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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKI

"I'd rather regret the things I've done than regret the things I haven't done." - Lucille Ball

TERM FOUR DATES TO NOTE

6 December	Senior Tongariro Crossing Trip & Junior Taranaki Falls Trip
9 December	Postponement date for the trips
11 December	BoT Meeting 7pm
12 December	Yr 7&8 Technology
13 December	Brock's Farm Trip
18 December	Year 8's Leavers Lunch
19 December	School Break Up 6pm
20 December	Last Day of Term Twin Day
4 Feb 2020	First Day of Term 1

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

I am very pleased to announce that Regan Hoban has been appointed to the position of classroom teacher in the senior room for one day a week in 2020. Like Theresa Owen, Regan is returning to the teaching workforce after some years off as a full-time parent. She comes with a lot of experience, especially in the visual arts, which we hope to make the most of next year. We have now filled all our staffing vacancies and I am very excited with the team we have assembled to work with our children next year.

CLASSROOM KŌRERO- juniors

This week has been yet another busy week in the junior room. The students have been continuing to work hard on their individual projects. This work has been a huge boost for those who were needing to develop their reading comprehension. They are learning to research, group ideas and then re-write what they have learnt into paragraphs with subheadings. Most of the students are now going back to find out more information for sub-topics that haven't got as

much information. Some students have also had to think about whether the information they have found is important or true. They have begun learning to draw labelled diagrams to add to their information report and will begin putting their information and pictures together in a poster soon. In maths we have been learning about fractions, reading calendars, and more addition/subtraction strategies. And we've also managed to squeeze in some science around the natural world. Earlier in the term, we learnt about what characteristics a living thing has. The students have now asked some new questions like "how do plants breathe?" and "what is inside cells?". We grouped our questions into subtopics and are looking forward to finding the answers to as many of our questions as possible before the end of the term. We wonder how many new questions we'll come up with along the way!

TONGARIRO and TARANAKI FALLS TRIPS:

Please note that the decision to postpone both trips will be made by 3pm Thursday, the day before the trips.

THE TONGARIRO ALPINE CROSSING TRIP-Year 5-8

A reminder that we are departing for this trip at 7am sharp from Owhango School. Return is at Owhango school approximately 5pm, however Jessie Smith will text parents once we are on the bus returning home.

TARANAKI FALLS TRIP- Year 1-5

We will be leaving on the bus and a car at 9:15 on Friday, returning by 3:00pm. Kids do not have to wear their uniforms.

A reminder of what the children need to bring:
Shorts

Shirt (sun-smart: covering the shoulders)

Jersey

Good walking shoes

Sunhat

Backpack to carry lunch and jersey

Lunch- extra rations

Water bottle full of water only

Medication if needed

Sunglasses (optional)



Konna Moss and his trumpet

NATIVITY SERVICE

We will be having a Nativity service in the Owhango Hall on 17th December at 1:30pm. This will be taken by Lesley and Merv Aitken. All welcome.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS BACK NOW

All school library books to be returned immediately for annual stocktake please.

TOUCH TOURNAMENT

We had a hot, busy and amazing day with the whole school at the touch tournament on Friday. The kids played really well and one of the senior teams just missed out on getting into the play-offs. Thanks to our parent supporters including Nicole Hosking who gave everyone a much appreciate ice block when the day was at its hottest.

Please return your washed school sport T-shirts now.



This is how the year 1 & 2 team celebrated their first win of the day

LOST PROPERTY

The basket has lots of uniform items in it! Please come and check if it belongs to you. Everything not claimed will be given away at the end of the term.



Mia-Mareikura Smith, Matisse Hosking and Emily Owen told some very funny Dad jokes

OWHANGO'S GOT TALENT?

