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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKI

On ambition: "If you would hit the mark, you must aim a little above it; every arrow that flies feels the attraction of Earth."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882) Poet

TERM THREE DATES TO NOTE

26 September	School Show- evening performance @7pm
28 September	Duffy role model assembly 9:30 End of term 3- mufti day
15 October	Term 4 starts
22 October	Labour Day
26 October	Waiouru Army Museum trip
2 November	Athletics Day
12 November	Pet Day
16 November	Inter-school Athletics Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Staffing for 2019. Over the last two years we have had big numbers of year 8 children leaving to go to high school (ten last year, nine this year), with only four new entrants each year. This has impacted on our overall roll, which means that next year we will be dropping from 3.5 teachers to 2.5 teachers (.5 being the time I have to do my administration work- the time that Mrs Summers works in the classroom). This means we will be starting the year with two classrooms.

We are in the process of advertising and appointing the teachers for next year. Once this has happened we can announce who will be teaching which age groups. If we get several unexpected new enrolments then we can have our staffing reviewed and potentially employ another teacher.

SENIOR CLASS KORERO – Week 10

Week 10 is here! What a busy few weeks we have had. On Tuesday we had the matinee session for

our school production 'Reading between the lines' and it was a great success! All the students of Owhango School did their absolute best and the feedback we have received from those who attended were all very positive. The senior class enjoyed making their props, writing their lines and making their costumes for the production. They worked so hard and I am proud of the growth in confidence I have seen over this term with their drama. They are now looking forward to their final performance on Wednesday night. Naku noa, Jessie Smith

SCHOOL SHOW 7pm TONIGHT

Our biennial school show is on for one night only, tonight at 7pm in the Owhango Hall. The show, "Reading Between the Lines" has been worked on all term with the assistance of our Arts Advisor, Viv Aitken. Details of the process we have been through to get it to the finished product are on the programme. The show runs for about 45 minutes.

LATE START FOR JUNIORS THURSDAY

As our school show is after most juniors' bedtimes, they may start school on Thursday at 10:30.



The cast of our show

AFTER SCHOOL CARE SURVEY

There has been a suggestion that we investigate starting an after school care programme at Owhango School. There are several benefits to this- (e.g. convenience for working parents, keeping kids at our school who would otherwise need to enrol at another school) but there are also difficulties (e.g. is there enough demand to cover the cost of running it, who will run it, where will we put it,). To gauge interest in this we are asking you to return the form attached to this newsletter so we can see if it is a possibility.

SKI DAY 7 Report

The junior's second ski day was really successful with all of the children making great progress. The four children who were new to skiing this year are now confidently skiing down Happy Valley controlling their speed and turning at will; they will be ready for The Rock Garden next year. The big group of seven went onto The Rock Garden for the first time in the morning, then in the afternoon went up to the Delta Chairlift to experience the wider and steeper slopes onto harder slopes. The two experienced skiers learnt to ride the t-bar lift with their instructor, and are continuing to make progress with parallel turns. It never fails to amaze me how quickly children learn to ski.

A big thank you to all of the whanau and friends who have supported our ski programme and helped to make it happen. We really appreciate it.



Hazel O'Donnell, Cailin Owen, Jayden Menefy, Rose Bryan & Jack Pierce after a long day skiing still had the energy to do a bit of rock climbing.

LOST PROPERTY

Please come and check the basket before the holiday - Lots of navy in there!

BORROWED SCHOOL SKI GEAR

Borrowed items need to be returned to school please this week.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We have uniform items in stock, if you require any for term 4 please see Maree or Karen at the office.

LAST DAY OF TERM - MUFTI

On Friday we will be having a mufti day.

DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY

Also on the last day of term at 9:30 we will be having a Duffy Books Role Model Assembly. Our visiting role model is Maaka Fisco, whose bio details are printed below.

We would like to thank our Duffy sponsors whose support makes these visits happen:

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FREERIDE SKIING COMPETITION SUCCESS

A huge congratulations to Ethan McLean for his success in the New Zealand Junior Freeride Tour. He had a fifth place at the Remarkable ski area, followed by a first (with 96 points out of 100) at Mount Olympus. And last Sunday he again won the boys under 14 comp at Turoa with his first run getting 90/100, second run 88/100 and final run 90/100, giving an average of 89/100. Go Ethan!



Tia Lord, Anouk Guillotel and Jack Bryan with their cross country certificates

WAIKATO INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations also to Tia Lord, Anouk Guillotel and Jack Bryan who represented Owhango School and the Taumarunui area at the Waikato Interschool Cross Country Competition in Te Aroha on the 19th September. The kids said that there were lots of competitors (over 80 in each group) and the competition was tough, though the race was easier as it had no hills or obstacles to climb. Tia came 16th, Jack 64th and Anouk was 32nd. A great effort you three.

PET DAY

The date for Pet Day is Monday 12 November (Week 5 of Term 4). This will give the children the weekend before to do their baking and any last minute entries for the classroom competitions. There will again be an agility course for the animals to run through so the children can start training their animals to lead. Calves may enter but will be judged at home by our travelling judges to prevent the spread of mycoplasma bovis.

A list of classroom events is attached at the bottom of this newsletter so the children can start making their non-perishable entries in the holidays.

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Duffy Role Model: Maaka Fisco

From Upper Hutt, Maaka was exposed to music, including a lot of kapa haka, while growing up, he says that he tried to imitate singers he liked. He turned towards music as a profession right after finishing high school, studying music at Whitireia. Maaka was 26 back in 2013 when he successfully auditioned for the first season of the NZ version of X-Factor, getting as far as the last seven.

