



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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Ōwhango School at Otukou Marae

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKĪ

“In order to be irreplaceable, one must always be different.” - Coco Chanel

DATES TO NOTE

23 rd August	Mountain Schools Cross Country
26 th -30 th August	Ski Camp
13 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
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

Apologies, but the date for the Tuwharetoa Taiopenga in Taupo was printed incorrectly in previous Pānui. It will be on Wednesday 18th (not the 19th as advertised).

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

Ski Camp Update

An email was sent out on Monday explaining that we have postponed the decision about whether we are going on camp or not until Wednesday 21st (today). This is because the forecast was for snow to arrive on Monday and Tuesday, meaning there may be enough snow to have our ski camp. Tonight at 8pm the people who run Tukino are having a meeting to decide whether there is enough snow to open the ski field. Once this decision is made, we will then know if our camp can proceed.

So please keep an eye on your emails as I will be emailing you all once I have their decision.

Ski Camp Bag Inspection

On Monday, I also sent an email out explaining that our Ski Camp Bag Inspection scheduled for today would not proceed due to the uncertainty of the trip. And with the school going to Kaitieke for the cross country on Friday there is not

enough time to reschedule this. Therefore, this will have to be done at home; if we proceed with the camp, can you please ensure that your child has all of the things on the gear list? This is really important as we will be in an alpine environment. I will insert the gear list again, below.

Further Updates

If our camp does proceed, please keep an eye on your emails as there will be further updates sent out- the latest transport list for example. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

CLASSROOM KŌRERO –Kahikatea

It has been a busy few weeks in Kahikatea. To prepare for our Marae Trip, we learnt about the powhiri process, practising our note-taking skills while watching a terrific episode of ‘Hongi to Hangi’. We learnt about the different areas of the marae, as well as identifying the different parts of the whareniui and the meanings associated with each part. We constructed and put together our own whareniui to show this. Last Wednesday was such an amazing day, filled with rich, beautiful and authentic learning. Here are a few small excerpts of follow-up writing from Kahikatea..

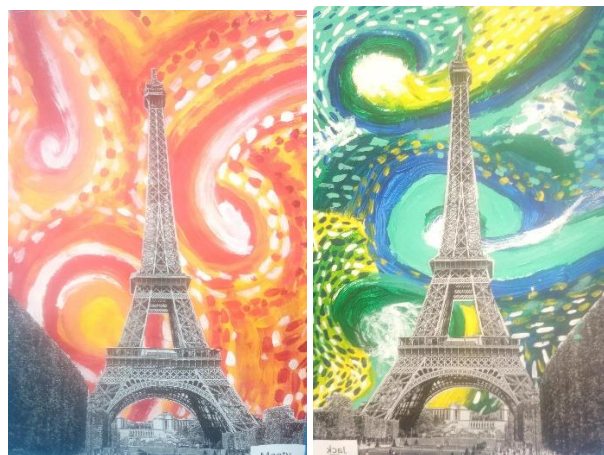


Our wall display

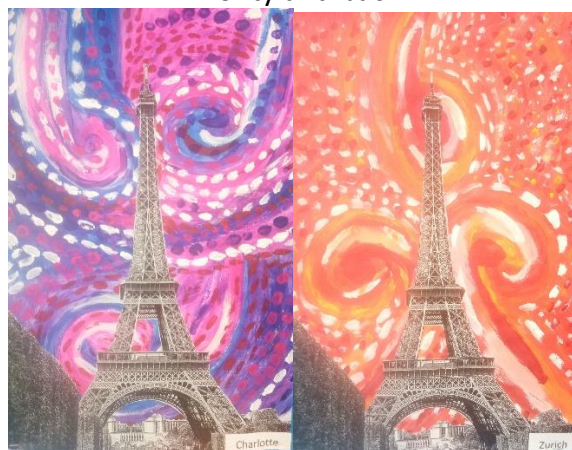
We zigzagged across the valley with the mountain glowing in the distance, finally arriving at Otukou Marae at the foot of the ancient mountain, Tongariro. The sun shot my face with heat and the air was still and silent but touched with the chattering of children. By Keira. We gathered into a group led by Whaea Psalms, passing under the waharoa as waewaetapu, called in by Nana Te Maari. By Monty. We sat in front of the whareniui, the huge arms welcoming us in. In the old days they put

sawdust in the walls to keep the inside of the whareniui warm. It will keep you safe because the arms will keep you and hold you tight. By Zurich.

