

OWHANGO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO NOTE

23 Mar	Y7&8 Technology
24 Mar	Inter-schools swimming sports
29 Mar	Bikewise/Bike-a-thon fundraiser
29 Mar	Hockey AGM & first session to sort teams 3.30pm
30 Mar	BoT meeting @ 7:00pm
2 Apr	Daylight Saving ends
5 Apr	Mountain Clean Up
6 Apr	No Japanese classes for Yr 7s & 8s
12 Apr	Pumpkin competition & Harvest Festival @ 12:30pm
12 Apr	Assembly @ 2:15pm
13 Apr	Mufti Day
13 Apr	End of term 1
6 May	T 42
9 May	2018 trip meeting

A reminder, that should you need to see previous newsletters, and check out what's coming up. Go to the website www.owhangoschool.co.nz

CLOSURE OF SCHOOL POOL

We will be closing the school pool on Monday 3 April. Please return your pool key to the office for the \$20 refund before 31 May. Thank you.

YEAR 7 & 8 TECHNOLOGY DATES:

23 March – tomorrow

6 April – No Japanese classes on this day

TECHNOLOGY FEES

Invoices were sent out last week to those students yet to pay these fees. Please pay to the office, or direct credit to the school account 030 426 0141783 00.

BoT MEETING

The BoT will be meeting next **Thursday 30 March at 7:00pm**. All welcome.

SCHOLASTIC ISSUE #2

Please have your orders back to the office by tomorrow **23 March** or order online at www.bookclub.scholastic.co.nz

BIKEWISE – no uniform day

Constable Peter Marks and Mel Leatuafi (Project Energize) are organising a Bikewise session to be held at School **next Wednesday 29 March**, from **9:00am – 12:30pm**. Please can all students bring helmets and bicycles that are in good working order and be wearing closed toed shoes. This whole morning programme will be focussing on bike skills and road safety.

As this is an actioned packed day students are not required to wear uniform on this day.

This will be weather dependant and families will be emailed at 7.30am if is to be postponed.

BIKE-A-THON

This will be after lunch following the Bikewise sessions on **Wednesday 29 March at 1:30pm**. It would be appreciated if all students could arrange their sponsors for the up-coming bike-a-thon fundraiser. Proceeds will be going to the PTA for their financial support of next year's year 6 – 8 trip.

PUMPKIN COMPETITION & HARVEST FESTIVAL

This year we will be hosting the harvest festival & pumpkin growing competition at the school on **Wednesday 12 April**.

This year other edible produce will be included for judging. **Bring along your biggest or oddest shaped vegetables or fruits.** We are encouraging families and friends to come along during the lunch hour (**12:30pm onwards**) and have a picnic lunch (BYO) with the children, view the pumpkins and other produce. We are encouraging everyone to bring along some produce from their garden e.g. veges, fruits, jams, pickles etc. This will be sold at a produce sales table with all proceeds going to the PTA. **Bring along some coins to purchase some fresh seasonal goodies!**

Bring your pumpkins, other vegetable & fruits along for judging; they **MUST BE GROWN** by the entrants. They can be dropped off during the morning.

However you don't need a pumpkin or home grown produce to come along and have a great afternoon!

Assembly will be held afterwards at 2:15pm.

WHIO AWARENESS MONTH – MARCH 2017

Colouring competition forms can be obtained from the office. Age 7-9 and 10-13 Categories. Entries **close 13 April** to be in to win a prize.

2018 TRIP

We need **all families of students attending** to assist with the fundraising for the 2018 year 6 – 8 trip please.

We will be reviewing the family paid contribution (\$60 per person attending) due to higher than anticipated costs. It is suggested that parents start putting a small amount aside each week. Please talk to Kate for further enquiries.

Any further offers or ideas for fundraising are MOST WELCOME!

Next meeting: Tuesday 9 May at 3:15pm

Financial donations for 2018 trip

We would greatly appreciate any financial donations for the 2018 trip.

Please ensure that you are direct crediting to the correct account.

Owhango School 03 0426 0141783 00 with reference filled in with what it is for please.

MOUNT RUAPEHU CLEAN-UP DAY

On **Wednesday 5 April** the middle and senior classes of Owhango School are going to Mount Ruapehu to do a rubbish collection and mountain clean up. This is a great opportunity to teach and remind the students to take care of / look after our environment and our natural surroundings. Also, RAL (Ruapehu Alpine Lifts) support Owhango School each winter by providing free lift passes for all our students and this is one way to show our appreciation to them.

