



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

“E koekoe te kōkō, e ketekete te kākā, e kūkū te kererū (The tūi chatters, the kākā gabbles, the kererū coos.)

The early ancestors recognised that, like humans, every bird has its own unique characteristics, like the individual cry they make. The native birds of Aotearoa have distinct calls and in some cases are named after those calls. This whakataukī alludes to the idea that like the native bird species, we as humans also have individualistic traits; it takes all sorts to make this world.

DATES TO NOTE

29 th March	Good Friday
1 st April	Easter Monday
2 nd April	Easter Tuesday
5 th April	Yr 5-6 Ki-o-rahi Festival
9 th April	Show- Matinee Performance
	PTA Meeting 3:15
10 th April	Farewell Morning Tea- Tyler & Kopu
	Show- Evening Performance
12 th April	Yr 7-8 Ki-o-rahi Festival
	Last Day of Term One

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Easter Tuesday

Just in case you aren't aware, Easter Tuesday is a school holiday (but not a statutory holiday), meaning schools must not be open.

I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause families.

The terms and holidays are usually set by the Ministry of Education so that Easter occurs during the first term break and the Easter Tuesday school holiday goes unnoticed. However, in some years Easter falls much earlier than usual such as in 1997, 2005, 2008, 2013, 2016, 2021 and 2024. Easter Tuesday has been in place since 1954, so parents too would have had this holiday when they were at school.

CLASSROOM KŌRERO-Kahikatea

Tongariro River Trail Trip

My tummy was filled with butterflies as I thought about what lay ahead. I jumped on my bike anyway. Off I sped! As I started the Tongariro River Trail I was so happy. I could feel the breeze on my face as my hair whipped behind me. I made my way along the track, speedy sharp corners and down hills waited for me before I could make my way towards the end. My lungs were bursting, my heart was beating, and my legs were burning. I was exhausted but I was so proud of myself. I had such a fun day.

By Kaelyis-Rae Te Ahuru-Watson

Easter

Easter looks like a melting mountain of runny chocolate eggs.

Easter sounds like a stampede of elephants stomping out the door.

Easter smells like spicy hot cross buns, fresh from the oven.

Easter tastes like a magical hot chocolate, slipping down my throat.

Easter feels like my winter pj's in the frosty, shivering night.

By Beau Bryan

The Lavendar Blanket

I see blankets of beautiful purple flowers. They remind me of love.

They sway in the breeze, the sweet smell of love tickles my nose. It brings me joy.

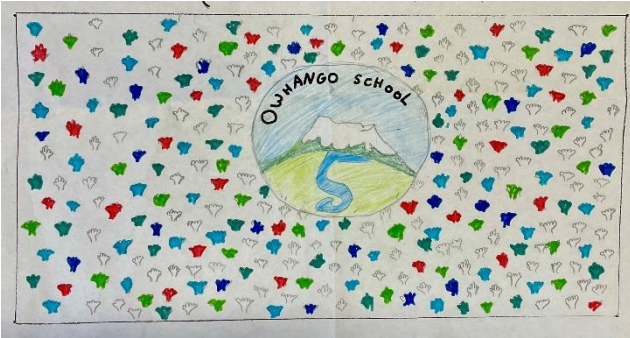
The bees buzz around me while I lie against the blanket of flowers.

I wonder if the bees want to fall asleep too?

By Evie Moss

BALL WALL DESIGN WINNERS

We have two winning entries for our Ball Wall Design Competition:



By Chanae Sapina used her creative thinking skills to design a mural that uses the children and teachers' handprints on the wall



By Charlotte Owen and Poppy Murtagh used the school logo as the basis of their design

We will combine the two winning entries for our new mural on the ball wall and paint them sometime later this year. They earn 10 house points each.

Six entries were also judged as being highly commended, these were by Leiki, Hazel, Piata, Kopu, Ivy, Ainsley, and Freida. They earn four house points each.

