

PTA MEETING 7PM TONIGHT IN THE STAFFROOM, ALL WELCOME!

21-02-2012

COMING EVENTS

- Wednesday 22nd February:** Junior School Water Afternoon
Thursday 23rd February: Wacky Weka Challenge 1.30pm-3pm
Friday 24th February: School Assembly hosted by Kea
Wednesday 29th February: Kiwi Swimming Demonstration
Thursday 1st March: Purple Cake Day and Mufti Day
Tuesday 6th March: Weka Team Swimming Sports
Wednesday 7th March: Kea Team Swimming Sports
Friday 9th March: School Assembly hosted by Kiwi
Friday 9th March: ** OPS Twilight Gala **
Sunday 11th March: Top School Competition at Gate Pa
Thursday 15th March: Goal Setting Interviews/Discussions
Tuesday 20th March: East Cluster Swimming Sports
Friday 23rd March: School Assembly hosted by Tui
Friday 23rd March: WBOP Swimming Sports
Wednesday 28th March: School Camp Rooms 1, 2, 4
Monday 2nd April: School Camp Rooms 3, 5, 6
Wednesday 4th April: Last day of Term 1
Thursday 5th April: Teacher Only Day
Friday 6th April: Good Friday, first day of holidays
Monday 23rd April: First day of Term 2

KIWI SWIMMING DEMONSTRATION

This will be held on Wednesday 29th February, a newsletter will come out later this week with more details.

SCHOOL SORES (IMPETIGO)

School sores (impetigo) are common at this time of year and we have been informed that one of our students has contracted this. School sores are highly infectious and contagious. If your child develops school sores it is important that they are taken to the doctor as they will need a course of antibiotics. There is an information sheet available at the office.

KAPA HAKA

Wow, what a fantastic turn out for the first Kapa Haka practice. Practices will be in Room 18, 8:15am-9am for the remainder of Term 1.

OPS SUMMER SPORTS

This term we have 3 flipperball, 6 kiwitag, 1 T Ball, 1 soft ball and 5 volley ball teams all representing Otumoetai Primary School. A BIG thank you to the parents who have offered to coach and manage the teams - we can't do it without you! Please make the team manager of your team the first port of call for any queries related to your team. The OPS website has other details related to your sport as well. Winter sport will be getting organised shortly so watch out for notices coming home in the next couple of weeks.
Jill Miller and Luke Hollinshead - Teachers in charge of sport at OPS.

WINTER SPORT COACHING CLINICS

If you are keen to help your child in their winter sport endeavours, you'll want to go along to one of these great coaching clinics. **Hockey:** Sundays, 11th March to 1st April, Tauranga Hockey Centre, Blake Park, \$5 per person per week. **Netball:** Sunday 26th March, 9am to 1pm, Thursday 26th April 6pm, Harbourside Netball Centre, no charge.

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ADVERTISE IN OUR NEWSLETTER

We are currently looking for new supporters for this newsletter. This is a great opportunity to help support your school and have your name out in the local community. To place an advertisement on the back cover of this weekly newsletter will cost only \$250 + GST for the entire year, plus a feature two or three times a year in the inside. If you are interested, please phone the office or Monique at Publicity Printing on 5785704.

PURPLE CAKE DAY

Celebrating and Connecting Children! Purple Cake Day is a celebration of children. It is a day of fun, education and action. Purple Cake Day encourages children to think about their role in the global community - to become aware of children with less educational opportunity and to demonstrate support by taking action. Money donated through our mufti day and cake stall will be sent to the Purple Cake Day organisers and this will be used to provide educational opportunities for children in need in Nepal (the 2012 profile country). For more information go to www.purplecakeday.org

PURPLE CAKE MUFTI DAY

The Otumoetai Primary School Kids' Councillors have decided that they would like everyone to dress in purple clothing and accessories on Thursday 1st March and bring a gold coin donation.

PURPLE CAKE STALL

It would be great if families could bake a purple cake or bring some purple cupcakes for a cake stall in the hall at morning tea time. Get creative with purple icing and sprinkles! The Kids' Council will run the stall. Please deliver purple cakes to the hall kitchen before school.

