 23 May.

The evening is a great opportunity for senior secondary students and their parents to learn more about the range of qualifications UC offers, to hear from leading academics and get key questions answered about:

- Scholarships
- Accommodation
- Student Support
- Degree and course information

Anyone considering university study in 2019 or 2020 is welcome at this free event, so register online to find out everything you need to know about life and study at UC. Register at:

[www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events/info-evenings/](http://www.canterbury.ac.nz/events/tours-and-events/info-evenings/)

The UC Information Evening starts at 6pm on 23 May at Claudelands Event Centre, cnr Brooklyn Road and Heaphy Tce, Hamilton.

### **Bromley Park Workers Needed:**

See attached letter re employment in attachments folder.

### **Community Notices:**

"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 10th of May, 4pm-5pm at St Andrews Church hall in Pukekohe. A Parent Programme is also available. The Programs run for 8 weeks during term time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton on 021 142 5812, Deb on 238 7375, or contact us at [seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz). For more info go to [www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons](http://www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons)."

### **Please see attachment folder:**

Bromley Park Job Advertisement  
Spirit of Adventure Movie Night Poster  
Duckshoot Poster