

## OWHANGO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**This is the last newsletter for this year.**

**May you all have a Merry Christmas and quality time with your families  
from the Owhango School staff!**

### **DATES TO NOTE**

14 Dec	Technology (but no Japanese)
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	Mufti Day
20 Dec	End of term 4

### **FAREWELL AND THANK YOU**

Retirement has not been an easy decision to make but I want to spend more time with my family. We will be moving to Napier next year which will allow us both to follow other interests. I have been privileged to lead the school as principal since 1999 and have thoroughly enjoyed my time teaching here. I greatly appreciate the ongoing outstanding support I have received here over the past four decades! Thank you for the many opportunities that I have had over the years whilst teaching at Owhango School (a total of 27½ years, with 18½ years of that as principal). It has been an absolute pleasure teaching the students alongside the school's dedicated and skilful staff members. I have also really enjoyed working with the various Boards of Trustees and parents over the years who have shown a real commitment to the education of the students in the area. This very special community has been my home since 1979, and George's since 1944. Both George and I will always remember the school and district with the greatest of affection.

Next year will be 'New Beginnings' for the school with a significant number of changes to the staffing. I wish to extend my very best wishes to the BoT, Ewan, current and new staff members for the future growth of the school and successes for its students.

Kindest regards

Joy Brown

### **THANK YOU TO DEPARTING STAFF**

Next week we also say farewell to several staff members.

Warmest congratulations to Kate who has been appointed principal of Mokau School. Congratulations too to Tarshia Jennings who will be taking up her first teaching position in Taumarunui next year. Sadly we are also farewelling Sharon Dempsey and Carol Shaw who will be following new horizons next year. We are most grateful to them all for their wonderful input into our students' education over the years and wish them all the very best.

### **MUFTI DAY**

To celebrate the last day of term, **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** is a mufti day. The children do not have to wear their uniform but can choose what to wear.

### **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](mailto: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

### **BROCK'S FARM**

Some permissions slips have not yet been returned. Please return these TOMORROW.

### **NO BIKES TO BROCK'S FARM**

Due to a lack of interest, we will not be biking to Brock's Farm on Friday.

### KATE'S CAPPING

Congratulations to Kate Cookson who was capped for her Master of Education Leadership at yesterday at Waikato University.



### LIBRARY BOOKS

The library stock take had been completed and only two books missing!

### 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 / children 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. **Instead can parents please bring a plate of COLD food to share with the children. There will be no facilities to heat food on the evening.** The senior room will arrange activities for the children whilst the BoT supplies a light finger food supper for adults. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments.

If you are able to help in any way on the night please contact Ewan, Maree or Karen.

### 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.

### UNIFORM ORDERS

If you are wanting uniform items for next year, please see Karen or Maree at the office. An order form will be emailed.

### YEAR 6-8 CAMP TO NEW PLYMOUTH FEBRUARY 2018

The senior class camp for next year has been planned for term one, week 4, Monday 26 February - Friday 2 March 2018. At this stage the date is unchanged, however, due to Ms Cookson's resignation there may now be changes to these dates. Once we have appointed a teacher to the class we can finalise this. Mr Starkey will keep all families informed and those parents who are intending to provide parent help will be immediately notified of any change of plans. We apologise for any inconvenience.

### 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) 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 key holder and the \$20 bond will be forfeited.

**PLEASE DO NOT ASK OTHER KEY HOLDERS TO GO FOR A SWIM WITH THEIR FAMILY.**

### LOST PROPERTY

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

## SWIMMING LESSONS

Tina Freeman will be taking half hour swimming lessons in the Owango School pool during the holidays commencing on Tuesday 2 January.

Days: **Tuesdays & Wednesday afternoons**

Times: **3:00 – 4:00pm**

Cost: **\$5 per lesson** (payable directly to Tina)

**Families wishing to take part in this opportunity must purchase a pool key from the school.** For further information please contact Tina phone **021 168 1623**.

**Please return the form below to the school office before 20 December to register for lessons.**

We ask that other key holders ensure they have left the pool enclosure while the lessons are in progress.

## TECHNOLOGY

The year 7 & 8 students will have their last technology class on Thursday 14 December. There will be no Japanese classes that day so the students will return to school straight after the technology classes.

## GOLF TASTER SESSIONS Friday 15th

After golf on Friday you will go directly to Brock's Farm at approximately 10:30am.

\$2 if not taking transport please.

## TRANSPORT FOR FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

Chris Weir	Jesse, EmmaP, Nathan, Dylan
Jodie Watts	Jorja, Nairin
Theresa Owen	Jack, Anouk & Kate
May Hein	Dansey & Tia

## 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

## 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

## PROJECT ENERGIZE



## LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

MoE Attendance Target **94%**.

DATES	ROOM 2 SENIORS	ROOM 1 MIDDLES	ROOM 3 JUNIORS
4 – 8 Dec	93.7	92.5%	92.7%

No classes met the MoE attendance target again last week. Please ensure that your child attends school every day unless they are sick.

## SWIMMING LESSONS REGISTRATION

**FAMILY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**My child /ren** \_\_\_\_\_

would like to have swimming lessons with Tina Freeman.

**Contact phone number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I enclose \$50** for a pool key.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**OWHANGO WEATHER AS AT 1 DECEMBER 2017 MONTHLY RAINFALL (mm)  
(GEORGE BROWN'S DATA)**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Jan	72.3	123.2	98.6	132.8	100.0	32.6	95.5	153.7	243.1	159.5	52.3	110.7	21.5	102.3	200.7
Feb	31.8	475.2	105.4	81.0	30.5	65.5	205.3	94.2	28.0	152.2	50.3	16.8	87.8	120.8	129.0
Mar	55.1	48.1	130.6	83.1	154.2	72.7	49.9	68.0	133.5	104.3	41.2	42.1	74.8	80.5	111.3
Apr	55.9	68.2	58.6	176.6	82.4	184.0	65.7	51.0	144.4	51.2	159.6	204.4	313.2	78.5	289.4
May	196.8	162.3	166.5	176.6	103.6	67.4	191.9	109.4	176.0	156.3	188.1	177.8	189.5	269.5	164.1
Jun	257.2	272.7	98.8	122.6	220.2	220.8	100.2	223.9	144.8	181.1	189.6	195.0	240.5	179.3	73.1
Jul	77.5	154.0	193.4	216.1	228.3	337.6	215.9	60.1	271.6	174.6	79.1	104.3	188.0	228.0	219.7
Aug	58.0	202.5	84.3	204.2	204.9	282.4	186.5	252.7	94.0	143.5	112.2	139.5	286.6	124.8	223.2
Sep	357.1	185.9	209.9	83.4	107.4	191.7	172.9	476.2	109.1	195.1	259.0	148.6	121.5	172.6	302.0
Oct	236.5	237.7	209.9	169.4	233.8	221.7	262.8	53.7	239.1	199.4	211.6	192.0	143.1	147.0	128.2
Nov	246.2	127.6	50.2	249.4	120.3	120.2	120.1	43.6	155.2	76.0	144.9	160.4	184.4	210.5	89.1
Dec	229.8	238.2	289.2	103.0	210.2	180.3	157.0	234.0	276.5	141.5	129.7	173.7	72.6	80.8	
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**NUMBER OF FROSTS**

19 99	20 00	20 01	20 02	20 03	20 04	20 05	20 06	20 07	20 08	20 09	20 10	20 11	20 12	20 13	20 14	20 15	20 16	20 17
60	46	52	46	60	68	41	66	36	55	56	36	38	53	33	59	54	36	44 *