



## ONEWHERO AREA SCHOOL

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### Key dates 2019:

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Middle School Disco School Hall 6-8pm \$5
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Scholastic Book Club Closes
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Pink Shirt Day – Dress in Pink!
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Level 2 Business Studies Hangi Day
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Wellbeing & Restorative Practice Community Evening 6pm Hub
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Matariki Annual Awards

### Principal's Message:

E whānau mā, tenā koutou,

As we head into winter a number of issues tend to arise around students' behaviour online and this year is no different. Already this term we have been dealing with the consequences of students posting things online, which then becomes an issue at school. This is particularly prevalent with students in Years 8-10. Please be vigilant about what your child is posting on social media and how they are conversing with others in an online environment. Many young people are unaware that the Harmful Digital Communications Act (2015) makes it an offence to incite violence, harm or other bullying behaviours online. The maximum penalty for these offences is two years imprisonment and a fine of up to \$50,000. If your child is a victim of online bullying, you should ensure that any messages or content is saved by screenshot and contact Netsafe, who will advise you what your options are next. The Netsafe website also has a fantastic webpage for parents who are struggling to keep their children safe online. I would encourage everyone to check it out <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/advice/parenting/>.

I would really like to strongly promote our Community Wellbeing and Restorative Practice Evening that is coming up on the 21st of May. We will be having visiting experts coming to discuss the work that they have been doing with our staff and how this should have a positive impact on your child's wellbeing and education. As you will know, improving wellbeing is a big focus at the school and the evening will be a chance for you to bring your questions and hopefully have them answered by our team. This will definitely be a two-way event so you will have the opportunity to add your voice to the conversation about wellbeing and restorative practices. Please save the date in your calendar.

This year I have initiated a termly Principal's Award. These are awarded to students nominated by their teachers for consistently upholding all three of the school's values over the course of a term. If your child has received one of these for Term 1, you should receive a letter in the mail in the next few days. They will also be given an invite to attend a lunch where they will be given their award and share a meal with me to celebrate their success. They will also receive ten points for their house. The reason for this award is to recognise those students who consistently do the right thing, even when others aren't looking, over a whole term, rather than a one-off event, which is celebrated through the values awards.

Our parent-initiated fundraising idea of a Kapa Haka competition and gala is underway. We do need more parent helpers, though in order to make the event a success. We are looking at using the money to put towards a major project in the school, which is yet to be determined but will benefit all of our community. If you are available to be a helper, please phone or text Kristin on 0272396634 to register your interest.

I am including this week a photo of the majority of our student leader group on top of Mt. Ruapehu. They showed amazing resilience and strength of character, even those who didn't quite make it to the top. One even passed out but was so determined that nothing was going to stop them from getting to the top that they pushed on anyway and made it. Another was terrified of heights but overcame the fear to stand on top of the North Island, Te Ika ā Maui. Doing this activity with them left no doubt in my mind as to the type of people that this group are and the impact that they will have on the world in the future. They are excellent role models for our younger students to look up to!



Have a great week!

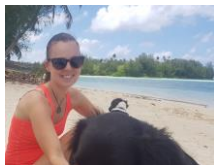
Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou,  
Simon Craggs  
Tumuaki/Principal


### **OAS School App:**

To keep totally informed please check that you have subscribed to all the alert groups that could relate to your child. Go to School Apps NZ and upload OAS School.

### **Text My Lunch:**

The canteen at school is privately run therefore you can no longer use any credit balances on your account with the school to pay for food. Children in years 7-13 can collect their lunch at the canteen when parents use "Text My Lunch". Go to the website [www.txtmylunch.co.nz](http://www.txtmylunch.co.nz) for instructions.

Name & photo	Role at OAS	Previous schools	Family	Hobbies	Fun fact
Rebecca Bills 	Deputy Principal  Mathematics teacher	Fairburn Primary Mahia Primary Wilson Home School	Married to Trevor, 3 Fur babies Zeus, Heidi, Sophie	Gardening, listening to music, puppy cuddles.	I have lived in 22 houses.

Name & photo	Role at OAS	Role outside OAS	Family	Hobbies	Fun fact
Aaron Reese 	Chairperson, Board of Trustees	Sheep and Beef Farmer	Married to Kate, Children, Emily 15 & Hayden 13	Social sport followed by some post match socialising.	Best holiday ever: 2 month family holiday in South America – awesome culture, crazy activities.

### **Parent Election Notice**

Onewhero Area School Board of trustees' election

Nominations are invited for the election of **3 parent representatives** to the board of trustees.

A nomination form and a notice calling for nominations will be posted to all eligible voters.

You can nominate another person to stand as a candidate, or you can nominate yourself. Both parts of the form must be signed.

Additional nomination forms can be obtained from the school office.

