



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

Whakapuputia mai o manuka, kia kore ai e whati
— *Cluster the branches of the manuka so they will not break.*

DATES TO NOTE

20 th June	Crazy Hair Day
21 st June	Yr 5-8 Interschool Soccer
26 th June	Hāngī
	Reports Issued
	Tackle 5 Rugby Regional Finals
27 th June	Skate Park Grand Opening 1:30pm
28 th June	Matariki- school closed
2 nd July	Assembly 2:15pm
	Parent- Teacher Interviews
4 th July	School Board Hui 7pm
5 th July	Bike Day (with the skate park!)
	Last Day of Term 2 – Mufti Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Transportation to Events

We appreciate our parents' efforts to get the children to the various events we do by transporting them there. Unfortunately, we are noticing that an increasing number of people are choosing to take their children and meet us at an event rather than come via school to pick up additional children. This meant that at last week's soccer tournament we struggled to have enough transport, and we didn't have enough room for the gazebo to shelter under.

The intention of having '*We will meet you at the venue*' on the permission slip was for those who live in or close Taumarunui to meet us there rather than travel into school then back to the venue; however, increasing numbers of people are choosing this option and bypassing the school to take only their children to the event.

We understand that some people are on restricted licences and therefore cannot legally take other children.

But can people in the future please help us a little more by offering the spare seats in their cars to transport our students to these events?

We provide petrol money for those who take other children to help with this cost. (Note that we are a bit behind on these payments as Karen has been on leave, but we are keeping a record of them and will catch up on this when she returns.)

We also only ask for parent help if we think it is an event that you would be interested in watching, therefore we use buses for things like the deep-water pool lessons. But if we were to use buses for every event we would incur substantial cost increases.

Thank you.

WELCOME BACK KIM

We are delighted to have Kim Petersen return to our staff; she is working in class as a teacher aide.



Whaea Kim

CLASSROOM KŌRERO – Tōtara Class

Tōtara would like to thank our wonderful and supportive audience that took time to attend our book launch last week. The students worked really hard over a number of weeks to write, edit, illustrate and then present their fantastic pukapuka (book) 'Ōwhango's Worst Children'. They have really enjoyed being authors and

illustrators so thank you for celebrating their writing achievement alongside them. Ngā mihi nui.



Patrick proudly reads his hilarious story at our book launch.

Tōtara has been a hive of activity in the build up to Matariki. We have been exploring our pepeha with whānau and we have turned the information into clever and creative dioramas, we have written about what Matariki means to us (see below) and read some beautiful pukapuka that have deepened our understanding of the importance of Matariki in te ao Māori. We continue our Matariki mahi this week by baking Matariki themed biscuits, creating some whetū (star) art and planning our hāngī menu.



Nico & Myer with their dioramas



Daithi O'g & TeHana with their visual pepeha

Some wonderful writers work:
Matariki By Olive Hunt

Matariki is a time when you celebrate the people that have passed.
It is also a constellation of whetū. My grandad is a glistening whetū now.
I believe that Māori people sing waiata to the whetū. My whānau get in the car and see if we can see the stars at my Nana's.
My Mummy loves Waiti and she always peers at her. Mummy says that Matariki is Grandad, a beautiful star.

Matariki By Daithi O'g Murphy
Matariki is the Māori new year. It is also a constellation of whetū. It is a time to harvest kai. People come together to celebrate with kai. At our school we will have a superb hāngī. We will come together to enjoy a marvellous feast. My whānau will peer at the flamboyant stars through my colossal telescope.

Matariki By Nico Brewer
Matariki is an immense celebration of a cluster of whetū. Sometimes we harvest fat, savoury kūmara and potatoes.
Matariki is a time to remember people who have passed.
At Matariki there are nine stars called Waipūnarangi, Ururangi, Matariki, Waiti and Waita.
My family march outside into the open then we scan the sky which is as dark as obsidian.

Matariki By Lucy Atkins
Matariki is a special time of year. It is the Māori new year.
It is a time to remember loved whānau who have passed away.
We will have a hāngī at school to celebrate Matariki.
We will celebrate the dazzling stars. There are nine glimmering whetū in the Matariki cluster.

In maths, our amazing mathematicians are loving getting to grips with multiplication. We are using arrays, equal grouping, everyday problems and even lego to understand the concept of multiplying.