We have also been studying and researching our favourite New Zealand Olympians. The students have enjoyed having autonomy over their learning, finding information on their given athlete and choosing different ways to publish and share their mahi. To celebrate the end of the Paris Olympics, we created a painting inspired by the idea of ‘A Parisian Celebration’. Our goal was to use a painting technique called *scumbling*. This involves applying a thin layer of paint with a dry brush and a loose hand over an existing layer. The idea is to allow parts of the already existing paint below to remain exposed. Here are a few examples of our paintings.



Monty and Jack



Charlotte and Zurich

TUWHARETOA TAIOPENGA - KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

This year Ōwhango School will be entering a kapa haka roopu (group) into the four-day Tuwharetoa Taiopenga. This is not a competition; it is merely

a celebration of kapa haka, and we are entering to give the students an opportunity to perform in front of a large crowd and also witness other schools performing and enjoying kapa haka. Primary schools, high schools, kohanga reo and kindergartens from all over the Ngāti Tuwharetoa area will be entering. A group consisting mainly of the senior class students (with a few other younger students) has been selected to perform and represent Ōwhango School. Forms will be sent out to notify you if your child will be performing.

The entire school will be going to Taupo on **Wednesday 18th September** to support our kapa haka group. We will be leaving Ōwhango School at 9:00am. Ōwhango School will be performing at **2:40pm at the Taupō Events Centre (next to AC Baths) – Taupō** and then we will be returning straight after our performance. We hope to be back at school by 4:30pm. Please fill in the permission slip below.
Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith

PTA HOT LUNCH THURSDAY MENU

(Term Three Only)

Pies \$4

Sausage Rolls \$4

Hot Dogs \$4

Milo \$1 bring your own named cup.

Burgers \$6 (limited time until sold out)

ASSEMBLY

Yesterday we had an assembly. Due to time constraints, photos will be in our next Pānui.

MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

This Friday, 23rd of August, the whole school will travel to Kaitieke School for our Mountain Schools cross country event. We aim to leave school at 9am sharp, we will return in the afternoon. If your child is unwell and unable to attend, please notify the office as early as possible. There are still some outstanding permission slips, please get these to us today.

There is no postponement date, therefore in the event of cancellation our kaiako will decide based on cross country training who will attend the interschools cross country event on the 6th of September.

Thank you to all our whānau who have offered to transport students to and from Kaitieke. Our transport list is attached. We have combined some cars to save on petrol. We will need support with marshalling on the day so please be prepared to help out.

The course is rugged and there are signs of blackberry, so no bare feet are allowed. We can expect some wet and cold weather so please ensure all children are well prepared for the day.

All students must bring:

- Substantial lunch (food available to buy: sausages and bread, ice blocks, home baking)
- Full water bottle
- Raincoat
- School sports shirt and comfortable clothes to run in
- Warm change of clothes/layers for afterwards
- Running shoes (**No bare feet, jandals, crocs or gumboots**)

Transport List

Driver	Passengers
Regan (4)	Freida, Monty, Juan, Sheeran
Deb (4)	Elliott, Beau, Soren, Zurich
Trudie (4)	Oliver, Mason, Theresa, Charlotte
Jahbon (2)	Kaelyis-Rae, Kyston
Dale (3)	Rosa, Indie, Eric
Paul (3)	Ben, Jack O. Kotuku
Maree (4)	Sarah, Harper, Aria, Haylee
Maxine (6)	Evie, Mark, Harry, Brodie, Nico, Tahu
Cara (7)	Hazel, Ivy, Hopaea, Tilly, Chanae, Gin
Bus (20)	Whaea Siobhān, Whaea Kim, Whaea Jessie, Mr. Starkey , Billie, Millie, Decan, Daithī Ōg, Archer, Leiki, Janey, Te Hana, Piata, Coby, Keira, Delaize, Hayzin, Lucas, Azalea, Hunter,
Meet there	Ainsley, Jonny, Jackson, Patrick, Poppy, Jack P, Molly, Aleah, Meah, Ellie-Rose, Lucy, Darcy, Olive, Quinn
Not coming	Jamie, Lo'i, Boyd, Myer, Lila



