



# OWHANGO SCHOOL PANUI

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKI

"What's really important in life? Sitting on the beach? Looking at television eight hours a day? I think we have to appreciate that we're alive for only a limited period of time, and we'll spend most of our lives working. That being the case, I believe one of the most important priorities is to do whatever we do as well as we can. We should take pride in that." Victor Kermit Kiam

## TERM FOUR DATES TO NOTE

29 November	Technology Year 7 & 8
30 November	Bikes at School Day
1 December	Taumarunui Christmas Parade
6 December	Owhango's Got Talent
11 December	High School Induction Day Year 8
12 December	Brando Yelavich visit
13 December	BoT meeting 6pm
14 December	Brooks Farm Trip
	Reports Out
18 December	Year 8 Leavers' Treat
19 December	Breakup 6pm Owhango Hall
20 December	Last Day of School

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is a really busy time of the year for teachers at present, as we work nights and weekends writing up individual reports. We take these really seriously as they are a distillation of how each child has gone over the last six months, since the last report. The comments are based on our recent testing and our observations of the children as they work and play. They are really useful as they give us a chance to look back over the year and consider what we need to do next year to move the children forward, both academically and socially. This process is not just a twice-a-year thing, teachers are constantly reflecting on how lessons are going, how children are engaging and seeking ways to be more effective. If you have concerns, suggestions or

compliments our doors are always open; your input is always welcome.

## CLASSROOM KORERO -Juniors

We had a change of plans last week when Mrs Summers had to take her husband up to Waikato Hospital and we had the wonderful Mr Mills in the classroom. He did a neat project around geometric shapes, construction a Christmas tree out of an old wooden pallet and making decorations for it. You will get a chance to see the tree when we use it on our Christmas float in Saturday's Christmas Parade. On Friday when many of the older children were at the inter-school touch tournament, the juniors had a great lesson on foreground, midground and background in art, when they painted Armistice Day poppies in a field. This work is being put on display in the corridor. Yesterday we had a science lesson on air; looking at hovercrafts then using balloons to explore properties of air, before putting some balloons under an upside-down table then seeing how many children it could hold before they popped.



Science- Elise Frampton, Rose Bryan and Konna Moss tentatively explore hovercrafts and air

### BIKES AT SCHOOL DAY

This Friday the children are allowed to bring their bikes to school and ride them at playtime and lunchtime. Please remember that you need to have a correctly fitted bike helmet and closed shoes (not jandals or sandals) to ride at school, and also please check your tyres are pumped up and brakes work. This day is in response to a suggestion from Kalibb Woolley, who asked if we could have a bike day every term. Next year we will also do a bike-a-thon.

### CHRISTMAS FLOAT- this Saturday

The parade is on this Saturday 1st December. The children have been working hard making reindeer and a sleigh for our float, the decorations are looking fantastic. The theme is "Never Too Old For Christmas" so we are dressing everyone old! Children are to meet at Turaki Street at 11:00 if needing makeup applied (grey hair and wrinkles), children not needing makeup can arrive at 11:30. Permission may be given by parents on the day.

### WALLY THE WORM

One of the nice things about being a principal is getting visits to my office by children who are excited by learning. Last week I had Freida Hoban and Piata Smith arrive with a 'massive' worm they had found and were looking closely at using a magnifying glass. We had a great discussion about what we know about worms and what we would like to know: "I wonder why..."



Freida Hoban, Piata Smith and Wally the worm



Mr Mills' pallet Christmas tree

### OUR FIRST HARVEST

Our gardener extraordinaire Charmaine Whyte has helped the children with their first big harvest from our garden. Children may come to the staffroom and help themselves to spinach and kale.



Our first harvest

### PUMPKIN GROWING COMPETITION- COMMUNITY ENTRIES

If anyone in the community without children at school would like to enter our pumpkin growing competition next year, they can pick up the seed from school. We have many spares planted and available. A big thank you to Farmlands who donated the seeds, potting mix and containers.



### HAIRDRESSING FUNDRAISER

The winner of the 'Choose Mr Starkey's Hair Colour' raffle was Lucas Gavegan. He chose pink (of course). Interestingly this was the colour that most of the children chose.



Mrs Smith plays at hairdressers while the children stand around saying encouraging things

### OWHANGO'S GOT TALENT?

Following a request from the children, on Thursday 6th December at 1:45 we will be holding a Owhango's Got Talent? contest. All are welcome to come along and be entertained.



The year 7 & 8 team (with assistant coach Troy O'Donnell)

### INTERSCHOOL TOUCH TOURNAMENT

It was a pleasure to watch the two Owhango School teams play at this tournament on Friday. I was proud of their excellent sportsmanship and efforts in the hot sun. The competition was tough but both teams won games and did well. Thanks to Willy O'Donnell and Matt Lord who coached the teams.



The year 5 & 6 team (Nikki O'Donnell is missing)

### SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS UPDATE

Tina Freeman has arranged to take her lessons at the heated pool at National Park School over the summer holidays. She will be in contact with the families who have filled in the enrollment forms. If anyone else would like to participate in these excellent lessons then contact Tina on 021 168 1623

## DUFFY BOOK SPONSORS

Another BIG thank you to our Duffy Book Sponsors for 2019: DG & R Brown Contracting, Midwest Helicopters, Doyle Valuations, WM & C O'Donnell have all confirmed they will sponsor this excellent programme for another year. We also have Owango Motors joining in for next year too, hooray!  
We love our supportive community.

## TAUMARUNUI HIGH SCHOOL INDUCTION DAY- a reminder

On Tuesday 11th December the year 8 students who have enrolled at Taumarunui High School will be going to an induction day at the school. This is to support their transition into their secondary schooling. Part of the transition to High School will be to decide on their mode of transport. If students will be going to the High School on the bus next year, the High School suggests that they go by bus on the 11th of December. The bus leaves Raurimu at 7:30am, then Owango at about 7:40am. It leaves the high school at 3:15pm getting into Owango at about 3:40pm. If you have any questions contact Erika Lerm at the High School.

## 2019 OWHANGO SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1 - 7 February to 12 April

Term 2 - 29 April to 5 July

Term 3 - 22 July to 27 September

Term 4 - 14 October to 20 December

There has been lots going on in School. If you owe money to School or PTA below are the account details.

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