



Pānui Mo Te Wiki - Weekly Newsletter

Rāapa 5 Pēpuere - Wednesday 5 February

Wiki 1, Wāhanga 1, 2025 - Week 1, Term 1, 2025

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Nau mai, haere mai - welcome to the ākonga (learners) and whānau (families) who have joined our school this year. We have enjoyed meeting your children and look forward to getting to meet whānau as the term progresses.

On Monday we welcomed 22 new ākonga with a 'whakatau' a traditional Māori welcome led by our ākonga. 18 of these ākonga as new entrants in our reception class - 'Kohanga Kiwi'.

Our plan is to get back to welcoming all new staff, ākonga and whānau at the start of each term as we have done previously.



were feeling a bit anxious and those who could not wait to be back!

Our staff are aiming to meet with all whānau as early as possible this year!

Next week - on Wednesday and Thursday we have 'Share and Connect' meetings between whānau and teachers. While we made these bookings available at the end of last year, there are still plenty of spots left. Details about how to book and what to expect are in this newsletter.

This week will be the only time we send printed newsletters home with every child. Our newsletters are designed to be read online and have links to information and photos that may need to be enlarged.

If you do not get this newsletter by email or via the HERO app, please contact our office - you can come in, email office@onehungaprimarieschool.nz or call 09 636 6256.

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Please note that on Wednesday 12 February **school will finish at 1pm** to allow teachers to be involved in 'Share and Connect' meetings.

Quick Calendar

This Week: Week 1 - 3 - 7 February

- 06/02 - Waitangi Day - School closed
- No Friday Assembly

Next Week: Week 2 - 10 - 15 February

- 12/02 - School Closes at 1pm for Share and Connect
- 12/02 and 13/02 - Share and Connect - Whānau + Teacher Meetings

[Link to calendar](#) - [Link to OPS Website](#) for full Calendar. Also included at end of this newsletter

Haere Mai - Come on In!

Whānau are very welcome and encouraged to be in all Learning Communities from 8.20 am until school starts for the day at 8.45 am.

All Learning Communities are open for children and whānau from 8.20 am every day. This is a time where teachers are available to greet children and whānau, and support settling in for the day.

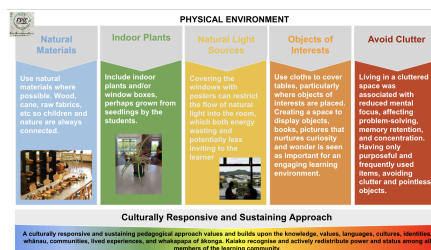
At the end of the day we ask that whānau of children in the main building wait on the field side of the stairs to avoid congestion. After the main rush of children come down the stairs, you are welcome to go back up to the learning communities with your child. Please be aware that teachers will often have meetings from approximately 3.15pm.

If you need to meet with your child's teacher, please arrange a time to do this with the teacher. It may not be possible to do this in the time immediately before or after school while the teacher is focused on all children.

Emotional Environment

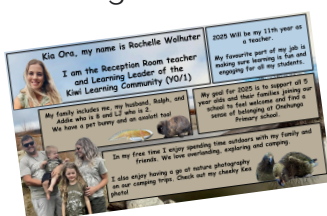
One of our focuses with teachers in our professional learning days before school started was the E in EPIC - The Emotional Environment. We know that the 'Emotional Environment' plays a crucial part in learning and development for our ākonga. It's also crucial for our staff.

You can see the summaries of our mahi (work) about [EPIC environments on our website](#). It's the framework we use to create the best learning environment possible for our ākonga.



An important part of an EPIC Emotional Environment is 'Relationships'.

You might also be interested in finding out a bit about our staff. Each staff member has made an introduction page which is displayed outside the room or space they are in to help build relationships with ākonga and whānau.



2025 Term 1 Share and Connect - Week 2 - Wed 12/2 & Thursday 13/2

The aim of this initial 10 minute meeting - 'Share and Connect' is for teachers, whānau and ākonga to meet in person to start to (or continue) to build strong relationships to support your child's learning. It's about 'whanaungatanga' building connections and relationships

Meetings will focus on whānau, ākonga and teachers sharing information about how the first few days have been, and making plans to support each child's learning in 2025.

