



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

“He peka titoki e kore e whati.”
A branch of the titoki tree will not break,
(it will endure because it is tough).

DATES TO NOTE

16 th May	Farewell morning tea- tomorrow
17 th May	Rippa Rugby year 1-4 Tournament
24 th May	Senior Class Orienteering Event
28 th May	Assembly
3 rd June	King's Birthday Holiday
4 th June	Teacher- Only Day- school closed
7 th June	Bike-a-thon
13 th June	Yr1-4 Interschool Soccer
14 th June	Yr5-8 Interschool Soccer
21 st June	Crazy Hair Day
27 th June	Bike Day
28 th June	Matariki
2 nd July	Assembly
	Parent- Teacher Interviews
4 th July	School Board Hui 7pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

The Office

Karen Erni is on leave at present so please be patient if you need something that is usually done via the office. You may need to make an appointment to see us if we are busy.

The Big Reconnect

Thank you to the whānau who came to our Big Reconnect hui last Wednesday night. The feedback was positive and clear that these issues are very important and the guidance on what you can do at home to keep our children safe are essential.

Some have asked if they can access this presentation at home as they want to watch it with their partners or couldn't make it on the night due to other commitments- yes you can. If you log onto The Big Reconnect (I will add the instructions again below) the programme is

called Informed and Empowered and you will see the whole programme in there. Go to the Educate Your Parent and Caregiver Communities 2024- which is the presentation we showed- it is made up of six different videos, which we watched back-to-back. Here is a screenshot of what you will see.

Educate Your Parent & Caregiver Communities - 2024

✓ 8 / 8 complete

✓ Cyber Safety Presentation 2024 - Part 1
(17:00)

✓ Cyber Safety Presentation 2024 - Part 2
(14:21)

✓ Cyber Safety Presentation 2024 - Part 3
(9:59)

✓ Cyber Safety Presentation 2024 - Part 4
(15:04)

✓ Cyber Safety Presentation 2024 - Part 5
(12:54)

✓ Cyber Safety Presentation 2024 - Part 6
(13:45)

To log in follow these steps-

To get free access to The Informed and Empowered course, please click on the following link: [The Big Reconnect](#) (you will need to view this newsletter on your browser for the hyperlink to work). This will take you to the main page for you to enrol in the course.

Click **ENROL NOW** This will then take you to the enrolment page.

Step 1 On the left side of the page put in your email address

Step 2 On the right-hand side of the page click on **Add Coupon Code** then copy and paste OWHANGOFREE

Step 3 Then click on **apply**

Step 4 Click on [get it for free](#)

This will then take you to a new page for you to:

Step 5 Add your name

Step 6 Create a password

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need help accessing this presentation. The teachers will commence the teaching modules shortly that will support what you are putting in place at home to keep your children cyber safe.

Tips for Creating an Online Family Plan

I have attached this information that was given out at the hui, at the bottom of this newsletter. Note the hyperlinks will only work if you view it via your login with The Big Reconnect.

CLASSROOM KŌRERO- Kahikatea Class

Last week Kahikatea began their new project with Whaea Regan. They are in the process of making pottery bowls which they will use for kai made from our garden. Garden to plate learning in action!

They started with kneading and working the clay to ensure that there are no air bubbles in the clay. Air bubbles mean that the bowl will not survive when they are fired in the kiln.

First they used a small bowl as a mould for their clay bowl, but quickly discovered that the clay stuck to the mould and they couldn't get a sturdy design. Whaea Regan then showed the kids how to make a pinch pot. It was a tricky process, making sure they pinched 'up' rather than 'out' in order to make a bowl with a thick base and strong sides.

They then used various instruments to create patterns and texture on the side of their bowls. The clay will sit out to dry for a week before the next step...firing and then glazing. Watch this space!



Zurich with his bowl and spoon



Mason with his clay bowl. Mason cleverly added a handle to his design.

SCHOOL BOARD HUI

At last week's hui we discussed the insurance of the ancillary buildings, how our finances are tracking, the property report and our priorities for the next five years, the Tukino Ski Camp, and we reviewed four policies.

ANOTHER FAREWELL MORNING TEA

Sadly, we have another family who are moving away from our school area- Scarlett and Finley Bryant. Therefore we will be having another farewell morning tea **tomorrow**, Thursday. If families can please provide a plate of food to share it would be much appreciated.

