



# OWHANGO SCHOOL PANUI

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKI

"I've learnt that envy is the enemy of happiness." Anonymous- age 73

## TERM ONE DATES TO NOTE

12 April	Duffy Role Model Assembly 1.30pm School assembly 2pm
13 April	<b>End of term-</b> mufti day
28 April	Blessing of the pool plaque & toilets
30 April	<b>TERM 2 STARTS</b>
2 May	Gymnastics starts
3 May	Technology
4 May	Music starts
5 May	T42 Competition
10 May	Pumpkin/Hunting Competitions & Harvest Festival
10 May	BoT meeting

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

One of my goals as principal is to provide student voice to what is being taught and learnt at school. As part of this I challenged the children to come to me with ideas about what they want to happen at school. They have come up with several ideas, which are now on the boil. The first which I can now announce is a request for a hunting competition. This was suggested by Ethan and Jack B. and there was an enthusiastic response to the idea from the other children. Another of my goals is to have the senior children in positions of responsibility, to grow their organisational and leadership skills. Therefore Jack B. and Ethan are organising this event with my support. We have had a few meetings and will have the details of this in the next newsletter, the first of term two. At the suggestion of the PTA this competition is being held in conjunction with the Pumpkin Competition and Harvest Festival at the beginning of term two, with Sam, Pippa and

Arabella organising the Pumpkin Competition and Harvest Festival aspects of the day.  
Ewan Starkey

## CLASSROOM KORERO- Middle Room

In Room 1 we have been investigating nature's superhero... the earthworm. These wriggling creatures are able to break down organic matter and improve soil quality. We have been learning what this means for our environment. We were privileged to have Hadi (from Zero Waste) give us a few tips on caring for worms. With his help and our recently learned knowledge, Room 1 has been able to start our own worm-farm. Next term it will be set up for the school to use. Millie and Janette did a great job writing instructions on what to, and not to feed worms. For example, chopped banana peels and apple cores are ideal, but not bread or meat as this can attract rats which are predators to our worms. For more information, come and see our topic display on the back wall!

See you in term 3, Whaea Grace.



*Emily Owen snaps the contents our worm-farm as evidence for her project.*

## ICE CREAM CONTAINERS FOR T42.

Empty ice cream containers with lids please are needed for the up-coming T42 event. Please bring to school, or give to Chris Weir  
Thanks Chris Weir

## WHAEA GRACE IS OFF!

Whaea Grace Batley is off next term exploring Vietnam, China and Thailand. She will be back in term 3 to tell us all about it and to continue team teaching in the middle class. We wish her a safe and enjoyable trip. Whaea Kathy Forster will be teaching in the middle class full-time in term 2.

## BIKEWISE DAY

Despite the little bit of drizzle, we had a really successful Bike Wise day last week. The focus on the day was to build their riding skills and increase their knowledge around bike safety. Mel from Project Energize brought her obstacles course with see-saws, bumpy roads and other challenges. Constable Peter Marks came to support the bike safety aspects being taught. On the basketball courts the teachers and students set up a road system with roundabouts, one way streets and give way signs.



*Freida Hoban masters the see-saw*



*Elise Frampton gets up the ramp from the 'Bike Town' roads.*

## SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

On Friday our school entered a team into the inaugural inter-school softball tournament in Taumarunui. Many of the other teams were made up of senior students so our mix of middles and a few seniors had quite a challenge. I was really proud of their perseverance and improved understanding of the complex strategies of the game. We can't wait until next year's competition.



*The softball team at the end of the day*



*Toby Collier concentrating with his tongue, aims for the ball!*

## POLICE RUGBY SEVENS AND NETBALL TOURNAMENT

We have received an email from Constable Peter Marks to inform us that due to operational requirements he is unable to run the tournament next week. It is postponed tournament until mid May.