Multiplying Millie

We now have 15 class pets in Tōtara... earthworms! We shared a story in class about a boy who finds worms gross but accepts them as he learns how fascinating and helpful they are. This encouraged our little scientist to gather a large jar of soil and to go hunting for worms in the rain. One of our reading groups took on the task of researching worms and learning how to care for them.



Getting to know our new pet worms

We learned they like to eat rotting leaves and fruit scraps, but not orange peels! And although they have no eyes, they do not like light which they can sense. The group then created informative posters to display by the worm jar. We are fortunate to have the Zero Waste team visiting next week, and they will extend our worm knowledge by teaching us all about worm farms and composting.

The class have been enjoying the challenge of solving jigsaws as a class, each placing a few pieces each day to complete their puzzle and earn a reward.



Lila steps up to help solve our puzzle

It has been a great team building exercise. If you have any old 100-300 piece puzzles at home that you are happy to part with, complete with all pieces, we would make good use of them in Tōtara.

Whaea Siobhān.

COOKING WITH KAHIKATEA

On Friday Kahikatea made corn tortillas with Whaea Regan. This started last year in Spring when we germinated the corn seeds and planted them in our mara kai. After a few months we picked the corn and dried it in the classroom. Once the corn was dried we picked all the corn off the cob. On Friday, Whaea Regan ground the corn in a blender and we mixed it with flour, salt and water. We left the mixture in bowls for ten minutes to soak in. Then we rolled the dough into small balls and squashed it flat. Whaea Regan put them in a sandwich press to cook. Once it was all done, we brought in the pot of cooked mince that Jonny had shared with us. Jonny had killed the pig with his Dad and minced it. Our corn tortillas were delicious!

By Charlotte Owen



Jonny rolling his tortilla



Cooking tortilla



Zurich, Monty and Soren eating tortilla

MATARIKI HĀNGĪ – Next Wednesday 26 June

Ka mahuta a Matariki i te pae, ka mahuta ō tātou tūmanako ki te tau

When Matariki rises above the horizon, our aspirations rise to the year ahead.

We are busy organising a very special Matariki kai for our Ōwhango School whānau to be held **next Wednesday 26th June at approximately 12:30 at the Ōwhango Hall.**

We are wanting the children involved as much as possible with the preparation of the food, putting down the hāngī, taking out the hāngī and finally serving the food. It's such a rich learning experience.

Earl Smith will be putting down the hāngī at school at approximately 9am. He will be taking it out at approximately 12:30. Nau mai, haere mai. We are looking forward to sharing the afternoon with you all. Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith.

SKI CAMP

We now have all of the permission slips in. We have a few spare spaces so we are opening those up to parents who would like to have a second parent come along. This would be at a cost of \$360 (+skis \$410) for the week. Please contact Ewan if you are interested in this. If it is

oversubscribed, we will be drawing the names out of a hat.

INTERSCHOOL SOCCER TOURNAMENT Y5-8 YEAR 5-8 INTER SCHOOL SOCCER

The Year 5-8 Interschool Soccer Tournament is to be held this Friday 21st June. Please see the transport arrangements below. We will be **leaving school at 8.45am**. The delegate/team managers' 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, 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 okay (NO METAL SPRIGS ALLOWED). We're looking forward to another fantastic Interschool Competition and supporting TYCT's 'Positive Vibes Only' ethos.

Transport- Year 5-8

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

INTERSCHOOL SOCCER TOURNAMENT Y1-4

Our soccer teams played really well at Cherry Grove last Thursday, with some impressive wins and a few nail-biting losses. Ultimately students were encouraged to support each other, try their best and have fun and we saw all of that in abundance. Thanks to all of our managers and for all the whānau who supplied transport. See the photos below



Daihi defends the ball



Meah prepares to kick



What to do when waiting for the ball



Showing respect at the end of the game

CRAZY HAIR DAY – tomorrow

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. Anyone not getting crazy must wear their uniform!

BIKE-A-THON UPDATE

Keep your sponsorship money and forms coming in please. We have about half of it in now. Once it has all arrived we will be able to announce how much was raised and which students get house points for their outstanding efforts.

**SKATE PARK PROGRESS –
OPENING DATE CHANGE**

Due to the rain forecast interfering with the last concrete pours, we have pushed the skate park opening date back to Thursday 27th June @ 1:30pm. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony and hopefully the men from J Stone Skate Parks, who have built our park will demonstrate their skills on their skateboards (one of whom is a NZ champion). You are all welcome to come and celebrate this exciting addition to our community.



