



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

“Your time may be limited, but your imagination is not.” Unknown

DATES TO NOTE

12 th June	Tackle 5 Rugby
13 th June	Yr1-4 Interschool Soccer
20 th June	Crazy Hair Day
21 st June	Skate Park Grand Opening? 8:30am Yr 5-8 Interschool Soccer
26 th June	Hāngī Reports Issued
28 th June	Matariki- school closed
2 nd July	Assembly Parent- Teacher Interviews
4 th July	School Board Hui 7pm
5 th July	Bike Day Last Day of Term 2 – Mufti Day

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGES

Acoustic Panel Installation

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week we are getting acoustic panels attached onto the ceiling of the new classroom- Totara room. This will make a huge difference to the echoiness of this room. The other rooms had these installed two years ago. Due to this work, Whaea Siobhan’s Totara class will be working from the Ōwhango Hall for most of their lessons, returning to school for their morning tea and lunchtimes. Please drop off and pick your children up as per normal.

Reports

The teachers are busy putting the final touches to the individual reports. These will be issued on Wednesday 26th June. We write these reports twice a year- mid year and end of year. They should give you a comprehensive understanding of how your child is going at school, academically and socially. Alongside this we do parent-teacher interviews mid-year. The booking form for these

go out with the reports, with the interviews taking place after school on Tuesday 2nd July.

WELCOME TO ŌWHANGO

We extend a warm welcome to Archer (year three) who was sick last week so didn’t get his photo into the newsletter.



Archer is in Tōtara room

CLASSROOM KŌRERO - Kahikatea Class

We have been busy in Kahikatea over the last few weeks. With Matariki approaching at the end of the month, we have been learning about the star cluster, retelling the legend of Matariki, learning waiata and reading, listening and sharing stories. We will also be learning our pepeha, and using the technology and arts curriculum to explore Matariki further.

At the beginning of the year I set myself a goal of learning to play the ukelele. The children have jumped on board with me, and together, we are making progress! We dedicate one afternoon a week to this. We’ve learnt 4 chords, we’re able to play a few songs and we’re getting pretty good at changing chords and strumming!

Your child will have brought home an ‘Our Kids Online’ information letter this week for you to read. This is to let you know that we will be

beginning the Informed and Empowered Online Course titled Online Safety in Kahikatea this week. The letter outlines what we will be learning about over the next few weeks. At the end of the module, your child will bring home their Online Safety Plan to share with you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, Whaea Theresa.



Ukulele time

MATARIKI HĀNGĪ - Matariki heri kai

The theme for 2024 is **Matariki heri kai** and comes from the Māori proverb 'Matariki whetū heri kai' which means 'Matariki the bringer of food'. Therefore, it is very apt that we celebrate the beginning of the Māori new year with a hāngī!

Food is central to the celebration of Matariki, and Māori believe that the appearance of Matariki in the morning sky in winter would determine the success or failure of kai harvesting.

We look forward to seeing all those that are able to make it to our Matariki Hāngī on **Wednesday 26th June at approximately 12:30 at the Ōwhango Hall.**

SKI CAMP- permission slips overdue

We are going through the permission slips at present. There are several parents who have not sent theirs in- an email went out on Monday to remind those people. **Please get them in today** so that we can proceed with planning this camp. Your prompt action makes our job a lot easier.

INTERSCHOOL SOCCER TOURNAMENT-changes!

The Year 1-4 Interschool Soccer Tournament is to be held tomorrow, Thursday 13th June.

The Year 5-8 tournament **has been postponed** due to the rain forecast and will now be held the following week, on Friday 21st June. Please contact the school if you are no longer able to provide transport on this new date.

Please see the transport arrangements below. **We will be leaving school at 8.45am** The delegate/team manager briefing is at 9.10am, with the first games being played at 9.30am and returning before 3pm. The Taumarunui Youth and Community Trust will be fundraising with BBQ food and drinks available for sale over the two days, all funds go towards helping run the events. Please note: Players must wear shoes - no shoes will mean players will be removed from the game. Moulds, soccer shoes or rugby boots are OK (NO METAL SPRIGS ALLOWED). We're looking forward to another fantastic Interschool Competition and supporting TYCT's 'Positive Vibes Only' ethos.

