



# 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

"I can live for two months on a good compliment." Mark Twain

## DATES TO NOTE

18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Tuwharetoa Taiopenga
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Mountain Schools Softball Tourn.
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Tōtara Trip to Kiwi House
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Softball Postponement Date
	Assembly 2:15 (if no softball)
25 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Y6-8 Duffy 30 <sup>th</sup> Celebration
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Last Day of Term Three, Mufti

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

### 2025 Staffing Numbers

We have just received our staffing allocation for 2025 from the Ministry of Education. As expected, we will be returning to being a three-teacher school. One of the conditions of being a four-teacher school this year, was that we put in place an enrolment scheme to manage our roll size. As you know, we have done this. At present we are looking at starting with a roll of 67, growing to 71 by the end of the year.

### New Staffroom Update

There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes getting the plans refined and approved for our new staffroom. This is now out for tender with builders. The ministry is managing and funding this project, using their short-term-roll-growth funds, and are hoping that it is completed by the start of next year. It is being sited within our current footprint- where the cleaners' cupboard, corridor and junior toilets are located. The cleaner's cupboard will shift to the music storage room, the school is over-endowed with toilets which is why we are not needing the junior toilets in the future.

Next year, the old staffroom (Whaea Siobhan's room currently) will be converted to a multi-purpose room, with a focus on teaching technology lessons in there. We are looking at

installing several ovens for cooking, removable benches for hard materials (think woodwork), art and craft equipment. This conversion is partly in response to the high school no longer providing technology lessons on their site; however, we would like to use this room for all our year levels, not just the year 7 and 8 students who are funded for extra technology lessons.

### Other Stuff

There have also been a few small jobs going on around the school.

In the Sick Bay, also know as the Shower Toilet as it has a shower in there, we have installed a window treatment to replace the old window frosting that was wrinkled and looking messy. For some strange reason when this room was built, they installed clear glass so that people could see in! This new window treatment has kowhai flowers and fantails printed onto it, making the room much more cheerful.



The kowhai and fantails on the window

Over by the sandpit, we have planted a silk tree as this will grow into a beautiful shade tree over the sandpit. This is quite fast-growing tree, so we should get shade soonish, and being deciduous we will get plenty of light over the winter months. Here is a photo of what the tree will quickly grow into:



## CLASSROOM KŌRERO –Rimu Class

### Rippa Rugby

Last Friday the year five to eights drove out to the Taumarunui Domain to participate in games of Rippa Rugby, organised by Amy Perrez and her amazing team. The three senior boys from Rimu class joined the Tarrangower boys to make a team. The teams that were entered took the names of Tahi, Rua and Toru. All the girls in the senior class that signed up to play were all in one big team, although there were only six players that ended up being able to play. Thank you to everyone who helped with organising and coaching as well as transport to make this stuff possible for us. By Hopaea

### Basketball

Since week two, the year 7 & 8 have had a basketball game every Monday night. We played seven games winning most of them. Overall, we came 7th out of 12 teams. We really enjoyed competing against the other teams during the competition. We only had two girls so that meant they had to play full games (teams must play with two girls on the court). Delaize got the highest points scored for our team and he also got the sportsmanship ribbon from the other team, and everyone else received a ribbon for coming 7th. In our last game we 39-nilled them! Thank you to Lakenn Te Ahuru for coaching and managing our amazing team. By Delaize



The year 7 & 8 basketball team

### DRESS WHAT YOU WANT TO BE DAY-

It was great to see the children dress up in the career that they would like to pursue. See the photos at the end of this Pānui.

## DUFFY BOOKS 30 YEAR CELEBRATION

We are waiting for the last of the permission slips to come in for this. Children who do not return these will have to stay at school.

A reminder about what this is: Duffy Books in Homes Combined Schools 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.

### DISCO

This night was a great success. The country and western theme was a great idea, and it was nice to have some hay bales to sit on and rest between dances and games. As always, we had a generous supper, thanks parents. Unfortunately, it was a big day for some of the students as it ended up clashing with the postponed Rippa tournament, and the postponed basketball tournament. Thanks to the year 8 students who organised this fun event, to Kim Petersen for coordinating it, and Nairin Higgie who was the guest DJ. See the photos below.



Ben and Eric in their cowboy gears



Dancin'



Hazel mans the photo booth with her polaroid camera



More dancing and flashing light



A rather blurry photo of a conga line

### NGĀTI TUWHARETOA TAIOPENGA

We are there as this Pānui goes out. Here are photos from our dress rehearsal in the hall from last week though...



### SPORTS UNIFORMS

Can all sports uniforms now be returned since all sports are now completed? Thank you.

## A SPECIAL THANKS

A huge ngā mihi to the team at Ōwhango Alive, especially Mark, Sally, Pete and Marion for generously sharing their time and expertise with Tōtara over the past few weeks in support of our native manu study.

They have come on informative hīkoi with us, taught us all about trapping pests and predators, helped us identify native manu by their calls, brought us to see whio on the Whakapapa River and have gifted some students their very own traps. We are very grateful for your knowledge and support. I think you have recruited some future volunteers! We extend the same thanks to Whaea Liz at Project Tongariro who has also been working alongside our class and will work with our kura on conservation initiatives.

From Whaea Siobhán & Tōtara class.



Finding out about whio

## MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT This Friday, or postponement day is Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup>.

As the children will not be playing as an Ōwhango team, but rather are being mixed with the other mountain schools to make teams, they do not need a school sports uniform on this day. Therefore, they can wear mufti, but it must be suitable clothing to play sports in.

On the day they will receive a coloured wristband to identify their team.

They will need to bring a water bottle and lunch, or money to buy their lunch.

We will make the call on whether to proceed or postpone on Thursday morning. So, keep an eye on your emails. The forecast is not good for Friday, but better for Tuesday.

## SCHOOL BOARD HUI

At last week's hui, the board discussed:

The final mop up of accounts from the skate park; changes to the alarm system; concreting work quotes; update on the new staffroom; the replacement of two fireplaces; getting the classrooms' ceilings painted; getting doors put in the entrance to the two senior toilets; staffing for 2025; a proposal for a professional advisor to assist with appointing a new principal; the term dates for 2025; the upcoming School Board elections in 2025; the latest Tech Room concept ideas; and we reviewed five policies.



Tōtara class off on an adventure



Elliott and Te Hana with a stuffed stoat

## TERM DATES 2025

At the Board meeting last week, the following term dates were approved for 2025:

**Term One** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Includes a teacher only day Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February (giving you a long weekend as Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> is Waitangi Day.)

**Term Two** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Includes a teacher only day 3<sup>rd</sup> June (giving you a long weekend as 2<sup>nd</sup> June is King's Birthday.)

**Term Three** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**Term Four** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

Includes a teacher only day on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

## ASSEMBLY a reminder

Tōtara class will be hosting our next assembly on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## PTA HOT LUNCH THURSDAY MENU- a reminder

Pies \$4

Sausage Rolls \$4

Hot Dogs \$4

Milo \$1 bring your own named cup.

Burgers \$6

## Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

There are none at present.

## 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-** 22<sup>nd</sup> July to 27<sup>th</sup> September

**Term Four-** 14<sup>th</sup> October to 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Teacher Only Day-** 25<sup>th</sup> 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

## Careers Day Photos- guess the career each person would like...



Kōwhai Room



Tōtara Room



Kahikatea Room



Rimu Room