The final concrete pour to finish off the base is happening

HELMETS WITH WHEELS

With the opening of our skate park, we have reviewed our helmet rule and have extended the compulsory wearing of helmets for anyone using a wheeled toy- for example scooters, roller skates, ezyrollers, drift bikes, inline skates, skateboards. We have some helmets in the PE shed for them to borrow, but if they are bringing their own equipment they need to also bring a helmet.



Oliver and Jonny enjoy the new double hump on the scooter track

ACOUSTIC PANELS

The installers of the acoustic panels in Whaea Siobhan's room completed their work on Monday, and they have made a huge difference to the ambience of the classroom. Thanks to Tōtara class for their flexibility on the day, by working in the hall. Your reward is a nice, quiet working environment.

TACKLE 5 RUGBY

Last week, Monty, Jonny, Mason, Jack, Hayzin, and Kaelyis-Rae went to Te Kuiti to compete in the Tackle 5 rugby tournament. This was open to children who are in year 5 or 6 and play tackle rugby in the weekend. We had two students from National Park help us to make a boys team, and our two girls joined Manunui to form a girls team. All of the students enjoyed the day, with the girls' team getting forth, and qualifying for the Chief's Regional Tackle 5 Finals at Mt Maunganui on the 26th of June. Congratulations to all of the players and thanks to the parents who transported and supported them on the day.



Kaelyis-Rae and Hayzin at the Tackle 5 event

ZERO WASTE

On Monday and Tuesday next week we have the Zero Waste educator working with each class on waste minimisation the age-appropriate topics covered will be- Is this rubbish / composting / resource sustainability.

ASSEMBLY

We have another assembly on Tuesday 2nd July. This will be hosted by Whaea Theresa's class, Kahikatea. It starts at 2:15. All welcome.

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Finals week 11 Wednesday 19th June
Game 2 - 4.05pm Final for 7th vs. 8th place
Owhango vs Tokirima Hunters
Prize giving on the 26th of June.

TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL

Note - our first game is at **3.20pm**
Thursday 20th June
3.20pm Court 3 Owhango Phoenix v St Pat's Wolves
3.20pm Court 4 Owhango Lightning Bolts v St Pats Jaguars
4.10pm Court 2 NVS v Owhango Phoenix
5.00pm Court 4 Owhango Lightning Bolts v Manunui Champs

BASKETBALL PRIMARY COMPETITION

Friday 21st June
At this stage, there are no games for Ōwhango. The draw states "4.30pm The top two teams play for 1st and 2nd." If this changes, we will let you know.

Community Notices

REAP SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

See the posters below (please note these fell off the page in last week's Pānui!)

ŌWHANGO COMMUNITY MID WINTER DINNER

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



Central King Country REAP
Te Manu Korero O Nga Matauranga



Karate Kids

Come and have a go at Karate!
Meet at REAP and we will walk together to the Martial Arts Hall where Lara will teach us all about this ancient Martial Art.

Date: Wednesday 17th July 2024

Time: 9.30am - 12pm

Cost: \$2 per person

Suitable for children over 8 years

Requirements: Wear comfortable clothes and bring a bottle of water.

To avoid disappointment please book early: spaces are limited

To enrol - Call into the REAP office at 115 Hakiha Street



Central King Country REAP
Te Manu Korero O Nga Matauranga
Children's Workshop



Let your imagination run free!
You will each be given a bag with some mystery items inside, it is up to you to choose what you will create.

WHERE: CKC REAP

WHEN: 11TH JULY, 2024

TIME: 10AM - 12PM

COST: \$2 PER CHILD



SUITABLE FOR 7 YEARS AND OLDER

Limited Spaces - book early to avoid disappointment

Call into the REAP office to book your space

115 Hakiha Street

**ORRIS INVITES THE ŌWHANGO COMMUNITY TO OUR
COMMUNITY MID WINTER DINNER 2024**

*Join us for a get-together during Winter.
A time to meet, greet and share*

WHERE : Ōwhango Hall
WHEN: Saturday, 27th of July
5.30pm - 8pm.
Meals to be served at 6pm

Bring a plate to share (meat, vegetables or dessert)
Bring your own drinks