



# 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

"Kua hinga he totara i te wao nui a Tane." A totara has fallen in the forest of Tane.

"We are united now in many new ways. My first message is that we maintain our kotahitanga... to our leaders, please work together and continue to lead with your heart. All good things come from an honest and true heart. Together we are stronger and mana motuhake works when we are all strong." Kiingi Tūheitia Pōtatau Te Wherowhero VII

## DATES TO NOTE

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 Rippa Tournament
	Disco 6pm - 8pm
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.	Assembly
27 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Last Day of Term Three, Mufti

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

It was lovely to be outside, in the sunshine, on Monday afternoon watching the scooter competition. This was one of the activities we scheduled into our cancelled ski camp week to bring some sense of fun after the disappointment of not being able to go on camp.

Many of the activities that we did last week were suggestions from children, ideas that they had put into our suggestion box located outside the office. The teachers read these ideas at our staff hui and discuss whether their ideas are worth pursuing, then report back to the students at our assemblies.

Last week we followed the kids ideas to have a pyjama day, a Lego day, baking at school, and a scooter competition.

One of the goals the suggestion box achieves is giving effective student voice. The students have a meaningful way of suggesting what they get to do. Which in turn encourages student engagement.

## CLASSROOM KŌRERO –Tōtara Class

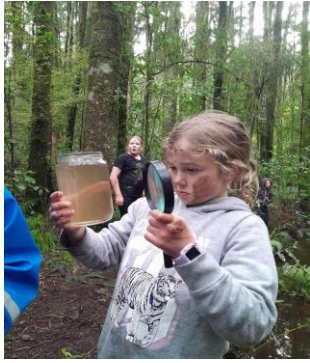
Wow week 7 already! Tōtara have been busy. We were disappointed about the cancellation of ski camp but made the most of our fun week at school with pottery, a PJ Day, Lego day, a genius hour, making lava lamps, gymnastics sessions, art, a movie, baking, building, bush day and even some break dancing and dress making!



Lego Day Fun



Dressmaker Meah with her models



Ainsley the entomologist at bush day

One highlight of our term so far, all the students agree upon has been our trip to Otūkou Marae. Enjoy some student recounts of our day at Otūkou Marae:

### **Otūkou Marae**

*I woke up in the morning seeing the elegant sunshine. I marched to school, and I proudly went on the bus with my friends. When we arrived at Otūkou Marae it was so splendid to be there. Nana Te Maari told us amazing pūrākau.*

*After that we strolled to a little shelter. We had some superb cookies and really sour mandarins. Koko Tom asked if some people wanted to do the dishes. I said, "I will!"*

*I had a great afternoon.*

*The whole school marched to the bus. We all disappeared to Lake Rotoaira. I was glancing at Lake Rotoaira when Nana Te Maari told us more amazing pūrākau about the lake. We all sang lovely waiata. We ran to the bus. Then we travelled back past Otūkou Marae. My favourite thing about the day was everything!!!*

*By Rosa Clover*

### **Otūkou Marae**

*The magnificent day started when I woke up in my bed. I got dressed, I brushed my hair, I had breakfast, I brushed my teeth, and I got in the car and came to school.*

*Mister Starkey said who we were going with. I went with Mister Starkey. We got to National Park. We turned off the road and were heading to the mountains. We stopped, me, Tilly, Hopaea, Nico and Tahu.*

*We got to the marae and Whaea Psalms sang a waiata when we were coming in. After that we got up and hopped out of our chairs. We lined up and we did a hongī.*

*After that we played and then had delicious kai.*

*We had to wash the dishes. Next, we went into the meeting house. Te Maari told us some pūrākau.*

*We went to Lake Rotoaira. We had a walk and when we got there, we had a petite picnic. Te Maari told us some Māori stories about a chief who was hiding on the island in the middle of Lake Rotoaira.*