We strongly suggest your child is part of this meeting. **Teachers will not be sharing any new achievement information at this meeting.**

We believe this process is a really positive experience that will have a big impact on learning and wellbeing.

Please note that on Wednesday 12 February **school will finish at 1pm** to allow teachers to be involved in these meetings.

We would like you to talk to us about your child at the Whānau Connect Meeting

Please take some time to think about the questions below in preparation for your meeting...

- What is your child passionate about or show an interest in?
- What does your child do well or enjoy doing - at home and school?
- What have you noticed about learning and school in previous years?
- How could we build on your child's strengths to support learning?
- How would you like us to work together this year?
- What is the best way to communicate between your whānau and teacher?
- Is there anything that teachers would benefit from being aware of which might impact on your child's school life?
- Are there any health, well-being or custody factors you would like the teacher to be aware of? *(You are welcome to arrange another time if you would like to share this without your child there)*

Use this booking link <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/xq8v2> to book a time.

Or you can use this booking QR Code to take you to the site.

You will be asked for an event code - **xq8v2**



Exciting Renovations!

Over the break we have had some pretty major interior improvements occur in Rooms 6, 7, 8 - the existing rooms closest to the office/admin. Holes have been cut in walls, new sliding doors added, and wall and floor coverings are being replaced.

What used to be our less attractive learning spaces have become really nice spaces. The internal windows look directly into trees which regularly have native birds in them

These rooms will be used by some of our Kiwi Team. At this stage we have not confirmed when they will move in, it is likely that it will be the end of this term or the start of Term 2.

Please note that contractors will be on site for another few weeks. A safety plan is in place and deliveries will occur outside of busy start and end of the day times.

Introducing Hero

We are excited to launch our new communication and reporting system, **Hero**, an online sharing platform with a complementary parent app.

We have made this change to Hero for two reasons:

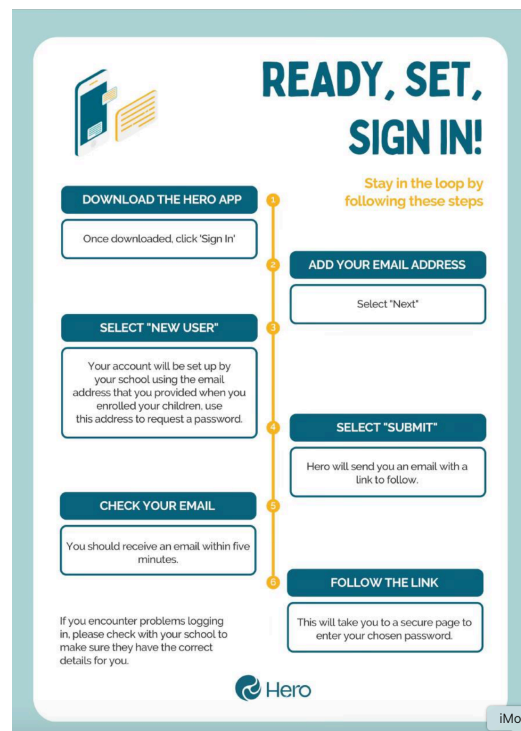
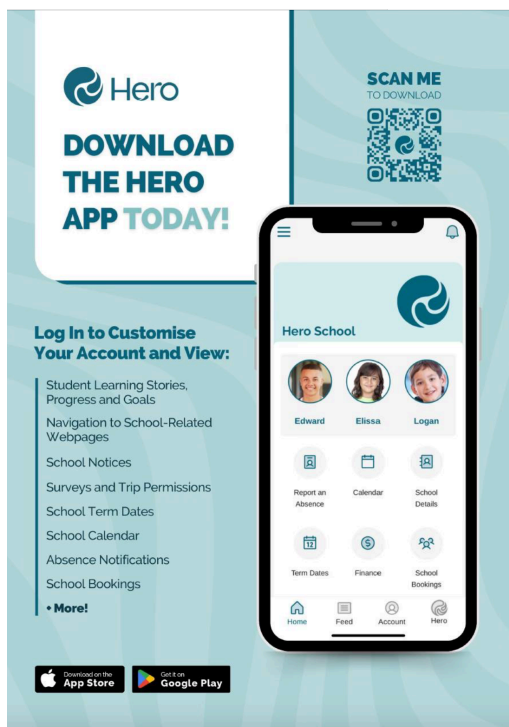
1. Hero has a strong Learning focus which will support both teachers, whānau and ākonga in the future.
2. Hero will streamline all communication between home and school, providing one way for whānau to access all school and learning information.

