



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

“Liberty does not exist in the absence of morality.” Edmund Burke

DATES TO NOTE

12 th Sept.	Dress What You Want to Be Day School Board Hui 7pm
13 th Sept.	Y5- Y8 Rippa Tournament Disco 6pm - 8pm
18 th Sept.	Tuwharetoa Taiopenga
20 th Sept.	Mountain Schools Softball Tourn.
23 rd Sept	Tōtara Trip to Kiwi House
24 th Sept.	Softball Postponement Date Assembly 2:15
25 th Sept.	Y6-8 Duffy 30 th Celebration
27 th Sept.	Last Day of Term Three, Mufti

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

School is ticking along nicely, there is no message from me this week.

CLASSROOM KŌRERO –Kōwhai Class

The class has been busy over the last couple of weeks with some great learning about a range of topics. Our main focus is always reading, writing and maths with our other subjects also providing authentic purposes to read, explain, write and do maths. In reading we are seeing some awesome improvement and understanding of spelling patterns and word types. We know about nouns, verbs, adjectives and adverbs and can identify them in sentences! In writing we are working on including adjectives and adverbs in our sentences. Check out these great sentences using adjectives and/or adverbs about the stories Tuna and Hiriwa and The Battle of the Mountains:

The angry moon punished Tuna! - Ellie-Rose

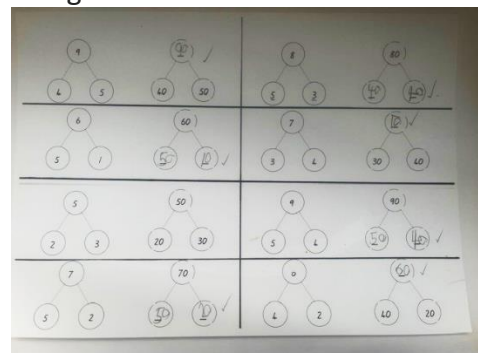
The shiny moon watched over silvery Tuna and beautiful Hiriwa. - Hunter

The shiny Tuna got banished. - Harper

The angry moon glared at naughty Tuna. - Ben

Tuna looked worriedly back at the moon. - Molly
She swam in the water freely. - Jackson
Pūtauaki went to the rising sun. - Janey
Pīhanga wore a forested cloak. - Quinn
Tongariro, Taranaki, Pūtauaki and Tauhara had a wild battle. - Leiki

In maths, we have been learning about 10s and 1s in two-digit numbers, basic facts and telling the time. The students have been particularly enjoying our daily revision warm-ups which they have to answer a multiple-choice question by doing the exercise move that is under the correct answer. We are getting really good at partitioning numbers into 10s and 1s.



Maths number bonds

We also had a Lego Day as part of our no snow trip fun day. The students really enjoyed building a range of things with our class Lego, especially when working with Kahikatea Class. It was great to listen to the collaboration and problem-solving conversations. We even made and decorated our own 3D Lego People.



Lego fun



Eric made a Lego person with a real head

In PE we are learning scatter ball in preparation for our upcoming Softball Tournament. The students are making great progress with bat and ball skills and are really enjoying getting out in the sunshine.



Scatter Ball

On Thursdays with Mrs Martin, Kowhai class have been continuing to follow, Mrs Tylee's, three previous days of teaching, in literacy, and maths. This is to reinforce and consolidate previous learning and teaching earlier in the week.



The Battle of the Mountains writing

In maths we have been focussing on number/basic facts, but we have enjoyed learning about ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd), which was in collaboration with our Olympic study and cross-country event.

Literacy and reading have been busy, with a general improvement in our letter sounds and formation, which has then led to the children using these skills in decoding unknown words, with their reading.



A cup of hot chocolate, made by the children, was enjoyed and provided addition to the procedural writing segment of their learning children.



Writing a procedure- making hot chocolate
We have enjoyed a mini-Olympics, competing in "Show Jumping" (with hobby horses), and various activities reflective of the Olympics. Art has included constructing small mountains, and paper bag rabbits.

