



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

"These trying times are the good old days we'll be longing for in a few years." Jose Ferrer

DATES TO NOTE

24 th May	Senior Class Orienteering Event
28 th May	Assembly 2:15pm
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
26 th June	Bike Day
27 th June	Hāngī
28 th June	Matariki
2 nd July	Assembly
	Parent- Teacher Interviews
4 th July	School Board Hui 7pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

My Resignation

At the beginning of this year I informed the school board that next year will be my last year as the principal of Ōwhango School. I have given them a lot of warning to allow the school plenty of time to transition to a new principal and to give the current teachers thinking time to consider whether they want to take on the challenge of the position.

I am informing you, the school community now as I am not keeping this information a secret, and I would rather you hear it from me than through the bush telegraph.

My reasons for retiring from the education profession are many, foremost being that I will be taking over running our accommodation business from my husband, Tim, who is retiring. Also, after 34 years in this profession, I want to pursue other interests that I have not had time to do while I have been in this role, and in the

back of my mind is the advice that my predecessor, Joy Brown, said to me- "Don't leave it too late to do the things you want to do."

Next year the board will begin the process of advertising and appointing a new principal, who will start at the beginning of 2026.

Ski Camp

We are getting the Tukino Ski Camp information out early as it is such a massive organisational undertaking, and so you have time to budget for this. Please note that we do not need any money now but needs to be paid before we go. Please read all of the information at the end of this Pānuī. We need the permission slips in by 1st June so that planning can proceed. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

CLASSROOM KŌRERO - Tōtara Class

Tōtara ended term one with two engaging mini units. The first was all about ANZAC Day, with students bringing in whānau artefacts (inc. photos, medals, water bottles, a pay and service record notebook) from World War One and World War Two to discuss and share with the class. We did some critical thinking to imagine the sacrifices soldiers, doctors and nurses make to protect Aotearoa New Zealand, read picture books, learned about life in the trenches, and created some special poppy artworks.

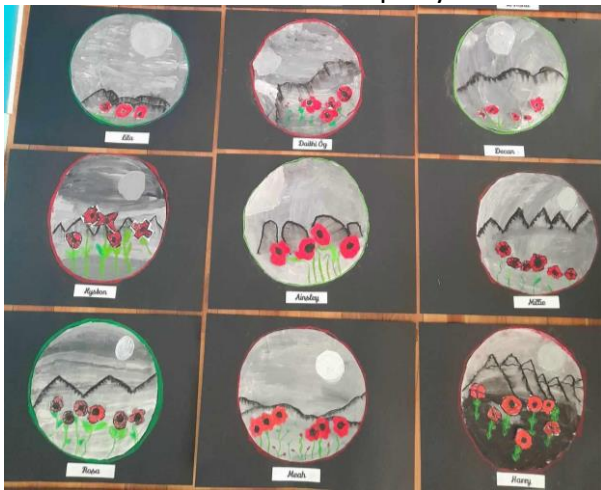
Our second mini unit was based on our shared class book 'Alice in Wonderland', we completed comprehension activities, compared the book to the 1951 movie, designed and created Mad Hatter hats, and ended the term with a Mad Hatter's tea party. What fun!



Mad Hatter's tea party.



Elliott adds vinegar to milk to create curds and whey



Artworks to commemorate our ANZACs.

In science, we have been exploring how heat or added ingredients can change the taste, texture or structure of food products. This curious bunch of tamariki LOVE hands-on experiments and have enjoyed creating curds and whey, different types of popcorn and observing the effects of salt and sugar when applied to cucumber. TeHana and Harry braved tasting the curds and whey but decided it didn't taste as bad as it looked! Patrick observed of the popcorn, "The water inside the kernel turns to steam and pops the skin and that's how I think we get popcorn". Ainsley added, "I think they turn out to be different types because the kernels are different sizes and shapes". And Brodie noted of the cucumber pieces heaped with either salt or sugar, "The salt is dissolving into it but the sugar is absorbing the water". Our House of Science boxes provide rich learning experiences and a great chance to expand our scientific language and thinking!



Ainsley and Haylee explore and record the texture of two types of popcorn



Brodie examines hydration and dehydration

Tōtara would like to extend a big thank you to Matt Lord and Mark Bramley who helped us prepare for the Interschool Rippa Rugby Competition last week, with regular coaching sessions. Thank you also to our team managers on the day; Dale, James, Mark and Jahbon, for

getting us to the right games on time. There was a great display of skill, sportsmanship, leadership and positive attitudes from all of our players on the day. Tino pai tamariki mā.



