

OWHANGO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
“Working Together To Achieve Our Very Best”

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DATES TO NOTE

9 Feb	Technology begins for year 7 & 8 students
13 – 16 Feb	ERO at school
24 Feb	Soccer begins
24 Mar	Inter-schools swimming sports
24 Mar	Soccer ends
2 Apr	Daylight Saving ends
12 Apr	Assembly
13 Apr	End of term 1

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We trust that you have had an enjoyable break with your children!

Welcome to Owhango School to:

Welcome to Libby Hoban (Y3), Frieda Hoban (Y0) and Charlotte Pullen (Y7)

Our roll is currently 50.

2017 CLASSES & STAFFING

Senior room Years 7 & 8 (18 students)

Kate Cookson teaching

Middle room Years 4 - 6 (19 students)

Jessie Smith & Joy Brown teaching

Junior room Years 1 – 3 (13 students)

Marie Summers teaching term 1, then

Ewan Starkey will be back teaching from term 2 onwards when he returns from overseas.

This will ensure optimum pupil teacher ratios.

This will be reviewed again at the end of term 2.

SCHOOL STATIONERY

Stationery lists were issued at the end of last year. Please ensure that your child has got all of their stationery requirements by **next week**.

Stationery outlets have some excellent specials at present.

HOMEWORK

The homework programme will commence next week.

SCHOLASTIC

Issue 1 is attached. Please have your orders returned to the school office by 17 February.

ERO VISIT

The Education Review Office will be carrying out a review of the school from 13 – 16 February.

TECHNOLOGY & JAPANESE CLASSES

The year 7 & 8 students will have their first technology day at Taumarunui High School **tomorrow Thursday 9 February**. They will travel by bus departing from Owhango School at 9:00am and returning at approximately 2:50pm. A reminder that children must dress appropriately for technology classes. This includes wearing suitable shoes for workshop sessions. They must also be prepared with writing materials and other basic requirements. Mr Lina has asked if all students could please take a folder.

Further information can be obtained from Mr Max Lina (895 7179) at Taumarunui High School.

Parents will be invoiced at half the charged rate of \$17.50 per term for this service. Invoices are attached.

Please pay to the office, or direct credit to the school account 030 426 0141783 00

7-ASIDE SOCCER

This tournament will run for 5 weeks on Friday afternoons at 3.45pm in Taumarunui.

Competition starts 24 February – 24 March. This year teams will take turns on duty with putting up nets and taking down and rubbish collecting. Cost of \$3 per player is to be paid on registration. Please complete the slip below to register and return to school by Wednesday 15th so teams can be organised. We will need parent support for coaching etc. Many thanks.

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will be published on Wednesdays. They will be on the owhangoschool.co.nz website and also via emails.

PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE RESULT

Our Christmas raffle was won by Mary Donovan
Thank you everyone for your support.

LOST POLO FLEECE

Finn has mislaid his navy uniform polo fleece. It is named

ADULT HELPING

We are most fortunate in having such wonderful input to the school from a large number of parents and grandparents helping out in various ways. We particularly require assistance every morning if possible in all three classes with the reading, language and numeracy programmes. If you are willing to assist as a parent helper at school this year with reading, spelling, numeracy, sports, music, crafts, making up teaching resources etc., **please fill in the form below**. Remember the most precious thing that you can give your child is your time.

Our students really benefit from reading daily to an adult.

HEALTH INFORMATION/ GENERAL PERMISSION & INTERNET SAFETY FORMS

Please check and amend details where necessary, the personal details of the current information held at school and return back to school to enable our records to be kept up to date.

If there have been any changes to your home address, or phone numbers from during the holidays, please notify the school as soon as possible.

Internet Safety forms are also attached; to be signed by each senior pupil and returned please.

CHILDREN'S GARDEN COMPETITION

Please fill in the form below if your child would like to enter this year's garden competition. This will only go ahead (probably on late February) if there is sufficient interest.

BICYCLES

As part of our Board policy if your child wishes to occasionally ride their bicycle to school could you please return the permission slip. Those riding bicycles are asked to observe the following guidelines.

- * Wear a cycle helmet.
- * Are aware of road rules and basic bike safety.
- * Go straight home after school.
- * Use the school entrance next to Gifford's with their bicycles.
- * No riding bicycles in the school grounds between 8:30am and 3:00pm.

READERS & LIBRARY

If over the holiday break you came across any reading books, school journals or library books we would love to have them back. We are always pleased to have any of these resources returned and the children will receive a big smile and a thank you!

