

# OHOKA SCHOOL

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Kia Ora koutou

**FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>**: Next Wednesday will have significant meaning for the people of Christchurch as we draw closer to the first anniversary of February 22<sup>nd</sup> when the 6.3 earthquake struck at 12.51pm. We would like to take time during the day to remember all the families who have been affected in some way, and to remember the Cantabrians who lost their lives.



The Christchurch City Council has organised two events:

- 8:00am to 8:45am at Latimer square. This is primarily for the families and friends of the 181 people who lost their lives.
- The Civic Memorial Service from noon to 1:30pm in North Hagley Park.

If you would like your child to attend, please write a letter to notify your child's teacher. At school, we will be having the flag at half-mast as a sign of remembrance.

**CAMPS** – Next week, we have five classes leaving school to attend camp. The camps at the start of the year are a wonderful way for the students and their teachers to get to know each other better as well as undertaking the many exciting challenges that have been organised. All teachers have organised their Risk Management Plans for all activities, earthquake drills, and emergency contact details. All Risk Management Forms have been read by the BOT and passed after close scrutiny. As always the safety of your child is paramount. Other points to note are:

- **TEXT Stream** – in the event of emergency, parents will be informed through a mass text, which will be sent through the Txt stream network. It is important that you ensure the school has your latest phone numbers in order for you to be contacted.
- **In the event of an emergency** – All students will remain under the control of the teacher. The teacher will communicate to parents what has happened.
- **Mr Falconer attending camp** – To assist Miss Deans and Miss Hammersley on camp, I will be away all week attending the two camps at Orton Bradley Park. In my absence, on Monday and Tuesday, Mrs Edwards will be Acting Principal with Mrs Mills taking on this role from Wednesday to Friday
- **Newsletter next week** – Due to my absence, unless there are any special notices, there will be no newsletter.

**MISS HAMMERSLEY:** It was unfortunate that Miss Hammersley was unable to attend the interviews this week due to ill health. We would like to reschedule the times to Week 6, Wednesday 7 and Thursday 8 March starting at 3:10pm. Please go onto the website to rebook a time. **The code is MFREE.** Please see last weeks newsletter for instructions.

**SPORTS UNIFORM AMNESTY:** Many sports uniforms (track suits and basketball singlets) were not returned to school at the end of last year. With a number of sports events about to get under way, we would appreciate the return of any of these items as soon as possible. Please check your wardrobe and drawers.

**SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS:** Our school swimming sports for Years 4 – 8 will take place at Dudley Park Pool on Wednesday 29 February from 12.30 – 2.30pm. All parents are welcome to come along and enjoy the fun. As always, we would appreciate some parent help with judging and assembling children for their races. Please let Mrs Edwards know if you would be prepared to help out in this way.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB:** The first issue of the year (Issue 1) will be coming home with the children this week. Could orders please be dropped into the office by **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.** Please remember to make cheques payable to Scholastic NZ. *Please note that if you placed an order in the last issue of 2011 (Issue 8), the red and gold gift vouchers you received from Scholastic can only be redeemed in this issue (Issue 1).*

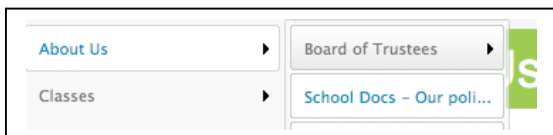
**COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER:** Last year were very grateful to Rachel Lees for organising the community newsletter. The Lees family has now moved from the area. We need a person who is interested in taking on the role of editor. We have a very willing team of senior students able to assist with the publication and printing. If you are interested please contact Jenny in the office.

**SCHOOL DOCS –** Last year we revised all our policies and procedures. We are very pleased to announce that we have set them up on a new, specially designed website so parents, staff and board members can have easy access through our own website. Please follow the steps below to log on.

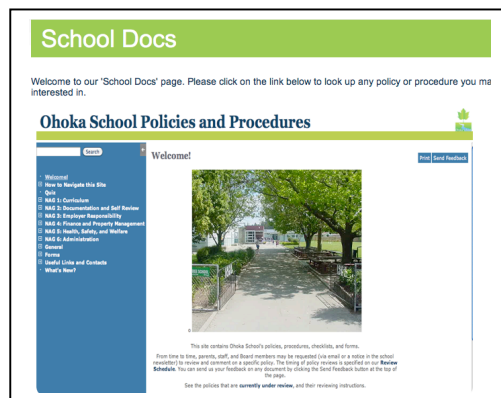
**To log on:**

a. **Username:** ohoka, **Password:** ohokaschool

b. **Click on the following link:** ‘About Us’ – ‘SchoolDocs’



c. **SchoolDocs page:** Click on the picture to log in



**LEARNING SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AND ABILITIES:**  
7.30pm Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March in the ILC

We would like to invite any parents interested in learning more about the support programmes we are offering students this year to an informal meeting over a ‘cuppa.’ We will look at:

- The role of Mrs Hodges and Mrs Edwards
- Our current policies and procedures
- Special learning support available
- The role of the Teacher Aides
- Individual Learning Plans (ILP’s)
- The role of outside agencies
- Equipment and testing used
- Ways you can help at home



