



ŌWHANGO SCHOOL PĀNUI

The tamariki at Ōwhango School are engaged in our unique, rural environment, are individual in their learning, and strong in experience and success.

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKĪ

“Lots and lots of things scare me but you just get on with it. Fright can transform into petrol, you just have to use it to your advantage.”

Dame Judi Dench

DATES TO NOTE

10 th April	Farewell Morning Tea- Tyler & Kopu Show- Evening Performance 6pm
12 th April	Yr 7-8 Ki-o-rahi Festival Last Day of Term One
29 th April	First Day of Term Two

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Show Week

This week is show week, with an exciting buzz in the air as we prepare to put all of the components of our work together and present our biennial show. The performing arts are a rich learning vehicle for the arts, with costuming, singing, dancing, acting, deadlines to meet, lines to learn, voice projection, knowing your cues, positioning on stage, and overcoming nerves that are inevitable when performing on a stage. I am pleased that every child at school is participating in this and will have their time on the stage. It is events like this that the kids remember in the years to come.

Our New Caretaker

I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed Paul Lacy as our new caretaker. Paul comes with many skills, including having managed our school pool many years ago. We wish Hamish Sinclair well in his semi-retirement and appreciate all of the work he has done to keep our school environment tidy and functioning well, as well as the humour he brought to his work.

CLASSROOM KŌRERO- Tōtara

Week 10 has come around fast! In this second half of the term we have been heavily focussed on our performances for the production. We hope you all come along and enjoy the show tonight from 6pm.

Also in this half of the term our focus in writing has shifted to writing descriptive texts. Students have been learning how to use adjectives, similes and metaphors to add effect to their writing. It is easier to write about what we know so we have been using real life contexts and immersive language experiences and our senses to inspire and enhance our writing. We have observed clouds, taken a nature walk, explored our autumn garden, made slime, had an Easter egg hunt, solved mysteries, and created playdough monsters to support our ideas in writing, and we hope you enjoy these wonderful descriptive texts from Tōtara



Nature walk

Easter Bunny vs The Leprechaun By Brodie Joyce

When I got to school I was to go inside until I saw a crowd of people were outside school. I was nervous. I went and joined in the investigation. It blew my mind out of the tip of my head when I found out the Easter Bunny had been robbed!

We could not go into our amazing classroom. He was having an immense mōe. We peeked into the classroom to see there was a note that said there were four missing eggs as gold as the sun. When we found the four fantastic gold eggs we found out the cheeky little rascal was a leprechaun trying to steal our gold but thankfully the Easter Bunny had beaten the leprechaun. We got to have a whole basket of golden eggs! They were the best I've ever tasted. The chocolate melted in my mouth.

Autumn

By Ainsley Parkinson

The spiky leaves were as green as the grass. I found purple potatoes that looked like eggs. The green pigmented pumpkins were as hard as rocks. The dandelions were as yellow as the sun. The leaves were as snug as my bed.

Slime

By Daithī Ōg Murphy

Slime is slimy like sewer slop. Slime is stretchy and gooey. Plop! The slime was vibrant green, pink, streaky and fun. The slime went plop, ploop and splat! The smooth parawai felt clumpy at first between my splendid fingers.

Nature Walk

By Azalea TeAhuru-Tepaki

I spotted a pinecone. It was rusty and ageing. I saw a miniature pine tree. It smelt like Christmas. I observed a bird and it was a pīwakawaka. It was elegant too.

Slime

By Olive Hunt

The slime oozed from my slippery hands. When I looked at the slime, it looked like sewage. The slime was smooshy, gooey and radioactive. It was as green as grass. It was as slimy as a snail trail. It looked as soft as a cloud in the sky.

Autumn

By Meah Potgeiter

I marched outside and I spotted a puddle of toadstools. I went to the ground to investigate the scarlet red mushrooms. I glanced at a burgundy leaf slowly falling from a colossal tree. I crunched a dead pumpkin leaf that was tearing apart in the cold autumn breeze. The bright pink flowers departed away from the emerald green bush. I love autumn because it is a very calm time for me and I was born in autumn.



Solving the Easter Mystery

A huge ngā mihi to Patrick and Lucy's whānau for responding to our request for old magazines. We received an abundance of cooking, gardening and horse magazines. Here they are in use during our favourite spelling activity, with students working in pairs and competing against others and the timer, to find the most kupu that fit our weekly spelling rules. It has been a great way to support our spelling program, oral language, collaborative learning and enriching vocabulary. Thank you!



Spelling activities

Most Fridays, we have S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths) hour in Tōtara which has been a huge hit. We have explored the principles of the design process and what that means in real life, made magnet-powered race tracks, experimented with slime recipes, learned about the life-cycle of leaves and why/how they change colour, and had an autumn themed S.T.E.A.M. day which resulted in beautiful creations like a playdough garden scene, picture frames decorated with autumn leaves, Lego trees, measurement activities and collage art. Next term, we will be making

dioramas, so please start saving your old shoe boxes for us.



Making slime

Sadly on Monday, our class Book Buddy 'Bob' returned to his home planet of OxyMoron with his brother 'Blob', after learning all he can from our clever readers and writers in Tōtara. Thank you for sharing Bob and our picture books with your whānau this term. We have loved seeing your photos with Bob and the students have made a collection of them for our library.