RUAPEHU VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE FUNDRAISER

In conjunction with the Taumarunui Regent Cinema they proudly present the premiere screening of "PORK PIE" this will be showing on Friday 10th February 7.30pm \$15 per ticket. Call Cara 0272887833 or Roy Frampton 021754269 for your pre sale tickets.

LOST PROPERTY

This basket is overflowing again. Funny, it is full of non-uniform items! Please come and check this for your child's clothes. This clothing will be donated to an op shop shortly.

STATIONERY IOU'S

If your child owes stationery costs, please pay to office or online, as soon as convenient please.

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

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

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

BADJELLY THE WITCH

Badjelly the Witch, the classic children's fairy tale by Spike Milligan is on stage in Taumarunui. Brought to life by a large team of dedicated children who have worked extremely hard over the summer and come from many of the schools in our district.

Come along and boo at Badjelly and Dulboot, while you cheer for Tim and Rose who are looking for Lucy their cow.

At the Taumarunui Little Theatre

Thursday 16 February 6pm

Friday 17 February 6pm

Saturday 18 February 2pm (matinee) and 6pm

COLOURING COMPETITION

Taumarunui Performing Arts are also running a Badjelly colouring competition for primary school children.

There are colouring competition posters to colour can be collected from the i-Site or in the office if you would like to enter. Coloured posters need to be at the Taumarunui i-site by 4pm Tuesday 14th February.

Winner will receive a colourific prize pack and will be judged by popular vote in the foyer of the little theatre.

Thank you,
Lynelle Kuriger

TRAVEL TO JAZZ

Zita is travelling to Taupo every Monday for jazz dance lessons for Anouk after school. If anyone is interested in sharing the transport. Please contact Zita 8954545

2017 TERM DATES

Term 1	7 February – 13 April
Term 2	1 May – 7 July
Term 3	24 July – 29 September
Term 4	16 October – 20 December

NATIONAL PARK COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING

OWHANGO

- **Your place**
- **Your community**
- **Your choices**
- **Your vision**
- **Your future**

TELL US WHAT YOU WANT

Putting our townships on a path to growth and prosperity will take ideas, energy and passion from the people who will benefit the most, our local communities. The National Park Community Board (NPCB) with Ruapehu District Council need to hear directly from residents, ratepayers, friends and other stakeholders on what they want for Owhango.

★ **Please join us at the NPCB meeting on Tuesday 14 February - 4.30pm in the National Park Fire Station to discuss Owhango's future**

Vibrancy : Town development : Residential : Business and commercial areas : Roads : Visitor facilities : Footpaths : Stormwater : Recreational areas : Streetscapes : Other?

Any queries please call NPCB Chairperson Jenni Pendleton - 07 892 2774



PROJECT ENERGIZE



TAUMARUNUI COMMUNITY KOKIRI TRUST PRESENTS:

Break the Cycle.

This seminar is targeting 12-19 year olds to stand against bullying, depression and suicide, with speakers Te Haamua Nikora and Jaime Downes sharing their life experiences.

Saturday February 18th 10am – 4pm.

Taumarunui Community Kokiri Trust Main office. 121 Hakiaha Street.

Register: PM@Kokiri Trust FB Page

Free Entry & must be there to win one of 3 \$100 prizes.

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CHILDREN'S GARDEN COMPETITION 2017

FAMILY NAME _____

My child / ren _____ would like to enter this year's garden competition.

Signed _____

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BICYCLE PERMISSION 2017

FAMILY NAME _____

My child/ren _____ may ride a bicycle to and from school.

He/she is aware of and will abide by the following guidelines:

- Wear a cycle helmet.
- Is aware of road rules and basic bike safety.
- Go straight home after school.
- Use the school entrance next to Gifford's with their bicycles.
- No riding bicycles in the school grounds between 8:30am and 3:00pm.

Signed (Parent/caregiver) _____

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SOCCKER 2017

I give permission for my child/ren _____ **to play Friday after school soccer. \$3 per player.**

He / she is in the following age group (please circle)

- Years 1 and 2
- Years 3 and 4
- Years 5 and 6
- Years 7 and 8

I am available to help as a coach and/ or referee for a team.

YES

NO

- Years 1 and 2
- Years 3 and 4
- Years 5 and 6
- Years 7 and 8

My name is _____

My contact phone number is _____

I enclose \$3 registration fee per player.

Signed _____

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ADULT HELPING

Name _____

I am available to assist at school with (e.g. reading, spelling, numeracy, sports, music, crafts, making up teaching resources etc), _____ this year.

Preferred day(s): _____

Preferred time: _____

Preferred class: _____

OR

I am available to relieve as a reading helper when the regular helper is unavailable.

Preferred day(s): _____

Signed _____