



ONEHUNGA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

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Week 8,
Term 1
2023

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'Identity' has been an important school wide focus in our learning communities this term. While each Learning Community has had a different approach, what has been consistent has been sharing who we are with each other as part of forming relationships.

The very exciting next part of this focus is starting to think about how we can plan to make our 'blank canvas' - our new building, new and existing learning spaces, and our school reflect both our individual identities and the identity of our school. Our new building, in particular, provides us with some exciting opportunities for this, which we have carefully not rushed to do before the building opens.

Part of our identity focus has also been to consider the names we use for our learning communities and whānau classes. We will include more in next week's newsletter about this.



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**Superhero
Fridays**

**It's tomorrow -
Friday 31 March.**
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Another very deliberate plan is to have our big 'official opening event' mid Term 2, rather than as soon as we move in. We want our ākonga to be involved with the planning and preparing for an opening event which represents them and their school. It will also mean that invited guests will be able to see our learning communities in action and ākonga engaged in learning as part of the special day.

Our focus continues to be a smooth transition into our new learning spaces, creating a sense of belonging for our ākonga and maintaining the exciting learning in our learning communities.

Our staff have been VERY busy sorting through resources and furniture and packing. We have been really pleased to pass on items no longer needed to our OPS community. Keep an eye on the book and furniture by our gate (by temporary admin) as new books and furniture are being added each day. This week we started moving some of the administration and resources into the new building.

We are very conscious that there is a lot of information to share before the end of the term with whānau about our move and the start of Term 2. We will continue to add to our 'Whānau Questions' on our [website](#), there will be a Term 2 information section in next week's newsletter and we will send an update by email in the holidays before Term 2 starts.

Opening Up Our School Site!

On Monday the access behind the new building opened up again. We are all very happy to have our school more connected again – especially those in the rooms who have had to walk the long way to get to the field and office. Our ākonga have been delighted to move through this space, look into the new building and try out the new drinking fountains.

The sculpture which used to be at the entrance of our school was stored off site during the building process and has been placed so that it's visible as you walk into our new admin area and when our ākonga can see it as they move through the school. We have enjoyed seeing ākonga identifying different parts of it and talking about what they represent. You can find out more about it on our [web site](#).



Whānau can help us by talking to their children about the messages we are reinforcing about moving around this area...

- We CARE is moving safely and responsibly around buildings - walking only
- We CARE is respecting others in rooms and buildings by quiet moving around or quiet play - balls are for on the field
- We CARE is respecting our spaces and places - *We keep our fingers off the glass!*

Our Values

We CARE

Collaboration - Working and learning together

Act - Safely and Responsibly

Respect - People, places and things

Empathy - Walking in other people's shoes

School Car Park – Staff and Visitors Only Please

Our Health and Safety committee works to identify potential risks in schools and we have a legal responsibility under Health and Safety legislation to ensure the school and car park are safe for staff, children, whānau and visitors to our site. The car park in front of our new building is a potential risk area. Our children see it as part of the school and forget to treat it as a road, and drivers often see it as a road and don't always look for children.

The school car park is for Staff and visitors to park in only. **Whānau are not able to use this space for parking when picking up or dropping children to school.**

This is to keep our children who are using this area safe.

We appreciate your support with this.

While parking on the streets bordering our school is very limited, there are a lot of options close by. We ask that you consider parking away from the main entries and walking a little way to school, or park in the public carpark down Gerard Beeson Drive (off Arthur Street).

OPS Litter Audit

On Tuesday a group of students worked with Tamaki W.R.A.P. and Mrs Arthur to check the litter sorting in our school. We found that on the whole most people were doing a good job with their sorting. There were a couple of areas we could improve on. We found that we were not getting a lot of worm food or recycling in our bins, although what we had was fairly well sorted.

We would like to encourage our students to sort their litter at school and will continue to focus on this next term in the new building. Please reinforce this process at home by sending students with food lunches that have recyclable packaging where possible.

Jackie Arthur – Enviro Lead Teacher



SchoolDocs – Managing OPS Policies and Procedures

Our school works with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

'SchoolDocs' updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation, Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team.