*We sang a waiata and after we packed our bags and got in the cars. Jack, Monty, Mason, Mr Starkey and me were playing a game called The Red Car. I nearly won but Mason won by one. At last, we were at school. It was so fantastic I was about to faint!*

*By Ainsley Parkinson*

In other writing mahi, each student chose a poem they had crafted to enter into some poetry competitions during Aotearoa's National Poetry Day last month. The class was acknowledged by Massey University for their talents and were gifted a book for their efforts. They made a special mention of this poem by Nico:

### **Birds**

*A whining bird was so hungry he used his bad wings,  
To get his savoury food from a mama bird that sings.*

*I was peeking at a guest with a proud chest,  
Poking out of its comfy nest.  
The bird had been snoring,  
With its kai slobbering and salty on the flooring.*

*By Nico Brewer*



Tōtara with their gifted book from Massey University.

And Horizon's Regional Council have been using this beautiful poem by Lucy to advertise their creative writing and arts nature competition:

### **Fantail**

*Your tail looks like a fan,*

*Your colours are white, brown and tan.  
 Your feathers are splendid and fluffy,  
 Your round chest is puffy.  
 Little fantail you are so mute,  
 I follow you because you're cute.  
 I watch you as you fly,  
 You like to fly in the sky.*

*By Lucy Atkins*

In maths this term, we have focussed on measurement. Students have loved the hands-on activities that have helped develop their understanding of measurement concepts, tools, vocabulary and accuracy.



Meah tries to accurately measure Kyston; Nico and Decan measure the distance between their Bee-Bots in a race

Whilst writing rhyming poetry about nature students enjoyed observing birds for inspiration and had asked if we could study them further so this week, we started a new, in-depth study on our native and endemic birds. We are fortunate to have recruited local experts from Ōwhango Alive and Project Tongariro to support our learning. We will be visiting whio hatchlings, learning about local trap lines and ending our study with a trip to the Ōtorohanga Kiwi House. Watch this space for more information on our trip. Whaea Siobhán.



Brodie's Kiwi burrow turns out to be a rat's nest!



Tōtara collect litter on a hīkoi around the domain



Myer quietly observing native manu

### DISCO

This year's disco is being organised and run by the year 8's as part of their leadership challenge. They have set the theme of Country and Western. So, trot out your cowboy hats, rhinestones, lasso, snakeskin boots and start practising your line dance and square dance moves. Yeeha!

The disco is for Ōwhango School students only. It is on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September, from 6pm to 8pm. It will be supervised by the teachers. Parents may drop their kids off or stay and join in with the dancing. There will be a supper so please bring a plate of food to share. As dancing is hot, thirsty work, please bring your drink bottle with water in it to rehydrate as we do not have 69 cups for you to use, and we don't want to buy single use plastic drink bottles.

The year 8 students will need to stay behind at the end and help with the tidying up. See their poster at the bottom of this pānui.

### DRESS WHAT YOU WANT TO BE DAY

On Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September we are having a 'Dress What You Want to Be When You Grow Up Day'. This was a suggestion from the students in the suggestion box. Anyone not participating can wear their school uniform.

### SCHOOL BOARD HUI

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

### SKATE PARK COMPETITION

Congratulations to Lucas and Delaize for such a well planned and executed scooter competition on Monday. The boys thought through the details of how it would run, judged, they organised entry forms, judging sheets, certificates, they got a judge, and set up the speaker system. While it was running Lucas was the master of ceremonies, giving a running commentary of the tricks being performed; it felt like being at the Olympics! Thanks too to James Hunt who was our guest judge, a difficult job with so many entries and tricks being performed.

