

# OPUA SCHOOL

Term 3 Week 4 2012

*Manaakitanga me te Awhina - Caring and Sharing*

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## School Website

Mr Young has been busy creating a new website for the school  
[opua.school.nz](http://opua.school.nz)

Please have a look at it and contact us with any suggestions of content you would like to see on it.

Children's work, photos, art, curriculum, hints and tips?

Write a note, email, txt ideas or pop into school and have a natter with Mr Young.

## Science Fair

The pupils of Room 5 have been working furiously on their science fair entries and they are amazing! They have all done a really great job! With the help of Clare Dorans they have learned the scientific process of investigation. Aim, prediction, equipment, variables, data collection/ collation, controls, results, conclusions. They all look very professional. The entries will be judged on Tuesday the 14th and we will enter our winners in the Top Energy Regional Science Fair to be held in Kerikeri on the 30th August.

## Unicycle Fever

Mrs Young has challenged all Room 4 pupils to learn to ride the unicycle before the end of Term 3!

Subsequently the unicycle is the most popular toy around! However we do not have enough helmets.

Children are most welcome to bring their own helmets from home. We would welcome donated helmets too if you have any spares.

## Fun Ways to Learn

Create - Ask your child to create a letter out of playdough, batter, matchsticks, food, pipe cleaners, wire, boxes, nature (sticks, stones, shells) gloop, in bread with cookie cutters etc.  
See - Help your child notice the letter in the world surround them. Make letters on their plates using food like carrot strips, crackers, cheese strips, spaghetti etc.

Create the letter in sand, gloop or paint for them to see

# ATTENDANCE = ACHIEVEMENT

Please make use of the pedestrian crossing if crossing the road to your car. We all need to lead by example.

Please keep the staff car park clear at all times.

Hopefully the rain will stop one day soon, but until then we have had to close the field off as it is a muddy bog.

Come oooooong sunshine!!

## **NEEDED**

The PTA would like to borrow some pop-corn machines for tomorrow night's movie night.

Please bring one to school tomorrow if you can -

We are after a donated vacuum cleaner for the school hall. If you have one (that works) that you can give the school we would gladly accept. Thanks

### **NEXT MONDAY**

**Ali's Cross Country Trainees**

**Please bring SUITABLE foot wear and a mufti t-shirt.**

### **KIDS CAN COOK**

**Please bring a CLEAN apron AND a TEATOWEL.**

## **SKI CHAMPS**

Hughie Blues is on the lookout for keen/interested Opua School pupils and their parents who would like to take part in this year's North Island Primary School Ski Champs at Whakapapa in August.

To find out more, please give Hugh a call after hours on 0272378533.

Entries are due in this FRIDAY

## **FOR SALE**

After receiving the final bill for the drink bottles we will now be selling them for \$12 each - It is still a good deal, they are great quality and long lasting! If you know of anyone who would like to purchase one send them our details.



1 x Trampoline - Offers over \$200  
1 x Television 34cm Colour TV  
FREE RANGE EGGS \$5 doz  
Contact the school if you are interested in purchasing.

- Movie Night Tomorrow Night \$3 entry
- Kids Can Cook - Every 2nd Monday
- Cross Country Training with Ali - Every 2nd Monday
- 20th August Board of Trustees Meeting
- X-Country 14 September Waikare

**TRY TO GET TO SCHOOL BEFORE 9AM IN THE MORNING, PLEASE**

Please check for nits on a regular basis, and treat

**Opua Moon Market  
THIS SUNDAY**

**Opua Community Hall  
Stall Booking ph  
Carol 4028940  
9am onwards**

Here are the links - 2011 [opuaschoolnz/  
blogspot.com](http://opuaschoolnz.blogspot.com) 2012 [opuaschooltgc/  
blogspot.com](http://opuaschooltgc.blogspot.com)  
Feel free to SHARE them on FACEBOOK and email them to friends and family so they can see what we are up to. There will be regular updates on the new blog.

