

OWHANGO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER
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DATES TO NOTE

6 Dec	Yr 3 – 8 swimming trip
7 Dec	BoT meeting @ 6:00pm
8 Dec	Golf at Taumarunui golf club
11 Dec	Nativity Service at Owhango Community Church @ 2:00pm.
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

BoT MEETING

The BoT will have their December meeting tomorrow **7 December at 6:00pm**. All welcome.

KATE'S NEW HORIZONS

Congratulations to Kate Cookson who will be taking up the principal's position at Mokau School next year. Owhango's loss is Mokau's gain. We are all very grateful to Kate for her valuable contribution to Owhango School. Last term Kate completed her Master of Education Leadership attaining first class honours at Waikato University. Kate will be capped at graduation next week in Hamilton.

The BoT is currently advertising the senior room teacher's position.

BROCK'S FARM

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

THANK YOU

Thanks to everybody for all their help and donations for the Senior Camp table at Market Days. We raised a very decent amount of money for the kids. We will be running the table next year from March as a PTA fundraiser, so keep the dates free. Thanks from Cara and Theresa

CHRISTMAS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

School Nativity service at Owhango Community Church will be **Monday 11 December** at 2pm. Family and friends welcome. Approximately 40 minutes.

Please notify the school in writing if you do not want your child to attend this.

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. Instead can parents please bring a plate of food to share with the children. 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.

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.**

SWIMMING LESSONS

Tina Freeman will be taking half hour swimming lessons in the Owhango 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.

LOST PROPERTY

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

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.

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.

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 7 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.

We will require parent help with transport and supervision please.

TRANSPORT FOR FRIDAY 8th Dec

Sue Paterson [In only]	Emma P, Jack, Anouk & Kate
Jodie Watts	Jorja, Nairin, Dylan & Jesse
Theresa Owen [Home]	Emma P, Jack, Anouk & Kate

SCHOLASTIC ISSUE 8

Please have your orders back by 8 December

YEARS 3 – 8 SWIMMING

Today Wednesday 6 December, the year 3 – 8 students will be travelling by bus to the Taumarunui indoor pool (next to the High school) for their final session of 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.

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

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.


PROJECT ENERGIZE

SUPER SUMMER SALADS

RICE SALAD

- 1 cup rice
- 2 celery stalks - chopped
- 1 small capsicum - chopped
- 1 can corn kernels - drained
- ½ red onion - chopped
- ½ cup sultanas
- 2 Tbsp. oil
- 2 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 Tbsp. white vinegar
- pepper to taste

Cook rice as per packet instructions. Add rice, celery, capsicum, corn, onions and sultanas to a bowl. Combine oil, lemon juice and vinegar by whisking in a bowl or shaking in a jar. Pour over rice mixture then toss to combine.



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2018 TERM DATES

Term 1 7 February – 13 April

CHRISTMAS FLOAT

Our school float looked magnificent in Saturday's Christmas parade with many excited students (and staff) aboard the Veolia truck. Many thanks to the Gavegan family for their willingness to lead this event and to Veolia for their sponsorship to cover some of the costs. It is great to showcase our school to the wider community and of course the students loved being involved in such a happy occasion. The singing was superb and the teachers agreed we were the happiest float on the day. Our students were fantastic - singing, blowing bubbles and wishing everyone a very 'Merry Xmas!' while managing to keep a close eye on our naughty sleeping Santa. Many thanks to everyone who assisted with this.



POLICE DOG VISIT

Many thanks to Constable Aaron Owen for organising for a Police dog to visit the school. Constable Fraser Overwheel and Police dog Gator accompanied Aaron to school on Friday. The students thoroughly enjoyed the visit. They gained an insight to the training programme and it also provided another way to foster positive relationships with the Police. A further visit is planned for next year.



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

TRAMPOLINE

Family size trampoline to give away.

Phone Vicki 0274 706 633

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

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

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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 _____