#### The Results



#### Year 1 & 2

1<sup>st</sup> Jack Ogle

2<sup>nd</sup> Ben Lacy

3<sup>rd</sup> Sheeran Leach (missed the photo)



#### Year 3 & 4

1<sup>st</sup> Kyston Te Ahuru-Watson

2<sup>nd</sup> Brodie Joyce

3<sup>rd</sup> Elliott Pritt-Stewart



#### Year 4-8

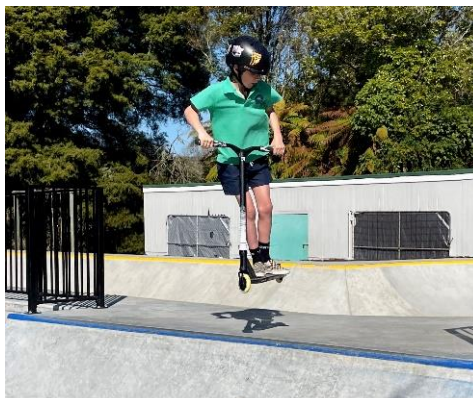
1<sup>st</sup> Soren Hosking

2<sup>nd</sup> Zurich Hosking

3<sup>rd</sup> Oliver Wheeler



Oliver's feet leave the scooter



Soren does a 360



Beau does a tail whip



Juan, with judge James watching on



Sheeran gets up the ramp- with cheers from the audience



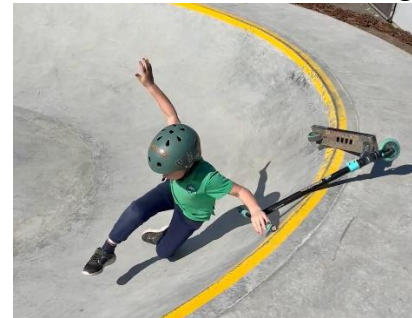
Zurich attempts a triple tail whip



Brodie tries to stick his landing



Mason in the bowl



Elliott take a tumble



Monty gets some air



Haylee scooters with style



Jack scooters his way to gold

**NGĀTI TUWHARETOA TAIOPENGA - KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL**

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

The entire school will be going to Taupō on Wednesday 18th September to support our kapa haka group in the Ngāti Tuwharetoa Taiopenga. We will be leaving Ōwhango School at 9:00am.

Ōwhango School will be performing at 2:50pm. Please note this is a slightly later starting time from initially stated; unfortunately, the organisers have had to bump the schedule down 30 minutes. We apologise for this change; it was out of our hands.

We are performing at the Taupō Events Centre (next to AC Baths) in Taupō, and then we will be returning after our performance. We expect to be back at school by 5:00pm.

We will be travelling to Taupō on the Ōwhango Adventure buses and also some whanau transport. The students will travel over to Taupō in their full school uniform. We have kapa haka uniforms that they will get changed into at the events centre. Although we aren't on stage until 2:50pm, our group is allocated an hour to get changed and prepared before we perform. We are also going to watch other groups perform before getting changed and ready.

***If you are going over to Taupō to support your child, please do not take your child away at any time. All students need to be with our school group for the entire day. Time moves quickly and the organisers are on a very stringent time schedule. Any latecomers will be a major problem.***

Because we will be performing later in the day, we will take all the Ōwhango School students for a swim at the AC Baths, as soon as we arrive in Taupō. At approximately 11am. The tamariki can swim, hydro slide and then have lunch from 11 – 12:30pm. We will then go into the Taupo Events Centre and watch other kapa haka roopu (groups) perform.

**It is very important to understand that our main kaupapa of the day is the kapa haka performance and celebrating, supporting and watching other tamariki perform. The swim at the AC Baths is secondary.**

Any questions please feel free to contact me: jessie@owhango.school.nz

Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith

#### TRANSPORTATION

Vehicle	Passengers
Bus 1 (Paul Lacy)	Kirsty, Whaea Siobhán, Whaea Kim, Whaea Theresa, Ben, Hunter, Azalea, Freida, Oliver, Lucas, Harper, Aria, Sheeran,

