



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

“You can never leave footprints that last if you are always walking on tiptoe.” - Leymah

Gbowee

DATES TO NOTE

1 st August	High School Show- “A Fairytale” Hot Lunches Start
2 nd August	Electronics Day (No Screens)
5-6 th Aug.	Life Education Truck Visit
9 th August	Tough Kid Challenge
14 th August	Marae Trip (new date)
20 th August	Assembly
23 rd August	Mountain Schools Cross Country
26 th -30 th August	Tukino Ski Camp Week
28 th August	Tukino Day Trip
6 th Sept.	Interschool Cross Country
10 th Sept.	Interschool Kids’ Quiz Competition
12 th Sept.	Dress What You Want to Be Day School Board Hui 7pm
13 th Sept.	Y5- Y8 Rippa Tournament Disco
18 th Sept.	Tuwharetoa Taiopenga
20 th Sept.	Mountain Schools Softball Tourn.
24 th Sept.	Assembly
27 th Sept.	Last Day of Term Three, Mufti

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGES

Concreting

We have three concreting projects that the School Board wondered if someone in the community would like to take on and be paid for. These projects have come to light following our pool fence and skate park installation:

1. Replace the driveway at the entrance to the school that has been damaged during the construction of the skate park.
2. Construct a gutter between the school pool and the vegetable garden to take the excess pool water away from the garden.

3. Replace the concrete wall between the school pool and the roadway, which is currently on a lean.

If you would like to do this work or if you can recommend someone with the skills to do this work, contact me at school or via phone or email (see contact details above).

Ski Camp Update

Today we are sending out the detailed information booklet on our ski camp as well as the total money due.

Please keep it in a safe place for future reference, especially to help you when you are packing your bags for the trip. It is also time to get your ski clothes organised- we have gear at school you may borrow, first in best dressed. There will be a clothes inspection before we go to ensure everyone is properly prepared to stay in the alpine environment.

Also, read all of the information carefully and get back to me if you have any questions or if there are any changes needed.

As mentioned, attached to it is the amount of money that this camp will cost you. Some of you have already paid this. If not, this money is due now, and must be paid before we depart, by Monday the 19th of August at the very latest please. Again, please contact me if money is an issue; nobody should miss out due to money.

Tukino Day Trip

Those students who are not attending the camp will receive a Tukino Day Trip notice and permission slip. Please keep the notice in a safe place for future reference but return the permission slip so we can proceed with planning the transportation for this day trip. You can also start organising your warm, waterproof clothes that are a requirement for this day trip.

CLASSROOM KŌRERO – Tōtara

Tōtara students have started term three well settled yet excited about the awesome opportunities coming up!

In writing, we are exploring poetry. We have been learning how poets use figurative language to make their writing more interesting. Last week we had fun with personification, giving human characteristics to classroom objects. We hope you enjoy these poems about our “lively” classroom:

Tōtara is Alive

By Harry Bramley

My desk digests stationery when it shuts its navy mouth.

The clock struggles to amble up its circular body because it's low on food.

The chess board devours the pieces when it snaps its mouth shut.

My desk lid rises out of its slumber.

As my pencil slowly ambles across my page

My Class is Alive!

By Rosa Closter

My books are diving through my desk.

I lie on my pillow, and it hugs me.

The white board shares ideas with me.

My pen scuttles across my paper.

The sticker follows me as I flick the pages.

This week, we are relying on our five senses to help craft our poems:

Kaboom!

By Brodie Joyce

I glance at colours of the rainbow dancing in the sky.

I hear explosions rumbling at my window.

I smell burning gunpowder as I cough.

I taste fluffy clouds of cotton candy dissolve in my mouth.

I feel terrified as the bombs go on.

Winter

By Patrick Murtagh

Crackling ice when I stand on it.

Brisk air swooping around me

My frozen pond

Fireball hot chocolates

Savoury roast brisket.

Banging Fireworks

By Meah Potgeiter

I peered at the flamboyant sparks performing in the dark, obsidian like sky.

The zooming explosions entered my ears as if someone were playing the drums in them.

The air smelled like my dad's smoky, burnt barbeque on Independence Day.

I consume the dull smoke being inhaled into my veiny lungs.

I feel my heart racing and beating my palm as I clutch my chest.

Kaboom!

By Lucy Atkins

I picture colour bombs.

I hear kablam blasting through the sky.

I smell buttery popcorn coming my way.

