

OWHANGO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO NOTE

29 Nov	Yr 3 – 8 swimming trip
30 Nov	Technology
2 Dec	Christmas Parade
6 Dec	Yr 3 – 8 swimming trip
8 Dec	Golf at Taumarunui golf club
14 Dec	Technology
15 Dec	Golf at Taumarunui golf club
15 Dec	Brock's Farm
18 Dec	Year 8 lunch at National Park
19 Dec	Break Up @ 6:00pm
20 Dec	End of term 4

ABSENCES

Please notify the school office before 9:00am if your child is to be absent.

You can either:

- Phone / or text the school office between 8:30 and 9:00am or
- Email office@owhango.school.nz

If emailing please give a reason for the absence as we need to code all absences.

In the interests of health and safety it is vital that we know where all students are

CHRISTMAS FLOAT

Count down is on. Decorations are looking superb! If you haven't already sent in your permission slips, please do by Friday. Look forward to seeing all the beach wear. Please bring to school Friday 1st December and we will do a quick dress rehearsal.

Students who are going on the float need to assemble outside the Athletic Hall at 11:10am Saturday 2nd December for a 11.30 start.

Cheers

Michelle.

BROCK'S FARM

Information regarding this activity is on a separate sheet. Please return the permission slips ASAP.

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please can all library books be returned back to school so that a full STOCK TAKE can be done. Many thanks

OWHANGO SCHOOL 2017 BREAK UP

Our break up this year will again focus on interaction between the students and their families. The break up will be held on **Tuesday 19 December, commencing at 6:00pm at the Owhango Hall**. There will be brief items by the children, and this will be followed by presentations. It would be great if your child / ren could wear something with a Christmas theme e.g. Santa hat etc.

MRS BROWN'S FAREWELL

At the conclusion of the break up formalities at approximately 7:00pm we will move up to the school to farewell Mrs Brown. There will be no barbecue this year. Further details in next week's newsletter.

STAFF LEAVING GIFTS

We have several staff members leaving this year. If you would like to contribute towards their leaving gifts please leave your donation at the office.

EARLY CLOSURE FOR BREAK UP

On **Tuesday 19 December school will close at 2:00pm** so that parents can rest their children before the break up, and the school can be cleaned and set up for the evening. It will also provide additional time for those families that need to travel home and be organised before returning to School. However, children may stay at school until the usual 3:00pm if you are unable to collect them.

TECHNOLOGY

Term four technology dates for the Y7 & 8 students

30 November

14 December

SWIMMING POOL KEYS

The pool is now open.

Keys will be available for sale from the school office **ONLY DURING OFFICE HOURS (8:30 – 1:00pm) from this Friday 1 December until 20 December.**

Cost: \$50 per key, with a \$20 refund upon return of key at the end of the season.

In the event of any breach of stated rules and conditions, the key may be withdrawn from the keyholder and the \$20 bond will be forfeited.

PLEASE DO NOT ASK OTHER KEYHOLDERS TO GO FOR A SWIM WITH THEIR FAMILY.

Tina Freeman will be taking swimming lessons over the holidays. Families must purchase a key if their child takes part in these lessons. The pool will be closed during the time these lessons are being held. Lesson times are yet to be advised. Other keyholders must ensure they have left the pool enclosure while the lessons are in progress.

GOLF TASTER SESSIONS

Friday 8th and 15th December

Roy Frampton and Peter Jacobsen have once again generously offered their time and expertise to year 6-8 students willing to participate in golf lessons at the Taumarunui golf course. So far we have 11 students interested in attending the 'taster sessions' on the 8th and 15th December.

We will leave school at 8am and return to school before interval. However, after golf on Friday 15th we will go directly to Brock's Farm at approximately 10:30am.

If your child is interested and able to attend these sessions, please sign and return the attached permission and transport form before Friday 1 December.

We will require parent help with transport and supervision please.

SCHOLASTIC ISSUE 8

Please have your orders back by 8 December

OWHANGO MARKET

Owhango Market Day is on this **Sunday 3 December** at the Owhango Hall 9am – 1pm. Support the PTA stall, and have a cuppa and cake! All welcome.

YEARS 3 – 8 SWIMMING

Today Wednesday 29 November, the year 3 – 8 students will be travelling by bus to the Taumarunui indoor pool (next to the High school) for deep water safety and swimming instruction.

This is a 3 week programme that has been generously provided by our BOT. It will run on Wednesdays from 11:00 – 1:00pm (including bus pick up and drop off). All children will need to remember to bring their togs, towel, goggles (if they have any), warm jersey for afterwards and a water bottle.

