



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

“Don’t look at your feet to see if you are doing it right. Just dance.” - Anne Lamott.

DATES TO NOTE

8 th May	The Big Reconnect Parent Information Hui- 7pm
9 th May	School Board Hui 7pm
10 th May	Farewell Morning Tea for Pria
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

I just want to emphasise the importance of your attendance at tonight’s hui, The Big Reconnect (see below). The school has embarked on this cyber safety programme as we see a great need for it. The programme comes highly recommended by fellow principals who have used it. **To be effective, it must be implemented and supported at home-** this is more about cyber safety outside of school time as we already have strict protocols in place at school for this. For full details on this programme please see last week’s Pānuī. Or, come to the meeting where all will be thoroughly explained.

CLASSROOM KŌRERO- Rimu Class

Week one of term two, we began a science topic called ‘Food for thought’. We have completed two experiments pertaining to food and the way they change state by adding or changing ingredients or adding heat. Last week we separated the curds and the whey from milk. We then used food colouring to highlight the separation. As an extension lesson, some students made ricotta cheese by heating the milk and adding vinegar. They all got to taste the ricotta cheese and even went home with a recipe.

Today we studied popcorn, the state before and after popping, and observed the two different popcorn types. The tamariki used their sense of taste, visual and sense of smell. We also discussed the different uses for corn, the four different types of corn and the ways in which different cultures use corn. The students are really enjoying the hands-on scientific experiments at the moment.

Ngā mihi, Whaea Jessie



Chanae, Tilly, Lo’i and Darcy separating curds and whey in milk

THE BIG RECONNECT- Parent Information Evening

This is a reminder that **we need an adult from each family to attend the information evening tonight, Wednesday 8th May @7pm** where an overview of the programme will be delivered, and how you can support it in your home. The information evening is at school, will be about 90 minutes long and will cover the following issues:

- Cyberbullying
- Social media
- Gaming and the developing brain
- Naked Selfies
- Online predators
- Online porn vs healthy sexuality.

The programme is about providing practical solutions to these problems. There will be finger food available, and a movie in another room for any children who need to come along for childcare reasons; note the meeting is not suitable for children to sit in on. For more details see last week's Pānui.

SCHOOL BOARD HUI

We have another board meeting tomorrow, Thursday 9th May @7pm. All welcome.

WELCOME TO ŌWHANGO

We warmly welcome Hunter Te Ahuru- Tepaki who has started school and joins the kowhai room / junior room. Hunter is Azalea's brother.



Hunter

FAREWELL MORNING TEA

With sadness we are farewelling Pria Mason as she is moving out of the district. We will have a farewell morning tea this Friday, the 10th May. Can everyone please provide a plate of food to share? Thank you.

BIKE-A-THON PTA FUNDRAISER

This year's bike-a-thon will be held on the afternoon of Friday 7th June. This is an event where the students bike around the domain road for 45 minutes, and adults record their laps. The children get sponsors beforehand for the number of laps they complete or a total dollar amount. Then after they have completed the ride, they collect their money from their sponsors.

Please encourage and support your child to get some sponsors. There are house points awarded for students who do the most laps for their age group, and for who raises the most money.

We also encourage you to come along and cheer on your child as they do the bike-a-thon. It is a fun afternoon. We need many helpers to count the laps the children do as they go past. We will meet at the Ōwhango Domain Pavilion at 1:30pm. If the weather is unsuitable we will postpone to Wednesday 12th June.


Sponsorship forms are attached to the paper version of this panui.

Sponsorship forms must be returned to school by Friday 31st May for verification.

BIKE-A-THON HOUSE POINTS

As part of our bike-a-thon we give the students house points, following the following criteria.

