



# 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 / WHAKATAUĀKĪ

**‘Tūwhitia te hopo, mairangatia te Angitū’** When translated it means **‘eliminate the negative, uplift the positive’** This WhakatauaĀkī is from the late Professor Te Wharehuia Milroy, an expert in te reo Māori and the revitalisation and normalisation of te reo and tikanga Māori.

Hands up if you watched Te Matatini last week!

For those that are not familiar with it, it is a 4-day spectacular of the top kapahaka groups from all over Aotearoa. It is likened to the Olympics of Kapahaka, showcasing the absolute crème de la crème of Kapahaka.

And Te Matatini 2023 did not disappoint.

There was one roopu (group) from Auckland named Angitū. Their name was taken from the great Professor Te Wharenui Milroy’s whakatauaĀkī as stated above.

Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith

## DATES TO NOTE

1 March	BOT meeting 7pm
3 March	Interschool Ki-o-rahi Carnival
7 March	Mobile Library Visit
	Junior Swimming Display 2:15
8 March	Mountain Schools Swimming Sports
9 March	Y 7 & 8 Tech
10 March	Old Coach Road Bike Trip
11 March	PTA Mystery Dinner
17 March	Interschool Swimming Competition
20-24 Mar	Senior Camp
31 March	Last Day of Golf
4 April	Assembly
5 April	Mobile Library Visit
6 April	Y 7 & 8 Tech
	Last day of school
7 April	Easter Friday
25 April	Anzac Day
26 April	First Day of Term Two

## PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

With cooler temperatures, we are looking at the end of our swimming season. I am really pleased with the progress the children have made in the pool despite the fickle weather. Having Tina Freeman take small group lessons has made a noticeable difference, adding on to what the teachers have done with their whole class lessons. After our Mountain Swimming Sports on Wednesday, we will select our interschool team. We will employ Tina to work with this team to hone their racing skills in preparation for this more competitive event. The school pool will close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

## CLASSROOM KORERO Junior Room

The junior room students have settled well into our classroom routines and are now running a full programme. We have made huge progress in the swimming pool with students who were not confident to even get in now happily playing, splashing and putting their whole face in the water while those that were already fairly confident have been working on improving their floating (front and back) and gliding across the pool. We are excited to share our learning next week at our Swimming Display (for details see below).



Dahlias in a jar, by Ainsley and Kyston

Back in the classroom we have been learning 2-3 new letter-sounds a week and can use these to read and write some three letter words. Some of us will be beginning to bring some reading words or books home to show you what we can do. The older students who were here last year have been making sure they remember all the sounds they learnt last year before moving onto some new, trickier spelling patterns.

In maths we have been doing number knowledge with Mrs Tylee, looking at how each number grows by one and how the pattern repeats over and over again. We have also been doing some statistics with Mr Starkey, which is reinforcing our counting and working on some statistics: finding out what other members of the class like, or don't like; looking at different ways to show this information, and investigating how many of each colour we have of blocks, toys, felt pens etc.

In science we have been learning about rockets. We have done some cool experiments with Mr Starkey like making rockets making good observations and offering explanations about what we are seeing and why. We have also completed some lovely artwork of some flowers brought in by Whaea Regan last week.



More dahlias by Kopu and Molly

### MOUNTAIN SCHOOL'S SWIMMING update

Please note that this event is now starting at 10am. **We will depart school at 9:25.** Students who are meeting us at the pool, please be there by 9:45 so you can get into your togs and seated, ready for the start.

Thanks to the parents who have offered to be a timer on the day; we will try to rotate you so that you are not stuck there all of the time.

Parents, remember to bring your togs for the adults versus students relay race! And for the free time at the end of the racing.

A few reminders:

This is for the middle and senior rooms only.

Can the children please bring:

- a **warm jersey** for when they are waiting for their next event.
- an **extra towel** as they can get a bit wet during the day.
- their **lunch** - extra rations as it can be hungry work swimming.
- a **drink** - water only please
- put on **sunblock** before coming to school (we take some to put more on during the day)
- The children will need to wear their uniform to and from the pool.

### JUNIOR SWIMMING DISPLAY

On Tuesday 7<sup>TH</sup> March, next week, the juniors will be putting on a swimming display for their friends and whanau at the school pool. This will be an opportunity for them to show their progress in the pool. It will start at 2:15pm. You are all welcome to attend.

### SPORTING SUCCESS

Congratulations to former student, Ethan McLean who competed in the Freeride Junior World Championships in Kappl, Austria and ended up placed ninth.