Each term there are policies and procedures reviewed as part of an ongoing cycle. We encourage OPS whānau to take part in these reviews each term. We have a '[Policy and Procedures](#)' page on our OPS website which has more information about how to be involved in reviews each term

Login Details

<https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Username: onehungaprimary

Password: care



How to be part of our policy and procedure review



1. Go to <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/>

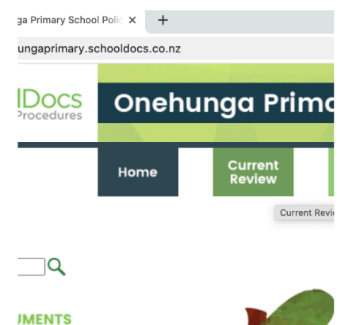


2. Add our school name

Staff and school community login

Login Details	Who should use this login?
Community Username: onehungaprimary Password: care	- School staff - Parents

3. Login for OPS Whānau and staff members



4. Click on Current Review and follow the prompts

Lunchtime Art

A huge thank you to the whānau who came in and made the three days of lunchtime art possible this week. We had lots of interested children who loved the opportunity to create art for the [OPS Art Exhibition the 'Meaning of Mum'](#) (details below)



Friends Of The School Meeting

Our second meeting for the term will be held next **Monday 3 April at 6.30pm** – see the [Fots agenda and previous minutes](#) for details.

We welcome anyone who is interested in finding out more, and getting involved with supporting our school.

Friends of the school activities in the past have included helping with Mini Fairs, School Discos, Sausage Sizzles and occasional catering for teachers for Whānau connect, +1 lunches and other events. Regular gardening or working bees (there's something for everyone!) You can find out more on our [website](#)

Easter Raffles

Fots support our school in a variety of ways – both 'fun'raising and 'fund'raising. Money raised goes back to supporting our ākonga.

There are 6 raffle prizes– Raffle tickets can be purchased from our office and at the popsicle stall on Friday

[\\$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \\$5 – Raffles drawn Thurs. 6 April \(next week\)](#)

Popsicle Fridays – \$1 every Friday Term 1

Every Friday in Term 1 we will be selling \$1 Popsicles outside the office.

Next Thursday 6 April will be our last ice block sales until Term 4.

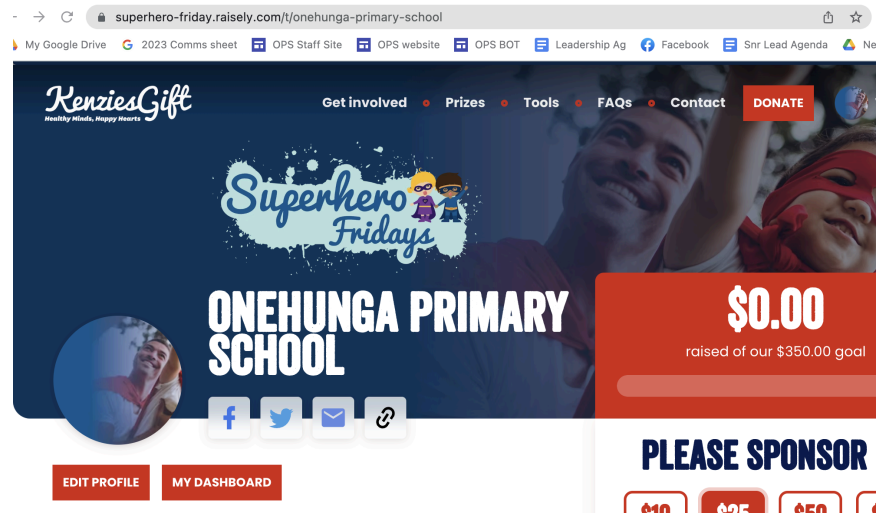
There are many other opportunities to volunteer to help around the school, please take a look at our sign up sheet [2023 sign up sheet](#)

Superhero Day: Friday 31st March

One of our Growing Leaders, Marlow Butcher-Watt, is starting his Growing Leaders project early this year.