Bike-a-thon House Points



Most laps- 5 house points for each

- Year 1 + 2
- Year 3 + 4
- Year 5 + 6
- Year 7 + 8

Most Number of Sponsors- 5 house points for each

- Year 1 + 2
- Year 3 + 4
- Year 5 + 6
- Year 7 + 8

Whole School Most Money Raised- three prizes

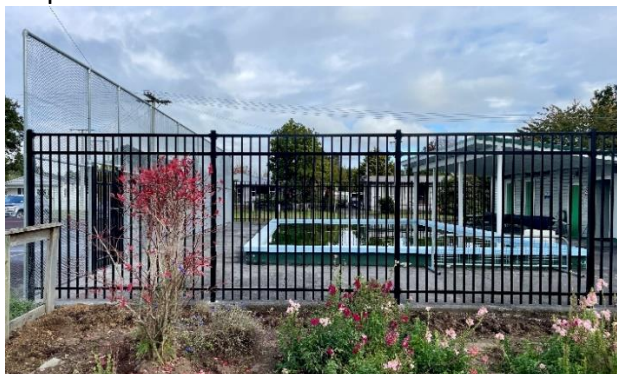
- 1st- 15 points
- 2nd- 10 points
- 3rd - 5 points

SHOE BOXES NEEDED

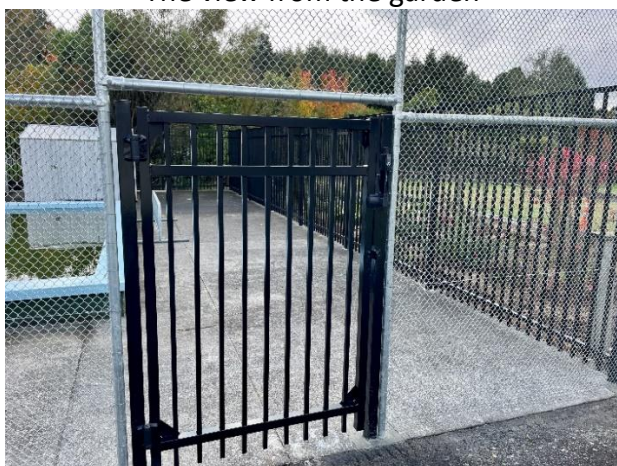
Tōtara are making dioramas this term so we are on the lookout for 21 shoe boxes. If you've treated yourself or your whānau to new footwear recently and are happy to part with the boxes please send them to us within the next week. Thanks!

NEW POOL FENCE

Within a week our new pool fence was installed. We are very pleased with the final product. See the photos below.



The view from the garden



The flash new self-closing gate

SKATE PARK PROGRESS

We have one more concrete pour to do to get the final wall of the bowl area completed, then the floor can be poured before the top berms.



T42 SPORTING EVENT

Thank you to Hellers for sponsoring 720 sausages to sell at the T42 event last Saturday. They donated these and some aprons as part of their 'Sausages for Schools' program, in order to help support our PTA. We are very grateful for this generous contribution to our annual T42 fundraiser. Ngā mihi Hellers.



Thanks too to our volunteers who helped us on Saturday. Special mention to students and ex-students Cailin, Freida and Daithí Óg who helped out at the last minute when we were short of adult assistance. We were blown away by how hard they worked at the event, and many people commented on their efforts and friendly manner and how our school should be proud of them. They were there from beginning to end and we would have been in a spot of bother without them. The girls ran the hot drink station, taking orders and making tea/coffee/milo. Daithí ran the hot chips area, taking tickets, giving out chips and keeping the cabinet well stocked. In between, they were all cleaning and collecting rubbish. A fantastic work ethic from all three!



Thanks to Stacey who coaches the two netball teams on Mondays- the younger team at lunchtime and the older team after school.

INTERSCHOOL RIPPA RUGBY

The Interschool Year 1-4 Rippa Rugby Tournament is being held on Friday 17th May. This is held at the Taumarunui Domain, with the first games beginning at 9.30. We will need offers of transport and support to manage the teams on the day. If you're able to come along and help out, it would be most appreciated. We will be leaving school at 8.50am (to give us time to get teams organised with their rips and belts) and returning before 3pm. Students will play in our sports t-shirts, please make sure you bring along your school jersey for between games, a big lunch and water. Note Amy's rules in regard to footwear: *'Bare feet is optional but please be aware some players may be wearing shoes and if a child's foot is stood on this may hurt. Shoes should be soft-soled shoes e.g. trainers, to avoid injury to other players. Children must not wear soccer/rugby boots/moulds/crocs/gumboots/jandals or other slip-on shoes. Gumboots, boots, jandals, flip-flops, or even just socks and any uncovered or oversized/loose footwear is not allowed.'* Please return the attached permission slip by this **Friday 10th May**.

