



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

“One often calms one’s grief by recounting it.”

Pierre Cornell

DATES TO NOTE

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 Sept.	Year 5-8 Rippa Tournament
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
19 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

Year 8 Maths Results

You may have noticed the announcement on Sunday by the government around the teaching of maths in primary schools. Of concern was the following statement:

We have recently received results from the new Curriculum, Insights and Progress Study (CIPS). The results for mathematics were much lower than what we ever imagined.

- 22% of our year 8 students are at or above curriculum benchmark for mathematics.
- 63% of our year 8 students are more than a year below curriculum benchmark for mathematics.

My concern is that you, as parents, will be shocked by such data. I certainly am. But I need to clarify that these results do not align with the

data we have gathered in our maths tests last term.

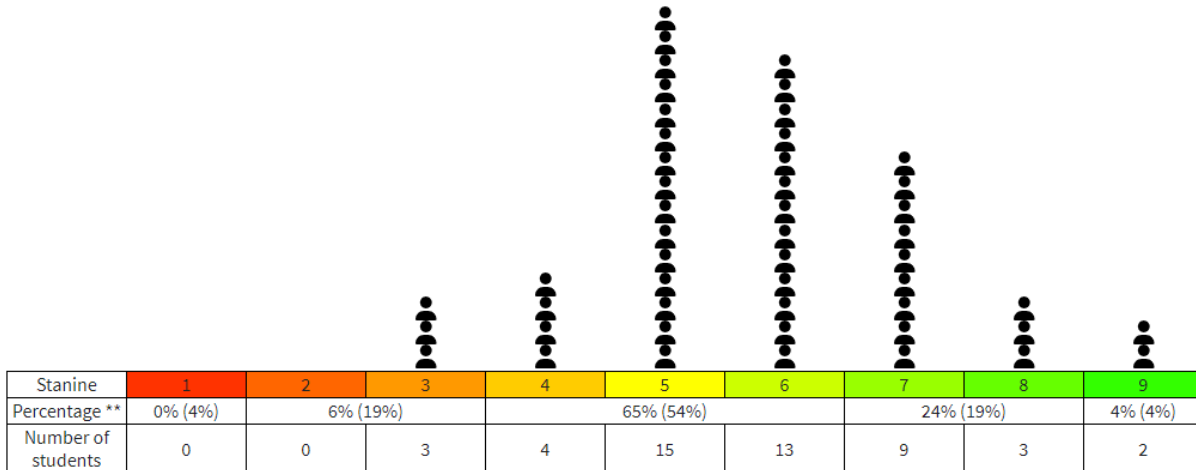
We use a standardised test to monitor our students progress in maths, the Progressive Achievement Test (or PAT Test), in terms two and four. This is one of the two tests the government recently announced must be used to assess children’s progress in maths twice yearly. Many of you will be familiar with this test as you would have done it when you were at school. However, it has been updated and refreshed since then and aligns with the current curriculum.

This test is standardised- meaning it has a standard method of being administered and has been normed against a national reference group of students of the same age, so that we can compare our students with other students to see if they are progressing at the expected level for their age. We then use this data to inform our teaching and to report to you via the student’s individual reports.

In contrast to the government’s data, our term two PAT maths test results (year 3-8) are as follows:

Stanine (1= lowest, 9 = highest, 4-6 average- where they are expected to be)	Ōwhango Students (Number)	Ōwhango Students (Percent)	National Reference Group (Percent)
1	0	0%	4%
2	0	6%	19%
3	3		
4	4	65%	54%
5	15		
6	13		
7	9	24%	19%
8	3		
9	3	4%	4%

Or if you find a pictograph easier to read:



Stanine Distribution (👤 = 1 student)

This clearly shows that the data that the government is using does not align with our testing results. **You can be assured that your children are being taught mathematics well and are well prepared for maths at high school.** That said, we continue to be happy to participate in programmes the government offers that support the teaching of mathematics or any other subject.

CLASSROOM KŌRERO –Kowhai

We have been busy bees in Kowhai so far this term. As usual, we have a heavy focus on our reading, writing and maths but are also learning some vocab about te marae and powhiri protocols, cross-country fitness, and the Olympics. This week we also have Harold from Life Education Trust visiting. We have been learning about reacting vs responding. The students have really enjoyed thinking about ways to deal with problems in a responsive way instead of being reactive.

