



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

“The only way to have a friend is to be one.”

Ralph Waldo Emerson

DATES TO NOTE

16 th Oct.	Senior Bush Craft Skills
17 th Oct.	RNZBallet Lessons
22 nd Oct.	Quiz Night
25 th Oct.	Mountain School Athletics
28 th Oct.	Labour Day- School Closed
30 th Oct.	Mountain School Athletics Postpone.
	Duffy Theatre
4 th Nov.	Pet Day
8 th Nov.	Interschool Athletics
12 th Nov.	Assembly
15 th Nov.	Interschool Athletics Postpone.
19 th Nov.	School Photos
21 st Nov.	School Photos Postpone.
22 nd Nov.	Optional Touch Tournament
25 th Nov.	Teacher Only Day
29 th Nov.	Ōwhango's Got Talent
2 nd Dec.	School Board Hui 6pm
6 th Dec.	Bikes at School Day
12 th Dec.	Year 8 Leavers' Treat
13 th Dec.	Brock's Farm Trip
17 th Dec.	Reports Issued
	School Break Up Ceremony 5pm
18 th Dec.	Last Full Day of School
19 th Dec.	Make Up Afternoon

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

Welcome back to term four. As you can see in the Dates to Note above, we have a lot on. Two things to notice:

- A Teacher Only Day is scheduled for Monday 25th November.
- The Make Up Afternoon on 19th December is an additional afternoon that we must do to make up for the afternoon that we closed so the staff could attend Bill Erni's funeral. This is a legal

requirement as we must be open for 384 half days in 2024.

Attendance Figures for Term Three

If you have been following this year's Panui, you will be aware that we have an Achievement Objective this year to increase our attendance, and that I report on this after each term when I have the data.

Below is a chart with our goal for attendance for the year, how each term has been tracking, and how we are placed over the whole years' data to meet our goal.

Unfortunately, there has been a steady decline in attendance each term, with last term being the worst- **only half of our students attended school regularly** down from three quarters in term one. Most absences are due to illness, and we don't want ill children to be at school.

However, we have an increasing number of children away for an unjustified reason- such as having a long weekend, went shopping for the day, didn't want to participate in what was on at school.

This is a concern.

The bottom line for the school is that we cannot teach children who are not present, the impact of a day missed can be great on their learning.

Anyone not meeting the 90%+ regular attendance mark in term three received an email on Monday detailing the breakdown of your child's attendance for your information.

Attendance at school	Our Goal for 2024	Term One	Term Two	Term Three	Term Four	Whole Year so far
Less than 70%	0%	0%	1%	4%		1%
70% - 80%	6%	1%	4%	10%		6%
80% - 90%	24%	24%	32%	35%		29%
90%+	70%	75%	62%	51%		64%

The Whole Year to Date column above, shows we are only just under Our Goal for 2024; **if everyone makes an effort to attend school regularly in term four, we can still make our attendance goal.** Your help with this would be really appreciated.

CLASSROOM KŌRERO

This will return next week.

WELCOME TO ŌWHANGO SCHOOL

We warmly welcome our newest staff member to the team. Mark Van Wetering has joined us as our school cleaner. Say hello when you see him.



Mark our new cleaner

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

We have three projects on the go at present:

- New carpets are being installed in the classrooms this week.
- We are expecting to be told which builder has been successful with their tender to do our new staffroom, and then get a timeline for this work.
- We have accepted a quote to replace two of our fireplaces, in the junior room and senior room.



Kahikatea room looking smart with its new carpet

SUNSMART

To prevent sunburn the students must wear a suitable sun hat outside during this term. This can be any hat with a brim all the way around that is at least 6cm, or a cap with a neck protector so that the neck does not get sunburnt.

These can be any colour- it is simpler for each child to have their own, unique hat so that they recognise it when they are looking for it!

Please ensure that your child leaves their hat at school. We have a *No Hat No Play* rule to encourage the students to put their hats away after they use them. We also expect their hats to be named so that if they are found outside, we can return them to the owner. We also have sunscreen at school for the children to use.

A THANK YOU

We would like to thank Nicole Hosking, Stacey Erueti and Dale Erueti for their mahi last term with providing the school hot lunches. This was a lot of work each week, taking orders, buying food, heating the food and delivering it hot and on time. The kids appreciate this, as does the PTA who benefits by this fundraiser.

PTA MESSENGER GROUP

The PTA use a Messenger group chat to organise themselves. If you would like to join the group please contact Ewan Starkey, or Trudi Wheeler (chairperson of the PTA) and they will add you.



Zurich mastered a back flip in the holidays!

PET DAY and SPRING FESTIVAL

We are getting ready for our Pet Day on Monday 4th November. We need to know what animals will be brought to school- so please fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and return it to school.

Also, the tamariki can start making their entries for the classroom displays. See the information about this below.

