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OPUA SCHOOL



KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED...

Over the weekend we had two visitors to the school who did their best to terrorise the chickens, damage the worm farms, use the shade cloths as trampolines and generally cause havoc at our beloved little school. We have these two young boys on our security camera footage and they are not known to us.

Please feel free to make use of the school grounds over the weekends and holidays. The more families we have utilising the facilities at different times of the day the more undesirables like these will be deterred. We will be moving the cameras to a better angle so we can capture face details if the need arises. Thank you to Nanna Flo who saw what was happening and shooed them away.

PUBLIC MEETING

On the 6th of November a Public Meeting will be held at the Bay of Islands College at 6.30pm. The topic for discussion is the Kawakawa Community Swimming Pool and the proposal to scrap it and build one in KERIKERI. The community is starting to come together and stand up against this proposal. Our newly elected councillors need to hear from the community and we are going to fight to keep the pool and fight for the FNDC to help fund the much needed repairs of the existing Kawakawa pool, borne about due to neglect. It would be great if you can make it next Wednesday.

5+ A Day Primary School Competition – We are in to win!

November is 5+ A Day Fruit and Vegetable Month and to mark our school's support of this initiative, we have chosen Fruit and Vege as our Theme for our annual Show Day.

The schools that achieve media coverage and community support for their event will be in the running to win \$6000 worth of Bosch appliances for the school.

Eating five or more servings (handfuls) of fresh fruit and vegetables every day has very real health benefits and is an important part of a balanced diet.

We urge you to support our 5+ A Day event by coming to school on Tuesday the 5th dressed as a Fruit or Vegetable. We will be having the parade of all costumes just after 10am. - All welcome!

Visit www.5aday.co.nz for more information, recipes, fun facts and tips.

TRAP CHECK

Tomorrow a small contingent of pupils will be travelling to the Opua State Forest (down Oromahoe Rd) in order to help the team from Bay Bush Action check their traps. Bay Bush Action is a voluntary group of locals who are passionate about reclaiming our forest from the pests and weeds and giving it back to the birds and other animals. Please look at their website for further details. They do amazing things! <http://www.baybushaction.org.nz>

PTA NEWS

Inaugural Morning Tea Party Friday 8th November

Events this term: Movie night - Friday 22nd November,

The Christmas Parade is just around the corner – Friday the 6th of December. We are very lucky to have had the fabulous Judy Brewer and her daughter volunteer to lead the project. They have lots of great ideas but will need lots of helpers please! If heaps of people put their names down to help then the work load will be much less for all concerned and it will be less stressful for everyone.

Please consider giving a little bit of your time.

Thank you.

We have had a marvellous fundraising year and the bank balance looks quite healthy. Thank you to everyone who has come forward and helped throughout the year. The PTA would like to welcome anyone to join. We will welcome new ideas and more volunteers anytime!

SCHOOL CALENDARS ETC



By now you hopefully have seen your children's artwork in the classroom. Attached to this newsletter is an order form. If you would like to order anything, please fill in the form and return to the school office with payment before **November 1st**. You will note that you also have the option of using a favourite photo.



Please come and have a look at our stupendous new mural!! Barbara Shortland and her team of artists (Jack, Nicole, Skye, and Brad) have created the garden scene masterpiece and our talented teacher aide, Mrs McGowan and her helpers (Sophia & Chantelle) painted the background stripes and built the FORK and SPADE out of bottles which have been planted with herbs! Beautiful! Amazing! It really brightens up our school. THANK YOU!

MORNING TEA PARTY 8th NOV



ASSISTANCE NEEDED PLEASE

We will be setting up tables etc at the Opuia Community Hall on Thursday (7th) night from 7pm. More hands make light work! If you can come and help, please do!

Could all ticket sellers please hand their remaining tickets and takings into the office asap. Thank you for working so hard to sell them!! We will pass them on to new sellers.

ALSO:

1. We are looking for donations of second hand adult books for the book stall at the Tea Party.

2. We also need to borrow some floral/lace table cloths. They will be looked after with great care :)

AND

Don't forget to ask your friends and family if they wish to attend this fun event. Yummy morning tea and great entertainment by our own talented children - and all for a great cause! Tickets available at the office.



Thank you from the PTA

DANGER DRILL

Today we had a DANGER DRILL practice. For months we have been discussing what would happen if we needed to 'lock down' the school in case of an emergency where we would need the pupils and staff to stay indoors out of clear sight.