Nominations close at noon on **24<sup>th</sup> May 2019** and may be accompanied by a signed candidate statement and photograph.

The voting roll is open for inspection at the school and can be viewed during normal school hours.

There will also be a list of candidates' names, as they come to hand, for inspection at the school.

Voting closes at noon on **7<sup>th</sup> June 2019**.

Signed Lee-Anne Annemans

Returning Officer

### **Limited Service School Office 16/17 May 2019:**

Lee-Anne and Vikky will be attending PD workshops these days. The office will be open with restricted cover. If the staff are unable to answer any of your queries over these days please leave a message with them and we will look at your query the next working day as a matter of urgency.

### **Matariki Annual Awards:**

Annual awards are being held at Oraeroa Marae, Stack Road, Port Waikato at 6pm on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

### **Level 2 Business Studies:**

For our level 2 business studies we have to carry out a business project and donate part of the profit. The food will be delivered on Friday the 17th before second break and for sale now to years 1-13. For years 1-8 your teachers have order forms, for years 9-13 pay at the office with the correct money in an envelope marked with which what combo you want. 20% of our profit will be donated the cancer society New Zealand. The hangi will contain- kumara, pumpkin, potato, chicken drumstick, pork chop and stuffing. All orders will need be in by next Wednesday 15th May.

Hangi + drink- \$15 - Hangi - \$14

### **Franklin Orienteering Championships:**

Well done to all students who competed in the Franklin Orienteering Championships, we had a great day and all our students from Years 5-8 completed the course they were set.

A special congratulations goes out to our Year 7 and 8 teams, they came third overall, and will be heading to the Auckland Interzone Orienteering Championships taking place at Moira Park, Massey on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

Year 7 Team: Stacey Brown, Megan Foster, Tearane Hanham, Kayliah Kukutai, Crystal Sedani Pool and Rebecca Woolley

Year 8 Team: Caitlin Hull, Bethany Mahoney, Brya Mahoney, Sylvie Conroy, and Alana Tombleson

## **Pink Shirt Day:**

Pink Shirt Day - 17th May 2019.

Please join us at OAS, to help turn Aotearoa into a sea of pink this Pink Shirt Day to Kōrero Mai, Kōrero Atu, Mauri Tū, Mauri Ora – Speak Up, Stand Together, Stop Bullying! Celebrated annually around the globe, Pink Shirt Day began in Canada in 2007 when two students took a stand against homophobic bullying, after a peer was bullied for wearing a pink shirt. In Aotearoa, Pink Shirt Day aims to create schools, workplaces and communities where all people feel safe, valued and respected.

The Kaupapa of this day aligns with our school values and we would love for our school to be in full force on Pink Shirt Day to speak out!

Our Senior Leaders and Senior Health Students will be creating a mural and running some activities during break times on Pink Shirt Day.

We are hoping that ALL of our students show up to school in PINK, and bring a gold coin which will be sent to the Mental Health Foundation and Pink Shirt Day organisers to help make our schools kinder and safer for our rangatahi.

## **Homestays for International Students:**

We have a large contingent of Japanese students arriving late July. We are still looking for homestays so if you have not already applied to be on our list, please contact me so I can give you all the information needed.

Email - [j.walterkerr@onewhero.school.nz](mailto:j.walterkerr@onewhero.school.nz) or mobile 021 171 6324. A Police Vetting process is required and it takes some time so if you are interested please contact me as soon as possible so this process can be completed before July.

## **Middle School Disco:**

Years 7-8 Disco on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm to 8pm in the School Hall. \$5 entrance which includes a sausage. Drinks, lollies and additional sausages will be available to buy on the evening. THEME TO BE ANNOUNCED!

## **Victoria University:**

### **Hamilton Information Evening**

Our Hamilton Information Evening will be held on Tuesday 2 July. Students are welcome to bring their family and friends along to find out more about life at Victoria University of Wellington.

TUESDAY 2 JULY, 6–8PM

Claudlands Arena, Cnr Brooklyn Road and Heaphy Terrace, Hamilton

For more information please contact the careers office at school.

## **OAS Sport 2019:**

### **Rugby U15 Open:**

Our rugby boys are starting their competition this Saturday against Tuakau College. Kick-off is at 10.45am at Onewhero RC.

Come and support the boys.

Download MyRugby app on Android or Apple and choose Onewhero Area School to be kept up to date with draws and results for our boys.

### **Football First XI:**

A very young but keen Onewhero side played a friendly warm up match against ACG Strathallan. Strong defence from our boys kept Strathallan from scoring. We are looking forward to a good season for our football team.

Their first competition game for the season is next Wednesday 15 May, 4pm at home against Wesley College.