We are delighted to have Raewyn Martin teaching in the junior room this term on Thursdays. Raewyn is a very experienced junior room teacher and is filling in for Jessica Walton who is busy at her winter job- ski instructor at Whakapapa ski field. Jessica will be returning for term four Thursdays.

On Fridays, Mr Starkey has been working on the science topic of electricity, with the children exploring how electricity moves in a circuit and trying to make a circuit to get a light to glow, using insulators.

In maths, he is working on measurement, at present they are estimating and measuring using non-standard units such as their thumbs, hands

and feet; next it will be the standard units of centimetres and metres. For P.E. we are training for the cross-country race. We have also been looking at the symbolism of the Olympic games, the flag and the torch.

Here is some of the students' writing:

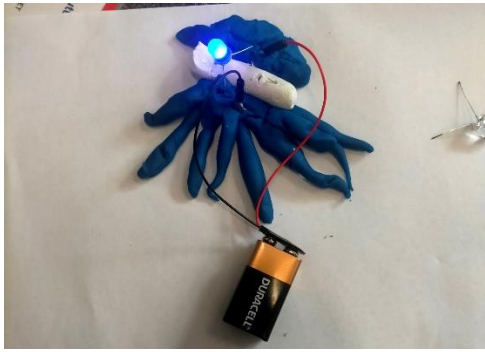
Harold the giraffe pushed back but he could have asked the person to not do that again. – Harper

Harold pushed in the line because someone pushed in. Harold should have told the teacher. – Quinn

When the hut was broken, I was not angry. I will just build it again. – Hunter



Jack gets his fish's eyes to light up



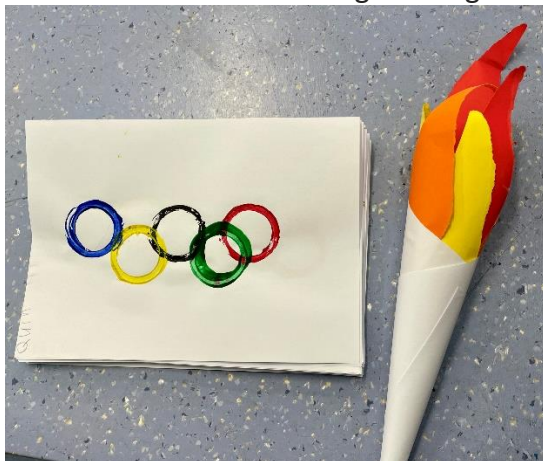
Eric and Janey made the octopus's light glow using the white clay as an insulator



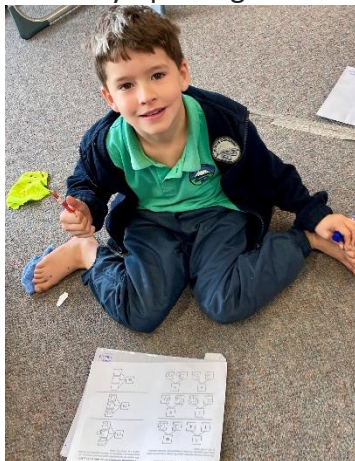
Molly works on her maths



Jackson and Hunter working well together



Quinn's Olympic rings and torch



Quinn works out number bonds to make larger numbers such as 90

SKI CAMP UPDATE

Unfortunately, the snow has not yet arrived at Tukino. We continue to hope that it does, but the current forecast is not snowy. If the snow does not arrive in time, we will be cancelling this camp. A final decision on this will be made on Monday 19th August.

One more thing, we have just heard from Ski Biz that any adults hiring snowboards will have to pay \$70 for the week hireage, ski hire is \$50.

MOUNTAIN DAY TRIP- permission slips due

Last week we sent out the Mountain Day Trip information to those families not going on the ski camp. We need those permission slips in so we can organise the transport for this day. Thanks to the one family who has returned this!



Inside the colourful Life Education truck



Educator Crispian and Harold the giraffe



Ellie-Rose with Harold...



...and Eric

OTUKOU MARAE TRIP

Next Wednesday the 14th of August, we will leave Ōwhango School for Otukou Marae at 9:00am.

If the weather is good (fingers crossed), we will also visit Opotaka Pa after Otukou Marae, which is only 5 minutes down the road. We will be having a powhiri onto Otukou Marae, therefore for all those mums, aunties and nanas joining us, please wear a long black skirt (or just dark in colour). You may take some comfy and warm clothes to get changed into after the powhiri. Otukou is also very cold during the winter. Tamariki ma, you will be wearing your school uniform but please wear pants rather than shorts, wear shoes or gumboots and bring a jacket. Adults may like to bring an umbrella if the forecast is looking to be a little damp.