At 2pm we intermittently rang the bell for a fairly long period of time and the teachers made sure that the pupils hid under their desks/tables. In a situation like this Mr McGowan would be in contact with emergency services and would keep the school on lock down for as long as necessary. We are sure that we will never need to put this procedure into action but it is important that the children are comfortable with the process so as not to be afraid.

We will be practicing this on a regular basis in the future.

KIDS CAN COOK IT!

WE ARE SEARCHING FOR

NORTHLAND'S HOTTEST JUNIOR CHEF!

The deadline has been extended to Friday the 1st November. There is still time! Please download an application form from www.kidscancooknorthland.blogspot.co.nz or get one from the school office.

HEALING HERBS

Herbs are the most versatile plant in the garden. They have 4 main uses. Culinary (cooking), Aromatic (fragrance), Cosmetic and Medicinal. Over the past few weeks Philippa Vincent and her team of dedicated helpers have been putting our herbs to use for all these purposes.

Culinary: They made herbal teas from thyme, lavender, lemon balm, parsley and rosemary. These have been very popular.

Cosmetic: They used gorse seeds, lavender, carrot oil and salt as a gardener's hand scrub and made a moisturiser from carrot oil, aloe vera and lavender. These sold like hot cakes on Clubs Night!

Aromatic: The lavender hedges received a bit of a haircut for this next project. The pupils stuffed pillowcases with fresh lavender stems and flowers. The trick is to put the pillows out in the sun at lunchtime to activate the essential oil then to put them on the mat in class afterwards to fill the room with a beautiful, refreshing and relaxing fragrance. It seems to work a treat!

Medicinal: Last week the children made lozenges! The ingredients included thyme which has antiseptic qualities, peppermint, lemon and lemon balm for flavour, and ginger and more peppermint for soothing upset tummies.

Both Philippa and the pupils have thoroughly enjoyed the process and they all say that it has been exciting learning about the benefits of the herbs. Thank you to Philippa, Toby, Ngaroma, Monica and Alyssa.

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- 5 NOVEMBER
Show day (info on back page)
- 7th NOVEMBER ASB
Getwise Financial Literacy Programme (whole school)
- 8 NOVEMBER
PTA Morning Tea -
Opua Community Hall
- 13th NOVEMBER
Room 4's trip to Action World!
(Help with transport and supervision required please)
- 14th NOVEMBER
Year 8 Orientation Day at Bay of Islands College
- 19th NOVEMBER - D.A.R.E.
(Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Room 5
- 21st NOVEMBER
Opua School Senior Dance
Cophorne - more details coming
- 29th NOVEMBER - Jump Rope for Heart Skip-a-thon.
- 2nd-6th DECEMBER - Sailing Week for Rooms 4 and 5
- 18th DECEMBER LAST DAY

OPUA SCHOOL

SHOW DAY TUESDAY 5th NOVEMBER

Class items are to be made at home and brought to school by

10am Tuesday 5th November.

The children are encouraged to dress up as fruits or vegetables. We have entered into this year's 5+ A DAY competition and we will be sending in photos of our fun day and hopefully we will be in the newspaper!

The class items will be listed next week and we encourage the children to participate in at least two class items.

Parents and caregivers are more than **welcome** to stay and participate in the day's activities.

Show Day/5+ A Day/Jump Rope for Heart Programme

10am-11am	Displays in class rooms, dress-up and decorated bikes parade.
11am-11.30am	View displays and placings and morning tea.
11.30am-1pm	Skip-a-thon (Jump Rope for Heart)
1pm-2pm	Lunch
2pm-3pm	House Games
3pm	Home Time

If you have any queries please ask your classroom teacher

RM	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
RM1	Vegetable Model	Sand Saucer	Lego/Dough Model	Floating Flowers
RM2	Sand Saucer	Vegetable Model	Dough/Lego Model	Aqua Jar
RM3	Mini Scene	Vegetable Model	Pikelets/Pancakes	Dough/Lego Model
RM4	Vegetable Model	Decorated Cake	Collection	Aqua Jar
RM5	Vegetable Model	Decorated Cake	Sweets	Aqua Jar

In addition to dressing like a fruit or vegetable and the wonderful class items, we will be having a Skip-a-thon to raise money for the Heart Foundation. Please use the form you were given last week in order to collect sponsors for our Skip-a-thon. All money raised will be sent to the New Zealand Heart Foundation to go toward Heart Disease research.

Jump Rope For Heart!