PURPLE SONG COMPETITION

MORE FM are also running a Purple Cake Day National Song Competition and there are also art competitions for kids. Artwork can be uploaded to www.facebook.com/purplecakeday - there is also an official Purple Cake Day channel: www.youtube.com/user/purplecakeday

KIWI AND TUI TEAM WATER AFTERNOON

The fun happens this Wednesday from 1.30 - 3.00 p.m on the school field. All parents are welcome.

PHONICS, BASIC SIGHT WORDS AND SPELLING

A parent information session on the teaching of phonics, basic sight words and spelling will be held in the staffroom this Thursday 2.10 - 2.50pm.

AUDITING OF PTA ACCOUNTS

Is there anyone in our school community who would be able to do the PTA a service and audit their accounts for the upcoming PTA AGM? If you are able to do so please leave a message with Wendy at the office. Much appreciated.

WACKY WEKA CHALLENGE

The annual Wacky Weka Challenge is to be held this Thursday from 1.30pm on the top field. Children are encouraged to wear their House colours and compete in a range of activities. Children who show excellent sportsmanship, problem-solving ability and camaraderie may be selected for the Top School Competition which is to be held at Gate Pa School on Sunday 11th March.

KIDZ NEED DADZ

Celia Lashlie Live, Tue 13th March -tickets will sell out fast-so be in quick. Kidz Need Dadz invites you to come and hear researcher, author and social commentator, Celia Lashlie talk about "growing gorgeous boys into good men". Celia has some challenging suggestions for parents to rethink the way they interact with their sons to see them become the good men they want them to be. Tickets \$20 each and can be purchased from the school office or from the Kidz Need Dadz office, 538 Fraser Street. For more information contact Joseph at Kidz Need Dadz kndtga@hotmail.com or call 07 571 0379

WESTERN BAY SCOUTS MUDSLIDE 2012

Great activities with a large 80m slide with a sloppy mud pool at the bottom, a 10m low crawl under cargo net, a 10m pioneering swing bridge, 50m creek ramble, bamboo bridge, rope swing, climbing net, tyre and drum obstacles, slippery pole, pipe crawl and finishing up a slippery slope while under fire from water cannons provided by two fire engines (takes about 45 minutes to complete). Sunday 26th February at Brunings Farm, Cnr SH 2 & Omokoroa Rd, open from 9.30am. \$10 per entrant, spectators free. Andy Goodall 552 4724.

CITY CHURCH PARKING

Thank you to those of you who use the City Church Parking area with courtesy. Please remember to drive at walking pace, follow the arrows and show patience and courtesy.

KIDS' SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Harry Sutherland, Player of the Day for our school T-Ball team. Well done Harry.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SECOND HAND UNIFORM FOR SALE: Full sets of uniform available in sizes 6, 8, 10, polar fleeces, polos, shorts. Willing to split sets, up, price negotiable, call or text Sarah on 0272479772.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SKIRTS FOR SALE: Size 4 skort, size 8 skirt, leggings, call Jodi 0278521497.

TAURANGA MARCHING TEAM: The City of Tauranga Under 12 Marching team is now recruiting 8 - 11 year old girls for the upcoming 2012/2013 season. We are re-building our competitive squad and will also have a non-competitive development squad. Come and watch our current team as they prepare for the 2012 NZ Championships in March this year and see if marching is the sport for you. Tuesday nights - 5pm - 7pm at the Greerton Village Primary School. For more information please phone Tracy on 579 9123 or 0274153600.

CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES: Enrolments are now available for 5 lessons during March, Thursdays, 4-5.30pm, Mauao Performing Arts Centre, Mt Maunganui, to enrol or for more information call 0800112241

NUMBERWORKS: NumberWorks'nWords can help bring out the best in your child with expert after-school Maths and English tuition. Call 5785575 today to book your free assessment,

WANTED TO BUY: 3/4 guitar for an enthusiastic learner, please leave a message on 5712328.

Geoff Opie

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