Ōwhango All Blacks



Ōwhango Rippas

Last week, students brought home pepeha booklets to complete with the help of their whānau, some of these are yet to be returned and are needed to proceed with our mahi, so please remind your child to bring their booklet to school tomorrow. Students are learning that Māori traditionally used pepeha to introduce themselves and to make connections with others. This tikanga is widely used throughout Aotearoa New Zealand by Māori and non-Māori alike. It has been great to see students connect with each other through shared iwi or ancestral heritage. We will now use art and technology to display our pepeha in the form of dioramas. Thank you to all whānau who donated shoe boxes for this project. Watch this space!

We are having plenty of fun in writing this term by creating an hilarious class book based on our shared novel 'The World's Worst Children' by David Walliams. We are learning about the structure of narratives and features like humour, characters, settings, problems and solutions that make texts interesting. We are completing our individual chapters this week

and will then go on to illustrate them in the style of Tony Ross. We have talked about having a book launch like real authors do, and TeHana has taken this a step further by asking if we can create posters to persuade people to come to our launch and to convince them to read our book. Looks like it's persuasive writing next....

Enjoy these sneak peeks from chapters in Ōwhango's Worst Children:

"The next day, suddenly, and out of nowhere, a colossal bogey appeared!" -**Billie**

"Every day in detention, the cunning teacher put pins on **HIS** chair. This hurt his big bum and he felt miserable. He never tricked his teacher again!" -**Patrick**

"He was so pesky! He was marching to school and spotted a bunch of petite kids. He was thinking of an immense plan to get all of them!"

-**Nico**

Lastly, a little celebration of some of our avid readers in Tōtara. Congratulations to Azalea, Patrick, Daithī Ōg, Myer and Kyston who have all read over 30 books each on our digital reading program Epic since we began using the platform last term. Kyston has read a prolific 56 books in that time and as a result was awarded some beautiful pukapuka about Matariki for his achievement. I am so proud of each student in Tōtara for their hard work and efforts so far this term. Whaea Siobhān.



Patrick, Kyston, Myer, Daithī Ōg and Azalea (absent) are awarded certificates for reading.

ASSEMBLY

The junior room, kowhai class, will be hosting our assembly on Tuesday next week. It will start at 2:15pm. You are all welcome to come and hear what the juniors have been up to.

FAREWELL MORNING TEA

Thank you everyone who provided the farewell morning tea on Friday for Scarlett and Finley. We look forward to seeing them at interschool events and Scarlett will continue to play for our netball team this season.



Scarlett, Finley and Centaine

HANGI

As part of our Matariki celebrations, we are looking at having a hāngī at school on Thursday 27th June. Friend of our school, Lacy, has offered to organise this, but we would love other whānau to assist with making this happen. Please contact Jessie or Ewan if you can help.

PINK SHIRT DAY

Again, we had an excellent turnout for our anti-bullying Pink Shirt Day yesterday. See the photos below (sorry there is no photo of Rimu class as they were busy doing a test at the time.)



Totara Class



Kowhai Class



Kahikatea Class



And all of the teachers participated

INTERSCHOOL RIPPA RUGBY

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our teams at Friday's competition. Especially those who managed the teams on the day. See the photos below.



Harry scores a try



Jack runs from a rip



Ainsley leaves the other team in her wake as she scores a try

INTERSCHOOL ORIENTEERING

The Yr 5-8 students will be participating in the Interschool Orienteering at the Manunui Polocrosse Grounds this Friday 24th May. We are very grateful to Grant Lethborg who is providing a bus for transport. We will be leaving school at 9.25am sharp, in order to be ready for the briefing at 10am. First teams will begin at 10.30am. Students are to wear **warm** clothes and their **uniforms**. It is usually very cold in the morning at this event, please be prepared with warm clothes (track pants / thermals / hoodies / beanie / jackets), as well as a full change of clothes for afterwards. Bring a raincoat if it is forecast to rain. All participants **must wear covered shoes. No bare feet, jandals, or crocs.** Bring your lunch and a water bottle. There is a hot food for sale. We will be returning to school before 3pm.

Orienteering Transport

Driver	Passengers
Bus	Freida, Jamie, Piata, Oliver, Lucas, Hazel, Chanae, Gin, Ivy, Darcy, Zurich, Soren, Beau, Juan, Monty, Tilia, Whaea Regan
Jessie	Charlotte, Jonny, Kaelyis-Rae, Mason
Meet there	Delaize, Hopaea, Jack, Aleah, Hayzin, Poppy, Boyd, Tahu

BIKE-A-THON PTA FUNDRAISER- a reminder

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.

The orange sponsorship forms must be returned to school by Friday 31st May. Please let us know if you have lost yours so that a new one can be issued.