**MID TERM BREAK #2**

**FRIDAY 24th AUGUST  
HOCKEY**

**Saturday 21 July**

Opua Div 3 Start 9am

Opua Oaks Div 1 v Paihia 10.40am

Opua Coasters V Kaikohe Int 11.40am

Just a reminder: If you have ANY concerns, queries, complaints or praise please talk to the teacher concerned first. They are always happy to clear up any misunderstandings or grievances. The Board is striving for more parental and community participation with the school. Please feel free to come and spend some time here at school whenever you can. Friday School Sharing is a perfect opportunity! Tomorrow at 2pm

# REPORTS

If anyone has photos or reports about their weekend sports we would love to receive them! We have pupils playing Rugby, Netball (reps), Hockey, Soccer, Taekwondo, Badminton, Ball Room Dancing, Swimming and possibly other activities. Or if the children would like to write thank you articles for their coaches and parents please encourage them to bring them in so I can put them in the newsletter. Email [opua@xtra.co.nz](mailto:opua@xtra.co.nz)  
Thank you

## NETBALL

**Year 3 Opua/Paihia v Cool Chrystals**

10.30am Court 9

**Y5 Opua/Paihia Ferns v Shooting Stars**

10.30am Court 1

**Y8 Opua Dynamites v Royal Rubies**

10.30 am Court 4

**GOOD LUCK GIRLS!!**

### SKI TRIP FUNDRAISING

**Vicky Houry will be down at the Opua Community Hall Market on Sunday morning fundraising for the School Ski Challenge team. Her stall will be full of wonderful brand new designer homeware and giftware. Fantastically priced!! Definitely worth a look!**

**School Sharing Fridays 2-3pm ALL WELCOME!**

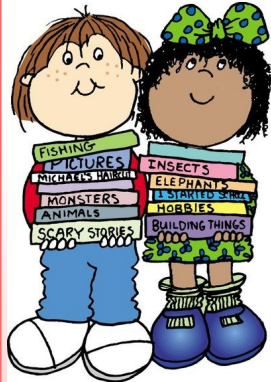
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**LATE/ ABSENT Phone/Txt**

**School phone - 094027840**

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**Please give a reason for absence.**



• We learn to read by reading - time and **PRACTICE**, little and often, and keeping it **FUN...** Children read more when they have access to books - that means books all around & also time to read, and a place to read

- A big thank you to all those who have written some fantastic book reviews - Yasith, Lily, Madison, Jack, Joanna, Theodora, Oshini and Cai

The library is open to all Opuia School families and is open 'til late on Tuesdays and Thursdays 3-30pm.  
**ALL WELCOME!!**

## PTA NEWS

**FRIDAY SAUSAGES - \$2.50 - Helpers still required (ROOMS 1, 2 & 3) WEDNESDAY PIZZAS - \$2.50 - Ham Cheese Pineapple & Spaghetti**

**GUESS THE NUMBER OF LEGO BLOCKS IN THE JAR and WIN A 250 PIECE 3D JIG-SAW!! - At the school office - 50c for 1 guess, \$1 for 3 guesses!**



## The 30th Anniversary Snorkel Scuba Race

### Children's Icebreaker Swim

- ✓ Free entry to all children
- ✓ Prizes for all swimmers
- ✓ Sausage sizzle too!

**On Taiputuputu Pahi beach, Paihia**  
(Opposite the village green, by the helicopter)

**11am start**

**Saturday 22 September 2012**

**Togs only! No wetsuits! ha ha!!!**



**Stay a while & watch the Main Event**

Contact Club Secretary to register - [info@DiveNorth.co.nz](mailto:info@DiveNorth.co.nz) / 09 401 6206

**CHARITY FUNDRAISER PROUDLY SUPPORTING;**



## MOVIE NIGHT

**TOMORROW NIGHT!**

**MOVIE: The Adventures of Tintin (PG)**

**Runtime - 107 mins**

**Doors open at 5.30pm, movie starts at 6pm \$3 entry**

**Popcorn .50c, Baking .50c, Sausage Rolls .50c,**

**Frozen Juices \$1 (limited numbers),**

**Cup of Juice .20c**

**Bring your own cushions and rugs.**

**Help needed for set-up, door collection, kitchen and clean up.**

**Baking - cakes and cookies for sale on the night**

**Parents welcome to stay for the movie**

## INTERNET BANKING

As we do not have eftpos and cash is sometimes a pain to obtain we are encouraging families to make use of internet banking. This can be used for larger transactions like uniform purchases and stationery fees. Please do not use it to pay for school lunches and trips. Thanks!

**Opuia School Board of Trustees - 12 3102 0085328 00**

References should include surname (or child's name) and item paid for.