



# VOGELTOWN SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## WEEK ONE TERM TWO 2015

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### 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

Kia Ora Vogeltown whanau,  
A huge welcome back to Term 2 2015.

This is my first newsletter as the Tumuaki of Vogeltown school and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for being so patient as the Vogeltown Board of Trustees went through the process of appointing a new principal for this amazing Kura. It is a real privilege, and I consider it an honour to be the new Principal of Vogeltown School. I would also like to thank the BOT, the staff and especially the students for the awesome welcome I received at assembly on Monday morning - it was amazing!

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mr George for all his hard work during Term 1 while he was acting principal - thank you Mike on behalf of the staff, students, BOT and wider community.

A bit of background about me. I am a Hawera person, born and bred, having moved to New Plymouth in my 3<sup>rd</sup> year of teaching in 2003. I have taught at Turuturu Primary School, Hawera Intermediate and Highlands Intermediate. I have spent the last 9 years based at Highlands Intermediate as the Assistant Principal.

My wife, Tracey, teaches new entrant children at Westown Primary School and we have 2 kids of our own - Hannah (8) and Liam (6).

I am super excited about being here at Vogeltown - it really is like a big family and I am looking forward to getting to know the children here at Vogeltown, getting to know the staff better (I am getting to know them slowly) and getting to know the vibrant community that provide so much support to this awesome school!

This is an 11 week term that is going to be packed full of engaged learning, sports exchanges and lots of opportunities for the Vogeltown community to be involved in our school activities!

I will be around the school(s) before and after school, so feel free to stop and catch up.

Ka kite ano, Mr Ogle, Principal

### ROAD CROSSING

You would have noticed the huge amount of roadworks happening on Carrington, Huatoki and Hori Streets - which hopefully will be finished soon! In the meantime, please take care with crossing the roads heading towards Vogeltown School, even taking your kids across the road until the new pedestrian crossing is finished would be a big help. A big thanks to 'Josh' from the roadworks team who has been seeing our kids across the road safely.

### HOME & SCHOOL AGM

Vogeltown's H&S Assn is holding it's AGM on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm in the Senior School staffroom. This will be followed by a short H&S meeting. All welcome.

### SPORTS NEWS

Winter Sports are up and running this term... get along and support a Vogeltowner, learn some new skills and have loads of fun!



### THANK YOU

Our wonderful Home & School are issuing all the uniforms this week and have arranged for some new netball skirts! Many thanks go to Angela, Jane and Tanya for your efforts. It's a massive job and we appreciate your help!

**NETBALL** - All netball subs are \$45 and are due now. All netball info is on [netballtaranaki.org.nz](http://netballtaranaki.org.nz)

### IMPORTANT NETBALL INFORMATION

You will be aware of the work being done on the road by the netball courts. Parents are advised that parking is a major issue and that Netball Taranaki are asking for courtesy and patience during this busy time. Please consider parking a little further away and walking in to the courts. Parking is encouraged down by "The Valley" shopping centre, Fitzroy school area, Paynters Ave, and Atiawa Street areas. Consider arriving EARLY and walking to the venue... you could call it your 'warm-up' ☺



Saturday ANZAC day

Y6 Wildcats -- no game for you. There will be a double header in the next few weeks to catch up.

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Y5 V.S Sparks 4.45 Court 1 Y5 V.S Tigers Bye no game

Y4 V.S Vikings 4.45 Court 6



### HOCKEY - [taranakihockey.org.nz](http://taranakihockey.org.nz)

Teams have had their first practice and will have their first game NEXT Saturday... good luck to you all!

### MINIBALL and BASKETBALL

Games start in week 3. Coaches will be contacting you soon with details of practices.

### SPORTS QUERIES

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.

### SOCCER BOOT SWAP BOX

The school has a box of boots that are available for players. They are at the office at the Senior School.

**Internet Banking - Bank Account Number for Sports Fee's 15 3955 0491950 00**

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### CENTENARY COUNTDOWN - LABOUR WEEKEND 2015 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER



There are **182** days to go until Vogeltown School celebrates 100 years of existence. Make sure you register for a fun filled weekend and a catch up with ex schoolmates and teachers. Spread the word. Information and registration forms can be found on the school's website [www.vogeltown.school.nz](http://www.vogeltown.school.nz).



### WORLD WAR ONE - By Jemma White Room 11

"Stand down soldiers" yelled the General. We all put down our rifles and sit down for a much needed rest. As I lay in the trenches with my comrades I ponder about my family back in New Zealand. I have been stuck in these trenches for months and months. The conditions of the trenches were like something I had never seen before and the smell was unbearable. Unwashed men, rats the size of cats running rapidly around my feet, and dead bodies throughout the trenches. "Grab something to eat and drink boys, this may be your last time to eat for a while" stated the General. We all devoured a tin of that horrible corned beef and had two really hard biscuits.

Kaboom! "Woah what was that?" shouted Sergeant Smith. "That was the Turkish firing towards us" said the General. "Right boys get your guns, lets get back out on the front line". I quickly put down my food and grabbed my rifle, placed my helmet on and prayed for the best. Kaboom! Went another boom fired from the Turkish army