Linked here is a letter we sent in January to all whānau about 'Hero' our new learning and student management system. It's a one stop app for whānau and will streamline communication and sharing of information for our school.

We hope to get as many of you as possible signed up with the app as quickly as possible.

Info here in this letter [PDF HERO - 'Whānau Intro Jan 2024.pdf'](#)

or you can view all the information on our website...<https://sites.google.com/.../our.../heros-wh%C4%81nau-guide>



OPS 'We CARE Values'

'We CARE' has been a well known concept at Onehunga Primary School for over a decade. We use it in our everyday language with ākonga (learners), and seeing these values in action is one of the things which makes our school very special.

While most ākonga are able to explain what each letter means, our aim is for all of our ākonga to also be able to give examples of how we use it at school and examples of when they have used it.

Collaboration - learning and working together

Act - safely and responsibly

Respect - people, places and things

Empathy - walking in someone else's shoes

Calling our OPS Whānau Arts and Designers

We are interested in hearing from anyone who can help us with designing a poster to promote 'We CARE' at OPS. We would like to have Onehunga landmarks and OPS images on it. We can offer a small koha for this. If you can help us please contact Viki Holley - vholley@onehungaprimarieschool.nz

Settling Into The New School Year

We know that the start of each year can be both exciting and unsettling for our children. For others, it can be a source of anxiety. It's not unexpected to see a few initial 'wobbles' even for children who have previously been really settled. Our staff are working hard to help every ākonga feel safe and like they belong. They will be watching and supporting every child in their whānau class and learning community.

One of the ways whānau can help is to talk about any worries your child has (and also talking about what is going well at school). See if you can come up with any ideas together to help with worries. Sometimes role playing/practicing something can help, for example - asking another child if you can join a game or sit with them.

If you are still concerned about your child settling into school after a few days, please let your child's whānau teacher know or discuss it in your Whānau Connect time in Week 2. Together you can work on supporting your child.

A few links have been included on our [OPS facebook page](#) which you may be interested to read. See Jan 15 and Feb 2.

In Jenny Hale's (she's one of our OPS grandmothers) book "Kind, Firm, Calm", she says *"If a parent can remain calm and caring, even in the midst of a child's fears, it will go a long way in reassuring the little person that all is well, and that they are going to be ok."* You can find Jenny's book at Onehunga Books and Stationery or at [Parenting Place](#).



Learning support drop-in times

Marie Crous is our Learning Support Leader here at Onehunga Primary School, and she's excited to continue supporting our tamariki in their learning journeys this year. Marie is based in Room 9 and will be available for chats any time, including Whānau Connect afternoons. You're welcome to drop by or email her at mcrous@onehungaprimarieschool.nz to book a time. She looks forward to working together with our whānau to help all our tamariki succeed!

Swimming

Swimming starts next week. Please refer to the timetable below.

Swimming is part of the New Zealand Curriculum and it is expected that all students will have had opportunities to learn basic aquatic skills by the end of year six. Please ensure the following are packed for their swimming day: swimwear, towel and goggles.