We require parent support to transport the students to and from the mountain please. We will be leaving school at 9:15 to meet with the RAL refuse coordinator at 10:00am on the mountain. Students will need to be dressed in mufti on this day. Everyone will need to wear closed shoes, preferably sneakers. Also please dress for the mountain elements, it may start off very cool and then become hot. Please dress accordingly. The RAL refuse coordinator will provide rubbish bags, gloves, hand sanitiser and we will be working within a certain area on the mountain.

Please fill in the form if you are able to assist with transport and rubbish collection on the day. Jessie Smith.

JUNIOR ROOM TRIP TO OTOROHANGA

On 16 March the junior room went to the Kiwi House in Otorohanga and had a very successful day. Children got to see four types of birds being fed and had hands on experience of feeding them themselves. They saw signs of Kiwiana and enjoyed the Sir Edmund Hillary walkway. Many thanks to the PTA who funded this trip. Thank you too to those families who assisted with transport.



GARDEN TOOLS WANTED

If anyone has an unwanted garden hoe, and a garden trowel/fork/scratchyset that they don't require anymore, we would greatly appreciate them for our school gardening.

LOST

Finn Bryan has lost his Owhango polar fleece jersey. It is named.

Can you please check your children's uniform items in case they have been muddled up with someone else's.

UNIFORM IN STOCK AT SCHOOL OFFICE.

We have a small selection of uniform items available at the school office. Please see Karen on Tuesday – Friday mornings at the office. *Please ensure that the uniform bucket hat is always left at school so that the children can play outside.*

NETBALL

We have two netball teams this season and they will be registered this week. Thanks to Reagan Hoban and Belina Muraahi who have volunteered to coach. We still require a manager for the junior team. If you are able to umpire or interested in learning, please make contact with the school.

Practises for teams are as follows: senior team Wednesday lunchtimes 1:00 – 2:00 and a possible Friday afternoon practise from 3:15. This is to be confirmed.

The junior team practise is Tuesday lunchtimes 12:30 – 1:00 starting in week 9.

All players need to wear appropriate footwear for these sessions and bring along a water bottle.

Grading Day for all school teams will be held on Saturday April 8th and opening day is Saturday 6th May.

2017 HOCKEY

Key dates: This is played at the Taumarunui High School field.

- Wednesday - 22nd/23rd March - Hockey Skills at Schools and evening coaching session
- Wednesday - 29th of March - AGM (we need 1 rep from each school to attend). The meeting will be quick so we can set out the draw and run a session to help schools if we have need any combo/mixed teams and to help sort children who are moving from mini-sticks to bigger teams.
- Wednesday 5th of April - First Hockey Game and Mini Sticks starts
- Any questions please email Stacey at: staceyfaire@gmail.com or call on 021 853 440 - Stacey

SOCCER TOURNAMENT

The Taumarunui inter-schools' soccer tournament was held yesterday. Congratulations to our year 3 & 4 team who won their division.



CRICKET

Junior Cricket is happening every Wednesday from 3.30pm at Taumarunui High School. All Primary School aged children are welcome to participate. Ajit is happy to receive your questions. His phone number is (07) 895 8665.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER

Saturday 1st and 8th of April, 9.30-10.30am.

PROJECT ENERGIZE



INFORMATION AND ENROLMENT EVENING AT TAUMARUNUI HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday 4 July, 5-7pm, starting off in the AV Room at the High School.

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING.

Please ensure that you are direct crediting to the correct account. Direct credit details for:

School stationery, sports fees and trips etc. to:
Owhango School 03 0426 0141783 00 with
reference filled in with what it is for please.

Uniform orders only, are to a separate account:
Owhango Uniform account 03 0426 0141783 03

PTA Fundraisers, are to a separate account:
Owhango School PTA 03 0426 0156205 00 with
a reference filled in with what it is for please.

EASTER RAFFLE FOR THE 2018 YR 6-8 SCHOOL TRIP

Donations are still being accepted. Money and
ticket stubs need to be returned to the office by
Wednesday 5th April. The raffle will be drawn
before the end of term. Many thanks in
advance.

Any queries contact Theresa Owen.

OWHANGO COMMUNITY REVITALISATION MEETING

This meeting is in conjunction with what the
Ruapehu District Council Revitalisation
programme is aiming to achieve. You can attend
and put forward your suggestions of how and
where you would like our township to make
improvements and be revitalised. Owhango
Residents & Ratepayers committee can then
process these ideas into a plan for the future of
Owhango. All welcome.