Since then Maaka has released two EP's, one in English and one in Maori. "I come from a long line of Māori teachers, and I remember that my mum was always saying that the best way to teach Māori is to teach it through song, which is probably true of most languages." Still, having two languages at his disposal didn't mean writing for the twin EPs was without challenge. "A friend of mine who is sort of my advisor for the te reo stuff, he was trying to push me to write more in the way of whakatauki, proverbs, and there's a real art to that, for the reason that it's quite poetic."

"You give me a sentence in English and I can translate it nicely, but it's a bit different if you want to be quite specific on how you write," he explains. "Writing in te reo is more personal to me than English. That maybe has something to do with the language itself – three Māori words in a sentence is 10 words in English! English isn't limited, but it made me appreciate how specific te reo Māori is, and also that it is an entirely different ballpark to write in."



AFTER SCHOOL CARE SURVEY

Please return to school as soon as possible:

1. I would use the after school care service if it was offered Yes / No
2. How often would you use it? (eg once a week, a few times a term, every day, Tuesdays only)
3. I would use it from 3pm to
4. How much per session would you be willing to pay for this service?



**OWHANGO SCHOOL
SPRING FESTIVAL & PET DAY ACTIVITIES
MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER**

This year pet day will be held on **Monday 12 November**.

Students are requested to make a **minimum of two and a maximum of four individual activities**.

In fairness to all students can these activities please be done by the students and NOT the parents. It is great to offer guidance & suggestions though.

A GIFT or CREATION

- “ A gift for a grandparent.
- “ A vegetable creation

COOKING

- “ Decorated baking decorated like an animal or in a spring theme.
- “ Homemade sweets & other baking

GROWING

- “ A growing container garden, e.g. tub of veggies, hanging basket etc
- “ A decorative sand saucer or miniature garden

LARGER CREATIONS

These two activities may be a group or an individual activity

- “ A marble run
- “ A boat or raft that will support a person while floating in the school pool

These are all to be **prepared at home**.

Creations have to be **made by the students & NOT the parents**, and not store bought.

We will also have a table for preschoolers' entries.

Please do not name your work; we will give you stickers with your number on it.

Students will be doing additional activities at school.



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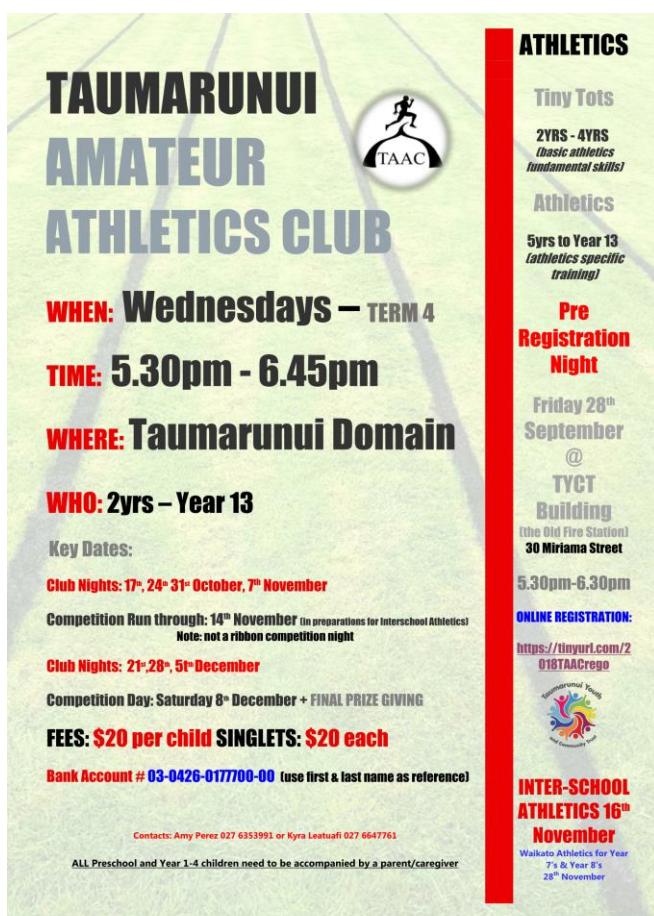
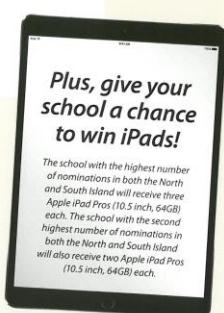
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TAUMARUNUI AMATEUR ATHLETICS CLUB

ATHLETICS

Tiny Tots
2YRS - 4YRS
Basic athletics fundamental skills

Athletics
5yrs to Year 13
Athletics specific training

Pre Registration Night
Friday 28th September @ TYCT Building (the Old Fire Station) 30 Mirrama Street

5.30pm-6.30pm

ONLINE REGISTRATION:
<https://tinyurl.com/2018TAACreg>



WHEN: Wednesdays – TERM 4

TIME: 5.30pm - 6.45pm

WHERE: Taumarunui Domain

WHO: 2yrs – Year 13

Key Dates:

Club Nights: 17th, 24th, 31st October, 7th November

Competition Run through: 14th November (in preparations for Interschool Athletics)
Note: not a ribbon competition night

Club Nights: 21st, 28th, 5th December

Competition Day: Saturday 8th December + FINAL PRIZE GIVING

FEES: \$20 per child SINGLES: \$20 each

Bank Account # 03-0426-0177700-00 (use first & last name as reference)

Contacts: Amy Perez 027 6353991 or Kyra Leatuaifi 027 6647761

All Preschool and Year 1-4 children need to be accompanied by a parent/caregiver

INTER-SCHOOL ATHLETICS 16th November
Waikato Athletics for Year 7's & Year 8's 28th November

