



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.

Phone 07 895 4823 Cell 027 895 4823

www.owhangoschool.co.nz

Office- Karen Erni -office@owhango.school.nz

Principal- Ewan Starkey- principal@owhango.school.nz

School Board Presiding Member- Nicole Hosking- nichosking44@gmail.com

32/2024

6th November 2024

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKĪ

“Better to bend than break”. Scottish proverb

DATES TO NOTE

8 th Nov.	Interschool Athletics
12 th Nov.	Assembly 2:15pm
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

Leaver’s Wall

With the construction of our skate park, we have the opportunity to do something special with the new wall created next to the basketball court. The staff and board have decided to make this a Leavers’ Wall, where children leaving our school can decorate one of the blocks as a permanent memory of their time with us.



Our new Leavers’ Wall, a border will be painted around the perimeter of this in summer to better define the area.

ŌWHANGO SCHOOL BOARD NOTICE

Casual Vacancy for a Parent Representative

A casual vacancy has occurred on the school board for an elected parent representative. The board has decided to fill the vacancy by selection. If 10% or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held.

Request for a by-election should be sent to: principal@owhango.school.nz by the 4th of December 2024

Signed Nicole Hosking

Presiding member (chair) of the Ōwhango School Board

CLASSROOM KŌRERO - Kōwhai

This week has been super busy with the Wool in Schools container, our trip to Gray's Farm and Pet Day scattered with a few Term 4 assessments in between.



Inside the Wool in Schools container

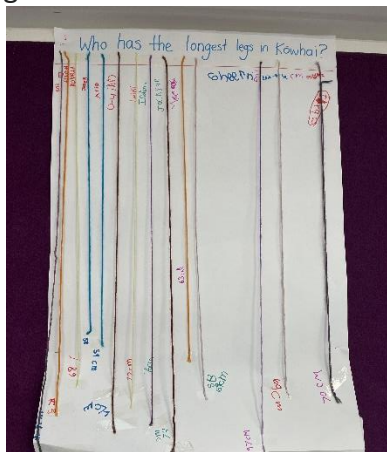
The Wool in Schools container has been heaps of fun, with hands-on learning experiences that allowed us to get to understand how wool is grown and used along with some of its great properties and purposes. The students enjoyed noticing the differences between greasy, scoured and combed wool and writing some adjectives to

describe it such as fluffy, soft, dirty, poo-y, puffy, oily, greasy, squishy, swirly, wavy, earthy, and yucky.



Our felted wool snakes

With Mr Starkey we made some sheep art, felted some wool making balls and felted wool snakes. With Whaea Jessica, we used wool as a measuring tool.



Measuring with wool yarn

In writing we have been learning about narrative structure and sequence. We used what we have been learning to write about our Gray's Farm trip and Pet Day:

On Friday, we went to the shed and we saw all of the machines at the shed. First, we went into the bus. Next, we went into the shed. Then, we saw the machines. One was called the sock machine. Then, we saw the washing machine. Lastly, we went home on the bus. - Jackson



First, we went to the farm on a bus. Then, we went in a big shed. Next, we saw the big wool machine. After that, we saw a sock machine. Then, the lady had a talk. Lastly, we went back to school. - Quinn



The carding machine starts up, picking up the raw fleece

On Friday the 1st of November it was Gray's Farm. First we went on the bus. Then we saw a sock machine. We saw how wool is made. We caught the bus home. - Eric



The drums spinning as they card the wool

On Monday it was Pet Day. First, we baked cupcakes. It took us all night. Then, we went to school. Next, we built clay animals. I built a giraffe. I got a stick for a big neck. After that, we went to play on the slide. Then the animals came to do a race. Lastly, we went home to play. - Indie

First, people baked some cakes. Then, we made clay animals. Next, we had an eat. After that, we went to the domain playground. Then, we looked

in all of the classrooms. We ate cupcakes and watched the raft race. Finally, I made some Lego with Mrs Tylee. - Coby



The carded wool being taken off the final drum at the end of the machine

On Monday, 4/10/24 it was Pet Day. First, I made Lego. I made some at Grandma's and some at home. Then, we made clay animals. I made a megalodon. It is a prehistoric shark. We got judged. Then, the boats raced in the pool. We played. We went home. - Jack



Robert Gray with the sock knitting machine in action

On Monday morning the 4th of November it was Pet Day. We loved it. First, we came to school with banana cake. Second, we made clay animals. I made a duck and a butterfly. Third, our mums came. Fourth, I played. After that, our pets did the obstacle course. Harper would've done the obstacle course, but she did not bring her lamb. Then, I ate a cupcake. It was yummy. We got our certificates. I won 1st place with my chicken Buckbeak. Then, we went home. - Aria

On Monday morning, the 4th of November I got my baking, miniature garden and sand saucer and took them into Kōwhai Class. Then, I made clay animals. I made a bird on a stick. Next, I played toilet tag. After that, I watched my brother fall off his raft. I got 5 certificates. I went home. - Molly

FAREWELL MORNING TEA- tomorrow!

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Ellie-Rose, Meah and Aleah Potgieter as they are moving down to Otago. We will be having a farewell morning tea for them tomorrow, Thursday 7th November (sorry for the last-minute warning). If possible, it would be appreciated if everyone could please provide a plate of food for this. The girls will also be our first students to participate in our new Leavers' Wall.

DUFFY THEATRE

Unfortunately, this did not proceed last week as the theatre troupe had a serious illness they needed to attend to.

TOUCH RUGBY- An Optional Event

A reminder that we need these permission slips in by 3pm today so that we can register the teams. See last week's Pānui for the slip and details.

ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday next week (12th October) Tōtara class will be hosting an assembly. It starts at 2:15 and you are all welcome to attend.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

We are planning to take our school photos on Tuesday 19th November. This year we are only doing class photos, not individual or family photos. If you would like to buy a class photo, please fill out the form below and return it to school. If the weather is too wet, we will postpone to Thursday 21st November.

ICE CREAM CONTAINERS NEEDED

If you have any spare ice cream containers and lids, we would appreciate them. Our supply is getting low. We don't mind if they are full or empty.

SHEEP SHEARING DEMONSTRATION

Last week, as part of our wool study, we had shearer Max Marsden demonstrate sheep shearing.



Max demonstrates sheep shearing



Ellie-Rose has a go



Not to be outdone by the students, Whaea Jessie puts her hand to the handpiece

**INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS DAY
Taumarunui Domain, Turaki Street
This Friday the 8th of November**

Congratulations to all students who have qualified for Interschools Athletics this week. We

wish you every success. In order to have the gazebo at the event, we will need a volunteer to transport this to the Taumarunui Domain on Friday, please contact the school if you can take the gazebo.

If your child/children are travelling with Whaea Regan or Maree Ashcroft, they need to be at school and ready to leave at **8am sharp** so they can get to the briefing. **All other vehicles should leave school at 8.40am.** Helpers: Arrive at 8.20am, Briefing: 8.30am, Start time: 9am
Please find the transport list below:

Driver	Passengers
Regan (School Delegate)	Freida, Monty, Piata, Gin Leave school at 8am
Michelle	Lucas, Oliver, Mason,
Janeen	Jonny, Jackson,
Dale	Rosa, Olive, Millie
Deb	Elliott, Eric, Sheeran, Beau
Grace	Leiki, Ainsley
Maree (School helper)	Haylee, Soren, Zurich Leave school at 8am
Meet there	Delaize, Hayzin, Tilly, Aleah, Poppy, Kaelyis-Rae, Meah, Nico, Kyston, Ellie-Rose, Jack Pierce, Juan

Some notes from the organisers:

Spectators must only use the terraced and grandstand areas. Whānau are not to enter the competition zones at any time. All school helpers will need to come to the admin tent at 8.20am. The BBQ will be located at the top of the grassed terraces. Eftpos will be available. Burgers, sausages, water, cool change and juices will be for sale.

The toilets will be either the green block on the field or the grandstand toilets.

Please park along the grandstand side of the Domain.

PET DAY AND SPRING FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this day so successful, from the judges to the parents who supported their children with their entries or getting their pets to school. The sales table was a great success, this year all of the money went to the children who sold their work; a total of \$294.

It was lovely to get this email of thanks from a parent:

"Pet Day is the absolute highlight of my child's school year as he loves to build, bake and create so he's had a fantastic few weeks building up to it and had a great day today. So as a parent, I recognise it is easier not to do these events, yet you all go above and beyond to give our tamariki amazing experiences in all areas (not just sport) all the time so thank you so very much from our whare for all the mahi you do."

Some photos of the day are below.



Jack with his large Lego creation depicting a farm scene



Molly won a second for her butterfly cake



Darcy made a pigs-in mud cake



Indie with her baking



Coby with his clay sleeping dog



Jack P.'s miniature garden



Jonny's coat hanger, a gift for a grandparent



Patrick, Te Hana and Daithi with their baking



Kaeylis-Rae's bouquet of cupcake flowers



The sales table doing a brisk trade



Tilia made penguins for the clay animals category



Jack P's gift for a grandparent



Freida's sand saucer



Juan's sheep art



Gifts for grandparents



Tōtara classes' sheep art



Brodie and Nico have a lesson on buoyancy and top heaviness



Poppy uses a basket in an inner tube for a simple but effective raft design



Gin and Hazel wobble their way across the pool



Tahu and Luca



Remy, Elliott and Buster



Leiki and Wookiee go through the leading course



Ainsley and Nala get cunning crossing the steps



Haylee with Snowflake

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

YR3-4 MINIMEEZ BASKETBALL

Tues 12/11/24 5:50pm

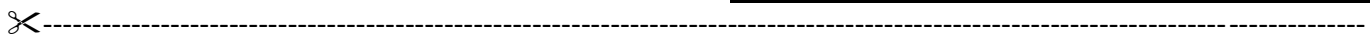
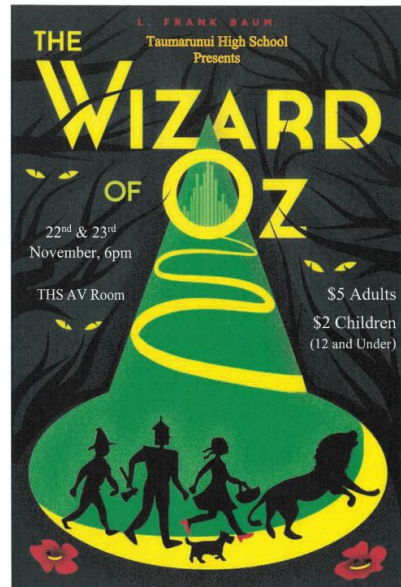
Owhango Giraffes NVS Jumpers

Community Notices

The Wizard of Oz Show See the poster below.



Monty and Mavis



Ōwhango School Class Photograph Order Form 2024

PTA CLASS PHOTO FUNDRAISER - \$20 each

Family Name _____

Class	Number	Total
Room 1 (Kahikatea)		
Room 2 (Rimu)		
Room 3 (Kōwhai)		
Room 4 (Tōtara)		
Whole School Photo		
	Total Payment	
	Date paid	

Please include payment with your order. If paying by internet banking, please deposit payment into the PTA Bank Account: 03 0426 0156205 00

Ref: School Photos with your family name. *Thank you very much for your support!*