Transport- Year 1-4- tomorrow

Driver	Students
Mrs Martin	Archer, Brodie, Billie, Jack O.
Stacey	Millie, Eric, Rosa, Indie
Maree	Haylee, Te Hana, Azalea, Hunter
Whaea Siobhan	Daithí,
Meet there	Meah, Nico, Harry, Olive, Elliott, Kyston, Patrick, Lucy, Ainsley, Jackson, Ellie-Rose, Quinn, Molly, Leiki, Harper, Decan, Kotuku,
Waiting on permission slip	Aria,
Not attending	Ben, Coby, Sheeran, Janey, Evie, Myer, Lila,

Transport- Year 5-8- next week

Driver	Students
Regan	Freida, Monty, Beau, Charlotte
Michelle G	Lucas, Oliver, Keira, Whaea Jessie
Cara	Hazel, Darcy, Gin, Chanae, Jamie, Piata
Carly	Jonny, Mason
Meet there	Delaize, Tilia, Hopaea, Zurich, Soren, Jack, Aleah, Hayzin, Poppy, Kaelyis-Rae, Juan, Tahu
Waiting on permission slip	Boyd
Not attending	Lo'i, Ivy

CRAZY HAIR DAY – date change

Due to the soccer date change clashing with our Crazy Hair Day, we are now going to do it on Thursday next week. On this day the kids can go

crazy with their hair, and to add to the fun they can also go crazy with their clothes- they don't have to wear their uniform.

BIKE-A-THON UPDATE

Thank you everyone for the effort you made to get sponsors for our bike-a-thon last week, and to those who were able to come along on the day to support your child/ren and to help us count the laps. Without this support we could not run this event.

Just a reminder that the money raised is all earmarked for our ski camp. Without the PTA and Board subsidies, the cost for the camp would rise to \$432 per student; however, with the generous subsidies we have managed to get the cost down to \$132 per student.

Please get the money into the office once you have collected it. I will update you on the total raised in a future Pānui, once it is all received. See the photos below, too. We also need the sponsor forms back please with the payments.

Bike-a-thon House Points

Please return the sponsor sheets when you hand in your money received so we can work out who gets the house points for most sponsors.

Congratulations to the following students who earned house points for the lap counts:

Most laps- 5 house points for each

- Year 1 + 2 Quinn and Leiki 15 laps
- Year 3 + 4 Kyston 20 laps
- Year 5 + 6 Jack P. 25 laps
- Year 7 + 8 Lucas 25 laps



Quinn on his way to doing 15 laps!



Haylee is a flash of pink amongst the green



Pre-schooler Remy managed to do 13 laps!



Archer and Harry



Congestion in the trees, part of the challenge is negotiating your way around the other riders

SKATE PARK PROGRESS - OPENING DATE

We have a tentative date for the official opening of our skate park- Friday 21st June. As this also clashes with the new date for the year 5-8 soccer tournament, we will hold the opening at 8:30am. This is tentative as it depends on the weather- there is still a lot of concreting to be poured, and if it is raining too much this will delay the work. We will update you on this in next week's Pānui.



The last of the features are being concreted



This double hump could not fit into the planned area without taking out our kowhai tree, so instead we added it to our existing scooter track. This is a win-win as the kids have asked for a hump on the scooter track after it was constructed.

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Week 10 Wednesday 12th June
Game 1 - 3.30pm Semi Final
Ōwhango vs TPS Thunder

TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL

Week 7 Thursday 13th June
Court 2 3.30pm Ōwhango Phoenix v St Pat's Wolves
Court 4 4.20pm Ōwhango Lightning Bolts v Manunui Champs

THS BASKETBALL PRIMARY COMPETITION

Friday 14th June
THS Gym 6pm Ōwhango vs Tarrangower

Community Notices

REAP SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

See the posters below

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

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

PTA: Fundraisers 030 426 0156205 00

2024 REMAINING TERM DATES

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

Fern Energy Fuel for Schools Scheme

Hellers- Free sausages

Blue Hill Café – Netball sponsorship

Ōwhango Adventures: Free bus use for trips

PTA Fundraiser- New World, Silver Fern Farms, North Fuels, Balle Brothers

Silver Fern Farms- Free schnitzel

Veolia- Free truck and trailer use

VetEnt- Sponsorship through their drench sales