Marlow says:

On the last day of March there will be a non-compulsory gold donation to raise money for a charity called 'Kenzie's Gift.' It helps people up to the age of 25 get through serious illness or grief. Please open this link if you would like to read more about this charity.



<https://www.kenziesgift.com/about-us/about-us/>

Please join in by dressing up on Friday 31st March as a superhero and bringing along a gold coin donation to support this awesome cause.

Dress up ideas:

- superheroes from movies, comics, tv
- a superhero who is a famous person, e.g., Richard Pearse, Helen Clark,
- a superhero in your own life, e.g., a community member, a family member who has helped you, a teacher who has helped you

You can also donate online at <https://superhero-friday.raisely.com/onehunga-primary-school>

OPS Art Exhibition the 'Meaning of Mum'

There's been a fantastic start to entries for our upcoming Mother's Day Art Exhibition, run in partnership with Dress Smart Auckland.

Throughout May, art created by our tamariki will be displayed in Dress Smart and, this week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, akonga were invited to take part in lunchtime art sessions and make use of some amazing art supplies. As you can see from the photos, we had some very excited children creating art of the special person they look forward to celebrating and we have already have some fantastic (and interesting!) entries.



While Mums had a large presence, there were also some amazing Dads included, aunties, cousins, grandmums and granddads, teachers, two mums – and even some very special and beloved pets. Children were also invited to tell us the word they use for their special person, what they love most about them, and something that person often says to them. It is great to see so many of the different languages our children speak at home included. In addition to lots of lovely 'I love yous', our children also had some pretty hilarious answers, as you can imagine. Some special comments included:

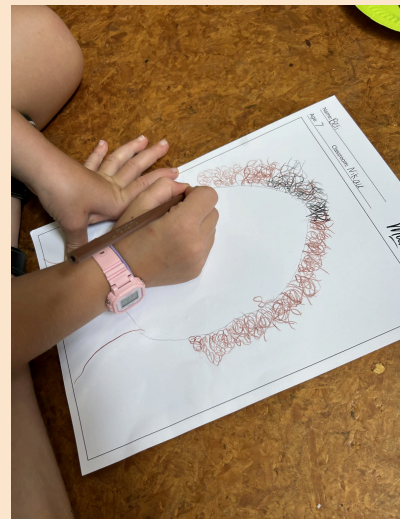
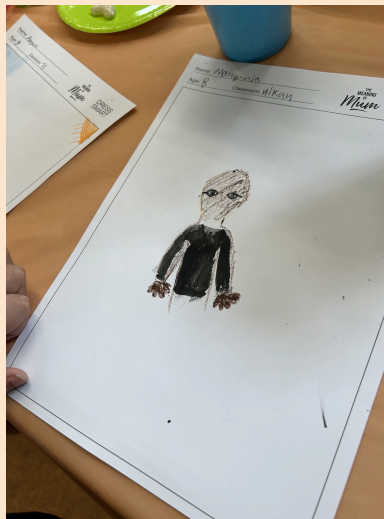
"My favourite thing about my Grandma is that she likes to give me cuddles. And that I'm almost taller than her" – Hugh

Honorable but anonymous mention goes to one gorgeous child who, when asked what they were working so hard on, said "I'm drawing the hairs on my mummy's legs" – ah the honesty of our children!!

Look out for the entry sheet coming home in this week's homelearning; or you can print one from the link of our [OPS website](#); from the [Dress Smart website](#); or pick one up from the School Office.

A reminder to please send completed art entries back to school! We want as much art of our amazing Mum figures included as possible in the Art Exhibition at Dress Smart!

Entries can be handed in to the large entry box in the school office, or to Dress Smart Management Office. The last day is Thursday 27 April. Art will be on display from 1 May.



ALL Children Starting School in 2023

If you have a child who will be starting school at any time in 2023, and you have not yet let our office know, we ask that you do this urgently please.

This information is essential to ensure we have teachers ready to start classes in our Kiwi Team.

If you know of anyone from daycare or preschool or who lives near you, within our zone, please remind them to get in touch ASAP too.

