



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 learnt that the people who have mastered the art of living seem to be guided by an internal compass. They might not always stay on track, but they have a way of always returning to the proper course." Unknown

DATES TO NOTE

25 th Sept.	Y6-8 Duffy 30 th Celebration
27 th Sept.	Last Day of Term Three, Mufti
14 th Oct.	First Day of Term Four
16 th Oct.	Senior Bush Craft Skills
17 th Oct.	RNZBallet Lessons
22 nd Oct.	Quiz Night
25 th Oct.	Mountain School Athletics
30 th Oct.	Mountain School Athletics Postpone.
	Duffy Theatre
4 th Nov.	Pet Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

It has been a busy term, but then every term is busy!

Highlights for me were our Marae Trip and Tūwharetoa Taiopenga00 trip, both organised by Whaea Jessie Smith.

Which reminds me of what a wonderful, hardworking, and skilled staff I have working with me. Their commitment to the job, understanding of children's social, emotional and academic needs, and their willingness to work together for the good of the whole community are outstanding.

One example of this was mid-term: one day they were planning to work for a week at the Tukino Ski Area, the next day they are planning a week in the class to engage a school of disappointed students after we were forced to cancel the camp. I couldn't wish for a better team.

New Carpets

We are having new carpets installed in the first week of term 3. This will cause some interruptions to our week.

Last Day Duffy Books

We will be handing out the Duffy Books on the last day of term, so the children have two new books to read over the holidays. You have to attend on this day to get these.

Cleaner Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a cleaner. If you are interested, please contact me- principal@owhango.school.nz

CLASSROOM KŌRERO –Kahikatea Class

In amongst a busy term, Kahikatea have been learning about volcanoes. We have carried out many experiments and hands on learning experiences to explore the earth's structure, discover how tectonic plates fit together to form the earth's structure, learn how the viscosity of lava determines the size and shape of a volcano, and we have investigated the different types of volcanoes and their structure.

Through writing we have learnt the legend of Rūaumoko, the atua of volcanoes and earthquakes, retelling this myth in our own words. We are now finishing up our study by showcasing our researching and reporting writing skills. Our goal was to research one volcano that was found in Aotearoa, as well as one found in another part of the world, drawing on their similarities and differences.

You can't learn about volcanoes without creating some fun artwork either! We used Nick Rowland's explosive volcano artwork as inspiration to produce our own exploding volcanoes, using some of his techniques. First, we viewed his exploding volcano artwork to explore his style. We brainstormed how we thought he

applied the paint to get various effects. Then we had a go at trying to capture the explosive power of volcanic eruptions. We used chalk pastels to draw and shade the shape of the volcano on black paper. Then we used techniques of splattering, flicking, and dripping with warm and fluorescent colours for the explosion and lava of the volcano. It was rather messy but lots of fun!



Charlotte and Zurich

The Legend of Rūaumoko by Juan Dutra

Once upon a time there were two atua called Papatuanuku and Ranginui. Their love was so strong, and they could not be separated...until one day. The six brothers were sick of living in darkness so the strongest brother of them all, stepped in. He laid with his back to his mother and his feet facing his father. He pushed with all his might through his legs, pushing them apart. The tears of sadness from Papatuanuku made wide rivers and the tears of Ranginui made thunderstorms. The seventh brother, Rūaumoko was still in his mother's belly, and felt the fear, rage and great sadness, making him angry. He kicked and raged inside of his mother, tearing at the earth and making volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis. The earth is calm when he is asleep but when he is awake and kicking, the world is destructive.

DUFFY BOOKS 30 YEAR CELEBRATION

The year 6-8 students are at this today. Ask them about it after school.

NGĀTI TUWHARETOA TAIOPENGA

Our Ngāti Tūwharetoa Taiopenga Performance -

By Hopaea Blackman.

The number 4 was marked on our changing room door. Our feet rallied in, piling clothes onto our

bodies. Our hair put roughly up, in a half up half down hairstyle hanging from our scalps. Thin feathers reached the cusp of our hair, digging through our hair ties.

