

OPUA SCHOOL

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SCIENCE FAIR

Yesterday Mr Young took our science teams to the Turner Centre in Kerikeri where they were going to be representing Opuia School in this year's Top Energy Science Fair. The children were a bit nervous about having to talk to the judges but all were quietly confident as they have been well taught by Clare Dorans. There were hundreds of competitors and there were some fantastic entries in both the technology and the science categories. The pupils have had an anxious overnight wait to see how they fared. We are proud to announce that the following pupils are required to attend the prizegiving ceremony tomorrow night at the Turner Centre at 6.00pm.

Holly Mather and Nicole Obren for their *Rampaging Roots* project
Lisa Mather and Maddi Smart for their *Bake Up* project and
Theodora Morris for her *Hot Houses* project

We are also very proud of Elaisa Glampe for her Cow Poo/Nutrients project and Jamie for his Bee Food project, even though they did not place they put so much work and effort into their entries.

DAFFODIL DAY CRAZY HATS

Tomorrow we are holding a fundraiser for the Cancer Society in the form of a CRAZY Hat Day. We are asking each child to design and make a hat of any kind out of any materials at home and bring it to school, the more creative the better.

The parade will be after Bible - about 9.45 -
ALL WELCOME!

We are also asking that each child brings a gold coin donation. We also have Daffodil Brooches available for purchase at the office - all funds raised will go to the Cancer Society. - Thank you

TOMORROW IS NOT A MUFTI DAY

OPUA SCHOOL MARKET

ROOMS 4 & 5 Fundraising -

SUNDAY September 9th

Need: Helpers from Room 4 & 5

Cakes/Baking from Rooms 4 & 5

Car Wash, Bric-a-Brac donations, book donations, (no broken stuff/junk please)

Stalls only \$5 - phone School

Teas, coffee, food etc

Any suggestions?

Email opua@xtra.co.nz

Super Ski Team

The members of the Opuia School Ski Team have been having a wonderful time this week. Monday was a 'pea-souper' but they have had increasingly better weather for the rest of the week. Big Hugh has been sending in short vid clips of the kids racing and also some great photos. I have made a short movie clip out of the first lot, you can view it here.

Team OPUA Movie

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=82fJvWZEc18&feature=youtu.be>

It is really worth a look!

We will have a full report in next week's newsletter. Hugh said that everyone has done superb and represented the school well. They have been told that Opuia is the most Northern School team to be at this comp. They are enjoying a fun day at Turoa today.

Sanitary Works Scheme

Please refer to the attached letter form United Civil Construction Ltd.

They have started work on Franklin Street already and they will be starting at our end very shortly. They will be fencing off our turning bay for 3 weeks so they can put in a new pumping station. This will no doubt cause some difficulty in the mornings and afternoons. We are asking that everyone be patient and understanding about this matter. Perhaps cars may have to drive down the road and come up Kellet Street, or maybe we try to stagger pick up times so not everyone is here at 3pm. Long term parking may not be a good idea while these works are going on. If anyone has any ideas to help with this issue please let us know. There is also information in the letter about the work they will be doing on the footpaths. They will be digging up sections of the paths but they will set up a series of cones to keep pedestrians safe, but please be careful and make sure your children know the road safety rules.

CROSSING THE ROAD

It is great to see so many folk using the pedestrian crossing but just a reminder - Please tell your little ones that it is not always guaranteed that a car will stop at a pedestrian crossing. Please do not let them step out or stand on the crossing until the car has stopped fully. Yes the car/driver will be at fault if something happened but what a terrible way to learn a lesson.

Please encourage safe use of the pedestrian crossing and watch your children when exiting a vehicle on the road side of the car.

The Board of Trustees Selection Committee will be holding interviews this Saturday with the short-listed applicants. They will be held at school and will be going all day. We are very fortunate to have such dedicated VOLUNTEERS on our Board and we are all very lucky that they hold our children's best interests at heart. This will be a difficult decision as the new principal has very big shoes to fill so the right decision has to be made!
Thanks Amanda, Nathan and Margaret!

School Website

opua.school.nz

Check it out and leave a comment!

