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2014

# OPUA SCHOOL



## APPOINTMENT MADE

I am delighted to report to our parent community that, after considering a large number of applications and interviewing a number of top quality candidates, the Appointment's Panel have selected Juliette Ridge to succeed Claire Stevens as our Room 1 teacher.

Juliette will bring a wealth of experience and skills to our team. She has been a local Teacher - Principal for many years at Ngaioitonga Primary School, she has taught at a number of other local primary schools and has a deep knowledge of Health promotion in other work she has done with the Ministry of Health. Our new entrant students will continue to be in wonderful hands as they progress their early development at our school.

Juliette starts on the first day of Term 2.

Congratulations, Juliette. We are all looking forward positively to working with you.

## Theatre Francais

Last Thursday evening our community was treated to an incredible display of theatre...in French! Madame Dominique Aucouturier and Ms Lange, in a very short space of time, inspired our Room 5 students to write, practice and present a 20 minute performance in public, completely in French. It is fair to say that our hall was 'bulging at the seams' and all who were fortunate enough to witness this were astounded by the courage, skill and language acquisition of our senior students. Board members, community members and parents who attended communicated their amazement at the achievements made to the students and teachers present.

At the end of the applause, I was also incredibly touched by what Dominique said to the audience. In a nutshell, she relayed to us all that, in 40 years of teaching, she had only ever experienced a couple of other classes who were as keen, well-managed to succeed, thirsty for knowledge and eager to learn as Room 5 at Opuia School. She has thoroughly enjoyed her time with our pupils and with Margaret and her memories are of an amazing school, incredible teachers and beautiful, motivated, creative pupils. Dominique's reflections are a reflection on the quality of teaching and learning at Opuia School.

## HOCKEY PRACTICE TOMORROW AFTERNOON

### **Years 3, 4 & 5 Netball**

Meeting Monday 14th April after school. School playground

### **Year 8 Netball - Raffle Draw**

Congratulations to Harmony Potae - Winner!

Rippa Rugby Training - 5-7 Year olds 4.30pm Moerewa

Tuesdays and Thursdays Phone Jim - 021 191 6028

### **Sports events**

My congratulations to all those students who gave their all at the Kawakawa Swimming sports and the Kaikohe Rippa Rugby Tournaments last Friday and Monday respectively. Challenges were met, fears overcome and great progress and success achieved. Well done to one and all! The students, as usual, did themselves and their school proud. Thank you to the teachers and their wonderful helpers for making all this happen for our children. I would like to especially thank Karen Young for all the hours she put in to the masses of paperwork and the selection of the swimmers. Well done!

## **Opua School Eco Camp 15th & 16th April**

Rooms 4 and 5 are planning their annual Eco-Camp. The children will be in groups of 3 or 4 per tent.

The idea is that after putting up their tents the children will clean up the Opua area after school on Tuesday and cook their dinner on Eco wood fires.

The next day they will go on a tramp to Paihia via the coastal track, collect rubbish on the way and have a delicious King Wah lunch! Thank you to those who have offered to help out with various activities. It is truly appreciated. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to ask.



Beautiful Butterflies  
by the clever  
pupils of Room 3.  
These look  
absolutely  
stunning! Please  
feel free to pop into  
Mrs Worthington's  
classroom and view  
these masterpieces



**Please phone in if your child is away! Thank you**

# FAREWELL TO CLAIRE

Next Thursday will be Mrs Stevens' last day at Opuia School. Thursday is also our 'World Famous' Talent Show where the pupils tell jokes, perform skits, sing songs and so on and so forth. We will be using this opportunity to say a special farewell to Claire and we extend an open invitation to everyone who would like to help us say goodbye. The show starts at 11.30 and will end at 1pm. All welcome!

## COMMUNITY WATCH

Late last week a small concrete statue was uplifted from a property along Franklin St - the second theft from the same property in a few months. If anyone has any information that would lead to the return of this statue (of a little boy, about a foot high) we would be most grateful.

It isn't worth much but it is very sentimental to its owner.

Let us all be vigilant and keep an eye out for each others' property/belongings. We need to take a stand against those that feel they have a right to take what they want.

