



# VOGELTOWN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## WEEK SIX TERM ONE 2015

12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2015- NEWSLETTER NO 06

### OUR VISION

For the land - For the People - Go forward  
Maanaki Whenua - Maanaki Tangata - Haere Whakamua

### OUR VALUES

To support our students to make the best choices they can, to become confident learners with the courage to seek a better world and aspire to heights beyond the horizon

*Tena koutou katoa whanau*

*Camp was fantastic last week. Great weather, except for Friday, well behaved children and some challenging activities made for a very worthwhile experience for our children. A huge thank you to the teachers, Ms Pretty, Mrs Andrews, Mr Stirling and Mr Ransfield, Mr Lancaster, teacher aides Mrs Tait and Mrs Brew and also Mrs Parker who brought some children out on Thursday to join in with activities. It was also great to see Mrs Sleep and Mrs Fairclough on Thursday evening at the fire toasting marshmallows. A huge thanks also to all the parents who helped with camp, especially those that stayed the whole time. We cannot do these things without your help and support. Also thanks to the support from the Vogeltown School Board of Trustees who paid for the parents that came to camp. We are booked in again at Vertical Horizon in two years time for another great camp. Good luck to the middle school and junior school for their swimming demonstrations today. Have a great weekend. Enjoy WOMAD if you are attending.*

*Ka Kiti Ano, Mike George, Acting Principal*

### NEW PRINCIPAL

As advised earlier this week, Mr Jeremy Ogle has been appointed as the new Principal of Vogeltown School. I look forward to working with him to ensure our school continues to be the best school in New Plymouth. We will let you know when he will take up his new position as soon as we can.

### LEARNING CONFERENCES

**OUR LEARNING CONFERENCES WILL BE ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH FROM 3.30PM - 7.30PM  
& FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH FROM 8.30PM - 3PM - MEETING TIME FORM ATTACHED**

*Children are again invited to attend the learning conference, that is your decision as parent/caregiver. The Learning conference is an opportunity for parents/caregivers to get together with the class teacher to go over where the child is at and the next step in their learning. **We would like a 100% turnout from our parents/caregivers at the learning conferences. Please complete the attached meeting time form and return to school by TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH***

**SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN ON FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH FOR LEARNING CONFERENCES ONLY**

### BIKING AND SCOOTERING TO SCHOOL

A concerned parent phoned me this morning about an incident where a Vogeltown child, biking to school, was nearly hit by a car. It is not the first time there has been a near miss. Children also need to be careful on their scooters. Can parents please have a talk to their children about how to get to school safely, and can drivers please slow down and watch out for children. Thanks.

### SPELLATHON 2015

Your child will be given their SPELLATHON sheet. This is a major fundraiser for our school - especially this year as there is no FUNANZA being held, due to the current building activity. Your child will have a number of spelling words to learn. You are asked to help your child/ren with this, plus assist to gain donations or sponsorship from the wider community. Perhaps approach neighbours, wider family or work colleagues. As stated earlier, this is a major fundraiser.



Recently our Home & School generously assisted with our two educational bus trips to the mountain and Puke

Ariki. Let's encourage the wider community to help our Home & School replenish those funds, and get those essential spelling words known by your child!

Further details will be on the form. If you have any questions, contact Sheila Parker, Rm 10.

## SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS

Senior Syndicate swimming day is next Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. We will be leaving Vogeltown School at 9:15am and walking over to Highlands Intermediate. There, we will get changed and begin the events at approximately 10:00am. Please feel free to come and support your child on the day. Every child will be in at least one event.



## WEETBIX TRYATHLON - FINAL DAYS TO ENTER!

Tomorrow Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March is the last day to get your entries to Mr George. Please drop these at the office along with payment. I have registered 43 keen Vogeltowners for this iconic event so far.

## SWIMMING POOL

We will try to keep the Vogeltown School swimming pool open until the end of the term. *It has come to our attention that some people, and some families, are using the pool without having purchased a key. This is not acceptable. No-one should be using our pool without proper authority, and no-one should be climbing the fence to get in. Swimming Pool Key Hirers, please ensure when you enter the pool that you lock the gate from the inside. Also that the gate is locked when you leave. We have had instances of non hirers gaining access through the gate being left open. Can we also remind you that children need to be supervised at all times.*

*If you see people using our pool that shouldn't be there, please inform the office ASAP. Thank you.*



## LOST PROPERTY

The lost property is stored in the corridor outside Room 10/Library.

Every Friday, any unclaimed items will be transferred to our Property Manager's shed in readiness to give to local charities.

***PARENTS, PLEASE, PLEASE CHECK WITH YOUR CHILDREN THAT THEY HAVE RETURNED HOME WITH THE SAME AMOUNT OF CLOTHING THEY WORE TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING. IF NOT, CHECK OUR LOST PROPERTY YOURSELVES - SOMETIMES CHILDREN ARE NOT VERY THOROUGH WHEN ASKED TO DO THIS!***

***ALSO NAME YOUR CHILD'S CLOTHING AND SHOES AND SUNHATS - THIS IS A BIG HELP WHEN WE TRYING TO LOCATE OWNERS.***

## REMINDERS

- ❖ School starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.00pm.

