



ONE TREE POINT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Kia ora koutou,

We are all enjoying the warm autumn sunshine and the children are very settled. Teachers have been very busy undertaking Professional Learning in literacy to maintain the high quality learning experiences our children enjoy. I'd like to publicly acknowledge the professionalism and dedication of our teachers and really appreciate how lucky we are in our school.

Infectious diseases - There is currently an outbreak of Gastroenteritis (tummy bug) which is affecting many of our children and new cases of Chickenpox have also been reported. Our school policies follow Ministry of Health and Education guidelines for exclusion from school; <https://www.health.govt.nz/your-health/conditions-and-treatments/school-exclusion>

Gastroenteritis:

- **Symptoms appear after 1–3 days**
- **Infectious** while vomiting and diarrhoea last, and up to 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting
- **Keep child home until well and for 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting**

Chicken Pox

- Symptoms appear after 2–3 weeks (usually 14–16 days)
- Infectious from 5 days (most infectious in the last two days) before the first lot of blisters until all spots are crusted – usually 5 days after they appear
- **Keep child home for at least 5 days and until all the spots are crusted over**

I understand that having sick children can be really stressful, especially for working parents. However, we really need your support in following these guidelines to minimise the spread and impact on other children and our community.

National Young Leaders Day - I had the absolute privilege of taking 16 year 5 and 6 children to the National Young Leaders Day at the Vector Events Centre in Manukau last week. This is an awesome opportunity for our children to listen to inspirational speakers and reflect on themselves, not just as leaders but as people. The theme of the day was Me Whakāro Rangatira - which translated means - 'think like a leader'. I would have loved all of senior students to attend and am so very grateful to Tara Thomson, Helen Smith, Raneeta Curtis and Tracey Williams for their time and commitment in transporting students to the event.

Changes to school eating times - We are undertaking a trial this term as part of Positive Behaviour for Learning and reversing the times children eat at breaktime; play first and then eat at the end. Research from other schools have reported less behavioural incidents and calmer classrooms after break times when the eating times have been reversed. This also provides time for teachers to actively supervise their children to ensure they are eating all of their lunch - the feedback we have had is that some children were previously in such a rush to play, they were not eating all of their lunch and those that did were running around on a full tummy which could also be uncomfortable. So far the feedback from teachers is that children are now eating more of their lunch and they are calmer and ready for learning.

I understand that either way won't suit everyone and change takes some getting used to. We will be seeking feedback from teachers, parents and children toward the end of the term when we've had a chance to get used to it.

If you let your child's teacher know that they are not eating all of their lunch, I'm sure they will be happy to support you and give them some more eating time.

Paid Union Meetings - We will be closing for instruction at 12pm on Thursday 21st June to enable teachers to attend paid union meetings. Skids will be open for the afternoon. We appreciate your support and understanding as the union negotiates our new contract with the Ministry. This includes not just teacher salaries, but conditions such as support for students with learning difficulties and other issues we face in education today.

Bream Bay Kahui Ako - The principals from Bream Bay College, Waipu, Ruakaka and One Tree Point schools, and leaders from Early Childhood Centres have spent two days visiting each other's schools and centres. This has been extremely valuable in building relationships across the learning centres and identifying common interests. We will be using these as a platform for identifying challenges across Bream Bay so that we can work collaboratively as a group to support learning for all children in Bream Bay - very exciting! Watch this space.

Thursday 7th June - Whanau working bee - As part of our environmental education, we would like to hold a 'student working bee' and are inviting whanau/family to come to school for an afternoon to weed and plant some of our gardens with their students. If you are interested, let your child's teacher know and save the date in your calendar; we will send out more information next newsletter.

Matariki Celebration - whanau/family welcome - In week 7 we are officially celebrating Matariki. On Thursday 14th June at 8:45am we are starting with a visit from top-selling author June Pitman-Hayes followed by lots of fun Matariki activity rotations in each team.

On Friday 15th June we are having a hangi and are also planning a school performance - this is in the very early stages of organising and we will give more details closer to the time.

Hangi - Help Please! - We urgently need support in the kitchen on **Thursday 14th June after morning tea**: help to prepare vegetables and put food into the individual hangi containers. If you are able to assist please contact Val: admin@otp.school.nz or give us a call. Thank you!

