



# OKAIHAU PRIMARY

## Newsletter

Term 1  
Week 2

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Dear Parents & Caregivers,

Hopefully things are settling more into a routine in the mornings now. In walking through the classes, it is good to see routines and learning under way.

### **SCHOOL ACADEMIC FOCUS**

This year the staff's professional development focus is Reading. We are looking at our teaching practice and current best practise to integrate into programmes. Our goal is for every child to make more than a years' progress in 2016.

### **HOMEWORK**

Homework is a reinforcement of what has been covered at school in Reading, Spelling and Basic Facts. Each class has a set routine - no child should be doing more than 20 minutes a night.

### **PARENT INTERVIEWS**

On Monday the Parent Interview forms will come home. The interviews are on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th February. There are 15 minute slots to talk about your child's start to the year and to set goals for the rest of Terms 1&2.

### **CLIMBING TREE**

As many new parents and children have enrolled, we have a climbing tree on the school grounds. There are safety markers on the branches as to how high you can go. With such an amazing Puriri tree, you could have 30 or 40 children up there easily. The rule for tree climbing - common sense.

### **OBC - OKAIHAU BREAKFAST CLUB**

Thank you to Aunty Trish Edwards and our volunteer helpers who run the Okaihau Breakfast Club on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

This is available for all children who wish to come along for some Weetbix or a drink of milo and a social catch up.

### **STATIONERY & FEES**

Thank you to parents for sorting out your children's stationery so promptly enabling them to get on with their learning. Thank you too, to those who have paid their curriculum expenses. This helps us in a huge way to help subsidize activities.



### **SWIMS SAFE**

Starting yesterday, Tracy and Rona from the Top Energy Swimsafe programme are here for the next 5 Wednesdays give each class lessons on how to handle being in trouble in the water, sticking together as a group, in huddles or in chains if you are making your way to a certain point. Great fun was had yesterday and the children picked it up really fast. More photos on facebook.



### **BEEP TEST**

Congratulations to Ben Quarrie who managed a level 9.9 yesterday on the beep test, obviously keeping his fitness level up over the holidays. Well done Ben.

### **SUCCESS HUI**

On Swimming Sports day, Thursday 3rd March, all parents and whanau are invited to the library between 2pm-5pm for afternoon tea to discuss what you believe Maori achieving success as Maori should look like at Okaihau Primary. The information from this will help the Board of Trustees with policy direction. Mrs Donaldson, myself and Board members will be available on the day.

### **CAKE STALL**

Next week, Thursday 18th February, Room 1&2 Year 5 students are holding a Cake Stall at 1st lunch (11am) to raise money for their upcoming camp. All donations of baking gratefully accepted.

Have a great weekend.

*Jim Coulter*

## CALENDAR

### Term 1

Week 3	Thur 18th Feb	Cake Stall (Room 1&2 fundraising) 11am
Week 4	Tue 23rd Feb	Board of Trustees meeting 6pm
	Wed 24th Feb	Parent/Teacher interviews 1.30-5.30pm
	Thur 25th Feb	Parent/Teacher interviews 1.30-5.00pm
Week 5	Thur 3rd Mar	Swimming Sports
	Fri 4th Mar	Book club order due in
Week 6	Fri 11th Mar	Whole school visit to Waitangi
Week 7	Thur 17th Mar	Ear Caravan at school 10.30am-2.30pm
	Fri 18th Mar	Twilight Family Fun Festival
Week 8	Wed 23rd Mar	Room 3 overnight camp at school
	Fri 25th Mar	Easter Friday - NO school
Week 9	Mon 28th Mar	Easter Monday - NO school
	Tue 29th Mar	Easter Tuesday - NO school
Week 11	Fri 15th Apr	Last Day of term 1

<u>Term 2</u>	Mon 2nd May	First Day of term 2
	Sun 10th Apr	Weetbix Tryathlon Waitangi

## PTA NEWS

Thanks to the staff and parents that attended our PTA meeting and AGM this past Tuesday.

Unfortunately due to the lack of notice and low numbers we decided to delay the election of PTA Officers and the passing of the financials for a special meeting.

This will be held on the **16th of February** in the school staff room at 3.15pm.

We'd love some more support from our school parents. We have a Fun Family Festival coming up later this term on Friday 18th March. If you can help in any way, big or small, please let myself or the office know.

Many hands make light work.

Thanks Lis Sime 027-2706896

**MOBILE EAR CARAVAN** - will be at Okaihau Primary on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March 10.30am-2.30pm.

I am now back running weekly clinics outside Broadway Health Kaikohe-every Tuesday 8.30am-3.30pm

See you soon

*Jan Hutchinson*

Specialty Clinic Ear Nurse, Mid-North Mobile Ear Clinic  
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## OKAIHAU RUGBY CLUB MUSTER

### ALL GRADES

CALLING ALL INTERESTED  
PLAYERS FOR THE 2016  
SEASON



A muster will be held on **Thursday 18th February** at the Okaihau Rugby Club. There will be a weigh-master there between the hours of 3.30-5.30.

For those players interested in representing our club this season, please come along - this will be our only muster date.

You will need to bring your birth certificate if we haven't already seen it, and photos will be taken on the day.

It will not be a training - purely a muster to see how our numbers are stacking up for this coming season.

We are also calling for any parents/caregivers/responsible adults who wish to help with either coaching or managing the teams. This is your chance to take an active and fulfilling role in your child's activities, and we would love to hear from you - **WELL BEFORE THE START OF THE SEASON.**

This is often the area that lets us down, and how we start losing players before we even start. Your support would be greatly appreciated, not to mention very rewarding.

Thanks everyone - we look forward to seeing you there. - Trish Edwards

### Kaikohe Gymnastics

**Gym fun day for all age's enrolments 15<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30 - 4.30pm at Kaikohe Intermediate School Hall.**

**Contact Karla 027-451-2440 or 09-401-1706.**

## EGG-CELLENT EGGS

# SCRAMBLED EGGS

**A great breakfast, lunch or dinner. Add some veggies to make you GLOW.**

- 2 eggs
- 2 Tbsp milk
- Salt & pepper

Beat eggs & milk in a microwave-proof dish. Cover, leaving a small hole for steam. Microwave for approx. 2 mins, stirring regularly. Serve on wholemeal toast.

