



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

“We spend so much time yearning for that special item that will finally make us happy, that we don’t take the time to look around and discover that we already are.” Unknown

DATES TO NOTE

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

Assessment and Report Writing Time

In term two and four we administer a battery of tests on the students to monitor their progress in key subject areas and to inform our future teaching. To manage this, we use our Classroom Release Time that is part of our collective agreement. This means that the children will have several days when another teacher will be in their class teaching them, to free their teacher to administer the tests (some are done one on one), mark the test, analyse the results, collate all

of this information, and upload it into our student management system. Then, the teachers write the individual reports that you will receive on the 17th of December.

So, if your child comes home and tells you that they had a different teacher today, you will know why.

WELCOME TO ŌWHANGO SCHOOL

A warm welcome to Remy Pritt-Stewart who has started her primary schooling in the junior room, Kowhai class.



Remy

CLASSROOM KŌRERO - KAHIKATEA

Last Thursday our school had a visit from the Royal New Zealand Ballet for a series of workshops. Totara class went first and then it was our turn. We walked down to the hall and met the professional dancer from RNZB. We started with a warmup then learnt some positions; parallel, first, second and third position. Third position was the most complicated because we had to swap our feet around while jumping up and down, as well as trying not to sound like a herd of elephants!

We learnt plies, arabesque and jetes, while travelling across the room. The music was very upbeat and had us up and dancing. Lastly, we learnt part of a dance from the recent Royal NZ Ballet production of ‘Dazzlehands’. Some of the

moves made us laugh, especially 'Smooth hands...smooth hands...rolling disco groove hands.' We had so much fun and we can't wait for them to come back again.

By Charlotte Owen



Jordana instructs Tōtara class



Some of the movements were difficult

MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS DAY

This is on this Friday- with the weather forecast looking favourable. We have the domain all marked out with a running track (thanks Stephen Wheeler) and the sandpit dug (thanks Paul Lacy). The PTA is prepared for selling food (thanks PTA). Please come along and support the tamariki and buy some kai off the PTA! The first events start at 9:30. Thanks too to the people who have offered to help on the day.

On Friday, the teachers will be at school from 8am setting up the field, some help from then on would be much appreciated, especially people with utes or trailers who can transport equipment to the domain (high jump mats for example). This is a huge event that we organise every year, one of the highlights in our physical education calendar, and one where we enjoy catching up with our Mountain School friends. Our postponement date is Wednesday 30th, if postponed an email will be sent out early on Friday morning. At the time of writing, the

forecast is better for this Friday than for the following Wednesday.

From this event we chose a team to represent our school at the Interschool Athletics Day on the 8th of November.

QUIZ COMPETITION SUCCESS

Congratulations to our teams in last night's CKCPA Quiz Competition. The year 5 & 6 team won their event, and the combined scores of that team with the 7 & 8 team meant Ōwhango School took out the overall winner shield, for the first time!



The year 5&6 team in the front is Beau, Mason, Monty and Lachlan; the year 7&8 team is at the back- Piata, Freida, Tilia, and Hazel was absent for the photograph.



The two trophies

PET DAY and SPRING FESTIVAL

A reminder to get your pet registration forms in, these were in last week's Pānui.

Also, start making your entries for the classroom displays- details also in last week's newsletter.

TAUREWA LOOP HIKOI WITH HILLARY OUTDOOR PURSUITS CENTRE

On Wednesday 16th October the senior class went into the Tongariro National Park, with OPC instructors to complete the Taurewa Loop Hikoi (walk). It was a beautiful sunny day and the conditions were perfect. No one from our class had done this walk before and it is set in the most

beautiful location, approximately 30 minutes from Ōwhango, behind OPC. The hikoi is approximately 3 kilometres and we were treated to many fun games and activities, native flora and fauna information and Māori pūrakau (legends) from the area. The OPC instructors were all impressed with the student's prior knowledge of the native trees, the Māori legends and general information.

Here is a short extract from Hazel O'Donnell's writing recall about our day:

The Stunning School Hikoi

From scouring the confusing map, my dry eyes glaze up to the stunning lush environment I'm about to explore. The frosty matted snow piled on the summit of Mt Ruapehu, the clear rocky stream flowing as gracefully as the flowers blossom in spring. I feel super equipped for this adventure!

Us kids scamper up the inclined hill, too rapidly for the adults. What a view at the top!



Our tamariki reading the map with the mighty Mt Ngauruhoe in the background



Crossing a bridge



Piata, Chanae and Oliver standing proudly by their hut

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

Y3-4 MINIMEEZ BASKETBALL

The game time for Tuesday the 29th is at 4:10pm, playing against StPats Shooters. Please ensure you pay your \$15 fee to the office as soon as possible.

NGA KOHINE UNDER 11s GIRLS RUGBY FESTIVAL

Three Ōwhango girls travelled up to Auckland for a two day NZ Junior Rugby Girls Festival played at Western Springs Stadium in the holidays. Tilly, Hayzin and Kaelyis-Rae joined the team of 14 girls from Taumarunui. They played five games taking away two wins out of five. What an amazing experience for our young girls and to see the growth in girls' rugby. I am very proud of our young wahine. Kaelyis-Rae received two Most Valued Player of the Match awards and made it into the tournament team. By Jahbon Te Ahuru.



Kaelyis-Rae, Tilia and Hayzin at the festival

Community Notices

JUNIOR GOLF STARTING

Junior Golf is starting at Taumarunui Golf Course from 4 to 6 pm every Friday. The first day is Friday the 8 November 2024 and the last day for 2024

will be the 13th of December. Then, in 2025 it will restart after the summer break on the 14th of February, with the last day for the season on the 28th of March 2025.

No registration required, just turn up. The cost is \$2 per player per session. There will be a drink, treats and spot prizes every week. You do not require any balls or golf clubs. Players just need to bring a good "can-do" attitude.

Signed Rupert Lerm

HALLOWEEN 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.

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