	Swimming Timetable Term 1, 2025 - Week 2 start				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9.10 - 10.00	Maintenance	Maintenance	Maintenance	Maintenance	Piwakawaka Waitā
10.00 - 10.50	Kereru Miro	Kereru Kahikatea	Kereru Nikau	Kereru Puriri and Tawa	Piwakawaka Tipuanuku
11.30 - 12.10					Piwakawaka Waipuna-a-rangi
12.10 - 12.50			Piwakawaka Yr5 Matariki	Piwakawaka Yr5 Hiwa	Piwakawaka Yr5 Ururangi
Lunch time	Kereru	Piwakawaka Y5	Piwakawaka Y6	Kea	Kiwi
1.40 - 2.10		Kea Puia	Kea Ahi	Kea Te Ao	
2.10 - 2.50	Kohanga Kiwi	Kiwi Ua & Hukarere	Kiwi Aniwanuiwa	Kiwi	

Quick Reminders...

Sun Safety

We promote safety in the sun. Where possible, learning and activities will occur in the shade, however, this is not always possible. This means in Terms 1 and 4, students must wear **school uniform hats** in order to play outside at break times. Children who do not have school hats will play under the trees outside Room 20 or under our new shade structure - in the shade.

School hats can be purchased from our office for \$12, or at The Warehouse Royal Oak. We strongly encourage children to wear their hats to and from school as well.

Sunscreen is available in classrooms for children to use. We strongly encourage whānau to apply a good coating of sunscreen in the mornings before school.

Please bring a named drink bottle of water to school every day. We are a water only school at OPS.

Bikes and Scooters

Please lock your bike or scooter when you leave it at school during the day.

Absences and Attendance

If your child is going to be away for the day due to sickness, an appointment or any other reason, please notify the school as soon as possible by using the Hero app.



There is a 'Report an Absence' icon right on the homepage of the app

1. Click on the 'Report an Absence' icon
2. Select the reason for absence (add in any message if you need to)
3. Click 'Send Message' and you're done!

If you cannot access the HERO app, you can email office@onehungaprimarieschool.nz or Phone: 09 636 6256 - you can leave a message at any time.

It is very important that you read about Absences and Attendance at OPS. Please visit our website to access this information- <https://www.onehungaprimarieschool.nz/attendanceabsence>

Before and After School

Before school arrival

We ask that any children who arrive before 8.20am please go to the hall to Breakfast Club (payment is optional). This means that they are supervised by staff until they are walked into school at 8.20am allowing teachers and other staff to prepare for the day.

You can find out more about before school care at [Breakfast Club on our website](#).

School gates open at 8.20 am for ākonga/students and whānau to come into school. Class doors open at 8.20 am. Learning starts when the bell rings at 8.45 am.

Late arrival - all ākonga who arrive after the 8.45 am bell rings **MUST** come to our office please so we can sign them in to school. We need to know this to ensure we keep everyone safe and follow up when children do not arrive as expected.

After school pick up

Children who have not been collected when our road patrols come in from Arthur or Selwyn Street (approximately 3.10 - 3.15 pm) will be taken to our school office to be safely supervised. We need to move children to this area to keep them safely supervised if whānau are running late.

Friends of the School

Welcome!

Kia Ora and welcome back to the start of a new school year! We are excited for what is ahead and want to invite all parents and caregivers to get involved with FOTS (Friends of the School) this year. There are plenty of ways to support our amazing OPS and teachers - whether it's helping out with a small task or being part of a fun event. Everyone is welcome to be part of our FOTS team.



If each family could lend a hand once or twice throughout the year it would make a huge difference, and it's also a great way to meet new people and strengthen our school community. Whether it's selling ice blocks on a Friday afternoon, sorting readers for student reading, helping at a sausage sizzle or joining a short term project committee (like organising the school disco) every little bit counts!

Keep an eye out for more details on how you can get involved in next week's newsletter, including information on our first FOTS meeting. We'll also provide sign-up sheets (like below) for specific activities where help is needed. Your support is always so appreciated and we look forward to working together to make this an exciting and successful year for your children.

<https://www.onehungaprimary.school.nz/community-information/ops-fots-friend-of-the-school>

Popsicle Fridays

Every Friday in Term 1 starting this week we will be selling \$1 mini popsicles by the field. If you can help selling for around 20 mins, please put your name down on the sign up sheet. [Term 1 sign up sheet](#)

Cheers

The FOTS Team

OPS Breakfast Club 2025

[Info also available on our OPS Website](#)

The Breakfast Club at Onehunga Primary School supports our OPS whānau in two ways.

