

A word from the principal

Tena koutou katoa. Welcome back to school everyone! We have had a wonderful first week back and your children have been amazing. This newsletter is packed full of exciting news and innovations which we are excited to share with you. Have a lovely weekend! Nga mihi, Steve.

Congratulations to our week 1 class certificate recipients!



Important messages from the office

School hats are compulsory for term one and can be purchased from the office for \$15.

School donations can be made at the office. Donations are set at \$50 for one child and \$75 for families. There is a discount of \$10 if donations are made in term one.

Stationery can be purchased from Office Products in Wakefield Street, Onekawa. Just let the staff know what room your child is in.

If your child is **absent** from school please let us know. You can do so by either texting 021 025 19173, phoning us on 843 8297 or using the school app.

Exciting News!!! New Home-School Sharing App – ‘Seesaw’

This year we are launching an exciting app called ‘Seesaw’ to families of Onekawa School!

Seesaw is a tool that enables teachers to share the learning of children with parents and whanau.

Each child gets their own journal and we will periodically add entries to it, like photos, videos, drawings, or notes. You will receive notifications when something is added. You are able to comment and like your child’s learning.

Seesaw is available on computers, or as an app on the Apple App Store or Google Play store. Search for ‘Seesaw Parent & Family’.

We are launching Seesaw next week! On Tuesday afternoon children will bring home the information sheet about how to get connected.

House Competition

This year we are reviving the house competition at Onekawa School. The official launch evening is going to take place on Thursday 21 February starting at 5:30pm.

Children will be allocated houses in the next few weeks. The House names are:

Gallipoli (yellow)

Flanders (blue)

Maadi (green)

Menin (red)

More details about the launch evening will follow in next week’s newsletter 😊

Demolition and New Classrooms

If you’ve been to school this week you will have noticed that the old prefab classrooms next to the library have now been demolished. This is to make way for our new classrooms and resource teacher space.

The project is due to be completed by the middle of the year. We will keep you updated with the progress as it happens.

Learning Teams for 2019

We have renamed our learning teams/syndicates this year. They are:

Whetu iti

(little stars)

Rooms 1,2,3,4,14,15

Team leader – Mrs Woods

Manawanui

(committed, dedicated, tolerant)

Rooms 5,6,7,8

Team Leader – Mrs Groom

Manaaki

(support, respect, care)

Rooms 9,10,16,17

Team Leader – Mr Race

School App

The Onekawa School App can be downloaded from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Search for ‘schoolappsnz’.

The app is your one stop shop for alerts and messages about school.

Once downloaded, be sure to subscribe to the alerts that you need 😊