	Jackson, <i>Daithí Óg</i> , Charlotte, Hopaea, Lo'i, Darcy, Gin.
Bus 2	Mr Starkey, Mrs Tylee, Whaea Psalms, Kotuku, Janey, Eric, Coby, Jack O, Billie, Brodie, Evie, Mason, Monty, Beau, Jackson, Jonny, Hazel, Lachlan,
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
Jessie Smith	Te Hana and Piata
Dale Closter	Rosa and Indie
Sherie Hayes	Archer and Keira
Danielle Mitchell	Lucy
Jahbon Te Ahuru	Kaelyis-Rae and Kyston
Lakenn Te Ahuru	Delaize and Hayzin
Haylie Martin	Poppy, Patrick, Jack P and Molly
No permission slip returned- not going.	Juan
Not going	Ivy, Chanae, Boyd, Myer, Lila, Aleah, Meah, Ellie-Rose, Olive and Quinn

#### NGĀTI TŪWHARETOA TAIOPENGA DRESS REHEARSAL

We will be having a kapa haka dress rehearsal on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 11:30am at the Ōwhango Hall. If any whānau are unable to come to Taupō to watch the kapa haka group perform, then this is a good opportunity to see them. Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith

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

Congratulations and best of luck to all students selected to compete at the Inter-schools Cross Country event this Friday. Thank you whānau for offers of transport and help at the event. See arrangements below:

Driver	Passengers
Regan	Monty, Freida, Gin, Tilly
Trudie	Oliver, Mason, Juan, Beau, <b>small gazebo</b>
James	Quinn, Sheeran
Sherie	Archer, Elliott
Stacey	Eric
Maree	Haylee
<b>Meet there</b>	Jack, Poppy, Lachlan, Meah, Ainsley, Molly, Kyston, Kaelyis-Rae
<b>Marshalls/Help</b>	Trudie, Maree, Haylie, Hannah, Karen, James, Stacey

Whaea Regan will be our staff member in attendance and in charge at the event. A briefing will be held at 9.30am, a course walk over to be completed between 8.30am-9.45am, and races start at 10am sharp. Drivers will need to depart from Ōwhango School no later than 8:45am. We will be back by 3.00pm. Participating students whose families are not providing transport will need to be at school by 8.30am that day.

Shoes are optional but bare feet will be at the risk of the individual (please note there are quite a few rocks and sharp objects on the ground, so organisers recommend that shoes or rugby boots are worn). All competitors must wear an Ōwhango School sports T-shirt that we will issue beforehand.

A food stall will be available on the day should students want to bring money to purchase food.

### **YEAR 5-8 RIPPA RUGBY**

This event takes place on Friday the 13th of September at Cherry Grove. We will confirm the start time and further information in next week's pānui. Thank you to everyone who returned permission slips and registration forms, we will not be accepting any more as the deadline has passed and teams are now registered.

### **FERN ENERGY FUEL FOR SCHOOLS**

We have received our first free goods from the Fern Energy Fuel for Schools Scheme. We have spent the \$1,155.07 raised, on a ki-o-rahi set (see the photo below) and books for our library. Thank you to all of the people who name our school as the beneficiary of their fuel purchases through Fern Energy.



Kelly, from Fern Energy, and some of Rimu class with the new ki-o-rahi set

### **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 BASKETBALL**

At this stage the draw has not been finalised for next week's finals games on the 9th and 10th. We will advise you as soon as we know.

#### **TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER**

The semi-finals have been postponed due to kapa haka this Friday, however there is a possibility that a game will still go ahead as kapa haka has been postponed! I will let you know as soon as this has been confirmed. Thank you for your patience.

### **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

**ŌWHANGO  
SCHOOL DISCO**

**DATE: ~~FRIDAY 13TH~~  
SEPTEMBER**

**TIME: 6PM TO 8PM**

**WHERE: OWHANGO  
HALL**

**THEME: COUNTRY  
WESTERN**

**REMINDERS: PLEASE  
BRING A DRINK  
BOTTLE AND A  
PLATE FOR SUPPER**

**ŌWHANGO  
STUDENTS ONLY  
PARENTS CAN STAY  
OR DROP KIDS OFF  
NO ENTRY CHARGE  
HAVE A GOOD  
NIGHT!!!**