School Calendar Dates – Term 1 2023

Week 8 27 – 31 March	30/03- Kiwi Learning Community (Room 20, 23, 24 and 2) Fun Athletics afternoon. 2pm on the field, all whānau welcome 31/03 – Dress as a super hero fundraiser – Kenzie's Gift
Week 9 3 April – 6 April	03/04 – Friends of the School meeting 6.30pm 04/04 – Summer Zones Sports – Year 5 and 6 06/04 – Easter Thursday last day of term, school finishes 3pm

Term 2 2023

Please note that dates will be added, updated and possibly changed as the term progresses

Week 1 24 – 28 April	24/04/ – Teacher Only day 24/04 – Whānau and children new building visit 1.30–3.30pm 25/04 ANZAC – Public Holiday – no school 26/04 School Day!
Week 2 1 – 5 May	
Week 3 8 – 12 May	NZ Sign Language Week
Week 4 15 – 19 May	19/05 – Pink Shirt Day – wear a Pink Shirt supporting <i>Bullying-Free NZ</i> Gold coin donation (optional) 19/05 – Assembly Rm 15 – 2.15 pm
Week 5 22 – 26 May	
Week 6 29 May – 2 June	Samoan Language Week 02/06 – Casual Clothing/non uniform – for Samoan Language Week (optional) 02/06 Assembly Nikau – 2.15 pm
Week 7 5 – 9 June	05/06 King's Birthday – School closed

2023 Term dates

- **Term 1** – 7 February to 6 April
- **Term 2** – 24 April to 30 June
- **Term 3** – 17 July to 22 September
- **Term 4** – 9 October to 19 December

Quick Links

- OPS [website](#)
- [Newsletters](#) – all 2023 newsletters can be found here on our OPS website
- [OPS Facebook](#) page (*please note the OPS Facebook page is a separate page from the OPS Parents page which is run by parents*).

Te Whakangārahu Ngātahi: Planning Together for Ākonga Success – Our School, Our Community

Consultation on draft regulations and support material to implement the new planning and reporting framework for schools and kura

Ministry of Education – FACE TO FACE COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS FOR THE CHANGES TO PLANNING AND REPORTING

The Ministry of Education are holding face-to-face ākonga, parent, whānau and community workshops, where they will be talking about planning and reporting. The programme, Te Whakangārahu Ngātahi | Planning Together, is focused on preparing for the upcoming changes to planning and reporting legislation and requirements.

They would like to share these preparations with you, to not only ensure you are in the know, but also to gather your feedback on the proposed supports – e.g. the tools, resources and support channels to be developed. They need your voice and help co-creating these supports, to ensure they are fit for purpose and add value where it is needed.

These workshops will be held at the following places from 6 – 8:30pm:

- Tuesday 28 March: Bluelight, Papakura. 159 Dominion Road, Papakura
- Wednesday 29 March: Henderson Intermediate School: 70 Lincoln Road, Henderson

If you'd like to take part in either of these workshops, you can email planning.together@education.govt.nz to register your interest. Food and drink will be provided, and they look forward to seeing you there.

Further information on planning and reporting and the consultation process can be found here: [Te Whakangārahu Ngātahi: Planning Together for Ākonga Success – Our School, Our Community – Conversation space \(education.govt.nz\)](#).



Holiday Programme

11 – 14 April and 17 – 21 April

MSD-Approved, Work & Income
OSCAR Subsidy available!



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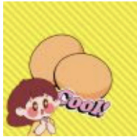
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Onsite short day \$50
Onsite full day \$60
Trip day \$70

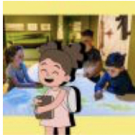
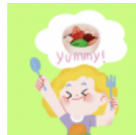
Book now at skids.co.nz/onehunga

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Week 1

Monday 10th	Tuesday 11th	Wednesday 12th	Thursday 13th	Friday 14th
Easter Monday	Egg Shells	TRIP DAY: Michael Joseph Savage Memorial	Cupcakes & Pancakes	Wheels Day
Public holiday. No skids today.	We'll learn how to use egg shells in all aspects of life – in gardening, in painting and more!	Learn more about the rich history of this place as we also picnic and play!	Mmm, cupcakes and pancakes on the same day! Whip up these delicious treats with friends.	'Wowee! Look at me!' Zip on through to skids with some cool crafts and groovy games.
				

