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SCHOOL PANUI

Please check our website for all past publications and any notifications between newsletters.
 Texts and emails may be sent for any urgent or additional school notices

Important Dates to note for Term 1 2018

12 March	Whanau Picnic 5.30pm PTA Meeting AGM 7pm
19 March	7pm Play Based Learning information evening
20 March	BoT Meeting 7.30pm
20 March	Yr8 Leaders overnight camp
22 March	North Canterbury Swimming Champs
22 March	Teachers unavailable from 12.30 due to Union Meeting Buses leaving at 12.40 PLEASE advise office if supervision required.
23 March	Te Pōkai Kākā assembly
28 March	School Photos being taken
30 March	Easter School Closed
2 April	Easter School Closed
3 April	Easter School Closed
5 April	Primary Sport Canterbury Swimming sports
6 April	Te Pōkai Weka Assembly.
9 April	PTA Meeting

Monday 12	Tuesday 13	Wed 14	Thursday 15	Friday 16
5.30pm Whanau Picnic				
7pm PTA - AGM				
Monday 19	Tuesday 20	Wed 21	Thursday 22	Friday 23
7pm Play Based Learning information evening	Yr 8 Leadership training	Yr 8 Leadership training	Paid union meeting buses running at 12.40	Te Pōkai Kākā assembly

Tumuaki's Korero

We are well into term one now with students testing underway and programmes well set up. The term is humming with students enjoying their learning programmes and working to meet their goals. This term we are developing our work using student voice on Standing up for each other. This is to counter what students called 'being a bystander' last year. The aim is for students to learn to stand up for what is right with each other to ensure that all students feel safe and happy at school at all times. We are very proud of the amount of students who already do this very well. Our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) data shows that most students are managing

themselves very well and know what to do if they are not feeling happy about something.

We are focusing on the social and emotional well being of our students overall, and how we can best support them to be resilient and happy. This will be a major focus of our PB4L work this year – along with the other 2 R's Respect and Responsibility!

Play Based Learning Programme Te Pōkai Weka

This is in place in Te Pōkai Weka, as part of our Literacy time. As there has been some queries regarding this programme, how it works and why we are working in this way, we are holding an information evening next Monday 19 March with Core Education. This is from 7pm – all welcome.

Propagation Work

Thanks to those parents who took the time on Sunday to come along to school and help with the Propagation of the next lot of plants for the plant sale! We really appreciate your support.

PTA

The PTA AGM is on tonight at 7pm! Come along and learn about the PTA and what they have been achieving over the last year and what they are focusing on for 2018. All welcome!

Whanau Picnic

This afternoon at 5.30pm we invite everyone to come to school and join us for the Whanau Picnic. Whether its takeaways or you have a full picnic hamper, we would love to see you come and meet other parents and students in this informal event. The Year 8's are also selling sausages so if you have no food, we will have some available! See you tonight!

Paid Union Meeting - Notice given to parents

All teachers across New Zealand have been summoned to Paid Union meetings over the next month.

On the afternoon of 22nd March, Ohoka Teaching Staff will be attending a paid union meeting in Rangiora.

We ask that parents make alternative arrangements for children from 12.30pm to allow teachers to attend this important meeting. Buses will run at the alternative time – leaving school at 12.30pm.

If you are unable to make alternative arrangements please ensure you contact the school to arrange for supervision.

Our teachers appreciate your support at this time.

Kym Scown
Principal

Absences

Please contact the office each day your child is absent and keep us accurately informed.

You can phone, email or text.

Text your **child's name and room** to the school cell phone number: 0275565584

Unexplained Absences: Letters will be sent asking for explanations for any unexplained absences. Please don't be offended by this. We are simply meeting our requirements, as we need to follow up on unexplained absences.

Students are legally entitled to be off school during school terms only for family bereavement or sickness.

The school does not have the ability to grant leave, however, if students are going to be missing school for any other reason and for any length of time, the school needs to have in writing the intended date of return to ensure students are not removed from the school roll.

In School



Happy Birthday to those who have celebrated a birthday this year so far and those who will be celebrating birthdays before the next newsletter,

Jaden S, Joseph H, Charlie E, Rui-Han Y, Jonathon M, Arly M, Emma E, Tayla K, Adam R, James R, Harriet W.