## **PUMPKIN COMPETITION, HUNTING COMPETITION & HARVEST FESTIVAL**

As mentioned in the Principal's Message, this year the annual pumpkin growing competition and harvest festival is being combined with a hunting competition. It will happen on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May. That is week two of term two. There will be more details in the first newsletter of term two.

## **LAST DAY OF TERM**

To celebrate our last day of term on Friday, we are having a mufti day. The children can wear whatever they like, as long as it is clean and not obscene. School closes at the usual time of 3pm.

## **THE SCHOOL POOL IS NOW CLOSED**

The pool was closed Thursday 29 March. Please return your season pool key back to the school office to receive the \$20 refund.

## **OUR NEW RETAINING WALL**

Robbie Stewart came this week and finished off the new retaining wall around the swing area to keep the bark contained. Our next project in the playground is to drive two strainer posts that will hold the slack line up.



*Robbie Stewart's fine work.*

## **BLESSING OF THE POOL PLAQUE AND TOILETS**

The school is invited to the old swimming pool in the Kakahi stream at 9:00am Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> April for the blessing of its commemorative plaque then to the new Owhango public toilets for their blessing. This will be followed with a cup of tea in the hall.

## **SCHOLASTIC ISSUE 2**

Please have your orders returned to the office by 12 April or order online at [bookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://bookclub.scholastic.co.nz)

## **DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY**

We have our Duffy Role Model Assembly this Thursday 12 April at 1.30pm where each child will be presented with two books. This visit's role model is **Alistair McIntyre, also known as "Mr Mac"**

He is a former heavy machinery operator who suffered an injury and then went on to write a popular children's book 'Doug the Digger'. Alistair has visited almost every school in the country talking about writing, studying hard at school and also his programme 'Youth in to Industry' a programme designed for high school aged youths to introduce them to the possibility pursuing a career in civil construction and infrastructure. You can find more information about Alistair on his website [www.dougthedigger.co.nz](http://www.dougthedigger.co.nz) and [www.youthintoindustry.org.nz](http://www.youthintoindustry.org.nz) Sometimes Alistair brings his truck and digger to schools so be ready just in case!

**Please come and join us at school and listen to the message Doug shares with us about the value of reading. Pre-schoolers most welcome.** Thank you for our Duffy sponsors who make it possible to be a Duffy School.

## **COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY**

Following our Duffy Role Model Assembly we will be having our end-of-term Community Assembly. This is where the community is invited to watch the children present something about what they have been learning during the term. All are welcome. It should start around 2:00.

## **NETBALL –**

### **Draw for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

10am Ct4 Owhango Rockerz v. NVS Green

10am Ct1 Country v. Turaki A

Our warmest congratulations to Tia Lord gaining a position in the Y8 Rep Netball team.

## **MINIBALL BASKETBALL**

Entries close on 4<sup>th</sup> May and competition begins Friday 11 May. Registration and \$20 sub to be paid to the office by end of term 13 April please.

## Golf 2018

What a great opportunity for some of our Owhango senior class to have participated in Friday golf sessions with Roy Frampton at the Taumarunui Golf Course. We are very grateful for the time Roy has given to the 12 lucky students and the golfing skills he has taught them. Maya Hein has been a special guest, not only providing transport but also stepping in each Friday to assist and also learn alongside the students. A big thank you to those amazing parents that have provided transport, without you we could not do it! And finally a huge thank you to Pete Jacobson and all of those involved in the Taumarunui Golf Course for allowing Owhango School to come and enjoy the golf course every Friday! What a treat! We have our final golf session this Friday, and the points tally stands as follows:

Name / Students	Total Tally (over 2 weeks / 3 holes)
Jack and Anouk	1 <sup>st</sup> : 64
Sam and Jorja	2 <sup>nd</sup> : 65
Arabella and Jesse	3 <sup>rd</sup> : 67
Nikki and Dylan	4th: 68
Pippa and Nairin	5 <sup>th</sup> : 69
Tia and Dansey	6 <sup>th</sup> : 70

Naku noa, Jessie Smith (Amateur golfer).