Waiting at the waharoa before the powhiri

OUR DAY AT OTUKOU MARAE AND OPOTAKA PA

It was a brilliant day spent at Otukou Marae. The haukainga welcomed us warmly and the children and whanau accompanying us had such an amazing time. A huge THANK YOU to Nana Te Maari and Koko Tamati for sharing their history, their knowledge, their aroha and their stories with us. THANK YOU to Willie Hutch who was our kaikōrero and spoke at the powhiri. We were lucky enough to have the most beautiful weather, which allowed us to spend time at Opotaka Pa on the banks of Rotoaira, where we were treated once again to the rich history and astonishing landscape.

A big THANK YOU as always to the wonderful team of Ōwhango Adventures and all the wonderful whanau members that spent the day with us and provided transport. Below are some excerpts from students' writing about their experience.

Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith



Learning about the wharepuni, Okahukura

When Nana Te Maari had finished with an emotional karanga Whaea Psalms responded. The call was calming, and I felt like I was living it. It was a really special moment. The marae shone in the sparkling sun, the vibrant reds and yellows from the marae stood out like a blazing fire. The powhiri flowed like a gentle stream.

By Freida Hoban.



The paintings on the walls of the wharekai

On top of the hill, just in sight, we could see Lake Rotoaira. In the middle of the shiny lake was Motuopuhi with green luscious bush covering the island with gleam. Behind Rotoaira we could see the gigantic Tongariro standing there with pride as its majestic brown coated him with a tiny bit of snow on his tippy top. On the sides of the lake there were beautiful green and brown colours painting the bush like a silky paintbrush. You could hear the magical birds chirping as the sun was gleaming on lake Rotoaira like a mirror.

By Chanæ Sapina.



Sharing of kai

All I could hear was kids screaming with joy, but through that wall I could hear her voice of mana, singing to the lost land below, where the taniwha Aorangi slumbered in silence for years to come again. And with her tranquil singing, peace was filled in the air, it made me feel safe from stress on our weighted shoulders. To make us see the light of day once more. Watching the blissful waters of Rotoaira dance with happiness and sorrow, for what she has and what she lost.

By Jamie Parry.



Koko Tamati oversees the clean up

We arrived at Opotaka. The sun glaring down on us, encasing us in a cozy cloak of heat, empowering us. The comforting sound of people laughing and chatting through the hollow air grasped me. My head spun slowly, creeping to see Lake Rotoaira glimmering in a coat of gloss, Tongariro standing tall in all his glory. The calm waves bounced onto my eyes sending amazement through my spine. The sun was blinding Motuopuhi who was bathing in Rotoaira. My resting position was looking straight towards the stunning view.

By Hopaea Blackman.



Nana Te Maari explains the murals in the wharekai

Y5-8 TAUMARUNUI RIPPA TOURNAMENT

Please fill in the permission slip at the bottom of this Pānui. All year 5-8 children are expected to participate as this is part of our physical education programme. We need these slips back by Tuesday next week.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY- 6th September

Children who are selected for this event will be given a permission slip following the Mountain Schools event.



Lunch at Opotaka Pa

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

There are no games for Ōwhango on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th August. Amy juggled the draw to let both teams play an extra game this week, just in case we are at Tukino.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER

Friday 23rd August

4pm Field 1 Manunui Kiwi vs Owhango Junior

4.30pm Field 3 Tokirima Force vs Owhango Seniors.

There are no games scheduled for Friday 30th August

Community Notices

Ōwhango Alive Quiz Night- 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

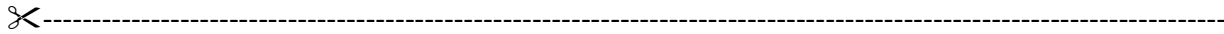
Ōwhango Adventures: Free bus use for trips

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



Year 5-8 KCRU Rippa Rugby Tournament Permission Slip
Friday 13th September 2024 @Cherry Grove
Note this is a compulsory event, part of our P.E. programme

Family name _____

My child / ren _____ may attend the KCRU Rippa Rugby Tournament.