SKATE PARK PROGRESS



Today they did the final pour for the inside of the bowl



The bowl just needs the surrounding walkway to be poured to be completed

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Week 7 Wednesday 22nd May

Game 5 - 6.05pm

Ōwhango vs Turaki Unicorns

TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL

Week 4 Thursday 23rd May

3.30pm Court 4 Ōwhango Lightning Bolts v NVS

5.20pm Court 2 TPS Toa v Owhango Phoenix

FUTURE FERNS NETBALL

Wednesday afternoons

3.45pm- 4.30pm @ Taumarunui Netball Centre

THS TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY BASKETBALL

Friday 24th May
Taumarunui High School Gym
4.30pm TPS vs Ōwhango

Community Notices

TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY SCHOOL DISCO- 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



SKI CAMP 2024

Information Sheet and Permission Slip

Monday 26th August to Friday 30th August



This year we are going back to Tukino Ski Area for a ski camp. The focus will not only be on skiing, but also be sledding, playing, exploring, igloo making, snow cave digging, cooking, cleaning, and if the weather is bad, hunkering down in the huts and playing games or doing fun indoor stuff.

Who

Although this will be a “whole school” camp on the mountain, we have limited space available as we are a larger school than our previous camps. Therefore, priority will be given to the year 3-8 students and their parents, year 1 & 2 will then be accommodated if space is available. Any year 1-3 students must have an accompanying adult with them for the whole time they are on camp, due to their age and maturity. We also will have a range of stay options- so you do not need to come for the whole week. We will have a teacher at school for any students not attending, and those who are at school will be able to come on a day trip with Mrs Tylee on the Wednesday.

To encourage you to return this permission slip promptly, we are allocating beds on a first in basis. Therefore, do not delay in filling out the slip and getting it back to school; **money is not required until later.**

Option 1- Stay the whole five days, four nights

Option 2- Attend school normally for five days with Mrs Tylee and Mrs Martin, and on Wednesday come to Tukino on a day trip to play in the snow, but not ski. This day trip would be weather dependent.

Option 3- Negotiate with Mr Starkey to stay some but not all the nights. Note, this option is dependent on there being available beds. Circle the nights you would prefer to come on the permission slip.

When

We are going for a week, leaving on Monday 26th August, and returning on Friday 30th August, staying four nights.

Where

We have booked all three lodges at Tukino to stay in on the slopes, which are a short walk to the ski lift. This has the advantage that if the weather is bad or we need a rest, we can go inside, when it clears or we are rested, we can get out again.

A brief description of Tukino ski field:

The field is a club managed field, but open to the general public. Basically, we will have the ski field to ourselves. Nestled on the eastern slopes of Mt Ruapehu and accessed from the Desert Road. Tukino ski field offers the rare combination of adventure and lack of crowds. We will basically have the ski field to ourselves unless some day trippers arrive. The area is serviced by two nut-cracker rope tows- a NZ invention and unique to Aotearoa. Tukino is a family friendly ski field with heaps of activities for everyone, with the friendliness and camaraderie that's only found on club-operated fields. Tukino's area is 170 hectares, with over 300m of vertical drop, and great conditions being sheltered from the prevailing westerly winds. For more information and a couple of great videos showing the terrain go to their website: www.tukino.org/ski, the videos are on their 'school' page.

Parent and Adult Help

We will need enough parent/adult support to make this camp proceed. The younger children especially will need an adult support. **Please note** any student in year 1-3 must have a parent / caregiver with them on the trip. Adults can choose to ski or not, that is up to you; if not skiing then do not add ski hire to your costs; just staying on the mountain overnight is a beautiful experience. Adults may also come just for a day trip; if you want to ski for a day but not stay in the accommodation you will need to arrange your ski hire yourself. Due to the limited space, we must limit it to one adult per family, however you can tag team- have one adult for some days and another adult do the other days.

Attendance

If kids do not come, they will be expected to attend school every day, with Emma Tylee teaching on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Raewyn Martin teaching on Thursday and Friday. Wednesday is planned to be a day trip up the mountain to visit us at Tukino, weather permitting.

Costs

With this being an overnight camp, there are the additional costs of accommodation and food. We have worked hard to put together a camp that is affordable; it is about the same price for last year's five days skiing at Whakapapa. To support this camp the School Board and the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) have generously increased their subsidy, to a total of \$350 per child. *(Thank you!)*

If price is a barrier for you to attend, then have a quiet word with Mr Starkey in confidence, he has some available funds to support everyone's participation. At Ōwhango School, we believe that nobody should miss out because of money. Also, if you would like a payment plan, to pay the cost over several weeks or months, then contact Mr Starkey, again in confidence.

To help a parent/adult supporting their child, the PTA and BoT will subsidise one adult from every family by \$200.

Food

Tukino is providing the food ingredients, we will be cooking it. We will do a roster for cooking and cleaning. We expect the children to help with this, this will be part of their learning.