Roy Frampton instructs in the fog



Our golfing group

## WAIMARINO TOUGH KID CHALLENGE

To be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June at Raetihi Showgrounds.

This is a fun 1.5km obstacle course for year 3-8 students. They can either enter as individuals or as a team of two boys and two girls. If your child is interested in participating please fill in the form below. Parent transport and supervision is required on the day. Event is scheduled from 10am to 1:40pm (approx.). Entries cost \$3.00 per child and \$5 per person if on able to provide transport.

Each school is also required to provide two course marshalls. There is also a teacher/parent dress up race at 1pm that Mrs Smith would love to do with some parents.

Please have your entries and money into the office by Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May- **entries close on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May!**

## TERM TWO UNIFORM ORDER

If you need to stock up on uniform for the winter months please complete an order form available at the school office. An order will be sent to our suppliers on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May**. Please remember that during the colder months Navy Thermals can be worn under the Green Polo shirts. The Navy Polo Fleece and Hoodie with our school logo are the two warm long-sleeved items of our uniform and Navy pants or shorts are to be worn **not black**.

## 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 & 11 km events. A parent can also run for free, with their participating child. This is a great opportunity for our kids to have a go. Entry forms and online code available from the school office.



Our Duffy books in Schools sponsors:



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##### Stationery & sports fees to

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#### T42 EVENT

This year's T42 multi-sport event is to be held this **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> May**.

This is our community's big fundraising opportunity for the year, raising between \$4500 - \$6000, 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 contact:

- Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 3.15pm at Owhango Hall – **Goody Bags** (older school kids can do this):

Annette Taylor-Lacy, 895 4471 / 027 386 0722

- Fri 4<sup>th</sup> May afternoon & evening - **Event Registrations** at National Park:

Toni Grass, 895 4436 / 027 635 3262

- Sat 5<sup>th</sup> May - **BBQ and catering** at Owhango Domain, (Fri evening preparation, Sat morning and/or afternoon helpers required): Annette Taylor-Lacy, 895 4471 / 027 386 0722:

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



#### WAIMARINO TOUGH KID 2018

Family name \_\_\_\_\_

My child/children \_\_\_\_\_ would like to take part in the Waimarino Tough Kid challenge.

I \_\_\_\_\_ would love to enter the adult race.

I am able to assist on the day, and provide transport to Raetihi : **YES / NO**  
**Transport of \$5 pp if not providing a car.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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# School Holiday Programs

## Student Learner Licence Course

DATE: 16th April - 18th April (3 days)

TIME: 10am - 12pm

AGES: 16 years + and attending school

COST: \$94 (includes the cost of the test)

TUTOR: Jenny Gawith

This course will help you learn the Road Code in preparation for sitting the Learner Licence Theory Test.

## Rockin' With Rocks

DATE: Thursday 19th April

TIME: 10am - 12pm

AGES: 5 - 7 year olds

COST: Gold Coin

TUTOR: Maureen Tupaea

Wear an old shirt and join Maureen for a fun and creative morning designing and painting rocks.

Everything you need will be provided!

## Crafty Creations (with common household items)

DATE: Tuesday 24th April

TIME: 1pm - 4pm

AGES: 10 years and older

COST: Gold Coin

TUTOR: Jenny Gawith

Spend an afternoon with Jenny and learn how to use simple materials to create basic construction.

This workshop could be particularly useful to young people interested in participating in their schools technology challenge

## Go Fly Your Kite

DATE: Thursday 26th April

TIME: 10am - 12pm

AGES: 9 years and older

COST: Gold Coin

TUTOR: Kelly Brown

Join Kelly and learn how to make a simple, easy-to-make, easy-to-fly paper kite and paper plane using a computer and your own ingenuity

Bookings are essential. Please call in to the REAP office at 115 Hakiaha Street and reserve your place. This will be a popular workshop, we advise booking early to avoid disappointment.  
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