TEACHERS' AIDES VACANCIES

At the end of this term all three of our wonderful teachers' aides are resigning to follow new horizons. We are seeking applications for (probably two) teachers' aides commencing 7 February 2018. We are still awaiting confirmation from the Ministry of Education for allocation of special needs funding so cannot be specific at this stage how many hours a week will be available. However, it is probable that the hours of work will be Monday – Thursday mornings.

Application forms will be available from the school next Friday 1 December if you are interested in one of these positions. The successful applicants will need to undergo Police vetting before commencing duties.

LOST PROPERTY

The basket by the office is over flowing again! Please come in and check for missing clothing.

STATIONERY I.O.U. SLIPS

It is important that when these slips come home attached to the newsletter, please can they be paid as soon as possible to the office by cash or online by direct debit. Thank you.

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING Stationery and sports fees to Westpac 030 426 0141783 00 Uniform costs to Westpac 030 426 0141783 03 PTA Westpac 030 426 0156205 00

WORK AND BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

Responsible High School girl available for casual work and babysitting.

Phone Sam Brown 07 895 4466 or Rachel 027 434 1391

PROJECT ENERGIZE



2018 TERM DATES

Term 1	7 February – 13 April
Term 2	30 April – 6 July
Term 3	23 July – 28 September
Term 4	15 October – 20 December

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

MoE Attendance Target **94%**.

DATES	ROOM 2 SENIORS	ROOM 1 MIDDLES	ROOM 3 JUNIORS
20 - 24 Nov	85.5%	87%	94.4%

Well done to the junior room who met the MoE attendance target last week! Please ensure that your child attends school every day unless they are sick.

OWHANGO IN THE FUTURE

What should Owhango look like in ten or 30 years?

Have your say at www.owhangofutures.co.nz

and complete the survey

See the schematic created by the senior class at

Owhango School at the market day on 3

December and discuss your ideas

Come to a public meeting at 7.30pm on Friday 8 December in the hall

CHILDREN'S GARDEN COMPETITION

The garden competition is going to be on Tuesday 20 February 2018 so start thinking about what you are going to grow...

The garden competition is judged at the student's home. It can be a vege garden, flower garden, native garden, or a succulent garden. It **MUST** be designed/created, grown and looked after by the student.

Students will be judged on knowledge and presentation of their gardens e.g. weeded.

A good idea might be to keep a diary of what they have done to help answer any questions the judges might ask. e.g., "What are the names of the plants you have grown? What have you done to the soil?"

For more information, contact Jodie
027 22 64 911 or 895 4606

FARMLANDS PROMO

Farmlands will be running promotion between November 2017 and February 2018.

When our Customers purchase Cydectin Oral at Farmlands Taumarunui during this period we are giving \$20 per 15l Drum to the local school of their choice.

We would be delighted if we could get the chance to present you with a cheque in March next year.

Please note this Promo is only running with Taumarunui Farmlands.

We look forward to carrying on our support with you this year.

Kind Regards

Brenda and Team of Taumarunui Farmlands



TAUMARUNUI CHRISTMAS PARADE FLOAT 2 December 2017

FAMILY NAME _____

My child/children..... have permission to participate in the Christmas Parade Float. **YES / NO**

I would like to be involved/ and can assist Michelle (co-ordinator) **YES / NO**

I can provide of the listed items needed for the beach themed float.

Signed.....



GOLF TASTER SESSIONS FOR YEAR 6 – 8 STUDENTS
Friday 8th and 15th December

Family Name _____

My child / ren _____ have permission to go on these trips.

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.

Please circle date(s) available to assist

8 December

15 December

OR

I am unable to assist with transport and enclose \$???? 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** _____

SPORT Whanganui leaders in sport

taumarunui Youth and Community Trust

@ THE DOMAIN AFTER THE XMAS PARADE

Fastest Kid on the Block

- » Saturday 2nd December 2017, 2pm after the Xmas Parade @ the Domain track
- » Age groups: Year 3 & 4, Year 5 & 6, Year 7 & 8
- » Race distance: 100m
- » Heats will be timed to find top 9 to race off in their age group final
- » Seperate Boys and girls races
- » Enter on the day
- » Winners receive certificate and prize
- » All children must be registered in their year group as of December 2017.

Fastest kids go on to compete @ the Cooks Classic in Whanganui Tuesday 23rd 2018 REPRESENTING TAUMARUNUI

If kids are unable to compete at the finale on the 23rd of January then you must contact me as soon as possible so one of the 2 reserve runners can be asked to run in your place.

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