I taste squishy, gooey marshmallows.

I feel as joyful as a ballerina.

Our first **topic** this term is the Summer Olympic Games. We are taking a look at all aspects of the games through art, history, social studies, technology and maths. We will be developing our research skills and displaying these by completing digital fact files on a range of Aotearoa New Zealand olympians. To celebrate the opening ceremony of this year's games in Paris, students created these multimedia **artworks** by following a step-by-step guide to sketch then outline the Eiffel Tower and placed it on a background of fireworks which they created using the sgraffito marking technique. You'll also notice our windows are growing more colourful, we are aiming to create a summer scene in Paris to brighten up our room for the dull winter months.





In **science**, we are getting hands on with electricity! We are understanding what electricity is and where it comes from. We have examined different examples of renewable and non-renewable energy. It was great to hear student's prior knowledge about electricity before we began our unit. Everybody is excited about creating an electric circuit this week!

In **reading**, our Pikachu's group have shown an interest in plays which we are using to support their fluency and expression skills. Last week, they performed 'Chicken Little' for the class. This week, they're going a step further and have created props for their performance of the Russian folk tale 'The Little House'. Here is Kyston, Archer, Lucy, Daithī Ōg and Ainsley getting into character:



Tick, tock, tick, tock we're getting more confident in reading the clock! In **maths**, the biggest wondering seems to be "why do we bother with analogue clocks when digital ones tell us what we need to know?" But then we discovered that numbers are not the only maths involved in reading time. By using analogue clocks and watches we can use our skip counting skills, times tables, fractions, geometry, angles and measurement knowledge. If your child has a watch at home, please encourage them to start wearing it to support their maths learning.



We are looking forward to term filled with fun and learning in Tōtara.
Whaea Siobhān

TOUGH KID MUD RUN – Friday 9th of August

Thank you to all of the whānau who have offered transport and help for this event. We now have our transport finalised. However all cars are full, so we will need another vehicle to transport our gazebo please. Please let us know if you can help. Transport arrangements will be in next week's pānui.

HOT LUNCH THURSDAYS

Tomorrow, we start our weekly hot lunches; this is a PTA fundraiser. If you would like to purchase hot lunches this year, you need to fill out the permission slip at the bottom of this panui, so the PTA know how you intend to pay.

PTA HOT LUNCH THURSDAY MENU

Pies \$4

Sausage Rolls \$4

Hot Dogs \$4

Milo \$1 bring your own named cup.

Burgers \$6 (limited time until sold out)

OTUKOU MARAE TRIP

(The following was emailed on Monday)

We are unfortunately having to postpone our Otukou Marae / Opotaka Pa visit that we had scheduled for this **Wednesday 31st July**, due to a Tangihanga (funeral) at the marae. On the marae, a tangihanga (funeral) is understandably shown precedence over everything.

We are very grateful for all those that had offered transport. If you were attending the marae visit with us and were providing transport, could you please let me know if you would still be available for the new date of **Wednesday 14th August**?

We apologise for any inconvenience this date change may cause and appreciate your understanding, please contact me if you have any questions, either in person, or via email at jessie@owhango.school.nz

LIFE EDUCATION

On Monday and Tuesday next week we have the Life Education truck visiting, with their mascot Harold the giraffe. The students will have two visits in the truck, as well as follow up work to do around their learning themes of:

Yr 1-2 React and Respond

- Why might we react and respond differently to our world and those around us?
- What are the impacts of the decisions we make?

Yr 3-4 Making a Good Leader

- What is peer pressure and how can we deal with it?
 - What makes a good leader?
 - What does it take to be part of a team?
- Yr 5-6 and Yr 7-8 Friends vs Friendly / Empathy
- What are the qualities of friendship and being friendly?
 - Why is it important to show empathy towards others?
 - What are the impacts of the decisions we make?

ELECTRONICS DAY- THIS Friday

This Friday 2nd August we are having an electronics afternoon, after it was suggested by a student via our suggestion box. This is where the children may bring their battery powered toys to school (usually this is not allowed), and we will provide a time for them to play and share them. Please note that this does not include screens, so no phones or tablets. Bringing something along is optional, you do not need to bring anything along. There will be a safe place for them to be stored whilst not being used, however, as with everything brought to school, it is at the owner's risk.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

At the last board meeting we discussed the following: the progress of all of the students as shown in the latest core curriculum reports; the need for three concreting jobs to be done following the work on the pool fence and skate park; an idea to paint the new block wall by the basketball courts; accepted Ewan's resignation letter and discussed the procedure to appoint a new principal; and looked at the new staffroom plans and changes and discussed where this is at. We also reviewed ten policies.