Week 2

Monday 17th	Tuesday 18th	Wednesday 19th	Thursday 20th	Friday 21st
Fun with Donuts	Noodles Exchange	TRIP DAY: Auckland Museum	Colour Run	Create & Eat
We're having fun with donuts – the shape and the food! Plenty of crazy games and fun.	Wiggle like a noodle or make some wacky art. Either way we'll be getting creative with oodles of noodles	As we visit the museum in Auckland you'll be intrigued by its collection of artefacts and history.	Race through colour as you explore artistic ways of printing. **Come dressed in white	Become a chef, restaurateur or artist as you envision, make and then celebrate your creations.
				

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APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 2023

**APRIL
7 – 21**

Get your hands dirty these school holidays and learn how we can work together for a greener future

FREE!

Activities for kids ages 5 – 12

83 - 85 Church Street, Onehunga



For more information:
Call 09 377 0209
Email onehungalibrary@aklc.govt.nz



ONEHUNGA ORANGA COMMUNITY HUB

ECO WARRIORS

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 11	RE-CREATORS: PAPER MAKING 2PM - 4PM Want some messy, fun play involving water and upcycled paper? Join ReCreators for an easy and creative workshop. To register, call 09 377 0209 or email onehungalibrary@aklc.govt.nz
WEDNESDAY 12	ECO HAT MAKING 2.30 - 3.30PM Use withdrawn books or magazines to make a hat. Decorate it with odds and ends from our craft trolley.
THURSDAY 13	COMPOST COLLECTIVE - WORM FARM 2.30PM - 3.30PM Join Judy, from Compost Collective to learn some facts about tiger worms and find out how they can turn your household waste into beneficial fertilisers for your garden. A worm farm set up will be demonstrated. Register at compostcollective.org.nz/events/worm-farming-for-children-onehunga and claim a \$40 discount coupon
FRIDAY 14	KOINOBORI WINDSOCKS 2.30PM - 3.30PM Koinobori or Japanese carp streamer is a traditional windsock. Come and make your own handheld kite or garden ornament.
TUESDAY 18	ORIGAMI KIWI BOOKMARK 2.30PM - 3.30PM Let's keep your little hands busy this summer holidays. Join us for an easy origami project for beginners.
WEDNESDAY 19	BIRD FEEDER 2.30 - 3.30PM Come and make a cute bird feeder that the birds in your garden won't be able to resist. Join in on the DIY fun!
FRIDAY 21	CHEESY POTATO CAKE 2.30PM - 3.30PM What do you do with leftover mashed potatoes? Come and find out how to make some comfort food that's hard to beat!
MOVIE TIME!	THURSDAYS, 13 & 20 APR 2.30PM It's movie time at the library! Bring a friend, bring your family or come alone to enjoy a fun movie. We'd love to see you!

ORANGA COMMUNITY CENTRE | 9 52C WAITANGI ROAD, ONEHUNGA

If you missed out on any activities listed above, come and join us at Oranga for another session - check out the activities below

TUESDAY 18	WORM FARM 10.30AM - 11.30AM Did you know that worms are great for the environment? Yes, those slippery, slimy, creatures! Come and find out how to set up your own worm farm.
WEDNESDAY 19	ORIGAMI KIWI BOOKMARK 10.30AM - 11.30AM Let's keep your little hands busy this summer holidays. Join us for an easy origami project for beginners.





COLOUR IN AND WIN THIS EASTER!

Kids' Colouring Competition open to children 12 years and younger.

Entry forms available from the Onehunga Business Association,
Onehunga Community Library, The Y Jordan Rec Centre or online at
www.onehunga.nz/easter. Entries close 26 April 2023.



THREE \$50 GIFT VOUCHERS for
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