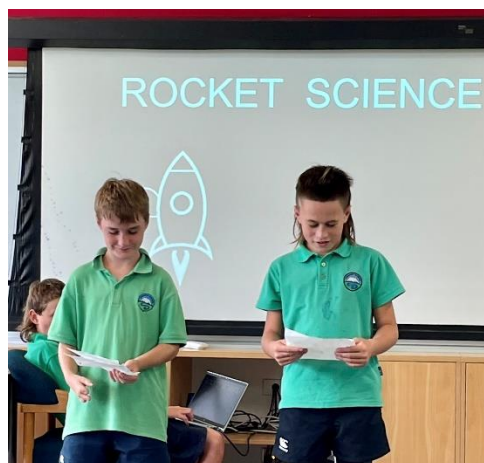
A screen grab from Ethan's run

### LET US KNOW

Please let us know if any of our students have success outside of school events so we can celebrate them in our Pānui. Photos are also appreciated.

### ASSEMBLY

The senior class hosted an assembly yesterday, sharing some of the work that they have been doing. See some of the photos below...



Ollie and Delaize talk about our rocket science



Cailin talks to the audience



Some of the seniors' self portraits



Charlie talks about how they did their self portraits

### OLD COACH ROAD BIKE TRIP

Planning is well underway for this trip. We will put the final details in next week's Pānui.

Please check that your bikes are ready- no flat tyres, brakes that work, helmets that fit, chains oiled and tightened.

A bike inspection will be carried out before we depart, any bikes deemed to be unsuitable will not be participating on the day.

### FRIDAY TRANSPORT- GOLF AND KI-O-RAHI

This is a little complicated with only some students doing golf, and the year 7 & 8 doing ki-o-rahi! Thank you to all of our helpers

Driver Where they are going	Student
<b>Aaron Owen</b> School – golf - ki o rahi - school	Cailin, Konna, Freida, Rose, Delaize, Aiden
<b>Cara O'Donnell</b> School – golf - school	Hazel, Oliver, Lucas, James and Piata (to golf only)
<b>Robyn Faire</b> Golf - ki o rahi	Taylor, James and Piata (from golf to Ki-o-rahi)
<b>Michelle Ross</b> School - ki o rahi - school	Leith, Pria, Max, Lo'i; James and Piata (from ki-o-rahi to school)
<b>Siobhan</b> School - ki o rahi - school	Going early to set up the gazebo
<b>Absent</b>	Charlie

### DUFFY BOOKS CAUGHT BEING GOOD

At our assembly, the following students were awarded.



From the senior room, Poppy for a consistent high standard of work in all areas, Delaize for settling into his work quickly and readily and for always producing high quality work, Max for settling into Owhango school so well. Welcome to Owhango! Oliver for his excellent research regarding our recent science topic, rocket ships!



From the middle room, Evie for her excellent reading comprehension, Charlotte for her impressive progress in swimming, Hayzin for her outstanding leadership skills and being a great role-model in the middle room.



From the junior room, Quinn, Indie, Aria, Molly, Bailey and Jackson all got Welcome to Ōwhango awards, for settling into school so well.

#### **PTA MYSTERY DINNER - update**

We have included a list at the bottom of this newsletter that shows which ingredients we still need for this fundraiser. Thanks to the people who have put have offered the ingredients, these are blacked out in the list.

#### **PTA MYSTERY DINNER TICKETS Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 6pm**

Anyone is welcome to this fun event, not just parents. This is a great way to connect with your community. \$50 per person for a four-course meal at four different venues with transport to and from

the start at school. BYO- drinks are not provided. This is an adults only event.

Contact Cara 0272887833, Regan 027 331 9377 or Maree Ashcroft 027 258 2515.

Payments to the PTA account 03 0426 0156205 00 Also see the form below.

#### **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING- a reminder**

The first School Board (formally known as the Board of Trustees) meeting is tonight, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March @ 7pm in the staff room. All welcome to attend.

#### **GOLF LESSONS**

This continues on Friday. Those year 7 & 8 students will then go to the Ki-o-rahi Carnival which starts at 10:30am.

#### **Community Notices**

##### **OWHANGO MARKET**

This Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March at the Owhango Hall. Come along and support our PTA.

##### **TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER**

Taumarunui Junior Soccer will be running a primary school weekly round robin competition for term 2. This will be run on Fridays starting at 3.40pm and finishing approximately 5pm. It costs \$10 per player. If your child is interested in playing, please complete the attached form and return it to the school office. Team registrations are due at the end of Term 1. Please note, this is an extra-curricular activity and is dependent on parental support.

##### **FUEL FOR SCHOOLS PROGRAMME**

As a bulk fuel user, you can nominate our school to receive 50c for every 100 litres of bulk fuel you have delivered. So, as you keep your wheels turning you are also giving back to your local community too. Contact Kelly Brears 027 2084388 or email [Kelly.brears@northfuels.co.nz](mailto:Kelly.brears@northfuels.co.nz) for more information.