We started to enter the ramp that made its way up to the stage to wait our turn. The ground shook and the building rumbled as we stood anxiously waiting for our minute in the spotlight. We dug our feet upwards as we went around the corner, it was the most nerve-wracking corner for me yet. All eyes were laid on us as we entered the stage, waiting.

Clapping and smiling was all that pulled the room together, lights dimmed and now it was all on me. My mouth widened as I spoke proudly of what I had achieved.

"Kia mau, ki raro, kia wiri, kia mau."

The guitar started its tune, and we started ours. Leading the way of others' words, Piata and I would start to sing until we couldn't anymore.



The Ōwhango School kapa haka roopu (group) singing 'Toku reo toku ohoho' in forefront with their performance shown live on the large screen above.

The Ngāti Tūwharetoa Taiopenga 2024

What an amazing celebration of kapa haka and kotahitanga (unity). The Ngāti Tūwharetoa Taiopenga is an annual event held in Taupō, hosted by Ngāti Tūwharetoa. With over 1500 performers per day and 73 performing groups over 3 and a half days.

I am so proud of the 30 students that stood and performed at the Taupō Events Centre representing Ōwhango School. This was a performance that we had been preparing for

over the past 10 weeks. Kapa haka teaches the tamariki how to sing, haka, use correct te reo Māori pronunciation, rhythm, co-ordination, respect and it is highly disciplined. The 30 performing students were chosen for all of these skills above, specifically the respect and discipline. A special mention to Hopaea Blackman, Piata Smith and Delaize Te Ahuru-Mahu for showing leadership by being our kaea and leading the waiata and haka with pride and strength.

A huge thank you to Whaea Psalms Kawau who played her guitar so beautifully on the stage with our roopu (group). She was an amazing comfort to the tamariki on stage and gave them reassurance and support. She also practised with us each Wednesday this term and gave great advice and singing lessons too.

Thank you also to Whakarongotai Hohepa (ex Ōwhango School student) for coming to school and taking the boys for haka practise. He taught them strength, mana, kaha and how to bring this energy to the stage.

Thank you to Paul Lacy and Willie Hutch for driving the Ōwhango Adventures buses over to Taupō and spending the day with us, and as always thank you Grant Lethborg for allowing us to use the buses!

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for funding the whole schools swim / hydro slide at the AC Baths, the kids had so much fun!

Last but definitely not least, thank you to the whānau that came to tautoko (support) our tamariki (children). Your support is much appreciated, and the children were so proud to perform for you all.

Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith



Waiting patiently and nervously to go onto the stage.



Girls showing their skills with the poi.



Boys about to perform their haka, Ka mate.



Lachlan, Eric and Haylee having fun at the AC Baths

MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

We are very happy with how our inaugural Mountain Schools Softball Tournament went. We especially liked the social learning that happened because the students were in teams across schools, having to meet new people and work with a range of other children, some who were unsure of the rules of the games being played. A noticeable improvement in how the teams played as the day progressed was observed, as was the good sportsmanship shown across all age groups.

Next year we will adjust the programme so that the year 7-8 play softball, year 5-6 t ball, year 3-4 rounders and year 1-2 scatter ball.

Thanks to everyone who helped, especially the PTA who ran the food stall and raised about \$1,000 minus costs.

The Results

Scatterball (Yr 1-3)

1st = Blue & Purple

2nd = Red & Orange

3rd = Yellow & Green

Rounders (Yr 4-6)

1st Blue

2nd Purple

3rd Silver

T Ball (Yr 7-8)

1st Blue

2nd = Green & Gold

3rd Red



Rosa hits the ball while Jack is the back stop



Ivy lines up the ball in t ball



Mason does a sneaky bunt in rounders



Patrick playing scatter ball



Delaize hits the softball high



The PTA selling kai with Aria's assistance

Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre

Rimu Class - Taurewa Bush Hiko in Tongariro National Park

Wednesday 16 October 2024 (First Wednesday back, week 1, term 4)

Kia Ora Parents / whānau of Rimu class students (year 7 and 8), Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre have invited our senior class to go on a bush walk with their tutors. Our focus on this bush walk is bush safety, fitness, the opportunity to enjoy our local environment and local Maori pūrakau. This is on Wednesday 16 October 2024, which is the first Wednesday back, week 1, Term 4. This is why I need to get permission slips and transport organised now. We will be leaving school at 9:00 and will be returning at 2:00. We will need whānau assistance with transport please. Please send the completed form back to school by this Friday, 27th September.