Congratulations to all the brave entrants in this year's contest, and to the organisers- Jesse, Tia, Dansey and Anouk. Thanks to the judges, Clive Gifford and Lesley Aitken. They said, "The quality of the performances was very high this year". The overall winners were Jack Owen and Lane O'Donnell with their karate routine. Other winners were:

Seniors

1st Jack Owen & Lane O'Donnell (karate)

2nd Tia Lord, Anouk Guillotel, Jesse Weir & Dansey Simm (drama at the hairdressers)

3rd Lewis Wheeler & Renee Kieselbach (skateboard tricks)

Middles

1st Elise Frampton & Rose Bryan (highland dancing)

2nd Konna Moss (trumpet)

3rd Libby Hoban & Jessica Ashcroft (how to sneak lollies into school)

Juniors

1st Piata Smith (singing)

2nd Jack Pierce (dancing)

3rd (no other entrants)

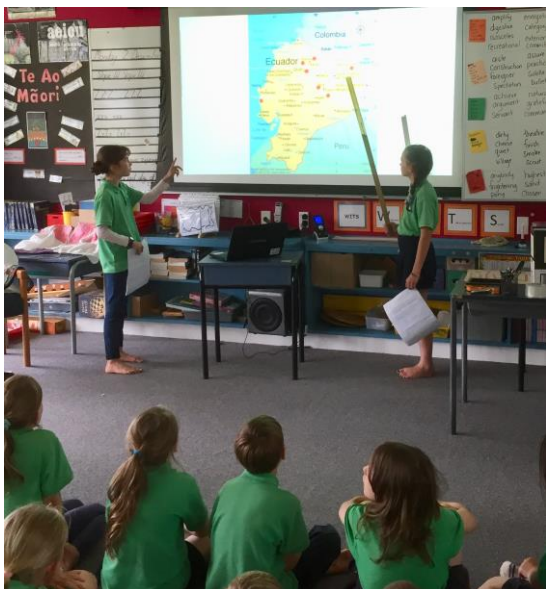
Unfortunately, due to the rain, the outside acts on scooters and trampoline could not happen.

ANOUK AND JANETTE'S PRESENTATION

On Monday, Janette and Anouk Guillotel made an excellent and interesting presentation to the whole school about their recent seven-month trip to South America and France.



Anouk and Janette wear traditional clothes from Ecuador, including hand-made bead earrings and necklace.



The girls did an excellent talk of their time in Ecuador

BROCK'S FARM END OF YEAR TRIP

On Friday 13 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 our 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.



Overall winners, Jack Owen and Lane O'Donnell

CHRISTMAS PARADE- Saturday

Taumarunui Christmas Parade is on again on Saturday 7th December. Hopefully you received last week's email, here is a refresher:

Theme for this year's parade is "Super Heroes". If possible, can children be wearing a superhero costume. I have a few spare capes, contact me if you would like to borrow one, otherwise any Christmas coloured outfit will do.

Please have children ready in town by 11:20. You will find us on Turaki Street, near the town pool. Beggs Transport, Owhango will be supporting us this year, so look for their orange truck. We are looking forward to seeing you there. Any queries please contact me.

Michelle Gavegan 02108272321.

OWHANGO SCHOOL 2018 BREAK UP

The **school break up** will be held on Thursday 19th December, commencing at 6:00pm at the Owhango Hall. There will 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 pot-luck barbecue** at the school. Please bring some BBQ meat / main course / salad / dessert to share; your own cutlery, crockery and refreshments. Please ensure that any meat to be barbecued is defrosted; note

there will not be any other way to heat food than the BBQ.

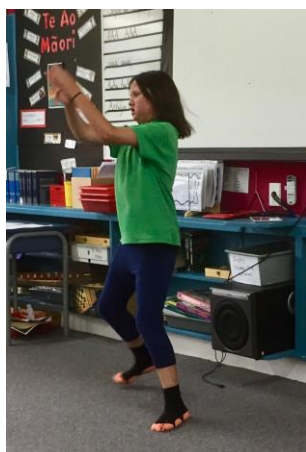
This is a whole community event, our end of year get-together. Friends and family are all welcome to attend.



Elise Frampton and Rose Bryan highland dancing

EARLY CLOSURE FOR BREAK UP

On Wednesday 19th 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.



Aaliyah Lord dancing

BOT MEETING

Our final Board of Trustee's hui is on Wednesday 11th December at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome to attend

KIWI RELEASE

On Wednesday the 27th of November Izabella, Jack and Nairin went on a kiwi release with Hannah from DoC. We released two kiwis into the bush and placed trackers on their legs. We all got to hold the kiwi while Hannah attached the trackers. We

released them around ten minutes into the bush past the Whakapapa Bridge. The names of the two kiwis are Mandiba and Freddo. It was an amazing experience and we all enjoyed it.