The 14 other entries also earn two house points each. Thank you to everyone who put their time in and participated in this design process. We have a lot of great creative students.

KI-O-RAHI FESTIVALS

The year 5-8 students are busy practicing their ki-o-rahi skills in preparation for the two tournaments coming up. The year 5-6 festival is on Friday 5th April, the year 7-8 festival is on Friday 12th April. On the day they will be put into mixed-school teams, playing with others.

Schedule for the day is:

Start: 9.30am

- Tell the story and explain the rules of the game
- Breakout into mixed groups (students will be mixed up and working alongside students from other schools)
- Games - playing the game is a great way to learn as they play.
- Mini tournament: 7-minute halves / 2-minute half-time / 4 minutes between games.

Finish: 2.30pm

There is a permission slip to be filled out and returned to school. This is a compulsory event for these year levels as part of our physical education programme.

TONGARIRO RIVER TRAIL BIKE TRIP

We loved our annual bike trip, which this year was on Tūrangi's Tongariro River Trail, it was the perfect bike trip as it was accessible for all of our students. The fastest set off first and managed to do the whole figure 8 trail. The walkers and younger riders rode to the beach area, had a play then back again. There were little challenging bits, with a narrow bridge, two swing bridges, lots of tree roots, some slower up hills and faster downhills to test our riding skills in a safe, fun way.

Thank you to the adults who helped us get there, and rode with us, we could not have done this without you. Special thanks to Veolia and Ōwhango Adventures for the bus, truck, and bike trailers. See some photos below.



Morning briefing



Kotuku and Millie



Patrick negotiates the tree roots



Crossing the swing bridge



The tree tunnel



Kyston leads along the paddock section



Some went for a swim afterwards



Meah crosses the narrow bridge

SKATE PARK PROGRESS



The curved shapes are starting to be concreted into place



Wooden guides help shape the half pipe formation

NO PĀNUI NEXT WEEK

Due to Easter, there will be no newsletter next week.

SHOPPING BAGS NEEDED

We need some shopping-sized bags- they can be brown paper bags. Please deliver to Emma or the office at school.

LIBRARY REORGANISATION

The final part of our shifting of the library into the corridor is now completed, with the delivery of a set of picture book storage seats. We will be going through our picture books and culling those that are past their use-by date before putting them into place.



Piata helps to unpack the units



The seats are getting a lot of use

SCHOOL SHOW PROPS AND COSTUMES

For our swiftly approaching show we need some additional basic items to wear as part of the glitz and glam parts of our costumes- see the list below. Please name all items you bring from home so that they can be returned at the end. If you do not have any of these items for your child please let me know, so we can source some extras. We need all costumes at school from Wednesday 3rd of April.

- Junior Girls - bright plain coloured t-shirts and dark bike shorts
- Diddy Squits - bright (Fluro if possible) tops (singlet or t-shirt) and dark shorts
- Space Rangers - white long sleeve tops
- Racketeers - black singlet and shorts or 3/4 length tights
- Stars - black singlet and 3/4 length tights

We are also still looking for a steering wheel, fluffy dice and a feather duster for props.

Signed, Emma Tylee

SCHOOL SHOW PERFORMANCES

We are now rehearsing our show in the hall, on the stage. It is coming together nicely. Please note that there will be two shows. A matinee at 11am on Tuesday 9th April and an evening show at 6pm on Wednesday 10th April. The evening one gets quite crowded, so we encourage those who can, to come to the matinee performance. We do not give out tickets and there is no cost to attend, but the PTA will have a koha box in the entranceway.

ASSEMBLY

The senior class, Rimu, hosted yesterday's assembly, giving the audience a good overview of the mahi they have been doing over the last few weeks...



Hopaea and Darcy talk about their kapa haka lessons



Lucas, Delaize and Oliver review Friday's bike trip

DUFFY BOOKS- CAUGHT BEING GOOD AWARDS

At our assembly we awarded the following:



From Rimu room:

Pria for beautiful expressive vocabulary in her wonderful writing; Jamie for settling into her work quickly and quietly and trying to complete it to a high standard; Oliver for being a supportive peer to your classmates and others in the school.



