



# OWHANGO SCHOOL PANUI

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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKI

“Don’t take too much credit for your children — or too much blame!” - Debora Spar

## TERM ONE DATES TO NOTE

20 March	Swimming Pool Closes 3pm
22 March	Working Bee- <b>Sunday</b> 9am
24 March	Turn Off the Light Show
27 March	Harvest Festival
2 April	Fonterra Milk Tanker Visit 11:30
	Mobile Library 1:45
	Board meeting 7pm
3 April	Inter-school Softball
6-9 April	Footsteps Dance Lessons Y 1-8
9 April	Technology Years 7 & 8
	End of Term Assembly- Dance Performance
	Last Day of Term One
28 April	First Day of Term Two

## PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

### Covid-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Things are certainly moving rapidly in the government’s response to Covid-19 and the flow on effect for our school and wider community. You will notice several school events have been cancelled or postponed in this panui.

The Board of Trustees have a Pandemic Plan as part of our Emergency Management Plan that we are following. This is why we have been teaching the children correct hygiene around handwashing, sneezing and coughing last week; we are making sure the children wash their hands before eating anything; we have also increased the cleaner’s hours to ensure areas that are commonly touched (for example door handles, computer keyboards) are cleaned daily.

We continue to ask you to keep any children home that are sick. The staff are doing likewise with

several staff members having days off as we all caught a nasty head cold that is doing the rounds. There is the potential that schools may have to close in the future, so the staff are making plans for how we can support the children’s learning if this became necessary.

We will continue to use emails as our main way of getting information out to you, between our weekly panui, so please check your inbox at least daily.

Let’s keep calm, keep checking on advice and keep talking with each other.

## CLASSROOM KÖRERO-

This week has been yet another busy week with lots of learning in our classroom. We are running a science experiment to see what happens to bread that has touched different things at school, including our washed and unwashed hands.



Our growing bacteria experiment

We have been continuing our hard work in our maths and literacy programmes. We created some awesome pieces of writing describing some magical pictures by using interesting details. In maths, we are working on skip-counting and number patterns. We have also begun to look at the digital technologies part of the curriculum. We are learning about how computers need a set of

very clear instructions to work and that this is called "code". We have been creating our own codes for our friends to follow by acting like kidbots. This has also been helping us work on directions and maps. We have loved swimming this term and have made some amazing progress, but as it's getting colder, we are ready to finish this week. Emma Tylee

### **WELCOME TO OWHANGO**

A warm welcome to Gin Schormair who is in year 3.



### **WORKING BEE – This Sunday at 9am.**

This Sunday our working bee is going ahead no matter what the weather!

When you come on Sunday please bring:

- Shovels
- Spades
- Paint brushes
- Sanders
- Ladders
- Rakes

There will be tea, coffee and biscuits available and a sausage sizzle at the end of the work.

Thanks for your help; many hands make light work!

### **YEAR 7 & 8 CULTURAL TOUR ON THE WHANGANUI RIVER-cancelled**

This was meant to happen today but due to low river levels we have had to cancel. We are hoping to reschedule it to term four. An email was sent out yesterday to the year 7 & 8 whanau to inform you of this.

### **INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING- postponed**

Tomorrow's interschool swimming has been postponed due to the corona virus. No rescheduled date has been set for it yet.

### **MONEY FOUND**

One of the children found some money on the footpath outside the school. If you think it is yours contact Karen in the office.

### **FONTERRA MILK TANKER VISIT**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April a Fonterra milk tanker will be visiting the school at 11:30am.

### **POOL CLOSURE**

Due to the plummeting water temperatures, the school pool will be closing at 3pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Please return your pool keys to receive your refund.

### **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

We are running the Harvest Festival on Friday 27 March, earlier this year as it was pointed out that most vegetables have been harvested well before May. This day is organised by the year 8s and they have decided to include the Hunting Competition again this year.

To enter the Hunting Competition the children, need to have done their hunting at home, under parent supervision. For more details see the rules inserted at the end of this newsletter.

We will also be having the Pumpkin Growing Competition using the pumpkin seedlings distributed late last year which, hopefully have grown into nice, gigantic, orange pumpkins. Also, a competition for the best fruit and vegetables grown at home. Please bring those to school by 9am for the weigh-in or judging.

