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## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKI

"He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai."

If kindness is sown, then kindness you shall receive.

## TERM DATES TO NOTE

30 March	School Holidays Officially Start
14 April	School Holidays End
15 April	Distance Learning Starts
22 April	Current Date for Ending Lockdown Period
27 April	ANZAC Day observed

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Wow! What a week.

The teachers didn't even have the chance to tell the kids that school was closing or to say goodbyes. Thank you to everyone who kept up with the rapidly changing circumstances. We are really pleased that everyone was able to come and pick up their student work packs from school in preparation for our distant learning. So now we are on an early school holiday for a bit over two weeks- distance learning will start after the Easter Tuesday. So in the meantime, hunker down and enjoy a break at home. If you need to talk with me here is my mobile number 027 631 8631, my email is [principal@owhangoschool.co.nz](mailto:principal@owhangoschool.co.nz).

## INFORMATION AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT

### WELLBEING AT HOME

- The Ministry of Education has developed a resource for parents, caregivers, whānau and family
  - <http://education.govt.nz/school/health-safety-and-wellbeing/pastoral-care-and-wellbeing/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-coronavirus/>.
- The Ministry of Health's website includes [Top ways to look after your mental wellbeing](#) during the Covid-19 lockdown.

- I AM HOPE is the youth and community focused support group run by The Key to Life Charitable Trust, started by Mike King
  - <https://www.iamhope.org.nz/>
- Nathan Wallis has some helpful videos on his Facebook page for parents and whānau
  - <https://www.facebook.com/nathanwallisxfactoreducation/> -
- Tips on looking after mental health and wellbeing during COVID-19 from the Mental Health foundation <https://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/covid-19/>
- a website by the Health Promotion Agency to help New Zealanders recognise and understand depression and anxiety
  - <https://depression.org.nz/covid-19/>
- Although overseas based this is a good list and highlights some things particularly important for children. Remember the rules of New Zealand's level 4 lockdown still apply
  - [25 Mental Health Wellness Tips during Quarantine from Eileen M Feliciano, Psy.D.](#)

## OWHANGO SCHOOL IS A NO ENTRY ZONE



The Ministry of Education has declared that all schools are No Entry areas. They were concerned

that many children were going to schools to use the playgrounds now that council playgrounds are closed. All school gates are padlocked clearly marked with No Entry signs. Even I am not allowed to go back to get any work.

### CHESSKID

Clive Gifford has kindly offered to set up any kids who would like to play chess online through the website Chesskid. He set up accounts for many children last year, but some won't have an account. They will then be able to play each other, or they can play against him- he is also happy to play against a 'family team' using the child's account if they want to gang up on him! There is also an interschool chess tournament scheduled for term three, so this would be good training for that. If you are interested in this, then contact Clive through his email address: [clive.gifford@terabits.nz](mailto:clive.gifford@terabits.nz) or phone 895

### POOL CLOSURE

We had many hardy souls braving the cold weather to enjoy one last swim in the school pool on Friday last week. Once things get back to normal you can return your pool key for a refund of the deposit.



The last swim

### THE WORKING BEE

Many thanks to the many parents, staff and friends of the school who donated a few hours labour in our working bee last Sunday. It was a great turnout. Despite the occasional rain, we got about three quarters of our jobs completed. It is great to see the new basketball poles up and ready for the backboards to be hung, the two poles up for the new chairlift swing, all of the outside benches and tables painted, the schoolhouse front yard levelled and ready to be grassed, and many other tidying up

jobs done. By working together like this, rather than employing someone to do them, we are able to save a lot of the school money to spend on extra teachers, visiting performers, trips, reading books, etc.



Rex Pierce, Dean Hosking and Pete Kieselbach cut the concrete to remove the old basketball goals



Eike Schormair replaces tyres around the newly chipped playground



The men debate whether the two new poles for the chairlift swing-chair are vertical



Scott Mason paints the table and bench seats



Theresa Owen, Zita Clinckemaillie and Michelle Gavegan paint the bench seats

#### PTA EASTER BASKET RAFFLE

We will complete this raffle when school starts onsite again.