From Kahikatea room:

Poppy for consistently giving 100% in all she does and producing an excellent standard of work; Hayzin for working hard in maths to understand and use different strategies to solve area, perimeter and volume problems; Tahu for his terrific improvement in the visual arts, both in concentration, effort and technique; Monty for always putting a great deal of thought and effort into producing excellent descriptive writing.



From Totara room:

Kyston for always challenging himself and wanting to extend his learning in maths; Nico for his efforts at creative and descriptive writing, and use of poetic language; Daithì Òg for his extra effort, enthusiasm and persistence in writing.



From Kowhai room:

Ellie-Rose for her great effort and improvement in reading and writing; Aria for her consistent quality of work; Janey for her amazing addition and subtraction.

DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY

We enjoyed our visit by author Joanne Guy on Thursday, who talked about being an author, and gave out our new Duffy Books.



Joanne Guy with the lighthouse, from her book 'The Search for the Lighthouse People'



Eric and Jackson, with book character Auntie Violet

POOL KEYS- a reminder

Now that the pool has closed, can the key holders please return their keys to the office to receive their refund.

SCHOLASTICS – a reminder

Please have your orders returned to the office by Thursday 28th March.

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL

Due to Easter, netball training will be on Wednesday next week. Seniors will practice after school 3.15-4pm and juniors at lunchtime. Please make sure you bring sneakers to train in. Grading day is coming up soon, Saturday 13th April. Uniforms will be handed out before then. Fees are \$20 per player, please pay this to the office. We are very grateful to Blue Hill Cafe who are paying the remainder of our netball fees.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Welcome to the start of the 2024 season of Taumarunui Junior Hockey. Small Sticks will continue to run on the Top Turf 3.30pm- 4.15pm every Wednesday 13th March - 15th May; 8-week programme.

All Junior games are 15min each way, on the Bottom Turf, with a 5min turn around. Games will start 4.30pm while the weather is warm, and we have daylight: until the end of Term 1.

Players fees are due at \$20 each, to be paid to Office or Internet banked to School 03 0426 0141783 00 "hockey" as reference please.

Wednesday 27th March - Week 1 draw as below.

Game 5 - 6.50pm Owhango vs Turaki Dragons

Please email, phone or FB Message Inneke or Willy O'Donnell any questions.

Inneke – 02102922896; Willy - 0276100166

Kind regards Inneke Cumming

Taumarunui Junior Hockey

Community Notices

SCHOOL HOLIDAY UKULELE WORKSHOP AND SHOW-See poster below

FLOWERS FOR SALE- PTA fundraiser- a 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:

Owhango 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, Owhango Motors, S & M Ashcroft Partnership, Tania and Mark Bramley.

Firewood- The Petersen's

Owhango 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.

Netball Sponsor- Blue Hill Café

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

Veolia- Free truck and trailer use

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Year 5-8 Ki-o-Rahi Festival Permission Slip
Year 5&6 Friday 5th April
Year 7&8 Friday 12th April
Taumarunui Domain 9:30am start, Departing School at 9:00am

Family name _____

My child / ren _____ may attend the Ki-o-Rahi Festival

TRANSPORT

YES / NO I can provide smoke-free, and seat-belted transport for _____ (write number) children, in a registered and warranted vehicle that will be driven by a fully licensed driver who adheres to all traffic regulations. (Note, drivers will be paid some money to go towards their petrol costs.)

Will you be meeting us at the venue in Taumarunui? **YES / NO**

If you are assisting with transport:

Name of driver _____

Signed _____

THE NUKES Ukulele trio

April Holiday's tour
Monday 15th
War Memorial Hall, Taumarunui

Free Kids Uke workshop 10:00am Bookings essential
Big Family show 11:30am- only \$10-00

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