Ngā mihi, Whaea Jessie Smith

SPORTS UNIFORMS

Please return all sports uniforms **by the end of this week**. An email is being sent out to those people who still have them. Thank you.

ASSEMBLY postponed

Tōtara class will be hosting our next assembly in term four as our softball tournament postponement day clashed with their assembly.

PTA HOT LUNCH THURSDAY MENU-

final chance

Pies \$4

Sausage Rolls \$4

Hot Dogs \$4

Milo \$1 bring your own named cup.

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

MINIMEEZ BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Taumarunui Junior Basketball will be running the Minimeez Basketball competition for year 1-4 in term 4, beginning in week 2. Games will be played on Tuesdays at the Taumarunui Athletic Rugby and Sports Club on Turaki Street. Times to be confirmed. Entry is \$15 per player. If you are interested in playing, please return the attached permission slip by **this Friday 27th September**. I apologise for the quick turnaround; however, registrations are due at the beginning of Week 1 of Term 4.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Apologies - this was left out of last week's panui! Well done to our Year 5/6 team, placing 7th in the competition and playing terrifically as a team. Very big congratulations to Kaelyis-Rae who was awarded the Top Points Scorer for the season, as well as being chosen for the 2024 Tournament Team. Our thanks also goes to Jahbon for coaching and managing the team!



The basketball team



Top points scorer- Kaelyis-Rae

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER

A very big thank you to Todd Nicholson for coaching and managing both of our teams this term, it was a big job! Well done to Ōwhango Juniors who placed 4th in the competition, and Ōwhango Seniors who placed 11th. A special mention to Charlotte Owen who was awarded the trophy for 'Showing Potential' in the Junior section.

RIPPA COMPETITION

REAP has forwarded information to us regarding a Rippa Competition beginning next term on Saturday 19th October. See the permission slip below if you are interested.

Community Notices

HEARTLAND SERVICES VISIT

See the poster below

FREE SERVICE

- Need to print a Document?
- Need to scan and email a Document?
- Need help creating or updating a CV?
- Need help filling out a form?
- Need help applying for a passport?
- Need to connect with IRD, Maori Land Court, or any Government Agency?
- Need support?
- Need help with your mobile phone or computer?
- Want to Manage your Health online?
- Need help with anything else?

WE WILL BE VISITING OWHANGO ON 16 OCTOBER 2024
OPPOSITE BLUE HILL CAFÉ
COME AND SAY HELLO AND SEE WHAT WE DO!

 Ngā ratonga ki te manawa o te whenua
Heartland Services

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

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Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre
Year 7 & 8 Rimu Class - Taurewa Bush Hikoi
Wednesday 16 October 2024 (First Wednesday back, week 1, Term 4)
This is a compulsory trip- part of the class's learning

Family name _____

My child _____ may attend the **Taurewa Bush Hikoi, in Tongariro National Park.**

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.)

If you are assisting with transport:

Name of driver _____ **Signed** _____

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YEAR 1-4 MINIMEEZ BASKETBALL COMPETITION

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Child/ren's Name/s.....

School Year/s.....

Parent: **Yes / No** I can **coach** or **manage** a team. (Please circle your answers)

Adult's Name.....

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SATURDAY MORNING RIPPA RUGBY COMPETITION

This is an optional extra-curricular activity- outside of school hours; and will need parental support A Rippa competition is beginning next term on Saturday 19th October. Games would be played each Saturday, beginning at 9am at Cherry Grove. If your child is interested, please return the attached permission slip by this **Friday 27th September**. Fees are \$50 per player.

Contact details for the organisers are: Aaliyah Winterburn Watling
02041716893 aaliyahwatling668@gmail.com

Child/ren's Name/s.....

Child/ren's Age.....

Parent: **Yes / No** I can **coach** or **manage** a team. (Please circle your answers)

Adult's Name.....