DUFFY BOOKS 30 YEAR CELEBRATION

We have just been informed that there is a **Duffy Combined Schools Event- 30 Year Celebrations Assembly** in Taumarunui for the year 6-8 children on Wednesday 25th September from 11am to 12pm. We will not need cars as we will use a bus. We are yet to be told where the venue is. This is quite short notice for us to organise, so we will need permission slips filled in and returned to school by this Friday. See the form below.

ASSEMBLY

Tōtara class will be hosting our next assembly on Tuesday 24th September at 2:15. Note this is our Softball Tournament postponement day, so if the softball runs on this day, the assembly will be postponed to next term.

DRESS WHAT YOU WANT TO BE DAY- tomorrow.

On Thursday the 12th of September we are having a 'Dress What You Want to Be When You Grow Up Day'. Anyone not participating can wear their school uniform.

DISCO- Friday

We are all ready for our hoedown on Friday in the hall. Thanks to Tania Bramley for the use of some hay bales. Here are the details as designed by the year eights on this poster:



PLANTING PROJECT

On Friday, we planted 200 native plants behind the school pool turning a disused driveway into a shrubbery. All of the plants were chosen as they do not grow tall, as we do not want to block the sun from our swimming pool's solar panels.

With the help from Liz Brooker, the education officer at Project Tongariro, the students learnt the intricacies of planting a plant correctly, before working in pairs to do the mahi.

We were really impressed with their enthusiasm, and commitment to this rather long job, with nobody complaining and everyone working until it was finished. All in all, it took about two hours, with some children saying they planted 18 plants!

We have made a path between the plants so that we still have access to the woodshed and have kept a clear area for splitting wood. The old gate is about to be replaced with a fence to tidy up the street frontage.

This area is out of bounds until the plants get established. See some photos below.



Hunter



Jamie helps Jack



Kotuku and Lucas



It was as busy as a beehive with everyone planting



We even planted between the changing sheds and the firewood shed



Hopaea and Janey



Mr Starkey needed his pick as some of the ground was once a driveway with lots of gravel



Myer and Keira working together to plant a divaricating shrub

NGĀTI TUWHARETOA TAIOPENGA

As you all know, next Wednesday Ōwhango School will be entering our kapa haka roopu (group) into the Ngāti Tūwharetoa Taiopenga. The entire school will be going to Taupō **Wednesday 18th September** to support our kapa haka group. We will be leaving school at **9:00am**. The updated transport list is below.

If you are driving your child separately to Taupō, please meet us at the AC Baths entrance at 11am. The Ōwhango School PTA are very generously paying for our students to go for a swim in the heated AC Baths and also an opportunity to go on the hydro slide. This is optional. We will also be using the AC Baths complex to have our lunch. At 12:30 the tamariki will be out of the pool, changed and we will then be going into the Taupo Events Centre to watch other kapa haka roopu perform. The kaupapa of the day is celebrating kapa haka and supporting our performers. If you are coming to watch our roopu perform, please **do not** take your children away / separate them from our school group. The roopu get changed about an hour before performing, so I need all the tamariki close by and with us for the whole day.

Ōwhango School will be performing at **2:50pm at the Taupō Events Centre (next to AC Baths) – Taupō** and then we will be returning to Ōwhango straight after our performance. We hope to be back at school by 5:00pm at the latest. Mr Starkey will email out to parents once we pass through Tūrangi to give you an estimate time of arrival (Tūrangi is 45 minutes from Ōwhango).

Please ensure your tamariki have the following:

- Togs / towel
- A big lunch and morning tea
- A big water bottle

- Ensure they are wearing their correct school uniform (performers will get changed into their performing kākahu once we are there).