Playdough monsters writing motivation

It has been a joy to work with your amazing, hardworking and curious kids in term one. Ngā mihi, Whaea Siobhān.



Magnet powered race tracks

MUFTI DAY

Just a reminder that the last day of term is always a mufti day- no uniform needs to be worn. There is no charge to do this.

FAREWELL

With sadness, today we farewelled Tyler and Kopu who are moving to Piopio to live. We wish them and their whanau the best in their new home and school. Thank you everyone for the kai you provided for our farewell. Tyler, with his strong singing voice, led us in the waiata E Minaka Ana for one final time.



Tyler, Kopu and Apii

SKATE PARK PROGRESS

The current thinking is that we will have our skate park completed in about six weeks. Note that it will not be able to be used until officially opened as the concrete needs time to harden or it will get damaged.



The bowl is taking its final shape

KI-O-RAHI FESTIVAL

The Year 7/8's are looking forward to attending the Ki-o-Rahi Festival this Friday. The format is the same as previous years, they will learn the legend of Rahi which explains how the game was originated, as well as the rules. This will then be

followed by a mini tournament. We will be leaving school at approximately 9am and returning by 3pm at the latest. The briefing begins at 9.30am, followed by sorting teams at 9.40am, and starting at 10am. If you are meeting us there, please ensure you are at the Domain by 9.30am. Please bring a packed lunch/water, there will also be a BBQ running. Parking is at the pool car park or the Athletic car parks. Please see below for the transport list.

Driver	Students
Michelle Gavegan	Lucas, Oliver, Piata, Hazel
Jessica Walton	Pria, Chanae, Gin, Jamie
Meeting there	Delaize, Tilia, Ivy, Hopaea

THE SCHOOL SHOW

At tonight's performance, the children will be taking their costumes home at the end of the school day, they are to put them on at home and come to the hall at 5:45.

Tomorrow, please return any borrowed costumes unwashed- we will wash them as some are delicate and need to have a special wash. Thank you for your support with our show.

Below are some photos from yesterday's matinee performance.



Princess Nebula (Charlotte) with Qwerty (Ivy)



Daft Ada (Poppy) with Doctor Woo (Scarlett)



Nigel the Nookie (Nico) and Zak Solo (Brodie)



The Rebels flying the Millenium Penguin



Siri (Tilia) and Alexi (Hopaea)



Spocky (Harry) Roger (Mason) Over (Jack) and Ouch, I mean Out (Beau)



The Stars



The Diddy Squits from Oxymoron



Lord Yoga and Luke Warmwater



The Jelly Nits



The Racketeers



Queen Saffron Oregano (Haylee) and King Basil Oregano (Tyler)

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL

We had a fantastic start to the netball season in the weekend, with all of our students competing successfully at Grading Day. Our players worked hard, supported each other and represented our kura wonderfully (they also looked very flash in their new netball uniform!). Ōwhango Phoenix won 4 out of 5 of their games, and while our younger Ōwhango Lightning team didn't win many of their games, they played so well together. They are going to be a team to watch! Our biggest thanks to our wonderful coach Stacey, and all of the parents who spent the day supporting the teams. We are looking forward to netball next term and watching the teams progress.



The netballers

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

No game for Ōwhango this week due to our school production.

THS BASKETBALL COMPETITION AND SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Thank you to everyone who returned permission slips, it was great to see that we have enough players to enter a team. Games begin Friday 3rd May, the draw will be made available at the end of the week. Subs are \$10 per player, please pay this to the office by the end of the week.

Community Notices

GIRLS RIPPA RUGBY HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

See the poster below

ANZAC DAY MEMORIAL 25TH APRIL

See notice below.

FLOWERS FOR SALE- PTA fundraiser- a final reminder If you would like to purchase a bunch of freshly cut blooms, bountiful in colour and ready to brighten up yours or a friend's day, please txt me on 027 331 9377. I can make up a bunch to suit any budget and 20% of sales go toward the Owhango School PTA. Signed Regan Hoban

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

Ōwhango School: Uniform / stationery / sport fees pay to 03 0426 0141783 00

PTA: Fundraisers 030 426 0156205 00

2024 TERM DATES

Term One- 5th February to 12th April

Term Two- 29th April to 5th July

Term Three- 22nd July to 27th September

Term Four- 14th October to 18th December

Teacher Only Days- 4th June & 25th November

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THIS YEAR:

Duffy Books in Schools: W & C O'Donnell, Doyle Valuations, Ōwhango Motors, S & M Ashcroft Partnership, Tania and Mark Bramley.

Firewood- The Petersen's

Ōwhango Adventures: Free bus use for trips

Fern Energy Fuel for Schools Scheme: Blazing Paddles Ltd, Bos Taurus, DR & LA Marshall Ltd, JB & KA Lord, KF or VI Kimberley, MJ & TM Lord, MJ & KL Collier Partnership, O'Donnell WM & CE, Owhango Farms Ltd, RC & JF Walker, Rocket Excavations Ltd, Tylee Family Trust, W Bryan Earthworks Ltd, Waihou Farming Trust.

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Veolia- Free truck and trailer use