#### GOLF

On behalf of our Owhango School golf team I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Roy Frampton for organising and facilitating another fabulous term of golf lessons for our tamariki. It was obviously cut short due to Covid-19 however, the sessions that we had were filled to the brim with new skills, improving old skills, chipping, putting, driving and most importantly growing our children's love of golf! Roy you're amazing and we are so very grateful.

The lessons success was made possible with the assistance, knowledge and expertise of Margaret Nelson and Pete Jacobson. Without their weekly support we would not have been able to do this. The leadership and support of Cara O'Donnell, Aaron Owen and Taumarunui high school student Nihal Bhullar were invaluable to allow the 3 groups of students to work with an expert.

Thank you also to the amazing parents that provided transport for our students to and from school every Friday morning, particularly Jodie Higbie who was there each week ready to take a carload.

We appreciate you all!

And finally, a massive thank you to the Tarrangower Golf Course's management for allowing the students of Taumarunui to grow and love of golf. Pete Jacobson, thank you.

Nga mihi Jessie Smith

#### T42 EVENT

This event has been cancelled.



Wayne Stewart levels the school grounds, Grace Batley has weeded and put chip on the bank garden

#### DATA CAPS

I was told today by the Ministry of Education that most data caps and extra charges have been removed:

#### Removing data caps for internet

Please be advised most of the major telcos have now removed data caps and the possibility of any extra charges based on usage.

Please see the links to those major companies below if your staff or students working from home need further support with this.

SPARK - <https://www.spark.co.nz/help/covid-19/>

*"Removing overage charges for customers who are on data-capped broadband plans, so they won't have to worry about paying extra to stay connected. This applies to both small and medium business and consumer customers;"*

VODAFONE - <https://news.vodafone.co.nz/covid-19-care>

*"The removal of data caps from data-capped Broadband plans for consumers and small to medium sized businesses until at least the end of June 2020"*

VOCUS/SLINGSHOT

- [https://help.slingshot.co.nz/hc/en-us/articles/900000386943-Our-action-against-COVID-19?\\_ga=2.224375707.1878754814.1585097493-87562686.1585097493](https://help.slingshot.co.nz/hc/en-us/articles/900000386943-Our-action-against-COVID-19?_ga=2.224375707.1878754814.1585097493-87562686.1585097493)

*"We removed all the data caps from our plans to better enable you to work from home during this time of social distancing and self-isolation."*

2DEGREES - <https://www.2degreesmobile.co.nz/help-and-support/mobile/your-account/covid-19/>

*"Any customer who was on a limited data plan on or before Friday, March 20 will now receive unlimited data through until June 2020."*

TRUSTPOWER- [Ask.Trustpower.co.nz](https://Ask.Trustpower.co.nz) – “we've removed data limits for all fixed-line broadband customers to make sure everyone can stay connected. You'll be able to keep in touch with family and friends, work or study from home, and receive vital updates without having to worry about exceeding your data limit”.

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

This event has been cancelled

## 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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## SOME ADVICE ON ROUTINES FROM THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

*You will understand the importance of routine for your family. If your routine has been shaken up, like you're now working from home, it's good to structure your time. Routines are reassuring and promote health and physical wellbeing. The below timetable (targeted at children) could be something your household adapts to use over the next weeks. A school holiday version will likely look a little different, but some form of routine will still be important as we go through the lockdown period.*

## Daily Schedule

Before 9:00am	Wake up	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed, put any dirty clothes in the laundry
9:00-10:00	Morning walk	Family walk with the dog, bike ride, Yoga if it's raining
10:00-11:00	Learning at home	School-led learning or Sudoku, books, flash cards, study guide, journal etc
11:00-12:00	Creative time	Legos, magnatiles, drawing, crafting, play music, cook or bake etc.
12:00 pm	Lunch :)	
12:30	Helping at home	# wipe all kitchen tables and chairs # wipe all door handles, light switches and desk tops # wipe both bathrooms - sinks and toilets
1:00-2:30	Quiet time	Reading, puzzles, nap, radio NZ stories
2:30-4:00	Learning at home	School-led learning or iPad games, Prodigy, Educational show
4:00-5:00	Afternoon fresh air	Bikes, walk the dog, play outside
5:00-6:00	Dinner :)	
6:00-8:00	Free TV time	Kids shower time
8:00	Bedtime	All kids
9:00pm	Bedtime	All kids who follow the daily schedule & don't fight