SPORTS UNIFORM RETURN

Email reminders have been sent out to those who still have outstanding sports uniforms. Please note that we do not need the uniforms that were just issued for basketball and soccer, but the uniforms from last term.

Y7 & 8 TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE-

On Friday 26th of July, twelve students in Rimu class attended the Interschool's Technology

Challenge in Taumarunui. There were eight local primary schools participating with two teams from each school. Ōwhango's Team #2 put an amazing entry in the very first activity which was the only 'known challenge' which meant the students knew what they had to do in this challenge, prior to Friday, so they were able to practise at school and discuss it beforehand. This challenge required them to make a formal uniform representing New Zealand. They came FIRST which was a very impressive feat! The three other activities on the day also required teamwork, and knowledge of engineering, maths and art. All of our students represented Ōwhango School with amazing behaviour and awesome teamwork. It was a very fun and competitive day, the tamariki look forward to this each year.



Ōwhango Team #One designing a fishing rod that needed to get a tennis ball out of the box that was 1.5m away.



Piata, Lucas and Freida designing their masterpiece.



Ōwhango Team #Two hard at work, collaborating and designing.



Gin modelling the winning uniform

HIGH SCHOOL SHOW- a reminder

Tomorrow we will be going to the high school to be the audience in their show "A Fairy Tale". As numbers are strictly limited, we cannot invite parents or any extras, sorry. We will be travelling by bus to this.

'P' PASSENGER LICENCE a reminder

Is there anyone in our community with a P licence? We are looking at options around using the Ōwhango Adventures vehicles and require people with a P (passenger) endorsement on their licence. Please contact Ewan Starkey if you can help us with this.

SCHOLASTIC ORDERS

Issue #5 was distributed last week. Have your orders returned to the office by 7 August or order online at bookclub.scholastic.co.nz

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER

Friday 2nd August at Cherry Grove, Taumarunui

4pm Ōwhango Juniors vs Turaki Amigos

5pm Ōwhango Seniors vs NVS Billy Goats

Todd Nicholson has kindly offered to run coaching sessions, however if he is not available for Friday games, parents will need to help with subbing. Please remember to pay the \$10 subs to the office if you haven't done so already.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Year 7/8 Mini Ballerina; Monday 5th August

6pm Ōwhango vs Tarrangower Triple Threat

Year 5/6 Mini Dunkerz; Tuesday 6th August

4.15pm Ōwhango vs Manunui Kiwi

Games are played at the Athletic Stadium in Taumarunui. Please remember to pay the \$15 subs to the office if you haven't done so already.

Community Notices

Owhango Market is on this Sunday at the Owhango Hall 9am-1pm. Come and support our village.

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

Ōwhango School: Uniform / stationery / sport fees pay to 03 0426 0141783 00

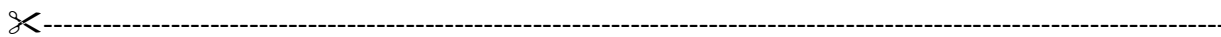
PTA: Fundraisers 030 426 0156205 00

2024 REMAINING TERM DATES

Term Three- 22nd July to 27th September

Term Four- 14th October to 18th December

Teacher Only Day- 25th November



PTA Hot Lunches 2024 Permission Slip

Once again, the PTA is providing hot lunches on Thursdays in term three as a fundraiser starting this week.

We had a few issues last year with children buying hot lunches for their mates and then parents getting a large bill at the end of the term! This year we will be making it clear that children are not to do this. We are also tightening up on our processes for payment; if you would like to use the IOU (I owe you) system to pay for your hot lunches so that you get the bill at the end of the term, please indicate your consent below. Otherwise, you will have to pay on the day.

Please circle how you would like to pay this year and return to school **before purchasing any food:**

**I will pay cash weekly.
(circle if this is your option)**

OR

**I will pay weekly by internet banking to the PTA account:
030 426 0156205 00
Your reference must have your name and the date that the food was purchased so we can track it (for example: Jones29.7)
(circle if this is your option)**

OR

**I will pay the full bill at the end of the term, either in cash or internet banking.
(circle if this is your option)**

Family Name.....