



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 best thing about the future is that it only comes one day at a time”. Abraham Lincoln

DATES TO NOTE

30 th Oct.	Duffy Theatre
1 st Nov.	Grey's Farm Trip
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

Staffing 2025

I am pleased to be able to inform you our staffing for 2025 has been finalised. Next year we are returning to a three-teacher school; this is worked out by the Ministry of Education based on our roll numbers.

Emma Tylee has won a Teacher Study Award which means she has leave for the year to complete her master's degree.

Siobhan McKenna will be filling her position for the year, working four days a week in the junior room with myself doing the fifth day.

Theresa Owen will continue in the middle room four days a week, with Siobhan McKenna taking the fifth day in her room.

Jessie Smith continues full time in the senior room.

Maree Ashcroft and Kim Petersen continue in their roles as teacher aides, Karen Erni as the office manager, Mark Van Wetering as cleaner and Paul Lacy as caretaker.

I will be in my final year as principal and will retire from the education workforce at the end of the year, with a new principal appointed during the year.

Class Placements 2025

We are currently working out class placements for next year and will inform you of these towards the end of this year. Please let us know promptly if you are planning to leave, or if you have any new enrolments from your whānau or know of anyone else who is in our enrolment zone who is planning on starting.

Colour Pānui

In the past we have printed our Pānui in black in white to save on costs. However, I have decided to spend the extra money and print the paper copies in colour as it makes a lot of difference when looking at the photographs of the children's artwork etc. I hope you enjoy this change.

CLASSROOM KŌRERO - Tōtara

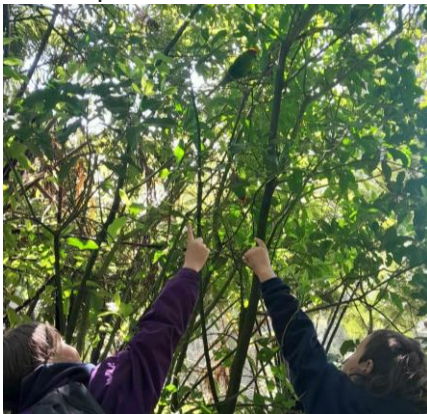
Term 4, Week 3

In term 3 Tōtara were engrossed in their native bird study. We visited whio on the Whakapapa awa, learned about pest control, identified pests on school grounds, worked with Ōwhango Alive and Project Tongariro to learn about bird populations in our area, voted in the 'Bird of the Year' competition, each student completed a project board on their chosen native manu and we ended our study with a trip to the Ōtorohonga Kiwi House which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. Our friends from Ōwhango

Alive came in and judged our projects and we celebrated with a mini prizegiving, bird bingo and bird quiz with them.



Class photo at the Kiwi House



TeHana & Brodie spot a cheeky kakariki



Daithi & Nico with the overall (most creative and informative) winning project about kiwi



Millie, Rosa & Harry with 'their Most Creative' project on the tui

This term, we begin with a study on wool. Today, we made our first visit to the Wool container outside school and students blew me away with their prior knowledge on all things sheep, shearing and wool. I think I will be learning lots from them this term! The container is full of examples of wonderful wool products, and we looked at the processes involved in getting wool from sheep to their final product.

"Did you know it is safer to have wool insulation in buildings if there is a fire because it burns slower and doesn't release as many toxins?" - Decan

"Sheep aren't just shorn for humans to have their wool. It is so they can be cooler and healthier too." - Millie

"I did not know you could make skin cream from sheep's wool! It smells like coconut and is so soft on my skin!" - Nico



Nico and TeHana touch and smell the lanolin cream in the wool container



Harry and crew get to grips with Aotearoa New Zealand wool being used to make tennis balls for Slazenger

Also, this term, Tōtara students expressed an interest in growing food or flowers and chose sunflowers to grow from seed. We read about the life cycle of a sunflower, growing conditions, planted our own seeds and are carefully tending to them each day. The biggest wondering the

students had was will their flower grow taller than them, so watch this space....



Keeping an eye on our sunflower seeds.

In maths, we have started the term with a focus on division. The overall consensus on day one was that "division is too hard" or "scary" but by week 3, with lots of hand-on activities and real-world problem solving, every student is confidently grasping the concept of equal sharing and feeling good about their learning!



Meah demonstrates equal sharing to the class



Patrick & Elliott get to grips with division outdoors

Term 4 brings about another round of testing and reports. It has been very rewarding to see evidence of the progress students have made throughout the year in our core curricular areas. I look forward to a fun filled final term with our amazing students in Tōtara class.

Mā te wā, Whaea Siobhān

TOUCH RUGBY- An Optional Event

Please note that this is now an optional event for our school as we do Rippa Rugby earlier in the year to cover these skills in our compulsory school PE programme. Teachers will be running their normal programme at school on this day; the teams will have to be parent managed on the day. Therefore, we require sufficient parent support to proceed with entering teams.

If your child would like to participate fill in the form at the bottom of this Pānui and **return it to school by Wednesday 6th November** next week at the latest, as teams must be registered by Friday.

MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS' ATHLETICS DAY

Despite the light drizzly showers, we managed to proceed with our athletics day on Friday. Unfortunately, for safety reasons we cancelled the high jump event, but all other events ran. Thanks to the large team of volunteers, both from the PTA and elsewhere who helped to run this day. Our amazing PTA managed to raise about \$1,200 from their food stall.