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith

Transportation

Vehicle	Passengers
Bus 1 (Paul Lacy)	Kirsty, Whaea Siobhán, Whaea Kim, Whaea Theresa, Ben, Hunter, Azalea, Jack O, Oliver, Harper, Aria, Sheeran, Jackson, Daithí Óg, Charlotte, Hopaea, Lo'i, Darcy, Gin, Lachlan.
Bus 2 (Grant Lethborg)	Mr Starkey, Mrs Tylee, Whaea Psalms, Whaea Jessie, Kotuku, Janey, Eric, Coby, Billie, Brodie, Evie, Mason, Monty, Beau, Jonny, Freida, Hazel, Te Hana, Piata.
Nicole Hosking	Soren, Zurich, Elliott and Tahu
Theresa Brewer	Tilly and Nico
Mark Bramley	Harry, Decan and Leiki
Maree Ashcroft	Haylee, Millie, Jamie and Ainsley
Dale Closter	Rosa, Indie & Lucas
Danielle Mitchell	Lucy, Archer and Keira
Jahbon Te Ahuru	Kaelyis-Rae and Kyston
Lakenn Te Ahuru	Delaize and Hayzin
Haylie Martin	Poppy, Patrick, Jack P and Molly
Not attending	Ivy, Chanae, Boyd, Myer, Lila, Aleah, Meah, Ellie-Rose, Olive, Juan and Quinn

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY- Results

Congratulations to the following students who were placed in the top ten of their races at this event last Friday. Unfortunately, we do not have any photos from this event to share with you other than the one below from Facebook.

Yr 2- Ainsley Parkinson 1st, Eric Graham 9th

Yr 4 Meah Potgieter 10th

Yr 5 Mason Wheeler 3rd, Monty Hoban 4th, Kaelyis-Rae Te Ahuru-Watson 4th, Juan Dutra 10th

Yr 7 Tilly Brewer 5th, Oliver Wheeler 7th, Gin Schormair 10th,

Yr 8 Freida Hoban 6th



Ainsley won her race

MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

This year we are trialling a Mountain Schools Softball Tournament. This follows a review of our PE programme which identified a need to have a sporting event that included striking- the hitting of a ball with a bat.

Ōwhango School will be hosting this at the domain on Friday 20th September. To make this day accessible to all age groups we have devised a programme that has three different games, with increasing skill levels for each:

Year 1-3 Scatter Ball

Year 4-6 Rounders

Year 7 & 8 T Ball

In future, we would like to play softball, however, for this inaugural event, we are doing t ball for the oldest children as it enables more children to have success. It is easier to hit a ball sitting on a t stand, than hitting a ball being pitched toward you.

As our Mountain Schools have such a range of pupils at them, we will be mixing the children into teams made up from each school; so rather than it being a school versus school event, it will be team versus team. This has the added bonus of ensuring that the children learn to socialise with a wider range of children to build up their social skills too.

You are all welcome to come along and support the children on the day. We do need a few adults to manage the year 1-3 teams, to ensure they know where to go. The teachers will be busy umpiring the games. Please fill in the form below if you are able to assist.

This is a compulsory event, part of our P.E. programme. As it is within the village area, we do not require permission slips for this. Please note that this is a trial event, things may not run smoothly, but they will help us to improve things for the following year.

PTA HOT LUNCH THURSDAY MENU- a reminder

(Term Three Only)

Pies \$4

Sausage Rolls \$4

Hot Dogs \$4

Milo \$1 bring your own named cup.

Burgers \$6

YEAR 5-8 RIPPA RUGBY

Note the change of venue: Please note that this event is now taking place at the Taumarunui Domain (not Cherry Grove as previously planned).

Transportation

Driver	Passengers
Regan	Freida, Monty, Darcy, Hazel
Theresa	Whaea Jessie, Charlotte, Piata, Gin, Hopaea, Snow
Michelle G.	Lucas, Oliver, Soren, Zurich
Karly	Jonny, Juan, Beau, Boyd
Sherie	Keira, Tahu, Mason - <i>GAZEBO (To be confirmed)</i>
Meet There	Delaize, Tilia, Ivy, Jack, Aleah, Hayzin, Poppy, Kaelyis-Rae, Lachlan
Not coming	Lo'i, Jamie, Chanae

Thank you to all whānau who have offered transport or to manage a team at this event. Your support is appreciated.