SPORTS UNIFORMS

There are still a dozen sports uniforms that were not returned last term. Those people will be emailed this week to remind you to get them in. Your prompt cooperation with this is appreciated.

HILLARY OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE TAUREWA BUSH HIKOI IN TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

The senior class are on this today. We will have photos and a report in next week's Pānui.

DUFFY BOOKS 30 YEAR CELEBRATION

The year 6-8 students had a great time at this event. It was an awesome celebration, with great speakers- Bianca Fallon (hair and make-up artist), Raymond Bishop (actor and musician), Tracey Lambrechts (NZ rep weightlifter) and Michel Mulipola (comic book artist). It was very inspiring for our tamariki, and even better, Ōwhango won the mystery prize! Thanks to Paul Lacy for driving us on Owhango Adventure's bus.



Duffy 30 years celebration event

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

Y3-4 MINIMEEZ BASKETBALL

Unfortunately, we only have two Year 1/2 players, so we are unable to enter a Year 1/2 team for this term's competition.

We have entered a Year 3/4 team; games should start next Tuesday in the Athletic Stadium on Turaki St. We will advise you of the draw as soon as this is made available. Please pay your \$15 per player fee to the school office as soon as possible.

Community Notices

Halloween Roller Disco

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 Four- 14th October to 18th December

Teacher Only Day- 25th November

TERM DATES 2025

Term One Monday 3rd February to Friday 11th April

Term Two Monday 28th April to Friday 27th June.

Term Three Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September.

Term Four Monday 6th October to Wednesday 17th December.

Teacher Only Days- Friday 7th February, Tuesday 3rd June, Monday 24th 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

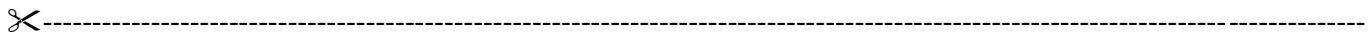
Ōwhango Adventures: Free bus use for trips

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



PET DAY 2024 PET REGISTRATION

Pet Day is on Monday 4th November.

Each child may enter one pet.

Any pet is welcome.

Pets are to arrive at school at or just after 12:00. If the weather is unsuitable an email will be sent out at 11am to inform parents that we have cancelled the pet section.

All pets must be contained or restrained, not roaming free.

All pets must have a water container.

Pets must be able to be controlled by the child.

No aggressive dogs.

Children must stay with their pets during judging time.

There will be areas for each type of pet to be tied, or for their cage to sit, please look for the signs or ask if you are unsure where to put them.

There will be a time for the judges to interview the pet owner and judge them for an appropriate award. After this, pets that can be led, will be led by their owner around an agility course and show their leading skills.

The focus on this is fun, rather than competition.

PET REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this Pet Registration form to school by Wednesday 30th October

CHILD'S NAME: _____ TYPE OF PET: _____ PET'S NAME: _____

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I will deliver these pets to school at or just after 12.00 on the day (Monday 4th November).

Pets cannot be left at school in the morning.

I will ensure that the pet/s are adequately secured and have water.

We agree to abide by the above conditions.

Signed by parent / caregiver _____



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PET DAY & SPRING FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

Our Pet Day and Spring Festival will be held on Monday 4th November 2024. On this day parents and the community can come along after 12:01pm to view the creations and watch the animals being judged.

Students may make a **minimum of two** and a **maximum of four** individual activities below:

A GIFT

- ◆ A gift for a grandparent.

COOKING

- ◆ Baking decorated like an animal or in a spring theme, packaged or sliced and priced if going on the sales table.
- ◆ Homemade sweets & other baking packaged or sliced and priced if going on the sales table.

GROWING

- ◆ A growing container garden, e.g., tub of vegies, hanging basket etc.
- ◆ A decorative sand saucer or miniature garden

CONSTRUCTING

These two activities may be a group or an individual activity:

- ◆ A Lego creation- in either a spring theme or pet theme
- ◆ A large raft – judging criteria: that will support at least one person and can paddle the length of the school pool, bonus points for engineering skills and decorative skill.
- ◆ A small boat - judging criteria: that it will stay afloat while all of the rafts are paddled the length of the pool; bonus points for engineering skills and decorative skill.

PRESCHOOL

- ◆ There is a table for pre-schoolers to make something that fits any of the above categories.

RULES

- These are all to be **prepared at home**.
- Creations must be **made by the students**, NOT the parents and not store bought.
- Please **do not** name your work; we will give you stickers with your special anonymous code on it.
- Students will be doing additional activities at school that will be on display.
- You may make a **minimum of two** and a **maximum of four** individual activities.
- Students wishing to sell their creation must price it beforehand.

Sales Table

After the judging of the displays, the children will be able to offer their work for sale. This year all of the money goes to the child who made the item for sale. The year 7 & 8 children will manage the sales table. The children will need to price their own goods on arrival at school.

House Points

The children win points for their house group in every event, as follows-

First= 3 points

Second= 2 points

Third= 1 point

