



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

“Education is a wonderful thing, but it is well to remember from time to time that nothing that is worth knowing can be taught.” Oscar Wilde

DATES TO NOTE

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| 4 th July | School Board Hui 7pm |
| 5 th July | Bike Day (with the skate park!) |
| | Last Day of Term 2 – Mufti Day |
| 22 nd July | First Day of Term 3 |
| 26 th July | Technology Challenge |
| 31 st July | Otukou Marae Trip |
| 1 st August | High School Show- “A Fairytale” |
| 2 nd August | Electronics Day (No Screens) |
| 5-6 th Aug. | Life Education Truck Visit |
| 9 th August | Tough Kid Challenge |
| 20 th August | Assembly |
| 23 rd August | Mountain Schools Cross Country |
| 26 th -30 th August | Ski Camp |
| 4 th August | Year 5-8 Rippa Tournament |
| 6 th August | Interschool Cross Country |
| 10 th August | Kids’ Quiz Competition |
| 13 th August | Dress What You Want To Be Day |
| | Disco |
| 18/19 th Aug. | Tuwharetoa Taiopenga |
| 20 th August | Mountain Schools Softball Tourn. |
| 24 th August | Assembly |
| 27 th August | Last Day of Term Three, Mufti |

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Last week was a rather hectic one, with our Matariki hāngī and skate park opening, as can be evidenced in this being an eight-page newsletter. We are glad to have a quieter week this week as we finish off our class work for the term.

As you will see from the Dates to Note above, we have another busy term next term. So, I hope you all have a restful time with your family over the two week holidays, and come back refreshed for the second half of the year.



The beautiful sunrise on the day of our Matariki hāngī

CLASSROOM KŌRERO – MANAWATIA A MATARIKI

Matariki, the Māori New Year, is a time of reflection, renewal, and celebration. It marks the rising of the Matariki star cluster and the beginning of the Māori lunar calendar.

Our Matariki celebration was held on Wednesday 26th of June in the Ōwhango Hall and we had a wonderful turn out.

The senior class took on all of the preparation the day before and were so enthusiastic and excited, not once moaning about the amount of mahi needing to be done. Jobs included peeling the potatoes, making the stuffing, chopping the pumpkin, setting up the tables and chairs and decorating the Ōwhango hall. They showed maturity, respect, manaakitanga (hospitality), knowledge, understanding of the importance of Matariki and they truly took on the role of tuakana (oldest) of the school.

All the school staff were at Ōwhango hall nice and early on Wednesday morning ready to fill the 150 hāngī trays, so that the men to put the hāngī down before 9:00am.

Earl Smith was the hāngī chef. On Tuesday, he taught the tamariki how to prepare the hāngī.

This included digging the hole (with no idea where the water pipes were) setting up the fire (ready to be lit at 5:30am the next morning), choosing the correct hāngī stones and preparing the wood etc. On Wednesday, Earl showed the whole school how to put in the hāngī and take it out again. It's an art form and a science. For many tamariki this was their first hāngī and it was very exciting. It was also an opportunity for the dads and koros familiar with hāngī within our school whānau, to come and assist with taking the hāngī out. Thank you for all those that came along to assist and support with the hāngī.

This is what Matariki is all about; whakawhanaungatanga, building and establishing relationships. It was also an opportunity for our tamariki to see some of the fruits of their labour from our school garden being used in the hāngī, this included all of the pumpkins that we ate and some of the potatoes. It was a special occasion that has never been celebrated to this extent at Ōwhango School. It was a huge undertaking to organise, but the enjoyment shown on the faces of our tamariki and our Ōwhango whānau community was worth it. All the students made us so proud, and they performed our Matariki waiata wonderfully.

A massive thank you to Hannah and Rex for donating a whole mutton for the hāngī; a humongous thank you to Lala Hohepa for baking and donating all of the delicious steam puddings. Thank you to all those that helped in some way, big or small and the offers of help.

Finally, thank you to those that came along to share kai, music, love and laughter with us.

Ngā mihi o te tau hou Māori ki a koutou katoa.

Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith



...and preparing pumpkins for the hāngī



Earl Smith digging the hāngī hole under the watchful eye of Uncle Peter Te Ahuru



Oliver and Lucas having a go with the hāngī pit



The senior class peeling potatoes...



Hall decorations are completed with hand painted tablecloths



The staff's 7:00am prep of 150 hāngī trays



Dad's, Uncles and Koro's taking out the steaming hāngī



The tamariki entertained our guests with waiata



Then we ate our kai



Archer and his whānau eating the delicious kai

OTUKOU MARAE VISIT

We are organising a whole school marae trip to Otukou Marae in term two. This will be on Wednesday 31st July, week two. We hope to be taking buses however, we may also need cars. I just want to give you an early notice of this marae trip, in case you want to attend too. I will be sending out more information in the first pānui of term three. Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith

CHIEFS REGIONAL TACKLE 5s

Congratulations to Kaelyis-Rae and Hayzin, who along with their friends from Manunui, qualified for the Chiefs Regional Tackle 5s in Mt Maunganui, playing the top 22 girls teams from Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Thames Valley and King Country rugby regions.

