



# OWHANGO SCHOOL PANUI

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKI

"The only place where success comes before work is a dictionary." Vidal Sassoon (1928- 2012)

## TERM TWO and THREE DATES TO NOTE

27 June	Reports out
28 June	Last music lesson
	BoT Meeting
29 June	Interschool Orienteering Comp.
	Assembly 2pm
3 July	Teacher-Parent Conferences
4 July	Junior Fijian Feast
5-6 July	Life Education (Harold's) Truck
6 July	Last day of term- mufti
23 July	Term three starts
26 July	Year 7 & 8 Technology
30 July	Mid-Senior ski day one
3 August	Mid-Senior ski day two
7 August	Hine Kihāwai show 1.30pm

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Reports are out today. These are an important part of the school year, with the teachers taking a lot of time to test, assess, reflect and then put into words, comments that best fit your child at this present point in time. Our aim for these is to keep you informed of how they are going at school; we want to be as honest and accurate as possible. These June reports are especially vital as you have an opportunity to meet with the teacher in a formal situation next week, to discuss the report and your child's progress. I strongly recommend you take up this offer of a parent-teacher conference (aka parent interview) and book an appointment. Bring along any questions or comments you may have; we also love feedback. The goal here is to work together to help your child along their learning path. The children's attendance at the interview is up to you; some people like to have the child present, to be part of the discussion; others like to have a

more adult conversation without the child present. Finally, a big thank you to the staff who have put in a lot of extra hours to get these documents completed.

## CLASSROOM KORERO-Junior Room

Bula everyone! During the last four weeks our class has been studying a small, remote island off Fiji.

First, the children completed their passports and packed their bags for our imaginary flight. Ollie and Charles were our capable pilots, Freida and Elise our lovely air hostesses.

We have studied their food, clothing, housing, as well as customs and traditions. All the time we have been comparing their way of life with ours. We have enjoyed making flags, illustrations, place mats, we pretended to fire walk (walk on hot rocks) and participate in a kava ceremony, and in the final week, on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July, the children will dress up for our Fijian meal at 12 o'clock. (A note will be going home with the children about this.)

Mr Starkey included looking at the repeating patterns on a turtle shell for the children to then design their own turtle shell pattern.

The main objective of this study is to realise how much the Fijians rely on their environment, how happy they can be with so little material objects and to compare it with how we live.

Sa moce (goodbye) Marie Summers

## REPORTS & PARENT INTERVIEWS

Reports will be given out on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Parent interviews slips will be enclosed for you to indicate a time that you would like an appointment. Interviews will be held on Tuesday, 3rd July.

## WELCOME BACK WHAEA GRACE

On Monday we welcomed Whaea Grace Batley back to our school after her intrepid journey around Asia (China, Vietnam and Thailand). She has moved into the school house, which while she was away, we have completed some improvements and installed a new fireplace. The transition from summer in the tropics to winter in Owhango has been challenging for her, but as always, she is taking this in her stride, with a big smile. It is great to have you back Grace.



Whaea Grace looking remarkably relaxed with a lion



Local fashions and local farming



Touching the safest end of a tiger (she has returned to us with all of her fingers and toes)

## WEARABLE ARTS COMPETITION

This year we are lucky to have our art teacher extraordinaire, Regan Hoban, offering to work with children interested in entering the upcoming Wearable Arts Competition. The event is on at the Taumarunui High School on the evening of Thursday August 9th. We are looking for interested students who are willing to work at home and school either in pairs or individually, to enter. The students will be guided through the art making process, selecting their theme from a predetermined list, brainstorm, design, create a wearable piece of art and finally have their garment worn down the catwalk on the night! Juniors/middles can create an elaborate head piece and middles/seniors a full body garment. We are encouraging the use of recyclable materials to keep costs down and last year extra points were given when upcycling was used.

A meeting will be held on Friday next week to gauge interest and get the ball rolling. They will be given the details of the task and some design templates to work on. Over the holidays they will need to research and develop their design, drawing and refining it, and locating materials that they could use to create it. Then next term, at school, they can start making it.