Transport:

We will be using parent's cars to get up the mountain. There is a two-wheel-drive carpark part way up the mountain, from there we will use our four-wheel-drive vehicles to ferry everyone to the ski field. There will be a transport payment to drivers based on the number of children you transport, this is to help with the cost of fuel. We also need a few of trailers, to carry our skis and excess baggage.

A Brief Itinerary: (More details will be issued closer to the time)

We will depart the school early on Monday morning, 26th August.

We will go to Ski Biz at National Park to hire our skis, boots and poles. (If you go to Ski Biz before we go for a fitting of your boots and skis, we will save a lot of time)

We then travel to Tukino via Ohakune and State Highway 1- the Desert Road.

Park at the 2-wheel drive carpark.

We then ferry anyone not in a 4wd car to the ski field.

After lunch we can ski or explore.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we can ski and do mountain stuff at Tukino.

Friday morning we can ski, or clean up, then after lunch we depart for home, dropping off our hire gear at Ski Biz on the way through.

The Cost Includes:

- Ski, boot, pole hire (if you have your own gear you will be charged less)
- Lift passes
- Accommodation and food

The Cost Does Not Include:

- Bedding and linen (bring your own sleeping bag, towel, & pillow).
- Waterproof clothing, helmet and sunglasses/goggles (these must be worn to prevent snow blindness)
- Snacks- we ask for a tin of baking to share.

Free Loan Gear:

We have boxes of ski clothing (ski pants / jackets / mittens / goggles / sunglasses / ski helmets) at school you are welcome to come and borrow for the duration of the programme. First in best dressed! Please return these washed.

Hire Gear:

Ski Biz (National Park Village) can hire you the following for \$24 per item for the duration of the camp: jacket, pants, snowshoes. These need to be paid directly to Ski Biz when you pick them up.

Ski Clothing / Equipment Requirements: (Full gear list coming later)

Ski jacket – waterproof and windproof

Thermals / Fleece (long sleeved top and leggings)

Ski overalls / pants waterproof

Sunscreen, lip balm.

Ski goggles or sunglasses (compulsory to prevent snow blindness)

Warm socks (long woollen socks are best- one pair only)

A neck warmer or balaclava

Helmet – (compulsory- we have many of these at school)

Sleeping bag / duvet and sheets, pillow.

Note:

There are drying rooms in the lodges so wet clothes can be dried overnight.

Finally

Permission slips are attached, please get them back to us as soon as possible so that planning can proceed, with 1st June being the latest. Thank you for your co-operation, if you have any questions or comments do not hesitate to come and talk with me at school or call me.

Ewan Starkey

Ski Camp Co-ordinator





SKI CAMP 2024

Permission and Transport Slip

Monday 26th August to Friday 30th August

Please fill in all parts of this form and return to the school by the 1st June.

Please fill one form for each of your children

Money does not need to be paid now; but must be paid before we depart unless prior arrangements are made. Contact Ewan Starkey if you would like to pay this over time or if the cost is a barrier to attend.

Adult's name if attending the camp

_____ (compulsory for year 1-3 children).

Pupil's Name: _____ has permission to attend the Tukino Ski Camp

COST PER CHILD – Whole Week Camp		
Accommodation, lift pass & ski hire		\$132.00
Or if you have your own skis	or	or \$82.00
Total for child		

COST PER CHILD – per day/night for Camp	\$33 per day/ night	
Requested days to come on Mon/Tu/Wed/Th/Fri (circle days you want to come)	Number of days	
Multiply by the cost per day		

COST PER CHILD – Wednesday Day Trip	Tick if this is your option	Free
No skiing, no overnighing.		

COST PER ADULT Adult's Name	Tick if this is your option	
Subsidised price is limited to one adult per whanau)		
Accommodation, lift pass, ski hire		\$210
Or if you have your own skis/not skiing	or	or \$160
Transport (if not taking your car)		\$20
Total for adult		

Child's Total	
Adult's Total	
GRAND TOTAL	

TUKINO SKI CAMP 2024

TRANSPORT

I am able to provide transport to and from Tukino ski area circle YES / NO.

(Note: drivers are paid some petrol money based on the number of passengers you take)

I have a 4wd vehicle circle YES / NO.

I can provide smoke free, seat belted transport for _____ passengers, in a registered and warranted vehicle that will be driven by a fully licensed driver who adheres to all traffic regulations.

I **can** or **cannot** (circle one) provide a trailer and tow it to carry our skis and excess baggage.

Name of driver _____

Please note, this does not have to be paid now. We need the money before we depart.

I enclose \$ _____/Internet banked dated: _____ Signed

For internet banking payments please note on the form the date transaction completed.

Bank details: Westpac Taumarunui. Account Number 03 0426 0141783 00

