



OWHANGO SCHOOL PANUI

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKI

"Lose an hour in the morning and you will be all day hunting for it." Richard Whately (1787-1863)

TERM FOUR DATES TO NOTE

6 December	Owhango's Got Talent 1:45
7 December	Golf Lessons
11 December	High School Induction Day Year 8
	Jnr Dinosaur Dinner
	Bikes for Kids Presentation
12 December	Brando Yelavich visit
13 December	Final Technology Day Y7 & 8
	BoT meeting 6pm
14 December	Brooks Farm Trip
	Reports Out
18 December	Year 8 Leavers' Treat
19 December	School Closes 2pm
	Breakup 6pm Owhango Hall
20 December	Last Day of School
	Mobile Library Visit

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is not often I feel like Santa Claus, but recently I have. A couple of weeks ago I was approached by the Variety charity to nominate four children who deserved to receive a free bike and helmet. As a staff we went through the criteria (age, height, have worked hard all year, modelled our school PAR expectations, etc.) and decided on four children who met the criteria. It was a delight to receive an email confirming that all four had been accepted. They will be going into Taumarunui on Tuesday 11 December to be presented with their new bikes. The children are:

Lilly Bryant, Kaylib Smith, Konna Moss and Charlie Walton.

Ho ho ho and Merry Christmas to them!

CLASSROOM KORERO -Middles

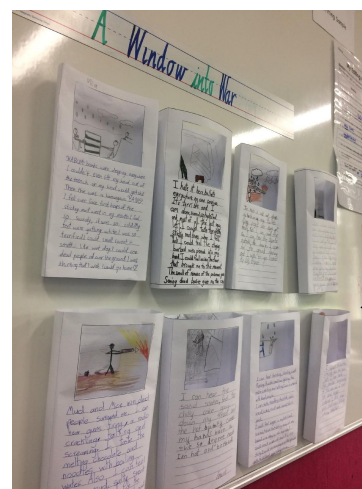
Room 1 has been really busy with helping to decorate our school Christmas float. We painted

lots of holly, Christmas trees and candy canes on the skirt of the float. I enjoyed painting everything.

On Friday it was bike day. It looked like lots of fun on the bikes. Those of us who couldn't bike had a great time doing art.

We are finishing our topic of *March through Time* (all about soldiers). We ended it by making a window into war. First we had to take a bit from stories we had made up about war and add lots of adjectives and describe our senses. Then we made a window (by folding paper) and drew a picture of our story inside.

We have also been reading *Hatchet*. To help us understand the story better, we made the setting of the story using pastel, paint, sticks, leaves, dirt and sand. They look really cool especially the trees. By Tia Lewis



Our Window into War display



Our models of where the Hatchet book is set

BROCK'S FARM END OF YEAR TRIP

On Friday 14 December we will be having our end of year trip at Brock's Farm at the Whakapapa river. This is an outdoor based day with fun, challenging, fitness focussed activities, making the most of the beautiful local environment. We will be leaving the school about 9:15 to walk down to the farm, the year 4-8 children have the option of cycling down (and back at the end of the day).

If the weather is unsuitable a decision will be made at 8:30am on the day and families will be emailed, we will be doing a fun, wet weather programme at school instead. There is no postponement day.

There is an option for the year 4-8 children to go tubing in the Whakapapa river. For this to happen we need adult assistance either as lifeguards on the banks, tubing with the children down the river or in kayaks as safety assistance.

Please see attached information and permissions slip.

CHRISTMAS FLOAT

The Christmas Parade was a great success. We had about 20 children on the back of Veolia's truck all dressed up as 'old people' to suit the theme "Never Too Old For Christmas". A big thank you to Michelle Gavegan who oversaw the organising of this and the kids who did the majority of the making of cardboard props (I loved the Santa in the chimney) and painted the signage. Thanks also to Veolia for the loan of the truck, and all of the parents who helped to put it together on the morning, and tidy it up in the afternoon. It is a lot of work and a lot of fun.



Another Santa (Hazel O'Donnell) and Libby Hoban between two cardboard reindeers



Beau was a bit of a hit in the passenger seat



Santa (Renee Kieselbach), and three grannies- Nikki O'Donnell, Breanna Goodwin and Shiah Gavegan



We had a lot of fun on our float- singing, blowing bubbles and greeting the bystanders

BIKES AT SCHOOL DAY

This was a successful day with most of the children bringing their bikes. The seniors set up some courses and roads to ride around (one including a jail for riders breaking the rules). In the afternoon they rotated around these and the pump track in the domain and also played bike football.



A blurry photo of Ethan McLean riding Konna Moss's trike



Aaliyah Lord taking Jessica Ashcroft for a ride

OWHANGO'S GOT TALENT

By the time this newsletter is published this event will be finished. We will report on it in next week's panui.

JUNIOR'S DINOSAUR DINNER

As the culmination of their dinosaur study, the junior class will be having a dinosaur dinner for lunch on Tuesday 11 December. The menu includes stegosaurus plates, tyrannosaurus teeth and brontosaurus blood! Some assistance from parents is needed for this. The juniors will be taking a notice home about this today.

OWHANGO SCHOOL 2018 BREAK UP

The **school break up** will be held on Wednesday 19th December, commencing at 6:00pm at the Owango Hall. There will be a mix of entertainment from the children, presentations and the odd speech. It should take about an hour. After which we will have our **community potluck barbecue** at the school. Please bring some bbq meat / main course / salad / dessert to share. Please bring your own cutlery, crockery and refreshments. Please ensure that any meat to be barbecued is defrosted. Please note there will not be any other way to heat food than the bbq.