The full results are on the noticeboard on the wall of the corridor. Below are the placings of the Ōwhango finalists in the running races, and the top ten in the field events:

Year 1 & 2

Ainsley 1st, 1st, 1st, 4th,
Leiki 8th, 8th, 5th, 5th,
Ellie-Rose 6th,
Jackson 3rd, 1st, 5th, 4th,
Eric 4th, 2nd, 4th, 2nd,
Sheeran 7th, 1st,

Year 3 & 4

Haylee 2nd, 5th, 1st, 6th,
Meah 3rd, 3rd, 2nd,
Millie 4th, 1st,
Rosa 5th, 6th,
Olive 9th,
Evie 10th,
Kyston 7th, 5th, 6th, 5th,
Elliot 8th, 8th, 4th
Nico 9th,
Brodie 10th,

Year 5 & 6

Kaelyis-Rae 3rd, 3rd, 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd,
Charlotte 4th, 4th, 3rd, 3rd, 4th, 4th, 6th,
Hayzen 6th, 5th, 5th, 5th,

Aleah 6th, 7th, 7th, 6th, 10th, 8th,
 Poppy 8th, 8th, 8th, 2nd, 5th,
 Keira 10th,
 Monty 6th, 7th, 8th, 6th,
 Beau 7th, 5th, 10th, 8th,
 Mason 6th, 2nd,
 Zurich 8th, 6th,
 Soren 9th,
 Juan 7th, 7th,
 Jack 7th, 5th, 1st, 10th,

Year 7 & 8

Freida 1st, 1st, 1st, 4th, 4th, 7th, 10th,
 Piata 6th, 8th, 1st, 3rd,
 Gin 4th, 3rd, 8th,
 Tilia 6th, 4th, 5th, 2nd, 8th,
 Delaize 1st, 1st, 3rd, 5th,
 Oliver 3rd, 8th, 2nd, 1st, 9th,
 Lucas 7th, 7th,



Rosa and Millie



Kyston, Patrick, Nico and Harry



Keira, Charlotte and Kaelyis-Rae



Juan, Mason and Jack



Daithi is about to start the 200m race



Soren long jumps



Quinn crosses the finish line



Hopaea throws the discus



Beau does the long jump



Libby and Theresa record the results



The PTA making and serving food

PET DAY AND SPRING FESTIVAL- This Monday Homemade Activities

I have again inserted the Pet Day activities that the children need to do at home to participate in Monday's classroom competitions. We encourage each child to do between two and four of the categories.

Pets

Any last-minute entries of pets need to be in by tomorrow. The form is attached again below.

Timetable

Here is a timeline for the day, note that the times are approximate:

8:30-9:00 Bring your art and craft entries to your classroom.

9:00-10:30 Classroom activities are done, and displays are organised

11:00- Judges arrive and start judging the classroom exhibits. If wet, an email will be sent out cancelling the pet part of the day.

12:00 Parents and pets arrive.

12:15ish the rafts are floated and judged

12:30ish the pet judging starts and classrooms are opened for viewing of the exhibits.

1:30ish the sales table is opened with the children selling their wares. Remember to bring some cash.

Leading of pets around the agility course.

Certificates are handed out.

2:30ish tidy up and then take everything home.

WOOL STUDY

The school is doing a school wide study into wool at present. As part of this we have the Wool in Schools container at the entrance to the school. We have also organised a trip to the Grey's farm in Manson's Sidling to visit their historic, working wool machinery this Friday. We are doing four separate trips, one for each class, using a bus to transport us there.

Please fill in the permission slip below so that your child can attend this compulsory trip, part of their learning. Sorry, due to limitations in the space available, this trip is not open to parents to attend.



The Wool in Schools education container arrived on Friday, it is here for two weeks

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS

Issue #7 orders are to be back to the office by 6 November 2024 or you can order through bookclub@scholastic.co.nz. The Duffy Summer Reading offer orders to be returned to office by 20 November 2024 please.

TERM THREE TRAVEL

Payments have been processed for travel assistance to parents and grandparents for Term 3. These will show in your bank accounts shortly. Our grateful thanks to you all for your help.

GLOBAL GAMES FESTIVAL



Congratulations to the players who took part in the Global Games Festival in Taupō last term. They played against many teams from across the North Island, with some teams travelling from Australia. A special mention to Monty, Mason, Jonny, Kaelys-Rae and Hayzin, whose teams won the trophy for the "Best and Fairest Team" across the whole festival.

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

YR3-4 MINIMEEZ BASKETBALL

Tuesday 5th November

4:35pm Matiere Suns Owhango Giraffes

Thank you to those families who have paid the \$15 subs. Please pay to the office as soon as possible.

Community Notices

Ōwhango Market Day

This Sunday 9am-1pm. All welcome.

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Grey's Farm Trip to see the Historic Wool Machinery Permission Slip

My child / ren _____ may attend the trip to see the historic wool machinery at the Grey's Farm in Manson's Sidling this Friday 1st November.

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

2024 Touch Rugby Tournament Permission Slip
Friday 22nd November 2024
Taumarunui Domain

Please note that this is now an optional event for our school as we do Rippa Rugby earlier in the year to cover these skills in our compulsory school PE programme.

Teachers will be running their normal programme at school on this day; the teams will have to be parent managed on the day. Therefore, we require sufficient parent support to proceed with entering teams.

If your child would like to participate fill in the form at the bottom of this Pānui and **return it to school by Wednesday 6th November** next week at the latest, as teams must be registered by Friday.

Family name _____

My child / ren _____ may attend the Touch Rugby Tournament at Taumarunui Domain.

ADULT HELP

YES / NO I can stay and manage a team all day

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.)

YES / NO I will be meeting at the venue in Taumarunui

YES / NO I will be sending a booster seat for my child
(Note by law children under 7 must be in a booster seat)

If you are assisting with transport:

Name of driver _____



PET DAY 2024 PET REGISTRATION

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, 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 23rd 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 _____

OWHANGO SCHOOL

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 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