



# OWHANGO SCHOOL PANUI

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKI

Tangata ako ana i te whare, te turanga ki te marae, tau ana.

*A person who is taught at home, will stand collected on the Marae.*

A child who is given proper values at home and cherished within their family, will not only behave well amongst the family but also within society and throughout their life.

## TERM TWO DATES TO NOTE

10 May	Pumpkin/Hunting Competitions & Harvest Festival (No music lessons)
10 May	BoT meeting 7pm
17 May	Technology
	Music lessons recommence
	Soccer Tournament years 1-4
	Pub Quiz Fundraiser 7pm
18 May	Soccer Tournament years 5-8
21 May	Senior Camp all week
	Waitomo Caves Trip years 1-5
24 May	Netball/Rugby Tournament
31 May	Technology
1 June	Waimarino Tough Kid
4 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
8 June	Royal Jelly Show
13 June	Technology Challenge
14 June	Technology
15 June	Dress Up-Book Character Day
	Electronics Day
22 June	Whaea Kathy's Last Day
	Inter-school Orienteering
25 June	Whaea Grace Returns
25 June	Teacher-Parent Conferences

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

The staff are beginning one of their major 'Professional Learning Developments' this week: we are investigating a new tool (PaCT the Progress and Consistency Tool) to assess children's writing and to make decisions on

what next steps the children need in their writing lessons. We have an excellent teacher expert, Cath Runga, who we have engaged to help us with this. She has worked with our school several times in the past and we have always got a lot of great ideas that have helped us improve our practise. As teachers we enjoy learning too.

## STAFF CHANGES

It is with regret that I have to announce that Kathy Forster will be leaving our school in week 8 of this term. Unfortunately she has found the 110km (80 minutes) return trip from home to school every day too much, which is quite understandable. The good news is that Grace Batley will be teaching full-time from week 9, creating a seamless transition for the children. Grace will be moving into the school house so that she doesn't have to travel from Moawhango every day. I am really grateful to both Kathy and Grace who generously stepped into our school when we had nobody applying for our vacancy, despite the great distance that they both lived from the school.

## CLASSROOM KORERO- Junior Room

At the end of last term room 3 enjoyed following the Commonwealth Games and the progress of successful New Zealanders that participated. They liked having the opportunity to win a gold, silver or bronze medal themselves for high standards achieved in subjects, good behaviour or kind deeds.

We practised our play 'The Three Little Pigs' for the school assembly. I was very proud of the way the children said their lines and acted. They are studying the formation of limestone caves and glow worms at present in preparation for their day visit to Waitomo in week 4. Please see

the information later in this newsletter about this trip.

Marie Summers

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

This is on tomorrow, Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May. It will run all day and whanau are welcome to come for part or all of the day. Please note, possums may be entered into the hunting competition, the boys accidentally left that off the list last week. The following was in last week's newsletter, but will be repeated in case you missed it:

This year Sam, Arabella, Pippa, Jack B & Ethan have organised a whole day of activities for our Pumpkin, Hunting Competitions & Harvest Festival. It is on next Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May. To enter the hunting section the children need to have done their hunting at home, see the attached entry form to know what can be hunted. You have one week to hunt your animal/s then bring them to school on Thursday.

The other thing to do at home is make a model of a scarecrow, no more than 30 cm tall. If you have some vegetable or fruit you have grown bring that for the harvest table and if you have a pumpkin for the weigh in.

On the day the PTA will be running a free BBQ, so the children do not need to bring lunch, but will need a morning tea.

Throughout the day the children will be competing in a variety of events.

### **MINIBALL BASKETBALL**

#### **Round One Week one Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Senior Game. 5.05pm Court Two: Owango v. St Pats Celtics 1

#### **NETBALL – Draw for Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

9am Ct3	Owango Rockerz v	Manunui Minions
10am Ct3	Country v	Hinemihi Kohunga
12pm Ct4	Owango Rockerz v	Te Pihinga

### **OUR NEW GYM MATS**

We would like to say a big thankyou to the PTA for buying five new gymnastics mats for our school.

