



# 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’ve learned that a good leader accepts bad news calmly.” Anonymous, age 49

## DATES TO NOTE

29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Skate Park Competition
6 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Interschool Cross Country
12 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Dress What You Want to Be Day
	School Board Hui 7pm
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Y5- Y8 Ripa Tournament
	Disco
18 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Tuwharetoa Taiopenga
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Mountain Schools Softball Tourn.
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Assembly
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Last Day of Term Three, Mufti

## PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGES

### Ski Camp Final Update

As you were informed on Wednesday night, we have had to cancel our ski camp due to insufficient snow to run the lift at Tukino. Parents who have paid their money for this camp will be receiving a full refund. We have many disappointed children, so the teachers have planned a series of fun events for this week.



An image from the Tukino webcam on Tuesday showing how little snow there is at Tukino after the warm rain.

**CLASSROOM KŌRERO** –No classroom korero this week as we were expecting to be on camp. However, we have some photos of our fun week at school below.



Pyjama Day in the kōwhai room

## WELCOME TO ŌWHANGO SCHOOL

A warm welcome to Lachlan Tomlinson who is in year 5. Lachlan’s parents, Karen Komene and Mike Tomlinson are former students at Owhango- it is great to have you back with your son.



Lachlan is in Kahikatea class

## DISCO

The year 8 students are busy planning the disco. They will announce the theme and other details in next week’s Pānuī. Make sure you keep the evening of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September free.



Harry explores the chemical reaction as he makes a lava lamp



Millie and Lucy closely observe their lava lamp experiment

**SKATE PARK COMPETITION**

Tomorrow we will be hosting a scooter comp after lunch at 1:30, we invite all whānau to come along and watch. All kids participating must bring a helmet, covered shoes and a scooter and if not, we have spare scooters and helmets in the P.E shed. The skatepark will be completely empty when it's your turn so the skaters get the best run possible. We have a guest judge joining us at the comp. See you there.

If the weather is wet, we will postpone this to another week- an email will be sent out in the morning to inform you if it is postponed.

By Delaize and Lucas

**ASSEMBLY**

Here are some photos from last week's assembly.



The seniors showed the cushions they made this term



Freida, Chanae and Jamie talk about our marae trip



Lucas talks about our basketball and soccer results



The seniors receive their Technology Challenge certificates



Freida and Gin talk about the Tough Kid Mud Run





Oliver and Delaize talk about the junior rugby awards



Billie and Haylee reading in their hut

### TUWHARETOA TAIOPENGA - KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

Thanks to everyone who has got their permission slips for this event. **They are due tomorrow**, so that we can organise transport. This is a whole school event, so anyone not coming must stay at home that day. Those children who have been selected to perform on the day will be bringing an information sheet home tomorrow. The children not performing will be in the audience to support their peers, and to appreciate the cultural experience of the Tuwharetoa Taiopenga. We will also be watching other schools perform kapahaka.

### INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY- 6<sup>th</sup> September

Children who are selected for this event have been given a permission slip. Please return these to school by 9am **tomorrow**, so that we can register the children for the event.

Note that children are selected on both their performance in the Mountain Schools Cross Country event, and their effort and ability during practises. The interschool event is quite competitive, with any students who walk getting disqualified.

### DUFFY CAUGHT BEING GOOD

The following students were awarded at our assembly:



Pyjama Day fun



From Rimu: Freida for showing leadership and always stepping up to challenges head on; Hazel for pushing through challenges in mathematics and always being motivated to complete her work; Jamie for wonderful and thoughtful descriptive writing about Opotaka Pa and Lake Rotoaira; Delaize for his leadership and manaakitanga shown at Otukou marae and at school too; Oliver for facing challenges and always continuing to make an effort, even when things get hard.



Patrick and Nico reading in their hut



From Kahikatea: Boyd for consistent effort and persistence across all curriculum areas, and being an excellent leader in digital literacy; Jonny for being a supportive class member and giving everything a go with a smile and an amazing attitude; Keira for her beautifully descriptive writing; Beau for his excellent improvement in maths and spelling; Poppy for her never-ending curiosity, interest, knowledge and enthusiasm for te ao Māori



From Tōtara: Lucy for whanaungatanga- showing care and compassion to her peers at all times; Archer for his increased effort in his independent mahi; Elliott for creating an excellent digital poster during our Olympic study; Patrick for his persistent effort in improving his handwriting.



From Kōwhai: Eric for being helpful and a role-model in class and trying hard in all learning; Janey for her excellent effort and resilience in maths; Hunter for his effort and progress in all curriculum areas.



Pyjama Day gymnastics...



... Hazel and Gin...



Ivy does a bridge



Gin, Hopaea and Darcy mixing chocolate chip biscuits





Lucas, Delaize and Oliver's are ready for the oven



Chanae and Tilly sample the finished product

## MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who came in the first five of their race. All race results are on the notice board in the corridor.

- Sheeran Leach 5<sup>th</sup>
- Molly Pierce 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Ainsley Parkinson 1<sup>st</sup>
- Kyston Te Ahuru-Watson 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Meah Potgieter 4<sup>th</sup>
- Mason Wheeler 1<sup>st</sup>
- Monty Hoban 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Kaelyis-Rae Te Ahuru-Watson 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Lucas Gavegan 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Oliver Wheeler 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Tilia Brewer 5<sup>th</sup>
- Gin Schormair 1<sup>st</sup>
- Freida Hoban 3<sup>rd</sup>



Jackson gets off to a good start in the year 2 boys race



The year 4 girls line up



The year 2 girls



Monty, Lachlan and Jonny relax and eat



Happy girls

## MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

A message from Annelies Resink, Kaitieke School principal:

Kia ora Mountain Schools whānau,  
A huge thank you to all the children who came down to Kaitieke School on Friday to run our cross-country course. What a neat bunch of



children - lots of perseverance and resilience! A big highlight for me was seeing the four schools playing together in between races and growing relationships.

Last year we received great feedback and used this to improve on this year - such as moving the finish line. This year, we have received feedback again, which we will take on board and look forward to having you all back down here in 2025. We acknowledge that there was an issue with a marshal point, and we ended up with a few long-distance runners! I understand why this caused concern. I appreciate that this could have been avoided and thank those of you who kept calm, fed correct information to myself and other helpers, and encouraged those year three boys to race again later in the day. Didn't they do so well?

Please accept my apology for this incident. And please know that we always have children's safety at the absolute forefront of everything we organise.

Congratulations to all competitors - I look forward to seeing them race at the Interschool Cross Country in week seven.



Hayzin and Kaelyis-Rae tucked up in their fort



Jack's winning hot chocolate design



Planning, designing and evaluating the hot chocolates



Zurich enjoying his hot chocolate

### YEAR 5-8 RIPPA RUGBY

This event is compulsory for all year 5-8 students. Permission slips and individual registrations are **due back today** so we can make up teams to register and organise the transport arrangements.

### TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR RUGBY AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were recently awarded:



Delaize Te Ahuru - Mahu = 2024 Best Back, Taumarunui U13.



Jack Pierce = 2024 Overall best Forward,  
Taumarunui U11.



Jonny Marshall = 2024 Best Forward,  
Taumarunui U11.



Tilia Brewer = 2024 Best Back, Taumarunui U11.



Hut building in the sandpit

## 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)

## Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

### TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER

Reminder - there are no games scheduled for this Friday 30th August.

### TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

At this stage the quarter final times (for the Year 7/8 team) and semi-final times (for the Year 5/6 team), have not been confirmed. We will let you know as soon as information becomes available. The draw is also available on the Taumarunui Junior Basketball website.

## 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