All players and parents should download the "Collegesport Auckland" app on their mobiles and click on Football Counties Manukau to be kept up to date with draws, cancellations and results.

### **Cricket Development Academy:**

Counties Manukau Cricket are running a Development Academy during Term 2. This Academy is for current club, community and school players who are looking to further enhance their cricketing skill and/or knowledge. This programme will allow players the opportunity to enhance their technical ability, while also providing educational sessions. The education sessions will cover topics around Nutrition, Game Strategy, Team Culture, Mental Skills Training, Physical Preparation, Self Awareness & Leadership.

Duration: 22nd May – 7th July (6 weeks)

Days: Wednesdays (17:30 – 19:00) & Sundays

Venue: Kolmar & Sacred Heart College (TBC)

School Years: 9-13

Please contact Spencer Cramer [pathway@countiesmanukaucricket.co.nz](mailto:pathway@countiesmanukaucricket.co.nz) to register or for more information.

### **Junior Volleyball:**

Due to low attendance of the morning trainings, we have decided to start Junior Girls Volleyball back up in June at Break 1 on Fridays. We are hoping to have more year 9/10 girls keen to come during break time.

### **Senior Volleyball:**

Girls senior volleyball is having this term off, and will resume training again in term 3 on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 7.30am

**ALL RUGBY AND FOOTBALL LETTERS AND PERMISSION SLIPS HAVE BEEN HANDED OUT. THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD ON THE OAS SPORT WEBSITE (ACCESS VIA SCHOOL APP OR VIA OUR MAIN SCHOOL WEBSITE)**

Fees were due by 12 April.

### **BASKETBALL Term 2:**

Year 5/6 and year 7/8 teams competition starts on Friday 10 May. Junior Boys and Senior boys are starting on Thursday 9 May.

### **OAS Basketball REFEREES:**

We are required by Franklin Basketball and Basketball NZ to have one qualified referee per team. At the moment, we don't have enough! If we want to continue running basketball at the school, we need to have students/parents step up to be referees. Franklin basketball runs the occasional referee course. As a ref, you would be allocated a game in certain grades on certain nights, so we can make sure you are on the same night as your team/child is playing.

If you or your child is interested in becoming a referee, please let Anke van Dijk know.

### **Franklin Basketball Free Girls Only Programme:**

#### **Free Girl's Only Program**

- Wednesday's starting 8<sup>th</sup> May
- School Yrs 4-8
- 4:00-5:30pm approx (number dependent)
- Franklin Pool & Leisure

For more information or to register please check out [www.franklinbasketball.org.nz](http://www.franklinbasketball.org.nz)

### **Whangamata Sports Exchange:**

We need more billets in order for the Whangamata Exchange to go ahead. Every two years, Whangamata area school comes over to Onewhero for a sports exchange. OAS competes with Whangamata in Rugby, Netball, basketball, volleyball, ki-o-rahi and football. A lot of our year 7-13 students will be involved.

We need those students' families to host Whangamata students for 1 night. This is a great opportunity for your children and often lifelong friendships are formed. A lot of our students will in turn be hosted by Whangamata students when we go over there next year.

If you are able to host, please collect police vetting forms for everyone over the age of 18 in your household and fill them in. Police vetting takes up to 6 weeks so we need our families done asap.

Exact dates for the exchange are not set yet but will most likely be August.

### **Other Important 2019 sport dates:**

#### **Area Schools Tournament Rotorua**

8,9,10 and 11 July

#### **UNISS tournament week**

2-6 September

#### **AIMS tournament week Yr 7-8**

9-13 September

#### **Junior Volleyball tournament Yr 9-10**

14, 15 and 16 November

### **Sports Hoodies Still Available:**

You may have seen that some teams/individuals have been wearing sports hoodies. They are navy blue, polyester with the school logo on the breast and last name at the bottom of the back. This gives us the opportunity for students to be unified and identifiable when representing our school.

These will be available to be purchased for \$46 at the school office. There will be sample sizes available and payment will need to be made in full before order is made. Once there are a total of 6 or more orders at the office, then the order will be sent to the supplier. This process could take up to 4 weeks.

Please note the hoodies are not part of the school uniform.

Please email [a.ronaki@onewhero.school.nz](mailto:a.ronaki@onewhero.school.nz) with any questions.

Nga mihi, Anna Ronaki

### **Community Notices:**

#### **Recent Notices:**

- Murphy Buses Driver Vacancies Flyer – N11 / 03 May
- Ruawaro Duckshoot Weigh-In Competition Fundraiser – N11 / 03 May
- AIMS Girls Basketball Raffle Flyer – N10 / 12 Apr
- E-waste Collection Day Pukekohe Flyer – N09 / 05 Apr
- Stihl Shop School Fundraiser Flyer – N09 / 05 Apr