Thank you to Des Allen who has kindly offered to assist us in preparing our hangi; if you are able to offer some help in laying our hangi, please also let the office know.

Donations and Cost - In the spirit of Matariki, we would like as many children as possible to enjoy the hangi; so we would like donations of vegetables, flour, oil, tin foil, or meat - thank you in advance!

The hangi itself will then be offered to all children for a small donation. There will be a limited number of hangi available for adults to purchase at \$10.00. These need to be pre-ordered on a first in, first served basis.

Digital Citizenship & Cyber Safety Use Agreement - With advances in technology and access to the internet it is important for our students to understand their responsibilities as safe and respectful digital citizens. Students who are year 3 and above will bring home an agreement today. Please read through this with your child, sign and return to office.

*Kind Regards,
Shirley Winters*

Not Even Once – Saying No to Meth (P)

A community event for families and the public, providing quality education regarding Methamphetamine (P) and the dangers that it poses to our communities.

MethCon presentations are extremely visual and hard hitting, exposing the real truth behind this drug. You will laugh, you may cry, you could be horrified, but you will definitely be enlightened by the experience. This is an 'eye opener' like no other, and if you are looking for food for thought, this is a feast like no other you will have experienced.

Dale Kirk is a former Police Drug squad detective and leading educator on the subject. He has spoken to thousands of people including High School students, community groups, Government departments and private sector companies throughout New Zealand. He is passionate about eliminating demand for Meth in NZ. Event info and bookings - www.methcon.co.nz/events

Dates for your information:

21	BOT Meeting in staffroom at 7:00
25	School Assembly at 1:30
4 June	BOT Meeting in staffroom at 7:00
7	Whanau Working Bee
8	School Assembly at 1:30
14	Matariki celebrations and hangi food preparations
15	Matariki hangi
19	Winter Sports Day
21	Paid Union Meeting - school will finish for instruction at 12:00
22	School Assembly 1:30
6 July	Last day of Term 2
23	Term 3 begins
3 August	PTA Quiz Night - Famous Families (NB date change)
22	School photos from 8:25am
Term Dates:	Term 3: 23 July - 28 Sept
	Term 4: 15 Oct - 14 December

Sushi orders to classrooms by 8:25 Monday morning for Tuesday lunch.



Quishy making with Mrs West.

PTA NEWS

Quiz Night - The date of quiz night has been changed to the week before, it is now **FRIDAY 3 AUGUST**. **More details out next week.**

Guy Fawkes - We are excited to announce that the Guy Fawkes night is happening this year on **FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER**. Thank you to Fulton Hogan for allowing us to use their land again this year.

School Disco - Our next disco for the kids is on **FRIDAY 29 JUNE**. More details to follow.

Whittakers Chocolate Fundraiser - We still have 20 boxes to sell, not that many! If you can sell another box please see Val in the office. Thank you.

Winter Sports - The PTA will be having a sausage sizzle at the Winter Sports day on Tuesday 19 June. If you can help on the day I will be sending out a Facebook request closer to the time asking for helpers.

Lunches online - We are excited that in the next couple of weeks we will be offering school lunches two days a week via 'Lunches Online' in conjunction with 2 Birds Café Ruakaka. We are just working through the paperwork and will let you know when we are up and running.

Lost Property - our **wheelie bin** is full of clothing not claimed. Please come along and have a look through if your child has come home without something.

School A/c: 03 0498 0201079 Westpac for payments for Netball, Camp, Seesaw and Classroom material activities or Voluntary School Donation.

PTA A/c: 03 0498 0203656 00 for chocolate fundraiser money.

Scholastic Lucky Books - Online ordering is open until 23 June. The last day for school orders is tomorrow, 18 May.

Asthma inhalers in sickbay - if your child uses their inhaler at school please ensure you ask your doctor for an extra one to bring to school when you go for your next prescription.

Ruakaka Scout Group - vacancies for Cubs, girls aged 8 to 10.5yrs. Looking at restarting a Kea Club this term for children aged 6-8yrs. Any parent interested can contact - Warren Bunn for further information. Ph: 4327 483 or 0210 2222 747.



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