ADULT HELP WITH A TEAM

YES / NO I can stay and support a team all day

TRANSPORT

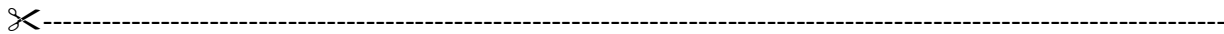
YES / NO I can provide smoke-free, and seat-belted transport for _____ (write number) children, in a registered and warranted vehicle that will be driven by a fully licensed driver who adheres to all traffic regulations. (Note, drivers will be paid some money to go towards their petrol costs.)

Do you live outside Ōwhango and will be **meeting us at the venue** in Taumarunui because it is closer to travel there rather than help bring children to this event? **YES / NO**

If you are assisting with transport:

Name of driver _____

Signed _____



TUWHARETOA TAIOPENGA - KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

Taupō Events Centre (next to AC Baths) – Taupō
Wednesday 18th September 2024

Family name _____

My child / ren _____ may attend the Tuwharetoa Taiopenga kapa haka festival in Taupō on Wednesday 18th September 2024.

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 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 _____

TUKINO SKI CAMP- reminders

WHAT TO TAKE

Bedding:

The lodges have mattresses and a pillow on each.

Everyone needs to bring:

- a sheet for the mattress
- a pillowcase
- a sleeping bag or duvet

If you want to bring your own pillow, then do.

Ski Clothes

Ski jacket – waterproof and windproof

Thermals / Fleece (long sleeved top and leggings)

Waterproof ski overalls / pants

Sunscreen, lip balm

Ski goggles or sunglasses (compulsory to prevent snow blindness)

Warm socks (long woollen socks are best to ski in- wear **only one pair** when skiing)

A neck warmer or balaclava Safety: never wear a loose scarf when skiing in case it gets caught in a rope tow.

Helmet – (compulsory when skiing) We have about 20 ski helmets at school that the children can borrow free of charge. You will need to come to school to get these before our trip. First in first served.

Hair ties for people with long hair. Safety: never ski with your long hair out loose as it can get caught in the rope tow.

Gloves: it is essential they are waterproof, woollen gloves by themselves are not suitable. A spare pair is a good idea as they can get wet then cold (especially if the kids are throwing snowballs!)

Note- as we will be using nutcracker rope tows, the children will need leather over-gloves to grip the rope. The school has purchased these, however if you would like your own these are available for sale from Ski Biz or sometimes Tukino sells them.

Free Loan Gear:

We have two boxes of ski clothing (ski pants / jackets / mittens/ sunglasses/ goggles/ helmets etc) at school you are welcome to come and borrow for the duration of the programme. First in best dressed! Please return these washed.

Outside Clothes

Warm hat

Neck warmer

Gumboots or waterproof footwear

Safety: I recommend taking a pair of old, large socks that fit over your shoes or gumboots to wear outside for grip on ice, which can be treacherous.

Lodge Clothes etc

Toilet bag with toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, medicines, sunscreen, lip balm, etc

Towel

Pyjamas

Slippers or warm socks

Clothes for hanging around inside if the weather is bad (track pants, oodie, etc.)

Games:

The children are encouraged to bring one game on camp with them to play with on bad weather days or in the evening. Please do not bring any electronic games- nothing that requires a battery or charging.

A Book or Two:

Bring a book or two to read in case we are stuck inside in bad weather or if you want some quiet time at the end of the day.

Lunch: Everyone needs a packed lunch, water and morning tea for the first day, Monday.

Baking: We would like each family to supply a container of baking or snack food to share between meals.

Main Meals: The ingredients for the meals are provided by Tukino, we cook and clean up.

WHAT NOT TO TAKE

Cell phones for the children- adults may take their cell phones but children cannot. If they want to take photos on the camp, they are welcome to use one of the three school tablets. If you have a camera, you may bring it at your own risk.

Electronic Games

Alcohol The School Board does not permit alcohol on school camps.

Dogs! These are forbidden in the National Park.



Ōwhango Alive fund raising

QUIZ Night

Thursday, August 29th
Ōwhango Pub

Teams of 4 - \$40 per team
Limited to 25 teams, so be in quick!

Bar is open at 6pm for drinks and bar meals
Bring cash for raffles

Quiz starts at 7pm

ŌwhangoAlive
PROTECTING OUR OWN BACKLAND

Register your team and team's name with Mark - 027573 4359