##### **FRESH FLOWERS FUNDRAISER- a reminder**

20% from every bunch sold will be donated to the school PTA.

\$15 / small mixed bunch

\$30 / large mixed bunch

Dahlias \$10 / 5 stems

Sunflowers \$10 / 5 stems

Contact Regan on 027 331 9377

**TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR RUGBY**

Register now: age as of 1 January 2023. \$25 per player. Go to sporty.co.nz/tmnrugby  
Rippa (4-6)  
Under 9  
Under 11  
Under 13

**2023 TERM DATES**

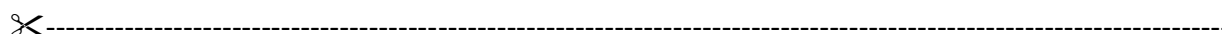
**Term 1-** 1<sup>st</sup> February to 6<sup>th</sup> April  
**Term 2-** 24 April to 30<sup>th</sup> June  
**Term 3-** 17<sup>th</sup> July to 22<sup>nd</sup> September  
**Term 4-** 9<sup>th</sup> October to 19<sup>th</sup> December  
**Teacher Only Days-** 24<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> June, and 20<sup>th</sup> November

**PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:**

**Ōwhango 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**

**W & C O’Donnell:** Duffy Books in Schools  
**DG Brown Contracting:** Duffy Books in Schools  
**Doyle Valuations:** Duffy Books in Schools  
**Ōwhango Motors:** Duffy Books in Schools  
**Ōwhango 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



**TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER COMPETITION**

*(This is an extra-curricular activity- outside of school hours; it requires parental support to proceed)*

Taumarunui Junior Soccer will be running a Primary School weekly Round Robin competition for Term 2. This will be run on Fridays starting at 3.40pm and finishing approx. 5pm -at Cherry Grove, Taumarunui. Entry is \$10 per player.

**Two Grades**

Junior: Years 3,4,5                      Senior: Years 6,7,8

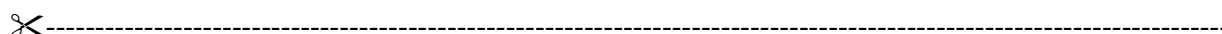
Once they know the number of teams, they will determine how long this competition goes for. If you are interested in playing, please return this form to the school office, so we can register a team or two into this competition by the deadline. Note that we can only proceed if we have enough students interested and a parent to be the manager or coach.

Child/ren’s Name/s.....

School Year/s.....

Parent: **Yes / No** I can **coach** or **manage** a team. (Please circle your answers)

Adult’s Name.....



## PTA MYSTERY DINNER FUNDRAISER- Tickets

Yes, I would like to purchase ..... (number) ticket/s @\$50 per person to come on the PTA Mystery Dinner Fundraiser

Name.....

Payments to the PTA account 03 0426 0156205 00

Departs Ōwhango School promptly at 6pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Bring your own drinks.

For more information contact Cara 0272887833, Regan 027 331 9377 or Maree Ashcroft 027 258 2515.

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## PTA MYSTERY DINNER- Donations of food

Please put your name next to the ingredient that you can donate for our fundraiser and return this sheet to school. The items in black have already been donated.

Please bring products to staffroom in a labelled bag or give to Cara 0272887833.

If you would prefer to give a small amount of money for Cara to purchase an ingredient, please call her.

Note- Perishable good are not required until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Other goods can be delivered to the staffroom at any time.

Thanks

Product	Quantity	Name	Name	Name	Name
Bar of dark unflavoured chocolate	1				
Tub of vanilla Ice Cream	1				
Bag of Flour	1				
Bag of Sugar	1				
Bag of Cocoa Powder	1				
Bag Mini Chocolate Chips	2				
Bag Icing Sugar	1				
Litre of cream	1				
350ml Cream	1				
Pumpkin	1				
Bag of Kumara	2				
Red/Yellow Capsicum	4				
Bag of Onions	1				
Courgettes/Zucchini	4				
KG mushrooms	1 KG				
Feta Cheese	2 blocks				
Jar Pesto (can be homemade)	2 Jars				
Tomatoes	Bring to staffroom during the week before the 11th if able to provide				
Cucumber	Bring to staffroom during the week before the 11th if able to provide				
Lettuce	4 Bags, or from home				
Bag of currants	1				
Bag of Brown Rice	2				
Bag of Cahsews	1				
Bag of Sunflower Seeds	1				
Bag of Pumpkin Seeds	1				
Bunch of Spring Onion	1				
Lemons	any amount		Bring to staffroom		
Bag of Quinoa	1				
Jars of Pickle/ Chutney/Relish	any amount	Bring to staffroom			