The day's events are organised in house groups so that the older children can support the younger children to participate; practising tuakana teina (an older [tuakana] person supporting a younger [teina] person):

9:00-10:30 In classrooms potato prints and carrot sculptures. (Note some of the senior children will be at golf during this time).

11:00-12:30 A rotation of activities run by the year 8s: Gumboot Throw, Slingshot Target, Nail Hitting

1:30-3:00 Team races: fadge race, carrot race, three-legged race, potato on spoon race, egg throw.

Parents and whanau are welcome to come along and enjoy the day with us.

### **DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY**

Unfortunately, this event scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> May, has been cancelled due to Covid-19.

### T42 EVENT

Ice cream containers with lids wanted for upcoming T42 fundraising event please. Drop at school resource room please for collection.

Signed Annette Taylor-Lacy

### UNIFORM ORDER

We will be placing an order to Academy Apparel on Friday 27 March. If you wish to order any additional uniform items, please contact Maree or the office before this day. Many thanks.



The quad chairs are delicately off-loaded from the truck

### CHAIRLIFT CHAIR FUNDRAISER

On Saturday a group of men collected 20 four-seater chairlift chairs and delivered them to the school as the second part of our skiing fundraiser- last year we sold 40 two-seater chairs. The money raised is going towards the PTA subsidy of our school skiing. These chairs have all been sold and are being stored at school awaiting collection by their purchasers. A big thankyou to Justin from Veolia who supplied and drove the truck, Craig Gavegan, Richard and Jamie from Slalom Lodge who helped lift and cart the chairs to school and Rex Pierce who with his tractor helped to unload. Also, to Michelle Gavegan who has been co-ordinating the whole shebang.

### PTA EASTER BASKET RAFFLE

Yesterday the raffle tickets were given out to the eldest of each family attending the school. There are 5 tickets to sell at \$2.00 each. When selling a ticket please ensure all details are filled in on the left-hand side and that you tear the right-hand side off for the person who purchased the ticket. Please return sold tickets numbers named and money to the school by Monday 6th April so we can draw on Wednesday 8th April before Easter. Thank you all for your support.

Signed the PTA

### NO GOLF THIS FRIDAY

Due to the golf course being used for a 'Ladies Competition', there will be no golf this week.

### GOLF TRANSPORT – for next week: 27<sup>th</sup> March

Leaving school at 8:00am. Lesson start promptly at 8:45am till 9:45am

Driver		students
Jessie Smith	5	Breanna, Janette, Mia & Cody [Millie home]
Jodie Watts	7	Emily, Jack, Nikki & Nairin,
Karyn Collier	2	Toby & Kaylib [meet there]
Roy Frampton	1	Millie [meet there]
Nicole Hosking	1	Matisse [meet there]
Shani Goodwin	3	9.45am Return trip: Toby, Kaylib & Matisse

### NETBALL- postponed

Due to the corona virus, all netball competitions are to be postponed until Saturday 2 May 2020 at the earliest.

### LITTLE DOG BARKING THEATRE COMPANY VISIT- next week

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11:30am the Little Dog Barking Theatre Company will be performing their show Turn on The Light- a special story about how not to be afraid of the dark.

You are welcome to attend.

### PROJECT ENERGIZE

BREAKFAST IDEAS

## BANANA PANCAKES



- 2 ripe bananas - mashed
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1 Tbsp flour
- Pinch of salt

Whisk eggs, add banana and mix well. Stir in remaining ingredients until well combined. Using a non-stick fry pan on medium heat add large spoonfuls of mixture. Cook until golden. Serve with fruit and a dollop of low fat yoghurt



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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

### THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THIS YEAR:

**Milk in Schools:** Fonterra

**Duffy Books in Schools sponsors:**

Midwest Helicopters, DG Brown Contracting, Doyle Valuations, B & C O'Donnell, Owhango Motors.

**Free Rafting Trip:** Owhango Adventures

## Hunting Competition Rules

- Only small pests: mice, rats, rabbits, stoats, magpies, possums, hares
- No deer, pigs, goats, eels, ducks (as it is out of season), or other birds except magpies.

What you can use:

(Under your parent's guidance)

- Mouse and rat traps
- Slug guns
- Sling shots
- Bows and arrows
- Stoat traps

Bring them in before 9:00 on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March for the weigh in. Heaviest in each category wins.

If you break these rules you are disqualified!

If you have any questions come and ask Renee or Darian.