We will leave school at 8.45am sharp so please make sure if you are not driving your own child that they are at school on time. Whaea Jessie and Whaea Regan will be our school staff present at the event. They will have the team belts, tags and draws for the day.

Please note:

- Managers must meet at the ops tent at 9.15am for the briefing.
- First game start time is 9.30am
- Finish is at approximately 2pm
- Wear **bare feet** for all, NO boots or sneakers
- There will be food for sale

Please remember to be kind, courteous and respectful to our high school referees at all times. If any issues should arise, direct these to team managers/school staff.

SCHOOL BOARD HUI- a reminder

Our next School Board hui is on 12th September at 7pm. You are welcome to attend.

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

The Year 5-8 basketball competition has finished for the season. It was terrific to see the children play so well and have lots of fun. A huge thank you to Jahbon and Lakenn who coached and managed our teams, as well as to all the parents who were there to support our kids each week. Keep an eye out in the Pānui for the Year 1-4 Minimeez basketball competition which will run through Term 4. We will get the permission

slips out to you as soon as information is available.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER

An email was sent out at the beginning of the week in regard to the change of soccer days this week. The finals will now be played this **Thursday 12th**:

4.30pm 1 Year 3/4/5 (3rd/4th) Manunui Kiwi vs Owango Junior

4.00pm 2 Year 6/7/8 (11th/12th) Owango Seniors vs NVS Waffles

This will be followed by prize giving at 5.40pm

A very big thank you to Todd who has come out to school every Thursday to run practises with the kids, as well as being there at the games with them, supporting and managing all the sideline subbing. Thank you to all the parents who are there each week supporting our children as well.

Community Notices

REAP HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

See the posters below

BACK TO NATURE HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

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

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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**Mountain School Softball Tournament
Friday 20th September
Ōwhango Domain 9:30am start, Finish 2:15**

ADULT HELP

YES / NO I can stay and support all day with one of the year 1-3 teams, making sure they know where to go.

Adult Helper's Name _____

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**Year 6-8 Duffy 30 Years Celebration
Wednesday 25th September
Departing School at 10:30am returning 12:30pm**

Family name _____

My child / ren _____ may attend the Year 6-8 Duffy 30 Years Celebration.

We are travelling by bus and do not require adult assistance.
We need this permission slip back by this Friday 13th September.

Central King Country REAP
Te Manu Korero O Nga Matauranga

"You can do Magic"

**FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER
12.30PM TO 2.30PM**

Join the REAP team in welcoming magician Andrew Wilson. Enjoy a magic show, and learn some "tricks of the trade"

**CHILDREN MUST BE 7+
COST \$2**

**SPACES WILL BE LIMITED!
TO SECURE YOUR PLACE
PLEASE CALL
INTO THE REAP OFFICE
AND REGISTER**

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY THE
TAUMARUNUI OPPORTUNITY SHOP

Painting, Potting & Planting

**Tuesday 8th October 2024
10am - 12pm - at REAP**

Decorate your planter then learn how to pot and care for your very own plant!

Children must be 7 years and older
COST: \$2

**SPACES ARE LIMITED, GET IN EARLY TO
SECURE YOUR SPOT!**



Central King Country REAP
Te Manu Korero O Nga Matauranga

Back to nature holiday programme

30th September to 11th October 2024

We will be running a no device nature based school holiday programme in Taumarunui for ages 5 - 13. Outdoor games to creative arts and crafts, we've got something for everyone. Don't miss out on a holiday filled with laughter, adventure and new friends!

- Hut making
- Nature exploration
- Mud play
- Farming exposure
- Wood art
- Food harvest and baking
- Music and dance
- Treasure hunts
- Horse rides
- Bush walks
- Arts and crafts
- Free play and quiet time
- Golf
- Team sports and much more!

Monday to Friday
8:30pm - 3pm
Before/after hours care for children booked in the programme can be arranged

Food and beverage supplied

**For an information and enrolment email
backtonaturehp@outlook.com**

\$50 per child per day

\$45 per child per day for 2+ child