1. Provide a safe and affordable childcare environment from **7.30 am-8.25 am** for our families with work commitments.
2. Offer breakfast to ensure the children can start the learning day with full tummies.

Funding Breakfast Club

- We ask for, but do not insist on, a small contribution of \$7 per morning, per child to help cover the cost of the two staff members who run this service.
- 'Kids Can' provide us with some support for the breakfast items that children eat.
- Currently the school covers the shortfall of the costs of the staff who run Breakfast Club.

Behaviour Expectations

All children attending Breakfast Club must follow our school's We CARE philosophy and treat staff and other students with respect. It is an expectation that the children follow the directions of the staff running Breakfast Club.

We ask you to reinforce with your children positive behaviour and choices that are safe and respectful to others whilst they are at Breakfast Club.

Any children who are not meeting expectations for safe and respectful behaviour will not be able to attend.

7.30 am Breakfast Club Start Time.

Breakfast Club occurs in our Hall. **We do not and cannot provide care for children before 7.30am.** Please do not drop your children before this time.

Our Processes

Enrolment Form - To enable us to manage our 'paperwork' around Breakfast Club we ask that families who attend either regularly or casually complete an enrolment form. (See the back of this page).

Payments - Where possible we ask that payments are made directly into our bank account: **12-3055-0173711-00** Reference: BCLUB and your child's name.

You can also pay by eftpos in our office for multiple days or weeks at once, or pay cash each day to our staff.

Receipts for Payments - Receipts will be emailed to families either monthly or at the end of each term with a record of payments made for Breakfast Club attendance.

Please feel free to contact us if you have specific questions or concerns regarding Breakfast Club.

To Enrol In Breakfast Club

Please either complete [this form](#) or print the page below and return it to school.

OPS Breakfast Club Enrolment Form

Name/s of child/ren: _____

Breakfast Club Attendance:

- ☐ Casual - no set days
- ☐ Monday - Friday each week
- ☐ Part time *-please circle days -* Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Approximate arrival time:

- ☐ 7.30 am
- ☐ 7.45 am
- ☐ 8.00am
- ☐ After 8.00am

Medical conditions: _____

Does your child have any allergies where they have severe reactions:

Medication or action to be taken: _____

1. Parent / caregiver name: _____

Parent / caregiver phone: _____

2. Parent / caregiver (or emergency contact)name: _____

Parent / caregiver phone: _____

Email address to send receipts of payment to: _____

Parent/caregiver signature: _____

Date : _____

Method of Payment:

- ☐ Online Direct Credit
- ☐ Cash
- ☐ Eftpos

School Calendar Dates - Term 1 - 2025

*Please note that dates will be added, updated and possibly changed as the term progresses.
Weekly newsletters contain the most up to date information.*

[Link to online calendar](#) - [Link to OPS Website](#) for online calendar.

Before School Starts	23 + 24/01 - OPS Office Open 9-2 pm 24/01 - Visit your 2025 whānau teacher and learning space - 1-3 pm
03/02 - 07/02 Week 1	03/02 School Starts for the year at 8.45 am 03/02 Whakataū to welcome new ākonga and whānau 06/02 - Waitangi Day - school closed
10/02 - 14/02 Week 2	10 + 11/02 - Road Patrol Refresher Training 12/02 - Share and Connect - Whānau and Teachers - note school finishes at 1pm 13/02 - Share and Connect - Whānau and Teachers
17/02 - 21/02 Week 3	21/02 - Teacher Only Day - School closed for instruction
24/02 - 28/02 Week 4	26/02 - Hearing & Vision Testing - New Entrants 28/02 - 'Back to School Fest' - 4-6pm (Kahui Ako event) All OPS whānau invited.
03/03 - 07/03 Week 5	
10/03 - 14/03 Week 6	14/03 - Kiwi Learning Community Assembly - 2.15 pm
17/03 - 21/03 Week 7	
24/03 - 28/03 Week 8	25/03 - Swimming Zones - Year 5&6 28/03 - Kereru Learning Community Assembly - 2.15 pm
31/03 - 04/04 Week 9	02/04 - BOT Meeting - 5.30 pm Admin Meeting Room
07/04 - 11/04 Week 10	08/04 - Summer Zones - Year 5&6

2025 School Calendar

- Term 1 - 3 February - 11 April
 - 21/2/25 - Teacher Only Day/Curriculum Day
- Term 2 - 28 April - 27 June
- Term 3 - 14 July - 19 September
- Term 4 - 6 October - 17 December

Message from Onehunga Community House - Car Park

The Community House is upgrading its car park on the Northern side beginning next Monday (10/2) at 7.30 am.