FAREWELL PRIA

Thank you everyone who provided the farewell morning tea last Friday for Pria. It is lovely to send off our children with these ceremonies, to acknowledge their time with us and the impact they have had on our school.



Pria reads the farewell card the children made for her, while Whaea Jessie reminisces about Pria's time at Ōwhango School.

BIKE-A-THON PTA FUNDRAISER

This year's bike-a-thon will be held on the afternoon of Friday 7th June. The sponsorship forms went out with last week's Pānui- one for each child. Please support the children as they try to get sponsors. This year's fundraiser is going towards our Tukino Ski Camp. Sponsorship forms must be returned to school by Friday 31st May.

PINK SHIRT DAY

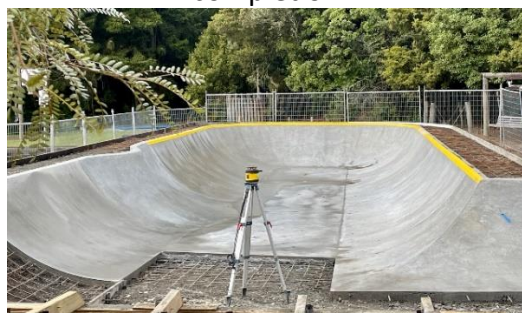
We will be participating in this year's anti-bullying Pink Shirt Day on this Tuesday 21st May. Children can wear a pink shirt, or pink clothes, or pink hair, or pink something. If not participating, they must wear their uniform. There is no cost to participate in this.

SKATE PARK PROGRESS

The concrete pumping truck has had to go to Levin for maintenance, the closest repair place for this specialist equipment. However progress continues...



The quarter pipe is well on its way to completion



The floor of the bowl has begun to be poured, yellow edge paint added and the top ledges are prepared for pouring.

YEAR 1-4 INTERSCHOOL RIPPA RUGBY

Year 1-4 Rippa Rugby is this Friday 17th May. Please note that there has been a change of venue, it is now to be held at **Cherry Grove**,

Taumarunui. There is also a later start time, so we will be departing school just after 9:00am, the coaches and delegates **briefing is at 9:30- all coaches are to attend this please**.

Make sure you are wearing your green sports shirt, you have your warm school jersey for between games, a big lunch and plenty of water. Remember, there are no gumboots, soccer boots etc to be worn. Soft-soled sneakers or bare feet are required.

Transport

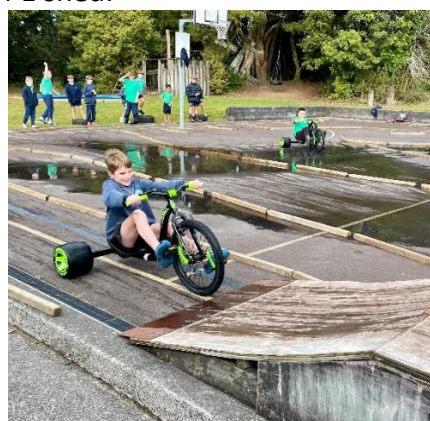
Driver	Passengers
Maxine	Evie, Brodie, Billie, Decan
Mark	Harry, Mr Starkey,
James	Olive, Quinn,
Stacey	Millie, Eric, Whaea Siobhan, Daithi
Dale	Rosa, Indie,
Grace	Leiki
Hari	Aria, Jack,
Maree	Haylee, Te Hana
No permission in yet	Myer, Lila, Jackson, Kotuku,
Meet there	Meah, Nico, Elliott, Kyston, Patrick, Azalea, Lucy, Ainsley, Finley, Ellie-Rose, Molly, Ben, Harper, Hunter

INTERSCHOOL ORIENTEERING

Thank you for returning permission slips. Teams have now been registered and entered. Orienteering will be taking place on Friday 24th May at the Polocrosse Grounds in Manunui, further information will be in next week's panui.

NEW DRIFT TRIKES

Thanks to our farmers who nominated our school in the recent drench promotion at VetEnt. We have used the \$500 earned to buy two drift trikes for the PE shed.