Here are their pool match scores -

Manunui 8 vs 3 Owhata School

Manunui 11 vs 9 Te Akau Ki Papamoa

Manunui 3 vs 6 Westbrook School

Manunui 8 vs 4 Kawerau School

Quarter Final - Manunui 4 vs 5 Western Heights

Semi Final - Manunui vs Tauranga WIN

Final 5th / 6th place - Manunui vs Apanui LOSS

Resulting in overall 6th place.

Well done girls! Signed Jahbon Te Ahuru



Hayzin, Kaelyis-Rae and their team with the Black Ferns.

SKATE PARK OPENING

After over two years of planning and six months of construction, we finally got our skate park opened last Thursday. The event started with J of J Stone Skate Parks and one of his workers demonstrating what can be done on a skateboard in the bowl. Once the speeches were done, the organising committee of Nicole Hosking, Tim Leahy and Ewan Starkey cut the ribbon with support from J and the oldest (Lo'i Anae) and youngest (Kotuku Ngawati) students. When the ribbon was cut there was no holding back the kids from getting on and riding the various features.

It was also great to see the park getting a lot of use over the long weekend. This is a welcome addition to our playground and our community. Once the weather warms up we will be sowing grass on the surrounding topsoil, we ask that you keep of this until the grass has been established.



The ribbon cutting, note the kids desperate to get past the ribbon and onto the park!



The kids have their turn...



J and one of his workers demonstrating what can be done in the bowl



The speeches



Zurich gets some air

TAUMARUNUI HIGH SCHOOL RUN BASKETBALL

This term Ōwhango entered a year 6-8 team in the local Taumarunui High School run basketball league. There were four teams in total, Te Kura Kaupapa Māori, Taumarunui Primary School, Tarrangower and us. It was held on Friday nights from 4:30 – 9pm. We were up against some amazing local players that had awesome basketball skills. We were very close to winning some games, but other games we were smoked by the other team out scoring us. We were lucky enough to have a very skilful player Caedis Te Puke, join our team from Turaki School too. The improvement our team showed over the course of the season was outstanding. A huge thank you to Willy O’Donnell and Nic Hosking for managing and coaching our team. Another huge thank you to Tahi Turu and his team at Taumarunui High School for opening up this opportunity for us.



Ōwhango Basketball Team members: Freida, Piata, Hazel, Poppy, Jack, Soren, Caedis, Luke and Zurich.



FREE TO A GOOD HOME

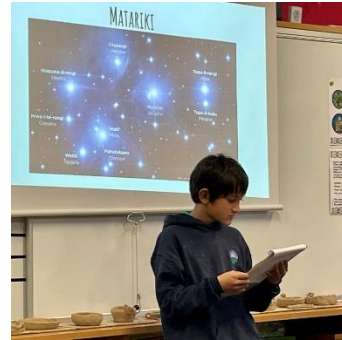
Now that we have completed our skate park, we are disposing our four, old wooden ramps. If you would like one or some, contact Ewan at school.

FREE DICTIONARIES

We have purchased some new dictionaries and have given out the old ones to the tamariki to take home, so if they bring an old dictionary home, it is legit!

ASSEMBLY

Yesterday’s assembly was hosted by kahikatea class. See the photos below.



Tahu explains the significance of Matariki



Aleah and Soren tell us about the Zero Waste educator’s visit



Zurich and Beau go through the recent sports news and achievements



Charlotte, Poppy and Keira tell us about what they have been doing on Whaea Regan’s Friday lessons

Also, in our assembly we presented our latest Duffy Books Caught Being Good awards...



In kōwhai room: Indiana for great effort in all areas; Harper for great progress in all areas; Sheeran and Coby both got a certificate for their excellent effort and focus this week.



In tōtara room: Meah for giving everything a go with an amazing attitude, being a caring and supportive class member and giving 100% effort to all that you do; Decan for working hard to improve his handwriting and making great progress in this area; Millie for your enthusiasm and effort in maths this term; Haylee for persistence and effort in learning her multiplication basic facts.



In kahikatea room: Aleah for excellent effort in our narrative writing; Zurich for fantastic sportsmanship and skill at the Interschool Soccer Tournament; Juan for making an improved effort in your reading comprehension activities; Mason for excellent singing in kapa haka, and for consistently being an excellent help in Kahikatea.



In rimu room: Gin for always showing a positive attitude in everything you do; Lo'i for excellent leadership with our Matariki hāngī celebration and challenging herself with the kaea position in kapahaka; Tilia for showing initiative with the hāngī preparation for Matariki; Darcy for showing empathy and aroha toward other students when needed.

BIKE-A-THON

We have a final figure for the amount raised for our bike-a-thon, it is \$6538! Thank you everyone for supporting this PTA fundraiser; this money has been allocated toward the PTA subsidy of our ski camp.