Could you please have your child/children here before 9.00 so they can settle in ready for a great days learning. If they are absent for any reason please advise our office by telephoning 7536843 or by text to 021753680.



## HOME & SCHOOL COMMITTEE EASTER RAFFLE

.50c a Ticket - from School Office -  
Four Prizes To Be Won!



## COMMUNITY

- NPOB Registration Evening; Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 4-6pm at NPOB Clubrooms - Vogeltown Park. All junior players welcome for grades Under 6 through to Under 13. All enquiries to Andrew Thompson - Ph 758 6531
- ZUMBA FITNESS SUNDAYS 5-6pm Vogeltown Primary School Hall \$5 - Queries 7538272  
Zumba + music + fun + laughter + friends = great health/wellbeing!!

## WHAT'S ON AT OUR SCHOOL

**SENIOR SWIMMING SPORTS - TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup>  
MARCH**

**Highlands Intermediate 10 AM**

**LEARNING CONFERENCES**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3.30 - 7.30pm  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 8.30 - 3.00pm**



**VOGELTOWN SCHOOL CENTENARY (100 YEARS) -LABOUR WEEKEND 2015**

Labour Weekend 2015 (23-25th October) will be our school centenary. Please spread the word and like our Vogelstown Centenary page on Facebook (there is also an email address on this page to register interest), and if you have any ideas to help make this event a success please let us know.

## SPORTS NEWS

**CRICKET DRAW Saturday 14th**

V. S 1st XI v Spotswood @ V.S Senior School 9.00am

V.S Volcanoes v St Josephs @ St Joesphs 9.30am

Cancellations will be on the website [taranakicricket.co.nz](http://taranakicricket.co.nz)



**NETBALL** - limited spaces left! Register NOW

Netball Registrations are out now. Interested children should have bought home a registration form... If you were in a team last year you are already registered!

Y3, 4 & 5 Tuesday afternoons

Y6 Saturdays -various times

\$45 per player to be paid by end of term please.

## HOCKEY

Registrations are open for hockey and we would love to put in a couple of Vogelstown Hockey teams. \$40 per player. (\$20 for Y1 & 2)

There is hockey for all ages and abilities, we will need parents to manage the teams so please consider being involved in this great sport.

## MINIBALL and BASKETBALL

Registrations are open and interested children should have a rego form to discuss with you

Y5/6 Mondays \$50 Y1,2,3 & 4 Wednesdays \$25

Can you coach a team? Please see Margi Betteridge if you are available.

## SPORTS QUERIES/COACH OF THE MONTH

Vote for your coach or any sports queries to Margi Betteridge

Email: [teacheraide@vogeltown.school.nz](mailto:teacheraide@vogeltown.school.nz) or phone 753 6843.



## IMPORTANT SOCCER INFORMATION

**Vogelstown School will no longer organise soccer over the winter and you will need to register your child with a local club**, it is our understanding that the clubs will keep the Vogelstown children together as much as possible.

We have the closest club details below and urge you to register as soon as possible so that your child does not miss out.

## LOCAL CLUB DETAILS

Woodleigh Football Club -

Registration days - 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> March

Sutherland Park – Fernleigh St

All Grades \$65

[www.centralfootball.co.nz](http://www.centralfootball.co.nz)

NP Rangers - [www.nprangers.co.n](http://www.nprangers.co.n)

Registrations open now online

Merrilands Domain – Mangorei Road

Ages 7 – 11s \$60

Under 7s \$40

**CHILDREN'S LEARNING CONFERENCES**

At these conferences parents get together with their child's teacher to share their child's learning and plan the next steps in learning.

**We have set a TARGET of a 100% turn-out to learning conferences**

The conferences on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March will start at 3.30pm and continue until 7.30pm. The conferences on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March will start at 8.30 a.m. and will continue until approx 3pm

Each meeting will be for fifteen minutes.

**SCHOOL WILL BE OPEN ON FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH FOR LEARNING CONFERENCES ONLY**

Please list all children in your family (whose teacher you wish to see) on one return slip so convenient times can be arranged for you.

Please let us know if you would like your child to attend, and any specific areas you may wish to discuss.

**Please circle a time slot that suits the best. We will endeavour to accommodate everyone as best we can**

FAMILY NAME: .....

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

3.30pm - 5.30pm

6.00pm - 7.30pm

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March

8.30am - 10.30am

11.00am - 1.00pm

1.45pm - 3.00pm

Child's Name	Teacher's Name	Room	Office Use

**I would like my child to attend the meeting to make it a 3-way interview**

Yes

No

**Any specific areas you may wish to discuss:**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO YOUR CHILD'S CLASS TEACHER BY TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH. IT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU BY FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH SHOWING MEETING TIME ARRANGED.**