At lunchtime the kids have set up a racetrack; here Monty heads up the ramp while Delaize leaves the pits

ONE MORE THANK YOU

We forgot to thank Kim Peterson for her mahi organising of the PTA food stall at the T42 event. Kim put a lot of time into making this happen, even though she has not got children at our school anymore.

HEALTH CONSULTATION

If you would like to view and comment on our health curriculum delivery in our Curriculum Delivery Document, then come to the school and ask Ewan Starkey for it.

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Game for Week 6 - Wednesday 15th May
Game 3 - 4.55pm
TPS Chiefs vs Ōwhango

TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL

Games for Week 3 - Thursday 16th May
3.30pm Court 4 Te Pihinga v Ōwhango
Lightning Bolts
4.20pm Court 2 Manunui NZ v Ōwhango
Phoenix

THS PRIMARY BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Game for Week 3 - Friday 17th May
6pm Ōwhango v Tarrangower

Community Notices

AUT Research- an invitation to participate- see the poster below

Ōwhango Water Network notice- see the poster 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

Has your child received support for

ANXIETY or ADHD?



AUT
TE WĀNANGA ARONUI
O TĀMĀKĀI MĀKĀU RĀU

Tell us about their experiences, and you could
win 1 of 20 \$30 vouchers!

We are researchers and postgraduate students from AUT, currently investigating treatments for anxiety and ADHD. Parents (of children aged 5-11, living in NZ, with anxiety and/or ADHD symptoms) are invited to participate in the anonymous online survey.

TIPS FOR CREATING AN ONLINE FAMILY PLAN

THE PLAN

- Create a plan & help build resilience in the online world.
- Be intentional/willing to learn
- Think about limiting beliefs - am I feeling overwhelmed? etc.
- It is normal to feel uncomfortable in this space, but it does get easier.
- Don't feel guilty if you learn something that you wish had known a while ago. We are all new to this.
- For this generation of parents, there is no precedent. We are all just trying the best we can.
- Include your children when putting together the plan, stay firm but fair.
- Create and print out/draw/paint your agreed plan and put it somewhere it can be accessed by all. Give it a name - "The Smith Family Online Plan"
- Be positive 😊 Technology can be awesome.

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- What ages are my kids? - different rules for different ages.
- At what age do I want my child to have their own device? Which device?
- Will we download and use a digital citizen contract? Click [here](#) for great example.
- Is there a communal device?
- Is there a space that can be used as a supervised communal area for technology?
- What screen time limits will we have?
- How will we balance screen time in terms of fun vs school work time?
- Am I being proactive in continued engagement with my child's online world and their education around online safety?
- Do my children know what to do in an exposure situation?

CHECKLIST

- Watched '[Our Kids Online: Porn, Predators & How To Keep Them Safe](#)'
- Watched 'The Social Dilema' on Netflix.
- Watched '[Childhood 2.0](#)'
- Bought Filters/Monitoring apps for home and devices.
- Implemented 'No Devices in Bedrooms' safety rule.
- Made the home a safe place for kids to ask questions and have discussions.
- Know where to find reporting information if needed.
- Know where to find further information resources if needed.
- Books and/or recommended interviews/information videos.
- Implemented offline ways to reconnect as a family.





***NOTICE OF UNPLANNED CHANGE OF WATER SUPPLY
TO***

**Owhango Water Network
15/5/2024 to 20/05/2024**

Dear Residents,

Due to a leak in the Owhango WTP reservoir, Veolia will be undertaking an urgent repair to the reservoir tank liner. This work will be carried out over approximately 4 days and the town supply will be run through a bypass system to isolate the reservoir.

We **do not** expect any supply issues while the reservoir is bypassed but as with any work outside the normal treatment process we must look at mitigating all potential risks that may result in non compliant drinking water supply.

Veolia staff will be undertaking real time monitoring and frequent sampling while the reservoir is on bypass. In the unlikely event of a non compliance issue during this process RDC will immediately issue a boil water notice that will be communicated through the RDC website and Facebook page as well as boil water notice letters visible at the Owhango School, Blue Hill Cafe, Owhango Motors, Owhango Hotel and the Post Office letter box stand.

A potable water tanker will be available for drinking water. This will be situated at the Owhango Hotel during this time.

If you experience any drop in pressure, taste or odour issues please call RDC on

078958188

Thank you.