BIKE-A-THON HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to the following students for their efforts with getting sponsors for our bike-a-thon:

Most Number of Sponsors- 5 house points for each

- Year 1 + 2 Molly
- Year 3 + 4 Brodie
- Year 5 + 6 Poppy
- Year 7 + 8 Gin

Whole School Most Money Raised- three prizes

- 1st- 15 points Brodie
- 2nd- 10 points Molly
- 3rd - 5 points Jack P.

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TNC VALERIE TE HUIA MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Taumarunui Netball Centre is holding a one-day netball tournament in honour of Valerie Te Huia who was a well-respected member of the Taumarunui Netball Community. This is to be held on Sunday 28th July, starting at 9am at the Taumarunui Netball Courts. The cost is \$60 per team, cost per player will be confirmed once

numbers are known. This is open for all Year 6-8 students, boys and girls. Stacey has generously offered to coach the team on the day; however, you will need to make sure you are there for your child on the day. If your child is interested in playing, please complete the permission slip and **return to the school office by this Friday 5th July.**

TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL

Thursday 4th July: Ōwhango Lightning - no game
Ōwhango Phoenix - game to be confirmed
Prizegiving 5.20pm, if everyone could make this to support each other that would be fantastic.
As another season of netball ends, our greatest thanks goes to Stacey for coaching both teams and umpiring, and for the endless support and encouragement that she continues to give. Also, a huge thank you to Blue Hill Cafe, your generous sponsorship makes netball affordable to all of our kids.

FUTURE FERNS NETBALL

Wednesday 3rd July prizegiving. Normal Future Ferns session followed by prizegiving at 4.30pm. Come dressed in rainbow colours.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER

If your child would like to play in the after-school soccer competition, beginning in week two of term three (Friday 2nd July), please fill in the attached permission slip and return by **TOMORROW**. This is for Year 3-8 students only. We apologise for the quick turnaround, but we need to have teams registered by Friday. (This notice was also emailed to all parents on Monday.)

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

If your child would like to play in the after-school basketball competition, beginning in week two of term three (29th or 30th July), please fill in the attached permission slip and return by **TOMORROW**. This is for Year 5-8 students; the Year 1-4 competition will take place in term four. We apologise for the quick turnaround, but we need to have teams registered by Friday. (This notice was also emailed to all parents on Monday.)



Mrs Erni took this photo of Mason, Jack and Monty at their rugby game on Saturday and said they played very well. Mason says: "On Saturday our team, Ongarue Transport, played against another Taumarunui team, Farmlands. This was our last game to qualify for third and fourth place for the season. We won 55-25! Unfortunately, we have to forfeit our next game, but we came 4th and we get to play against King Country Motors next term as a fun game. Great result!"

Community Notices

None this week

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 Three- 22nd July to 27th September

Term Four- 14th October to 18th December

Teacher Only Day- 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 sale

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Taumarunui Netball Centre
Valerie Te Huia Memorial Tournament

(This is an extra-curricular activity- outside of school hours; it will require parental support)

9am Sunday 28th July Taumarunui Netball Courts Cost – To be confirmed

This is open for all Year 6-8 students, boys and girls. Stacey has generously offered to coach the team on the day; however, you will need to make sure you are there for your child on the day. If your child is interested in playing netball in this one-day tournament, please complete the permission slip and return to the school office by this **Friday 5th July**.

Child/ren's Name/s.....

School Year/s.....

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TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER COMPETITION

(This is an extra-curricular activity- outside of school hours; it will require parental support)

Taumarunui Junior Soccer will be running a primary school weekly round robin competition for Term 3.

This will begin in Week 2, Friday the 2nd of July, at 3.30pm at Cherry Grove, Taumarunui.

Entry is \$10 per player.

Two Grades: Junior: Years 3,4,5 Senior: Years 6,7,8

Once they know the number of teams, they will determine how long this competition goes for.

If you are interested in playing, please return this form **by this Thursday 4th July**, so we can register a team by the deadline of Friday 5th July.

Child/ren's Name/s.....

School Year/s.....

Parent: **Yes / No** I can **coach** or **manage** a team. (Please circle your answers)

Adult's Name.....

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TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL COMPETITION

(This is an extra-curricular activity- outside of school hours; and will need parental support)

Taumarunui Junior Basketball will be running a primary school competition for Term 3, beginning in

Week 2 (29th or 30th of July) Entry is \$15 per player.

Two Grades: Year 7/8 (full court): Mondays Year 5/6 (half court): Tuesdays

Once they know the number of teams, they will determine how long this competition goes for and will put together the draw. If you are interested in playing, please return this form **by this Thursday 4th July**, so we can register a team by the deadline of Friday 5th July.

Child/ren's Name/s.....

School Year/s.....

Parent: **Yes / No** I can **coach** or **manage** a team. (Please circle your answers)

Adult's Name.....