Welcome to Ohoka School



The following students have joined Ohoka School. Welcome!

Juniper O Room 3 and Gemma L Room 4.

Student Achievement



Mia competed in the Canterbury Junior Surf Lifesaving Championship and won two Bronze Medals in the Girls U11 Surf Swim & Beach Sprints. Well done Mia

Piano/Keyboard Lessons at Ohoka

David Webster (*Piano Teacher*) is teaching piano/keyboard from Ohoka School on selected week day afternoons.

"I am an experienced piano teacher having studied both classical and modern styles. Having completed formal music training at CPIT Jazz School I am adept in a number of modern styles and am keen for children to develop their own musical creativity and improvisation ideas. Classical repertoire is also a focus of my teaching too.

To find out more about the program please contact me directly:"

email: elnotild@gmail.com mobile: 027 921 1987

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Ohoka School PTA



STARS 2018

Our major fundraiser for this year (Stars in Their Eyes) has been set for Saturday 30th June. Please note this date for your calendars and start spreading the word!

For those new to the school, STARS is an evening of entertaining with live acts, music, food and auctions. Last year STARS raised close to \$20,000 and to do this again we need the support of parents. New groups/acts are formed every year- but if you are not a performer then buying a ticket to support this fundraiser is just as fantastic.

Further information is due soon from the PTA regarding all Ohoka School's main fundraisers and more specific STARS information will follow in the coming weeks/months.

If you are interested in joining the committee then please contact Rachael Rowberry on 027 222 6913.



The STARS committee is looking for someone who would happily be in charge of the technical side of STARS (managing the lights/running the music/visuals as required). If this is something you could manage (or would like to find more about) please contact Rachael Rowberry on 027 222 6913. A free ticket to the event and \$100 for your time is on offer!!

The STARS committee

Here are details of a parenting course which may be of interest to some of our parents. The Toolbox Parenting Course is aimed at children aged 5-9 years, starts May 21st in Kaiapoi.

For more information click on the following link: -

<https://www.theparentingplace.com/event/primary-years-toolbox-course-kaiapoi/>

HIGHLAND DANCING CLASSES



Highland Dancing classes for Boys and Girls are held at the Caledonian Hall, 5 Michelle Road, Wigram from 9.30am to 10.30am commencing on Saturday, the 7th April. All new entrants should be at the hall by 9.15am for a starting time of 9.30am. Boys and Girls from Age 5 years upwards will be very welcome. The learning of Highland Dancing contributes to children's bodily strength, musical appreciation and co-ordination, as well as providing the opportunity to socialise with their peers. Highland Dancing can become a life-time interest. All information on our classes can be obtained by emailing caleyhighland@gmail.com or colleenscole38@gmail.com or visiting our facebook page – Canterbury Caledonian Society Highland Dancing or the Canterbury Caledonian Society website – Highland Dancing. For telephone enquiries please contact Colleen Cole on 3288694 or Rosemary Armstrong on 033122579. Our Caledonian Society Classes are kept at a minimal cost to accommodate family budgets. All enquiries will be welcomed.



Ohoka Netball Club - We are a Mandeville based club for passionate netballers of all ages and abilities.

REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN ONLINE. We are looking for members from Yr 3 – Yr 8. YEAR 5-8 TRIALS START SUNDAY 18th March.

See more information online.

We participate in North Canterbury Netball's Winter Tournament in Rangiora, playing Friday afternoons for Years 3 & 4. Saturday's Years 5 and upward including Grade and Premier. For more information please check out our website www.ohokanetball.co.nz, or Follow us on Facebook, 'Ohoka Netball' or Contact us at ohokanetball@gmail.com or Contact Katrina on 021 175 3128.

Interested in being involved in the Club?

We would love to hear from anyone interested in helping out in any other way, such as committee, umpiring, coaching or just helping out for specific events.. No experience needed. Lots of support offered!



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RUN 1KM

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Rangiora Bowling Club - 25 Good Street, Rangiora

10am - 5pm - Easter Weekend 2018

Friday 30th March - Saturday 31st March - Sunday 1st April

Adults \$6 - Children \$3 - Family \$15

Ticket Sales At Door - Eftpos Available - Free Parking

Rangiora Bowling Club Invites Interested Visitors

Easter Saturday 31st March 10am - 5pm

Come Along And Try Outdoor Bowls