



ŌWHANGO SCHOOL PĀNUI

The children at Ōwhango School are engaged in our unique, rural environment, are individual in their learning, and strong in experience and success.

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THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKĪ

“Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu”

Adorn the bird with feathers so it may soar.

DATES TO NOTE

6 Feb	Waitangi Day- school is closed
8 Feb	Mobile Library Visit
	Deep Water Experience 1
9 Feb	Y 7 & 8 Tech Starts
10 Feb	Golf Starts (every Friday)
15 Feb	Deep Water Experience 2
23 Feb	Y 7 & 8 Tech
28 Feb	St John Visit
1 March	Mountain Schools Swimming Sports
3 March	Interschool Bowls Tournament
8 March	Mobile Library Visit
9 March	Y 7 & 8 Tech
11 March	PTA Mystery Dinner
13-17 Mar	Senior Camp
17 March	Interschool Swimming Competition
23 March	Y 7 & 8 Tech
24 March	Old Coach Road Bike Trip
31 March	Interschool Ki-o-rahi Event
	Last day of Golf
5 April	Mobile Library Visit
6 April	Y 7 & 8 Tech
	Last day of school
7 April	Easter Friday

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our 2023 school year!

The staff have come back refreshed and have been busy planning and preparing for a fun-filled term with a lot of great learning. As this is our first day back teaching, this pānui will be shorter than usual.

In the junior room, Emma Tylee is doing Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with Ewan Starkey doing Thursdays and Fridays.

In the middle room Theresa Owen is doing every day.

In the senior room we are pleased to welcome Jessie Smith back, she will be doing Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with Siobhan McKenna working Thursdays and Fridays. Maree Ashcroft is our teacher aide working Mondays to Thursdays.

Karen Erni continues her long reign in the office working Tuesdays to Fridays. Ken Burns returns as our cleaners, and Hamish Sinclair as our caretaker.

CLASSROOM KORERO

This will begin next week.

SMALL GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS WITH TINA FREEMAN

One thing we are trialling this term is having small group swimming lessons for selected students with Tina Freeman.

The thinking behind this is that for the effective swimming lessons you need from two to six in a lesson- depending on the needs of the kids, and for the lessons to be 30–45 minutes daily. This is impossible in a normal classroom situation where the whole class has 45 minutes in the pool. Although we do make good progress in teaching swimming to our students, some need extra tuition to be able to successfully swim by the time they leave primary school. This is our goal.

Also, now that we have a heated swimming pool, we are able to use the pool in the mornings as well as in the heat of the day.

Therefore, we are employing Tina to take small groups in the morning to advance their skills. For the children to participate in this, they will need to be selected, and to have returned the permission slip attached to this newsletter.

SENIOR GOLF LESSONS

We still have a few places available for our golf lessons with Roy Frampton. These will commence on Friday the 10th of February and run every Friday for 8 weeks. Each lesson will begin at 8:45am, and

last for one hour, returning to school for morning tea. Therefore, the students who wish to participate will need to be at school at 8am on these days. The invitation is open to twelve senior room students only. This is a parent led activity to maintain stability and consistency for the students remaining at school.

Please read carefully and return the permission slip at the bottom of this pānui and **return it tomorrow** so that we can continue to plan for this exciting opportunity.

SUN HATS

A reminder that the children must have a navy-blue bucket style hat to wear outside during this term. No hat: no play. These are available for purchase for \$12 from the office.

SWIMMING TOGS EVERYDAY

We have a short window in our weather when we can make progress with their swimming skills therefore, we teach swimming every day from today. Please ensure that your child has their togs and towel at school every day. If they are unable to participate for medical reasons, then a note from home is required.

2023 STATIONERY

Stationery packs have been given out to all students on their first day. Prices for these packs are as below per your child's class and can be paid for at the office or by internet banking please to the school account 03 0426 0141783 00

Senior room student pack \$28

Middle room student pack \$26

Junior room student pack \$22

MEDICAL INFORMATION UPDATES

Please let us know if there are any changes in your child's medical details. It is important that we keep this information up to date. This information is kept confidentially.

OTHER CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please inform the office of any change of details that may have changed during the holidays, especially email address, physical address or cell phone numbers.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Over the holidays we had Wayne Steward making some improvements to our outside learning space. It now has a new concrete floor (the old floor was

very uneven and rough) and an additional door added into the senior room so they can access the outside without having to go through the bottle neck doorway in the cloak bay. This also has the added advantage of increasing the airflow through the senior room and it adds extra daylight.

We have named this area Te Piringa, meaning shelter, refuge, hiding place or haven. There is a little more work to be done to Te Piringa as we will be installing a bench and sink, also the shoe racks will be reconfigured.



Te Piringa



Looking out from the senior room

LEFT BEHIND DISHES

We have several lovely dishes that were left at school last year by people attending various functions. If they are your please come and collect them or they will be given to the PTA to sell at their market day stall.



MOBILE LIBRARY VISIT

Our first visit will be on Wednesday 8th February. Please have any book returns at school on this day so you can get fresh books.

2023 TERM DATES

Term 1- 1st February to 6th April

Term 2- 24 April to 30th June

Term 3- 17th July to 22nd September

Term 4- 9th October to 19th December

Teacher Only Days- 24th April, 6th June & 20th November

Community Notices

Owhango Market Day at the Hall Sunday 5th Feb.

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

Owhango School BoT: Stationery / sports & uniform purchases: **03 0426 0141783 00**

PTA: Fundraisers 030 426 0156205 00

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS

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SMALL GROUP SWIMMING LESSONS WITH TINA FREEMAN

PERMISSION SLIP

YES / NO My child/ren have permission to participate in the daily small group swimming lessons with Tina if they are selected.

I will ensure that they will have their togs and towel at school every day.

Note that there is no cost for these lessons.

Family name _____

My child / ren _____

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2023 SENIOR ROOM GOLF PERMISSION SLIP

Please circle the appropriate statement in bold:

My child(ren): _____ is / is not interested in participating in golf lessons in 2023.

Please note this does not guarantee their place.

I **am / am not** available to supervise and transport students **every week / some weeks**.

I **am / am not** interested in being the lead whanau helper **every week / some weeks**.

I **am / am not** able to transport children to and from golf **every week / some weeks**.

Signed: _____

W & C O'Donnell: Duffy Books in Schools

DG Brown Contracting: Duffy Books in Schools

Doyle Valuations: Duffy Books in Schools

Owhango Motors: Duffy Books in Schools

Owhango Adventures: Free bus use for trips

CamoKai Takeaways National Park: Support at our T42 Fundraiser

Aaron Owen Bayleys Ruapehu: Three new class trophies

Vet Ent: A Line Trimmer prize for a raffle

North Fuels for Schools Scheme: RC & JF Walker, MJ & TM Lord, KF & VI Kimberley, JB & KA Lord, WM & CE O'Donnell, Tina Freeman, Willy & Cara O'Donnell, Willy Bryan Earthworks, DR & LA Marshall.

PC Solutions-Free light hireage for our disco and repair of our sound system

Foxglove Frames – Toni Grass for free repairs to blinds and support on our Ski Camp

Veolia- use of their truck for the Christmas Parade

Ruapehu Flooring- free installation of our carpet in the office