## COMMUNITY ASSEMBLY & DUFFY BOOK PRESENTATION

This Friday at 2pm we are having our end of term community assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend. It will be held in the senior room. The children will be presenting something from their learning this term. At 2:30pm we have a representative from the local government to present the children with their next free Duffy Book (The government being one of the sponsors of Duffy Books).

## INTERSCHOOL ORIENTEERING DAY

Most of our seniors will be attending the inter-school orienteering day this Friday. Transport arrangements will be emailed separately to families involved. Those pupils that have chosen not to participate are expected to attend school.

## LOST UNIFORMS

Cailin Owen has misplaced her polo-fleece and Shiah Gavegan has lost her hoodie. These items are both named. Please check to see if your child has accidentally taken them home. Thank you.



## ELECTRONICS DAY

Last Friday we had an electronics day. This was an idea that Renee Kieselbach and Finn Bryan suggested. In the afternoon we made the most of the lovely, sunny weather and enjoyed sharing our toys and games with each other. It was a nice way to end the week.



Lewis Wheeler and his remote controlled vehicle



Rose Bryan, Jayden Menefy, Cailin Owen & Piata Smith play Operation



Renee Kieselbach chasing a car

## SKI NOTICE NEXT WEEK

We are working through the final details of our learn-to-ski programme for term three. Please look out for further information in next week's newsletter.

## HOCKEY

### Draw Wednesday 27 June

Semis: 3.45pm OWH v TOKI

If a win next game will be 5.45pm v. NP#1

## MINIBALL BASKETBALL

### Round Two, Week Three, Friday 29 June

4.45pm Ct 1: Owhango v Turaki Chiefs

*A reminder to take no extra balls on game night as these are a distraction during games, and will be confiscated.*

## NETBALL – Draw 30 June

Primary C Semi Final: 9am Ct 4 Owhango Rockerz v Te Pihinga

Primary A Quarter Final (B): 10am Ct 2 Country v. Tarrangower Taniwha

## MINI MEEZ BASKETBALL LEAGUE 2018

It is time to be thinking if you would like to play or coach in the Mini Meez grade of basketball. It is for Y1/2 & Y3/4 age groups. We will need offers of a coach for each of these teams please. Registration slips and \$15 player fee will be called for next term.

## OWHANGO MARKET DAY

Market will be on this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 9am-1pm. Lots of stalls, and goodies to see. Come for a coffee and chat.

## PTA Market Day Stall

Donations needed for the Market Day PTA Stall please - kitchen items, toys, knick knacks etc. No clothes. Thanks. Contact Cara O'Donnell 895 4600, or Teresa Owen

## Thanks to our sponsors for this year:

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## HELP! A MESSAGE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

## We have a ferret problem in the forest!

DOC biodiversity rangers are in hot pursuit of ferrets which are hunting North Island brown kiwi in the Tongariro Forest. At least 10 Kiwi have been killed by ferrets since early March, and DOC has put extra resources into catching these predators. Disappointingly, a recent routine check of a key ferret trapping site showed a number of traps had been stolen, damaged or thrown over bank! Tongariro Operations Manager Bhrent Guy says DOC needs people to help catch these ferrets, and the best way to do that is to leave the traps in their strategic locations. He said rangers were shocked and dismayed when they found the traps broken and tossed aside. If you are keen to help save the kiwi in Tongariro Forest, please email

[sfaire@doc.govt.nz](mailto:sfaire@doc.govt.nz)

**Please help us to look after our kiwi.**

## OPEN DAY AT THE TAUMARUNUI HIGH SCHOOL

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Open Days – 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## Classroom visits and student guided tours

10am to 12pm & 2pm to 3pm

## Information sessions

10:30am 11:30am 2:30pm 5:30pm

Enrolling now for 2019

## PROJECT ENERGIZE.



## PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING

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