Tui Garden Challenge

opuaschooltgc.blogspot.com

- Cross Country 14th September Waikare
- If you do really well in this Cross Country you can enter the Northland Primary School's X-Country in Whangarei on the 21st September. (Parent transportation needed)

NEXT WEEK

Next week on the 4th of September the teachers from Rooms 2, 3, 4 & 5 will be heading away for some Professional Learning Development on the subject of Smart Boards.

We will be having four relievers in these classrooms. School will continue as usual.

PLEASE visit the Garden Blog, there is a great vid on there by Jeremy, Meghshyam and Trey!

<http://opuaschooltgc.blogspot.co.nz/>

PLEASE also visit the new website. Mr Young is working ever so hard on it. It is full of information and there are lots of links to follow. Leave a comment.

SPORT

Corey Odonovan places 3rd in the Moto X Minis section for the season at the Northern Dirt Bike prizegiving last weekend.

Well done Corey and whanau!

HOCKEY

Saturday

Opua Div 3 NO HOCKEY

Opua Oaks v KCS RED 10.50am

Opua Coasters v OKAIHAU 11.40am

PLEASE BE THERE 15mins EARLY

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

18th SEPTEMBER

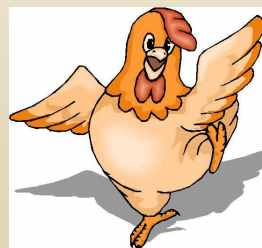
School Sharing Fridays 2-3pm ALL WELCOME!

WANTED

Our carpentry are ais starting to look a bit bleak. If anyone has any off-cuts of timber that will be suitable for the carpentry area we would gratefully accept anything you may have. It is a very important part of the junior area and when the sun finally comes out the children from rooms 1 and 2 will be building the most amazing, imagination inspired creations! Phone the office if you can help in any way.

We are also on the lookout for cuttings of herbs or the plants themselves. You may have noticed our new vertical garden by the chook house made of Soda Bottles. It is our aim to have it lush with herbs and salad vege - it will be 'The Salad Wall' If you have some to spare we would be most appreciative.

It is great to see everyone interacting with the chickens and we know that it is great fun to feed them a little something from the gardens. It is one



reason why we have planted lots of silverbeet. It would be great if the littlies are supervised when doing this though as some plants are being ripped out by the roots and some stalks are being stripped. Please show the kids how to snap off a stem and which plants not to pick, we have lost quite a few flower plants this way - thanks.

IMPORTANCE OF FAIRY TALES

“If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales.” — Albert Einstein

1. Fairy Tales Show Kids How to Handle Problems

Characters in stories help us because we connect them to our own lives, dreams, anxieties, and consider what we would do in their shoes.

2. Fairy Tales Build Emotional Resiliency

Children need to discover in a safe environment that bad things happen to everyone.

3. Fairy Tales Teach Story

Such as setting, characters, and plot (rising action, climax, and resolution) as well as the difference between fiction and non-fiction.

6. Fairy Tales Develop a Child's Imagination

“When I examine myself and my methods of thought, I come to the conclusion that the gift of fantasy has meant more to me than any talent for abstract, positive thinking.” — Albert Einstein

7. Fairy Tales Give Parents Opportunities to Teach Critical Thinking Skills

Even though some fairy tales show bad examples (Disney's The Little Mermaid [the original version shows a weak woman who dies for the man]), kids can benefit from exposure and guided conversation to encourage critical thinking.

8. Fairy Tales Teach Lessons

Many fairy tales to teach morals and lessons. Will Goldilocks break into a house again? Probably not.

Do you read your children fairy tales?

There are plenty of fantastic book for all ages in the school library! Check it out!

GARAGE SALE

**12 Hihitahi Rise Te Haumi
THIS SATURDAY**

8am onwards

Lots of kid's games

Toys

Household items

Everything Must Go!!!

**FRIDAY SAUSAGES - \$2.50 -
Helpers needed (ROOMS 1, 2 & 3)**

**WEDNESDAY PIZZAS - \$2.50 -
Ham Cheese Pineapple & Spaghetti**

MONDAY EGG SANDWICHES - \$2

Order BEFORE 9am at the school office

**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!**

TOMORROW

**Ali has offered to take the Cross
Country Trainees for a run tomorrow
while Bible is on.
Please bring SUITABLE foot wear and
a mufti t-shirt.**

MONDAY

**Ang will be taking the runners on
Monday from rooms 3 and 4
Please come prepared.**

THANK YOU!