By Jack, Nairin and Izabella



Jesse, Tia, Anouk & Dansey did a humorous drama on the fabulousness of hairdressing

VEGETABLE GARDEN- A reminder to come and get it

We currently have lettuce and bok choy ready for harvesting. Please come and help yourselves. If possible, pick the outside leaves so the plants can continue to grow.

SCHOOL POOL OPENING

Hamish the caretaker has been busy cleaning the pool and getting the pump running. We hope to have it opened any day now. You can purchase keys for the season from the school office. They are the same price as last year- \$50 with a \$20 refund when the key is returned at the end of the season.



Nairin Higgle and Jack Owen belatedly received their golf trophies and certificates this week

2020 TERM DATES & TEACHER ONLY DAYS

Term 1 Tues 4th Feb to Fri 9th Apr

Teacher Only Day- 7th Feb (giving you a long weekend with Waitangi Day)

Term Two Tues 28th April to Fri 3rd June

Term Three Mon 29th July to Fri 25 Sept

Term Four Mon 12th Oct to Wed 16th Dec

Teacher Only Day- Fri 23rd Oct (giving you a long weekend with Labour Day)



Lewis Wheeler and Renee Kieselbach demonstrating the kangaroo on their scooters

TWIN DAY- a reminder

Following a request from the kids, we are having a "Twin Day" on the last day of the year. This is where the kids organise themselves into pairs and dress the same.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Christmas lights for young and old to enjoy.

27 Ohorere Street at 9pm on.

Signed Brenna Whitfield.

GLOBAL FLAVOURS

FRESH ASIAN STIR-FRY

Ingredients:

- 1 tsp oil
- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 Tbsp soy sauce
- fresh or frozen vegetables
- choice of meat, thinly sliced

Brown onion in pan with oil and add meat. Cook for 5min then mix veges through. Stir-fry until veges are just cooked – they should still be a little crunchy. Add soy sauce for flavouring. Serve hot with brown rice or udon noodles.

CHICKEN

BEEF

PORK

FROZEN VEG



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PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

Stationery/sports/trip fees: 03 0426 0141783 00

Uniform purchases: 03 0426 0141783 03

PTA: 030 426 0156205 00

ICE BLOCKS FOR SALE

The PTA have quite a few boxes of mini ice blocks (20 per box) left over from the school athletics. If anyone wishes to purchase them, they are \$5 a box (discounted from supermarket price).

Contact Trudie 896 6864 Or 027 263 7994



END OF YEAR DAY TRIP TO BROCK'S FARM

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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.

The children do not need to wear their uniform on this day, however, please wear sun-smart clothing (shoulders covered) for outdoor activities.

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. Also fill in the form below so we know how many are doing this option.

Walkers

All children not cycling will be walking down. 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 year 4 – 8 students will have the option of tubing in the Whakapapa River. The children will be taught about river safety before the day. 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, sneakers and a correctly fitting life jacket. We also recommend wearing a wetsuit for warmth! Life jackets are needed- please send along any life jackets that are in good condition on the day. 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. Screaming is optional.

Students will need to bring:

Water bottle

Sunhat

Sneakers to walk down the gravel road.

A shirt that covers the shoulders

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, it can get quite cold after water sliding or tubing.

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

BROCK'S FARM PERMISSION & PARENT ASSISTANCE

Friday 13 December (No postponement)

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. I will check their tyres are pumped up and their brakes are working properly before they come to school.** YES / NO

ASSISTANCE

I can offer parent help and supervision with the tubing. YES / NO

LIFE JACKETS

I can 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 _____

BROCK'S FARM PERMISSION FORM

RIVER TUBING ACTIVITY

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

Friday 13 December (No postponement)

FAMILY NAME _____

To take part in the tubing students must and wear a bike helmet and sneakers.

They can wear a wetsuit (recommended) and must wear a lifejacket.

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

Signed _____