The estimated time for the project is two weeks. It would be best if parents avoid using the carpark if at all possible as there will be trucks crossing the carpark during the day or to escort their children across the car park during this time.

TE ITI KAHURANGI - LALAGA

PRESENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL FEST

Friday 28
February
4 - 6 pm

A WHĀNAU-FOCUSED EVENT TO BUILD
CONNECTION & COMMUNITY

HOSTED AT TE PAPAPA SCHOOL
219 Mt Smart Road, Onehunga

SUPPORT AGENCIES EXPO
CULTURAL PERFORMANCES
FOOD STALLS (cash only)
GAMES & ACTIVITIES

For more details contact
lalagatik@gmail.com

FREE ENTRY





- Do you enjoy swimming? Are you keen to join a fun competitive swimming club?
- Onehunga Swimming Club offers a squad team, targeted at those children interested in swimming competitively.
- We also provide swimming lessons to enhance swimmers' abilities and support their progression into squad training
- The squad is generally ages 8-18 and all swimmers are invited to join. We have a suitable class for all levels and abilities.
- Squad training is up to 4 evenings per week.



manager.onesc@gmail.com



**Onehunga War Memorial Pools,
Jellicoe Park**



<https://uk.gomotionapp.com/team/ohsc/page/home>



Grade trials for 2025

9th Grade:

4:30 – 5:30: Monday 10th February
4:30 – 5:30: Wednesday 19th February

10th Grade:

5:30 – 6:30: Monday 10th February
5:30 – 6:30: Wednesday 19th February

11th Grade

4:30 – 5:30: Tuesday 11th February
4:30 – 5:30: Monday 17th February

12th Grade

5:30 – 6:30: Tuesday 11th February
5:30 – 6:30: Monday 17th February

If you are interested, please click the expression of interest link below and enter your details.

<https://forms.gle/6teirF3jblu55Hq98>

All trials will be held at Waikaraka Park. Any questions please email dof@onehungasports.net



Grade trials for 2025

13th Grade

5.00-6.15 : Monday 10th February
5.00-6.15 : Monday 17th February

14th Grade:

5.00-6.15 : Monday 10th February
5.00-6.15 : Monday 17th February

15th Grade

6.30 -8.00 Tuesday 11th February
6.30 - 8.00: Monday 17th February

17th Grade

6:30 -8.00 :Monday 10th February
6:30 -8.00: Monday 17th February

If you are interested, please click the expression of interest link below and enter your details.

<https://forms.gle/PiYR9LephrrfHbwZ36>

All trials will be held at Waikaraka Park. Any questions please email president@onehungasports.net



Onehunga Sports
Football Club



REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW
OPEN

Open day Sunday 9th March
9am - 12pm at our Waikaraka Park
Clubrooms, 64 Captain Springs Road,
Onehunga

For more information head to:

www.onehungasports.net



Onehunga Sports
Football Club

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Open day Sunday 9th March
9am - 12pm at our Waikaraka Park
Clubrooms, 64 Captain Springs
Road, Onehunga

For more information head to:

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Dear Onehunga sKids Parents and Caregivers,

We wish to know if anyone of you will be availing of the EARLY Dismissal on February 12-Wednesday. It's for PARENT INTERVIEW. School ends at 1pm. Therefore, an additional fee of 12.00 will be your additional fee for that day if you are regularly booked. CASUAL booking fees apply plus the additional fee.

Those who are not availing but regularly enrolled in sKids will still be counted as attendance because we are operating.

Kindly email me back. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. de la Vega