Phone/txt Maree 0272014121 if you have seen the statue in your travels.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OPUA HALL

AEROBICS WITH LILIANE CONTINUES *WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY*  
AT 10 - 11AM \$ 5.00 FOR THE 2 SESSIONS

BASIC MASSAGE THERAPY TECHNIQUES AT SEA OR ON LAND  
SATURDAY APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 2 - 4 PM  
- BASIC ANATOMY, INJURY ASSESSMENT, PRINCIPALS OF MASSAGE THERAPY,  
HYDROTHERY AND MASSAGE THERAPY \$5.00 PER PERSON

**AFRO-LATIN DANCE AND PILATES CLASSES**  
**APRIL AND MAY FRIDAY'S \$12.00 SESSION**  
**PILATES AT 10 - 11AM AND DANCE AT 6-7 PM**

**NEW FOOT CARE SERVICE FOR THE BOI WITH LIZ**  
[lizwife@outlook.com](mailto:lizwife@outlook.com) 027488620 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 2pm  
Then 8 weekly -cut nails, reduce corns, treat fungal infections

**OUR USUALS - MONDAY - YOGA 9.30 - INDOOR BOWLS 7PM**  
**TUESDAY-PLAYGROUP 9.30 -TAE KWON DO 5.30 WEDNESDAY**  
**AEROBICS 10 AM - TAE KWON DO 5.30 - TAIZE SINGING 7.30**  
**THURSDAY- PLAYGROUP 9.30-MASSAGE TREATMT 1PM -YOGA 5.30**

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We are on 'facebook' Opuia Community Hall for updates

Carol 094028940 / 0272483789 **MARKET DAY - SUN. MAY 18TH**

**SCHOOL FINISHES AT 1pm**  
**ON THURSDAY 17th APRIL**

## PAIHIA SCHOOL GALA

This Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April  
10am to 3pm

Plenty of fun with good old fashioned gala games, bouncy castle, jeeps, face painting, cakes, quick fire raffle and lots of food stalls. Also a fantastic White Elephant Stall.

To pre book a hangi please call 402 7133 by April 8<sup>th</sup>, cost \$10.00

## **PTA NEWS**

**SCHOOL LUNCHES - MONDAY -  
EGG SANDWICHES \$2**

**WEDNESDAY - HAMBURGERS -  
\$2.50**

**FRIDAY - SAUSAGE SIZZLE - 2.50  
ORDERS TO THE OFFICE BY 9AM**

## **PET CARE RAFFLE**

Only .50c a ticket!  
The prize is worth \$75.  
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## **OPUA COMMUNITY INITIATIVE**

A get together will be held this Sunday at the Opua Community Hall at 6.30pm. All Welcome.

Half a dozen projects have been identified as areas we can get started on.

Frank Joyce and others have already started work at the top of Opua Hill - Thank you.

If you have any queries please phone Marie 4026766.

## **DISCO \*\* DISCO\*\* DISCO**

TOMORROW

Opua School Hall - Gold coin donation

Theme: OPEN THEME - come in your favourite outfit!

**Juniors Disco 5.00pm - 6.30pm**

**Seniors Disco 6.45 - 8.15pm**

Prizes: Best Dressed, Best Dancer.

### **ITEMS FOR SALE**

Lucky Dip \$2

Muffins/Biscuits (as marked)

Ice Cream \$1.50 Ice Blocks (as marked)

Mac 'n' Cheese, little pies, home made  
sausage rolls \$2

Tropical Punch - \$1 Glow Stix & Finger Lights -  
as marked Tattos 20c Hair Design - \$2

Face Paint - \$1 Disco Popcorn

**All children must be dropped off and be picked up  
from the DOOR of the school hall.**

**ALL WELCOME**

## **PAIHIA FOOTBALL CLUB JUNIOR SOCCER**

Calling all 4-8year olds

**MUSTER & REGISTRATION**

This Thursday (TODAY)  
4pm -Bay of Islands College Soccer  
Fields - Kawakawa

Season Starts during Term 2  
Please bring comfortable clothing,  
boots or covered footwear, drink  
bottle and ENERGY!

For further information please  
contact:

Jennifer Crowther 02108354320  
(4-8th grade Soccer Coach)