### **PUB QUIZ**

Get your team of 4 together for our Pub Quiz on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 7pm. There is a limit of 25 teams which are filling up quickly so register soon with Mark Fredericks on 895 4443 or 027 839 8044. It costs \$5 per person (\$20 for a team), but there are some excellent raffles to raise money for our new pool cover so bring some extra cash...

### **RAFFLES**

As part of our pub quiz night we have several amazing raffles:

- A carving by Mike Walsh.
- An adult season pass and a child season pass for Mt Ruapehu ski fields.
- Another adult season pass and a child season pass for Mt Ruapehu ski fields.
- A trip for two on the 5 tunnel tour with Forgotten World Adventure rail carts.
- Two nights for up to 5 people staying in The Tree House at Wood Pigeon Lodge.
- 1 cubic metre (thrown not stacked) of dry, seasoned gum firewood.
- A beautiful (dimensions) slab of Lawsoniana, milled from an Owango School tree, waiting to be turned into a table or bench or sign or...?
- Another yet to be finalised raffle.

If you are unable to come to our pub quiz night but would like to support us by buying some raffle tickets then come to the office at school, or call us, before Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### **DUFFY BOOKS IN HOMES**

As part of this great programme the children **have** all picked 3 books ready for the Term 2 Government Book Week Duffy Assembly. Ordering now won't be done at home, the children get to view the books and complete order forms at school. They were given a Duffy brochure to take home and show you what they picked and complete the word find if interested. As part of the programme we have been sent a book for one lucky Mum, watch this space to hear who our Mother's Day Book is given to!

### **DRUMS NEEDED**

Does anyone have a set of drums the school could borrow for a school band we are trying to establish?

### Thanks to our sponsors for this year:

Farmlands – for donating batters

Our Duffy books in Schools sponsors:



Midwest Helicopters LTD  
DG & R Brown Contracting LTD  
Doyle Valuations  
B & C O'Donnell

### PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING

Stationery & sports fees to

Westpac 030 426 0141783 00

Uniform costs to Westpac 030 426 0141783 03

PTA Westpac 030 426 0156205 0

### LARGE WHITEBOARD PLANNERS

We have two second-hand large whiteboard planners 110cm x 70cm for sale by koha. See Karen in the office to make an offer.

### DONATED FRUIT

A big thank you to the Zimmer family for the box of feijoas that the children devoured!

### WAIMARINO ART AWARDS

The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Waimarino Art Awards are on from the 4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July. There are several children's categories with prizes ranging from \$75 to \$200, and a total prize pool of \$7500! Entry forms available at school or online at [www.waimarinoartawards.co.nz](http://www.waimarinoartawards.co.nz) and are due by 15<sup>th</sup> June.

### T42

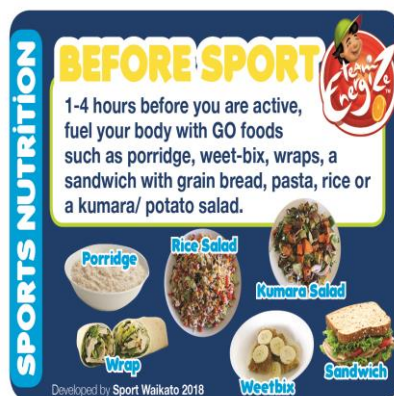
A big thank you to everyone who helped make this such a success. It was wonderful to see so many locals either volunteering or competing or supporting their kids in the competition. Special thanks to Annette Taylor-Lacy and Pat Lacy for their hard work organising the army of volunteers and materials needed on the day.



Start line and Ethan McLean, Cody Bryan and Finn Bryan after completing the 6.5km run.



Shiah Gavegan and Elise Frampton look remarkably fresh after the 6.5km race.



## T42 -ANOTHER THANK YOU!

A huge **Thank You** to all the volunteers in the community, who once again gave generously of their time at the T42 fundraising event on Saturday.

We have had so much positive feedback on the quality of food and service we provided.