This is a whole community event, our end of year get-together. Friends and family are all welcome to attend.

EARLY CLOSURE FOR BREAK UP

On Tuesday 19 December school will close at 2:00pm so that parents can rest their children before the break up, and the school can be cleaned and set up for the evening. It will also provide additional time for those families that need to travel home and be organised before returning to school. However, children may stay at school until the usual 3:00pm if you are unable to collect them.

SENIOR CLASS GOLF LESSONS

Earlier this year, 12 students from the senior class travelled weekly to the Tarrangower Golf Course for golf lessons with Roy Frampton. Roy has kindly offered 2 final lessons for 2018.

This Friday 7 December, the original 12 senior class students will be having a golf lesson with Roy. Next Friday 14 December, we will include 5 new golf students from year 5 and 6 to come along too. These will make up the 12 golf students for 2019.

We are grateful to Roy Frampton for giving up his Friday mornings to coach our Owango children and teach them vital golfing skills, rules and techniques. Also to the amazing whanau (Theresa Owen and Jodie Watts this week) that transport and assist with the golf lessons.

We will be leaving Owango School at 8am and return 10:30. The travel arrangements have previously been sent out, however please find attached once again. Jessie Smith

Golf Transport	
Jodie Watts	Nairin Higgle Jorja Higgle Dylan Edhouse Tia Lord
Jessie Smith	Pippa O'Donnell Sam Fincham (meet there) Arabella Wakelin
Theresa Owen	Nikki O'Donnell Jesse Weir Dansey Simm Anouk Guillotel Jack Owen

SCHOOL POOL

I hope to announce the opening of the pool very soon. We have had to do some maintenance on the filtration plant, hence the delay. Thank you for your patience with this.

CAUGHT BEING GOOD

At our PAR assembly on Monday the following children were presented with a Duffy Book for their excellent efforts:

Kalibb Wooley for his excellent participation and creativity in all of our dress up events;

Europe Lewis for his conscientious attitude towards his work and integrating positively into Owango School;

Cody Bryan for sharing his passion and knowledge and his dedication to his bird-watching club;

Caught being good recipients with their certificates and books

KATE COOKSON'S NEW JOB

We were pleased to hear that Kate Cookson has been appointed the new principal at Ongarue School. We look forward to seeing her more often now that she is closer to us.

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

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

Stationery or sports/trip fees: 03 0426 0141783 00

Uniform purchases: 03 426 0141783 03

PTA: 030 426 0156205 00

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The children do not need to wear their uniform on this day.

This trip is for current pupils and pre-schoolers only, no High School students please.

Cycling

The year 4-8 children have the option to cycle down and back from Brocks Farm. Please check tyres are pumped, brakes work, and wear closed toe shoes and a fitted bike helmet.

Walkers

All children not cycling will be walking down. Please wear suitable, sunsmart clothing (shoulders covered) for outdoor activities.

Please wear suitable shoes for walking on the gravel road to the Whakapapa river.

At the end of the day the year 1-3 students will have the option of travelling in cars back up the hill to school if there is enough transport.

Tubing

The middle & senior room students (year 4 – 8) will have the option of taking part in tubing in the Whakapapa River. The children will be taught about river safety before the tubing begins. Teachers and parents will also be overseeing that correct safety procedures are adhered to.

Tubing is dependent on river flow and adult support- if there has been a lot of rainfall and the river is too high, tubing will be cancelled. We also need enough adults to be in the water with the children and to be on the banks as spotters and lifeguards. If you can assist with this activity, please fill in the form.

To take part in the tubing students must bring back the permission slip below.

The children must wear a bike helmet and sneakers. We also recommend wearing a wetsuit for warmth!

Life jackets needed please. Please send along any life jackets that are in good condition for the tubing. We particularly need children's sized ones. Please ensure that they are clearly named.

Waterslide

The children will need their togs and towel to participate in our giant water slide. This is suitable for all ages, including adults.

Students will need to bring:

Water bottle, Sunhat

A large morning tea & lunch (double rations)

Togs and towel (for water slide)

Year 4 – 8 students taking part in tubing will also need a bike helmet & sneakers to wear in the river.

Change of clothes including something warm

You are welcome to bring your own chairs, sunshade etc.

BROCK'S FARM PERMISSION & PARENT ASSISTANCE
Friday 14 December (No postponement date.)

FAMILY NAME _____

My child / children _____ **have my permission to attend this trip to Brock's farm.**

CYCLING (only for year 4-8)

My child / children _____ **will be cycling to and from Brock's Farm and I am confident he/she/they have the stamina and ability to do this.** **YES / NO**

ASSISTANCE

I am able to offer parent help and supervision. **YES / NO**

LIFE JACKETS

I am able to provide ____ children's life jackets. **YES / NO**

TUBES

I am able to provide _____ tubes. **YES / NO**

TRANSPORT

Please tick your choice

I am able to provide smokefree, seatbelted transport for _____ junior room children back to school at the end of the day, in a registered and warranted vehicle that will be driven by a fully licensed driver who adheres to all traffic regulations.

I will be walking down & back with the students. **YES / NO**

I will be biking down & back with the students. **YES / NO**

Signed _____

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BROCK'S FARM PERMISSION FORM
RIVER TUBING ACTIVITY

Please note only children in years 4-8 can participate in the tubing activity.

Friday 15 December (No postponement date.)

FAMILY NAME _____

To take part in the tubing students must bring a bike helmet and be wearing sneakers.

I give permission for my child / children _____ **to participate in the river tubing.**

Signed _____