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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKI

"Knowing what must be done does away with fear." - Rosa Parks

TERM ONE DATES TO NOTE

13 February	Technology Years 7 & 8
	Deep Water Pool Trip Years 5-8
14 February	First Golf day
19 February	BoT Meeting 7pm
21 February	Year 8 Sports Afternoon
26 February	Y7&8 Whanganui River Trip
27 February	Technology Years 7 & 8
28 February	Inter-school Lawn Bowls Year 6
	Scholastic orders due
5 March	Mountain Swimming Sports Y1-8
6 March	Mobile Library
12 March	Technology Years 7 & 8
	Deep Water Pool Trip Years 5-8
19 March	Inter-school Swimming Sports
	Board meeting 7pm
27 March	Harvest Festival
2 April	Mobile Library
3 April	Inter-school Softball
6-9 April	Footsteps Dance Lessons Y 1-8
8 April	End of Term Assembly
9 April	Technology Years 7 & 8
	Last Day of Term One
28 April	First Day of Term Two

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are always hopeful of getting enough students to get a full-time third teacher. To do this we need to have 51 students enrolled. We currently have a lovely family who have been staying in the area over summer who would like to live here and enrol their children at our school. They are currently living over in the Bay of Plenty with their kids going to a school with over 700 children. Their mum is training to be a teacher and really values the benefits of a small country school; however, they

cannot find a house to rent. We have had similar families come to us wishing to enrol at our school but unable to find a rental. If we are serious about wanting to grow our roll, we will need to find a solution to this problem. There seems to be many houses in Owhango that are empty all year round. If anyone can provide contact details for such a house, I am happy to contact the owner. Let me know if you can help or have any other solutions to this dilemma.

Ewan Starkey

CLASSROOM KŌRERO- Senior Class

This year I am going to be teaching Tues-Friday and Whaea Regan will be teaching every Monday. Regan and I have spent a great deal of time together during the school holidays preparing for 2020. We are both very excited about working collaboratively and have some great plans for the senior class of 2020. For our first full week back we have ukulele / guitar lessons, technology at the high school for year 7 and 8, swimming lessons at the high school pool, golf lessons at the Tarrangower golf club and of course reading, writing, maths, art, kapahaka and lots of other exciting bits and pieces in there. Here's to a great term!

Nga mihi, Jessie Smith.

YEAR 7 & 8 CULTURAL TOUR ON THE WHANGANUI RIVER

We are delighted to be offered a free cultural trip down the Whanganui River by Owhango Adventures. We will be going on Wednesday 26th February, meeting at Cherry Grove at 9:00am. We are still working out the details of this trip, but we will need a few cars to take us to Cherry Grove and back again and those adults can join us on the trip. We will be in six-person rafts on the river, with an experienced, qualified, guide steering it and extra guides in support craft. All passengers will be

supplied with life jackets and trained on safety before venturing onto the water.

This trip is for the year 7 & 8 students, who will be taking a permission slip later this week.

We are very grateful to Owhango Adventures for this generous offer.



Jack Owen with his copy of Toitoti which came in the mail today

PUBLISHED AUTHOR

Congratulations to Jack Owen whose writing 'The Dragon' was selected for the latest edition of Toitoti- a journal for young artists and writers. Here is the opening paragraph of his story:

The dragon's fire melted rock; his teeth were swords and his claws knives. His scaled tale was a long-spiked whip. His brilliant red scales contrasted sharply with the caves gloom. He was humongous; the horns on his thick skull scraped the caves ceiling every time he breathed. The huge, leathery wings were coiled close to the beast's body for now, but I knew that when he was in flight, his size would be doubled. His thickly muscled hind legs rippled with each breath. His front paws rested on the many dry white bones that littered the caves rocky floor. The sleeping beast was pacified for now, but if he woke up, I would be dealing with a very angry dragon...

INTERSCHOOL BOWLS

The year 6 students will be competing in this year's interschool bowls competition on Friday 28th February. Permission slips will be going home soon.

FRIDAY GOLF- permission slips due back

This will be commencing on Friday 14th Feb with Roy Frampton for a team of 12 pupils at the Taumarunui Golf Club. A permission form was sent home on Monday which was due back on Tuesday.

PTA WEDDING FUNDRAISER

A big thank you to Cara O'Donnell for co-ordinating the wedding fundraiser and her army of helpers, many of whom put in 12 hours to raise over \$1,000 for our PTA. We really appreciate your effort.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEETING

To be held at the school Resource Room Wednesday 19th February 2020, 7pm. All welcome.

SCHOLASTIC #1

Please have your orders returned to school office by 28 February or order online at bookclub.scholastic.co.nz

TAUMARUNUI NETBALL - a reminder

If you are interested in playing Netball this year, please register your interest at the School Office as soon as possible. Registrations close by 17th February.

CLEANER STILL REQUIRED

With regret we have accepted Toni Thatcher's resignation as our school cleaner. If you are interested in applying for this position, please contact Ewan Starkey at school.

TECHNOLOGY STARTS TOMORROW

This is just a reminder that the year 7 & 8 children will start their fortnightly technology lessons at the high school tomorrow. They must take closed footwear, togs and towel (for swimming afterwards) and lunch. They may take some money for the tuck shop, but this is optional. No cell phones or other devices are to be taken.

DEEP WATER EXPERIENCE TOMORROW

Our first deep water experience for the year 5-8 children is tomorrow. The year 7 & 8 children will need to take their togs and towels to technology as they will be going straight to the pool before coming back to school in the bus. The year 5 & 6 students will be going by car to the pool. Thanks for the offers of support with this. It provides the students an excellent opportunity to extend their

skills and prepare for the Mountain Swimming Sports competition.

FIFTY THINGS

Last year around November-December the senior class did a drawing competition organised by DOC called *50 Things to Do Before You Are 12 ¾*. You could either draw or write what you like to do outside. DOC chooses 50 winners and their pictures go into a poster/book, so other people get interested to go outside more. Lucky enough, I got chosen with 49 other people. If you were a winner you were sent a prize pack including: 2 youth and 2 adult tickets for a night at one of the DOC huts, a drawing notebook, 2 Tui postcards, a packet of recycled newspaper colouring pencils, a pack of playing cards with trivia questions on them, and a magazine about nature and birds. What I drew was me jumping into the Whakapapa River from the rope swing.

By Emily Owen

HEALTH AND CHANGE OF DETAILS FOR STUDENTS

If over the holidays, your personal details or child's health issues changed, please contact the office to update the Student Record details. Thank you.

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 July

Term Three Mon 20th 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)

PROJECT ENERGIZE



NEW YEAR STATIONERY PURCHASES - IOU slips

These will be emailed to the families directly. Please pay your IOU slips as soon as possible to the office or direct credit using the account numbers listed/and a reference name. Many thanks.

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

Stationery/sports/trip fees: 03 0426 0141783 00

Uniform purchases: 03 0426 0141783 03

PTA: 030 426 0156205 00

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