Meeting is to be held at the **Owhango Hall,
Thursday 23 March at 6.30pm.**

More information:

[http://www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/our-
district/community-projects/township-
revitalisation](http://www.ruapehudc.govt.nz/our-district/community-projects/township-revitalisation)

FREE T42 STUDENT ENTRY

The organisers of T42 have very kindly agreed
to free entry for students who are currently
enrolled at Owhango School in the 6.5km event.
A parent can also run for free, with their
participating child.

If your child would like to take part they will be
able to collect an entry form from the Owhango
School office which must be filled in & signed
by a parent. A fantastic opportunity for our
students! Please encourage your children to
have a go.

Signed

Annette Taylor – Lacy

T42 EVENT

This year's T42 multi-sport event is to be held
this **Saturday 6th May.**

This is our big fundraising opportunity for the
year. Between \$4800 - \$6000 is raised for our
community from this event, which is split
equally between the four Owhango groups - Fire
Brigade, Playgroup, Residents & Ratepayers
Society and School.

Volunteers are needed to help with registrations,
packing goody bags, and catering.

If you can help with any of these jobs, please
phone.

- Thu 4th May – **Goody Bags:**
Annette Taylor-Lacy, 895 4471 / 027 386
0722
- Fri 5th May afternoon & evening - **Event
Registrations** at National Park:
Toni Grass, 895 4436 / 027 635 3262
- Sat 6th May - **BBQ and catering** at Owhango
Domain, (Fri evening preparation, Sat
morning and/or afternoon helpers required):

Annette will be doing a phone-around the
community to ask for volunteers, and their
preference of job.

NEEDED FOR T42

Empty ice-cream containers with lids please.

Give to Chris Weir or to the school office.

Thanks

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

MoE Attendance Target **94%.**

DATES	ROOM 2 SENIORS	ROOM 1 MIDDLES	ROOM 3 JUNIORS
13 – 17 March	93.3%	92.1%	96.4%

**Congratulations to the junior room who met
the MoE attendance target last week.**

YOU ARE INVITED

**To join FMG, New Zealand Police and Federated
Farmers for a Rural Crime Prevention Workshop**

Join us for a workshop focused on preventing rural
crime in your area. This will be followed by a panel
session where you can get your questions answered.
Our aim is to provide information to better protect
your family, your community and your property from
rural crime.

WHEN: Monday 27th March

WHERE: Central Park Motor Inn

5/7 Maata Street, Taumarunui

Join us from 1.30pm for a cuppa and a bite to eat,
with the event to commence at 2pm.

Please register your attendance by email to
rsvp@fmg.co.nz



INTERSCHOOLS SWIMMING

Congratulations to Emma Collier, Sam Fincham, Tia Lord, Ethan McLean, Gabe Simm & Taiaria Smith who have been chosen to represent Owhango as part of the Mountain Schools swimming team at the Interschools' Swimming Sports on Friday 24 March. **Transport arrangements:** leaving school 8.45am and returning to school when completed.

\$2 transport fee to be paid at the office if not providing transport for this trip. Thank you.

Driver	Students
Maya Simm (parent helper)	Gabe, Emma C
Jessica McNaught	Ethan & Tia
Julia Fincham	Sam (will meet there & pick up at end of day)
Jessie Smith (teacher)	Taiaria (will meet there & home at end of day)

GOLF TRANSPORT

Leaving school at 8am SHARP returning 10.30am.

\$2 transport fee to be paid at the office if not providing transport for this trip. Thank you.

Transport for 24 March

Driver	
Sue Paterson	Emma P, Ashley & Arabella
Rachel Brown	Nathan, Jack B & Rik
Cara O'Donnell	Jorja, Pippa, Liam & Dylan,
Not attending	Taiaria & Gabe (<i>at swimming</i>)



MOUNTAIN CLEAN UP (Middle & Senior rooms)

Wednesday 5 April

We will be leaving school at 9:15 to meet with the RAL refuse coordinator at 10:00am.

Family Name _____

My child _____ **has permission to attend the Mountain clean up.**

TRANSPORT

Please tick your choice

I am able to provide smokefree, seatbelted transport for _____ children, in a registered and warranted vehicle that will be driven by a fully licensed driver who adheres to all traffic regulations.

OR

I am unable to assist with transport and enclose \$2 each transport cost.

I will be sending a booster seat for my child **YES / NO**

If you are assisting with transport:

Name of driver _____

Car Registration Number _____

Cell phone number if taking one _____

I enclose \$ _____

Signed _____