YEAR 5-8 INTERSCHOOL ORIENTEERING

The Year 5-8 Interschool Orienteering will be held on Friday 24th May at the Polocrosse Grounds in Manunui. This is a compulsory activity as part of the curriculum and all students are expected to attend. It is a really fun day, all children have greatly enjoyed Orienteering in past years. It is usually very chilly in the morning, so please make sure you wear warm clothes e.g. thermals under your uniform and bring a jacket. We will be departing school at 9.25am, with the briefing at 10am, and first teams beginning at 10.30am. Thank you to Grant Lethborg and Ōwhango Adventures who have very kindly offered a bus, so no offers of transport are needed. This activity takes quite a bit of organisation in regard to organising, confirming and registering teams so please ensure the attached permission slips are returned by **THIS FRIDAY 10th MAY**.

FREE SKI PASS OFFER

An email was sent out during the holidays informing you of the free ski pass offer that Whakapapa are doing for children 10 years old and under.

I have just been informed that they will extend this to any of Ōwhango School's students who are 11-13 years old. You will need to contact Ewan if you want to access this. The closing date for this offer is 15th May.

We appreciate this generous offer as they are aware that our school will not be skiing at Whakapapa this year as we have our Tukino Ski Camp.

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Wednesday 8th May
4.55pm NP vs Ōwhango

TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL

Week 2 Thursday 9th May
3.30pm Manunui Wolves v Ōwhango Lightning Bolts on Court 4
4.20pm Ōwhango Phoenix v TPS Warriors on Court 2

FUN FERNS NETBALL

Fun Ferns 3.45pm-4.30pm
Taumarunui Netball Centre
Wednesday Nights

THS PRIMARY BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Friday 10th May
4.30pm Ōwhango vs TKKM
Taumarunui High School Gym

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 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



Year 1-4 Rippa Rugby Tournament Permission Slip

Friday 17th May

Taumarunui Domain 9.30am start, Departing School at 8.50am

Please note that this tournament is compulsory, all students are expected to attend as part of the curriculum.

*Please return permission slip by **Friday 10th May** so that planning can proceed.*

Family name _____

My child / ren _____ may attend the Rippa Rugby Tournament at Taumarunui Domain

ADULT HELP

YES / NO I can stay and help manage teams

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.)

YES / NO I will be meeting you at the venue in Taumarunui

YES / NO I will be sending a booster seat for my child
(Note by law children under 7 must be in a booster seat)

If you are assisting with transport:

Name of driver _____

Signed _____

Year 5-8 INTERSCHOOL ORIENTEERING COMPETITION
Permission Slip
Friday 24th May at the Polocrosse Grounds, Manunui

We will be entering five teams of six students in this Interschool Competition. We will be taking the bus so no offers of transport will be needed. Jessie Smith and Regan Hoban will be the teachers in charge. All students are expected to attend as this is part of their curriculum. Please let us know **asap** if your child is unable to attend, as we will need to re-organise the teams.

The timetable for the day is:

Depart school 9:25
Briefing: 10:00
Teams Marshall: 10:15
First team starts: 10:30
Cut off time (maximum time allowed to do the course): 2 hours
Finish time: 2pm at the very latest

Clothes:

The 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!

They will need a raincoat if it is forecast to rain.

This event goes ahead in all weather, so be prepared.

Suitable Footwear: all participants **must** wear covered shoes, e.g. trainers, gumboots. We would suggest rugby boots for better traction.

Not Allowed: No bare feet, jandals, crocs, just socks or any uncovered or oversized/loose footwear.

Food:

Please bring your lunch and a drink bottle with water only in it

Remember Fair Play:

At all times this competition is about fun and fair play.

Please return the slip below **by Friday 10th May** as teams need to be organised, confirmed and registered by Monday 13th.

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Year 7 / 8 & 5/6 INTERSCHOOL ORIENTEERING COMPETITION Permission Slip
Friday 24th May 2024 at The Polocrosse Grounds Manunui
Please return this by Friday 10th May

My child _____ **may / may not attend the INTERSCHOOL ORIENTEERING COMPETITION.** (All students are expected to attend as this is part of their curriculum. If not attending they must stay at home).

Will you meet us there? **Yes** or **No**

Signed.....