Thank you to those whānau providing transport, please see the transport list below. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions jessie@owhango.school.nz.

Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith

Vehicles	Passengers
Ewan	Monty, Mason, Coby, Jack Pierce
Jessie	Piata, Te Hana (meet at the marae)
Emma	Soren, Zurich, Juan
Theresa	Charlotte, Aleah, Poppy, Jamie, <i>Psalms</i>
Stacey	Rosa, Indie, Eric, Millie
Kaaryn	Olive, Quinn, Ainsley
Mark	Harry, Leiki, Elliott
Te Hau	Hopaea, Tahu, Nico, Tilly,
Maree	Haylee, Aria, Harper, Darcy

Waitangi	Janey
Mitch	Lucy and Azalea
Bus 1	<i>Siobhan, Kirsty, Ben, Sheeran, Ellie-Rose, Jackson, Jack Ogle, Molly, Kyston, Archer, Daithi Og, Beau, Decan, Billie, Patrick, Myer and Lila</i>
Bus 2	<i>Kim, Meah, Evie, Kaelyis-Rae, Keira, Jonny, Boyd, Hayzin, Delaize, Oliver, Lucas, Freida, Hazel, Chanae, Gin, Kotuku, Hunter and Brodie.</i>

KEA KID WINNERS

Congratulations to Haylee and Meah for winning a Kea Kids competition to draw a portrait of weightlifter, David Liti.



Haylee and Meah and their prized shirts,



Haylee's entry



Meah's entry

ELECTRONICS DAY

We were treated to a lovely afternoon to explore, share and experiment with our electronic toys last Friday. See the photos below.



Lining up for the big race



Lucy and Lila let their robots play together



Coby gets run over by the monster truck (he did ask for it to do this!)



Jack's monster truck attempts to climb the skate park



Molly and her handbag that opened its eyes, played music and played a game

HOT LUNCH THURSDAYS

Thanks for the excellent response to our Hot Lunch Thursdays, last week. Please remember that if you want to run an I.O.U. tab, you need to fill in the form in last week's Pānui.

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)

NEWSPAPER NEEDED

We are getting low on our newspaper supplies now that we are using it to light our fires. If you have any can you please drop it off at school. Please no glossy paper as it doesn't burn easily.

TOUGH KIDZ MUD RUN- This Friday

We will depart school promptly at 9am. The venue is Tuhua Domain on Golf Road. Thanks to the offers of additional transport after we were caught short; see below for the latest plan. We will need whānau volunteers to help with marshalling and helping students on the day. Participants will need; water, a substantial lunch, towel, change of clothing and shoes, warm jacket/coat/beanie for afterwards. We will not be wearing school sports uniforms; this is a mufti event. This event goes ahead no matter what the weather, it is called Tough Kids for a reason! There will be food for sale at the event. There is a parent / teacher race at approximately 1pm, so come prepared! **Students who are not participating must attend school as normal.**

Tough Kid Transport

Driver	Passengers
Ewan	Coby (booster), Monty, Jonny,
Dale	Indie, Rosa, Daithī Ōg, Leiki (booster)
Sherie	Archer, Keira, Decan, <i>Gazebo</i> ,
Maxine	Evie, Mason, Oliver, Gin
Janeen	Jackson, Kotuku,
Maree	Haylee, Sheeran (booster), Chanae, Freida,
Andrea	Brodie, Beau

Meeting there:

Ainsley, Kyston, Kaelyis-Rae, Poppy, Patrick, Hayzin, Delaize, Ellie-Rose, Meah, Aleah, Elliott, Jack, Molly, Nico, Tilly,

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER

Friday 9th Aug
 4pm Ōwhango Junior vs Manunui Tui
 4.30pm Ōwhango Senior vs TPS Stallions

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Year 7/8 Mini Ballerz Mon 12th Aug 4.30pm TPS Kiwi vs Ōwhango
 Year 5/6 Mini Dunkerz Tues 13th Aug 3.45pm Ōwhango vs Turaki Dunks

Community Notices

TAUMARUNUI HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Please 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 Three- 22nd July to 27th September
Term Four- 14th October to 18th December
Teacher Only Day- 25th November

TAUMARUNUI HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN EVENING
 15 AUGUST // 4.30 - 6.30 PM

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