Also thank you to the following:

- VetEnt King Country for the use of their extra large BBQ.
- Taumarunui RSA for the loan of their chaffing dishes
- Liquorland for their donation of ice
- Rachael Brown for her horse float
- Bill & Carol O'Donnell for their generator
- Storm Higgie & Jodie Watts for their backup standby generator
- Pat Lacy and Silver Fern Farms for donated steak for the hamburgers
- Zane at Cecil's Meat 'n Vege for cutting up the steak

Profits are looking good, and will be up from last year.

This event is a great opportunity for our community to fundraise, and we couldn't do this without such incredible community support – thank you all.

From the T42 team organisers



## Junior & Middle Room Trip to the Waitomo Caves

As part of our classroom studies rooms 1 & 3 are going on a day trip to see the glow worms in the Waitomo Caves and to visit the Waitomo Caves Education Centre in the Museum.

We are planning to go next **Monday 21 May** (the same morning that the senior class goes on camp). We will need to leave Owango early at 8:30am, (assembling at Owango School at **8:15am SHARP**) to avoid the bus crowds and to get the discount for going in at the earlier time. Please ensure that your child has an early night on Sunday 21 May, as we have a very full day planned. In fairness to everyone, please ensure that these times are adhered to, we will not wait if you are late!

The Parent Teachers Association (PTA) has very generously offered to subsidise the trip by paying the cost of entry into the caves (\$11.00) for each child and the entry into the Education Centre (\$3.00). They are also subsidising half of the transport costs (\$5 of the \$10 per person). Many thanks to the PTA and their ongoing efforts with fundraising to help make trips such as this one affordable for all. (The PTA would also appreciate any offers of help with their association- just come to a meeting or talk with the staff to see how you can help.)

The children will need to bring along plenty of food packed in smaller sizes so that they do not eat it all at once. A drink is also needed. Please no sweets, they will be excited enough without a lot of sugar. Everyone attending will need to wear comfortable, suitable footwear for walking on a bush track; sneakers are ideal.

We will require assistance with transport and supervision of children for this trip please.

All adults accompanying the trip will be allocated a small number of children to supervise for the day. Please note that this trip is not suitable for pre-schoolers due to the distraction they would create.

## Costs

The cost per child:

Glow worm Cave	Free	(The PTA will pay the \$11.00 for this)
Museum	Free	(The PTA will pay the \$3.00 for this)
Transport	\$5.00	(unless in parent's car, the PTA will pay \$5 per child as well)

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Total per <b>child</b>	\$5.00
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The cost per adult:

Glow worm Cave	\$11.00 (Note this usually costs \$51 per adult when not with a school group)
Museum	Free
Transport	Free if in your own car (or \$10 if not providing a car)

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Total per **adult**      \$11.00 (if providing a car)  
                             \$21.00 (if not providing a car)

## Timetable

8:15 SHARP      Assemble at Owhango School.  
                         Roll call, toilet etc  
8:30              Depart Owhango School- **we cannot wait for anyone who is late!**  
10:00            Morning tea, toilet stop  
10:25            Glow worm Caves Tour  
11:30            Lunch  
12:00            Waitomo Caves Discovery Centre- education officer talk  
1:15             Ruakuri Walk  
2:00             Depart Waitomo  
3:30             Return to Owhango

Obviously with the cost of petrol we will try to take a minimum number of vehicles, and may need to negotiate with our car drivers to decide who will be taking a car.

**Please fill in the form below and return it with the money to the school by next Thursday 17th May.**



### WAITOMO CAVES TRIP MONDAY 21 May 2018

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

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ (child's name) to go on the Waitomo Caves Trip.

#### 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.

**OR**

☐ I am unable to assist with transport and enclose **\$5 each** transport cost.

**AND/OR**

☐ I am unable to assist with transport but would like to go on the trip if there is sufficient transport.

I will be sending a booster seat for my child **YES / NO**

***If you are providing transport:***

Name of driver \_\_\_\_\_

Car Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone number if taking one \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my child's costs.

I enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ for my costs.

**Total amount enclosed \$** \_\_\_\_\_

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