## EVENTS COMING UP:

<b>Week 4</b>	
Camps	
Monday - Wednesday	Room 8 to Orton Bradley Park
Wednesday – Friday	Room 10 – 11 to Blue Skies
	Room 7 to Living Springs
	Room 9 to Orton Bradley Park
<b>Week 5</b>	
Monday 27	7.30 pm Board of Trustees meeting
Tuesday 28	7.30 pm Hall meeting
Wednesday 29 12.30 – 2.30pm	Senior school swimming sports
Friday 2 March	House afternoon

Nga mihi nui

R S Falconer  
Principal

**NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENTS:** To anyone wishing to place an article in the weekly school newsletter, we would appreciate if you could have your advertisement to the school by Wednesday lunchtime at the latest. Preferably by email. We remind you that the notices are only for the benefit of the students. As the newsletter is always rather large we cannot accommodate any commercial advertising. Thankyou.

### **YEAR 7 / 8 CRICKET:**

Good luck to our Year 7 / 8 cricket teams who are both due to play their first matches in the NZ Shield and Cup in the next few days. Our boys meet Swannanoa tomorrow here at school and will begin their 20/20 match at 12 noon on the back field. Parents are welcome to come and offer some sideline support. We expect the match to be over by 3.00pm.

Many thanks to John Hamilton who has again offered his coaching services to our boys. Good luck!

Our girls will play their first match against Southbrook School next Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb here at school. All sideline support will be greatly appreciated. Start time is 10.30am.

## **OHOKA SCHOOL PTA**

### **WELCOME BACK**

The Ohoka School PTA would like to welcome back all of the families at Ohoka School, with a special welcome to our new families. We are lucky to have so many new families, especially in our junior school. We will be hosting a series of morning and afternoon teas for new families over the course of the year, but to kick off 2012....

### **Please come!**

All Junior School parents

All new parents

Anyone else who would like to come along  
to Afternoon Tea

Ohoka School and Community Hall (“the new hall”)

2:00-3:00

Friday, 17 February

Tea, coffee and baking provided

Pre-schoolers welcome

This will be a great chance to meet other families, both new and “old”, ask any questions you may have about Ohoka School and community, and share a nice hot cuppa and a slice or two.

We hope to see you there!

*Ohoka School PTA*

NORTH CANTERBURY  
  
TRIATHLON

2 ½ weeks to go.....

**WOW WOW WOW WOW**

Thank you all for a great response we have had to the request forms for the Triathlon!! Never before has there been such a good response so early!! It is so much better to get the forms in than have to make phone calls and hound people (and we will do that!!!)

We do however still need MORE VOLUNTEERS to run this event. For those of you who are first timers or in the junior school please ask around or look out for the Tri Committee at the school gate – wearing the NC TRI T-shirts with a big green ‘ASK ME’ on our backs!!!! It is a really fun day out and there are a variety of jobs and none to hard!!

The forms came home last week and if you haven’t seen them check the bottom of your child’s school bag, the floor of the car or the ‘MUST DO’ pile of paper on the kitchen bench!!!

And yes for those of you who HAVEN’T returned them please make it a MUST DO and get them back to school for us.

We look forward to hearing from you, and if you are thinking of entering please check out our website [www.nctri.co.nz](http://www.nctri.co.nz) to register your entry before 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – **PLEASE NOTE LATE ENTRY FEES KICK IN FROM 18<sup>th</sup> FEB – and late fees have increased from previous years!!!**

Also we are in need of large water containers for race day – if anyone has any that they would be able to lend us please let us know.

ALSO ANOTHER BIG SHOUT OUT AND THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL SPONSORS  
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**WANT TO LEARN GOLF?**

**What: Free golf coaching**

**Where: Waimak Gorge Golf Club**

– Cnr Depot & Thongcaster Rd's  
(near the Waimak Gorge bridge)

**When: Wednesday's after school 4.15pm to 6pm**

**Who: Everyone who is school age is welcome**

Come and have a fun time learning to play golf

Contact: Jeremy Goodman

(03) 3121759 / 021 2346823 for more details

**ONLY 3 WEEKS TO GO!!!**

**SUNDAY MARCH 4th**

is the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual **SWANNANOA COUNTRY FAIR**, so plan to enjoy a great day out in the country with family and friends.

This year's Fair will be fantastic as along with over 130 quality craft, trade and plant stalls we'll also be running an auction including a 2007 Daihatsu (thanks to Rangiora Toyota) plus a ride on mower, motor bike, trailer and other major items.

We'll also have your traditional favourites - huge White Elephant area, helicopter flights, silent auction, petting zoo, loads of rides and games, all day entertainment, fabulous food plus all the real rural things you'd expect at a real Country Fair.

Don't miss a great day in the country at  
THE SWANNANOA DOMAIN on Tram Road,  
just 10 minutes from the Northern Motorway Oxford Exit  
*SUNDAY 4th March from 10a.m. until 3p.m.*

*Adults \$5 entry donation please which gives free entry in Rangiora New World Lucky Programme draw.*

*Children free. Lots of free car parking.*

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