



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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15th February 2023

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKĪ

"I've learnt that I am happy when I'm kind to others and unhappy when I am not." Age 88

DATES TO NOTE

15 Feb	Deep Water Experience 2
23 Feb	Y 7 & 8 Tech
28 Feb	Assembly
3 March	Interschool Ki-o-rahi Event
7 March	Mobile Library Visit
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 March	Senior Camp- new date
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

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

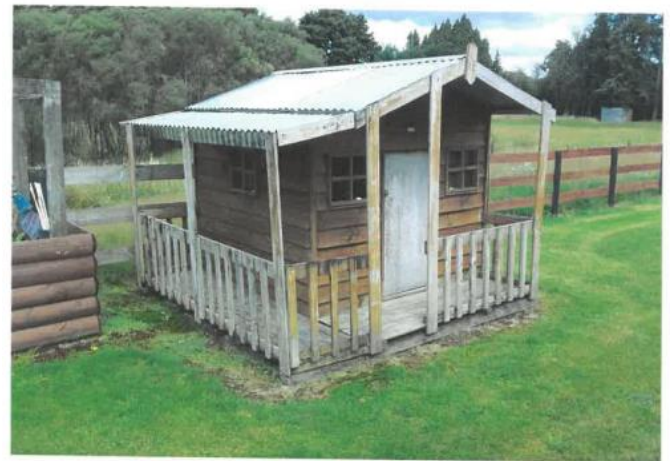


Help Needed- To Move Our New Playhouse

We have been offered this playhouse for our school, and we need some help to get it here. It is currently in Ōwhango, and we want to put it into our bush

area. Is there someone who can help us to move this to its new location? Please contact me at school 07 895 4823, or email me on principal@owhango.school.nz

Thanks, Ewan Starkey



The playhouse measures about 2.4m x 2.4m

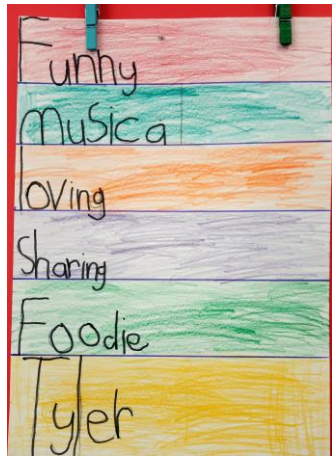
CLASSROOM KORERO Middle Room

We have had a terrific start to the year. The middle room has a great group of Year 3-5 students who are all ready to go. We have a big bunch of students who have moved from the junior room, but with the help of our amazing Year 4 and 5 leaders, they are settling in quickly. We have been having fun learning about each other and creating a classroom community. We have made a classroom quilt together and we have brightened up our room with fantastic vivid and dye portraits, as well as colourful name art. We have been learning about Te Tiriti o Waitangi; where Te Tiriti was signed as well as the key people who were there. We have also been learning a new waiata as a way to honour Te Tiriti. Our writing, reading and maths programme is now underway, and we are settling into new routines. We have been swimming every day while the water is warm, and it is pleasing to see the progress that is being made already.

Theresa Owen



Vivid and Dye Portrait
by Nico.



Name Art by Tyler

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENT

A warm welcome to Molly Pierce who has just turned five and has joined our junior room.



Jack's sister, Molly Pierce

COVID 19

From Thursday last week we have had several children absent from school due to covid. An email was sent out to whanau alerting you to this.

Currently the advice is to stay home for seven days from when the symptoms first appeared. If other members of the household have Covid, you can still attend school if you have no symptoms and test negative.

We have RAT testing kits at school free of charge if you require any. There is also a local helpline in case you need assistance with anything, such as getting food. It is called the Covid Hub: 0800 44 55 60.

SENIOR CAMP DATE CHANGE!

We have had to change the date of our senior class camp due to the accommodation provider, Tui Ridge, juggling their timetable to reschedule other schools following the cyclone this week.

We are now going the week later: departing on Monday 20th and returning on Friday 24th March. This has also forced us to change the date of our Old Coach Road Bike Trip, see below for details.

OLD COACH ROAD BIKE TRIP

Middle and Senior Rooms Friday 10th March

We are planning to take the middle and senior class children for a bike trip on the historic Old Coach Road, from Horopito to Ohakune. This will be on Friday 10th March, departing school around 9:00am and returning before 3:00pm. This trip is optional. The children who participate must have a suitable bike for the trip, suitable clothes and a willing attitude and fitness to complete the 12.5km trip. Children not attending will attend school as normal, with a teacher running an alternative programme for them and the junior class.

Please fill in and return the permission form at the bottom of this panui so planning can proceed. If you do not have a bike but would like to come, let us know as we might be able to source one for you.

KI-O-RAHI DATE CHANGE

We have just been informed by the organisers that the year 7 & 8 ki-o-rahi day has been brought forward to Friday 3rd March. Therefore, we have put the permission slip into this pānui. The golf students will participate in this after their golf lesson.

GOLF LESSONS

The tamariki had a great time with Roy last week. On the golf course the students need to wear their school uniform with trainers or golf shoes only and ensure they have water bottles, hats and sunscreen too.

Students are permitted to bring their own golf clubs and equipment, but this will be at their own risk and subject to space in vehicles. This week, Cara O'Donnell and Michelle Gavegan will be transporting students to the course. Please be at school by 8am. If your child is unwell, unable to attend for any reason, or you have made alternative travel arrangements please let me know via email before 8am so that whanau and students are not held up. Signed Siobhan McKenna.

ASSEMBLY

The senior class is hosting our first assembly for the year on Tuesday 28th February at 2:00pm. All welcome.

SWIMMING LESSONS WITH TINA

Tina was away this week but will be back next week to resume her small-group lessons. We are seeing a great improvement in the swimming skills of those who are participating in her lessons.

Although we have had a couple of colder days, it doesn't take much sunshine to get the pool warmed up with our heating system. On Friday last week the water got up to 27 degrees!

PTA MYSTERY DINNER tickets now for sale

Tickets are now available. Limited to 40 people, first in first served. \$50 per person for a four-course meal and transport to and from the start at school. Contact Cara 0272887833, Regan 027 331 9377 or Maree Ashcroft 027 258 2515. Payments to the PTA account 03 0426 0156205 00

2023 STATIONERY – a final reminder

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB- a reminder

Book club brochures are out. Have orders returned to school office by 28 February or order online at bookclub.scholastic.co.nz

Community Notices

SECOND-HAND BIKES – FREE!

We have two bikes that our children have outgrown, and they need a new home. They are both in good second-hand condition. Please contact Theresa Owen 027 8153 654.



The bikes available for free

MUSIC LESSONS WITH KATE

Hello all, I will be offering private music lessons this term after school. The instruments I teach are: piano, violin and flute. If this sounds like something your child would be interested in feel free to contact me on phone: 0272154231

Email: kaitlynniyomugabo@gmail.com

FRESH FLOWERS- a reminder

The Grounded Artisan Flowers are back for 2023.

\$15 / small mixed bunch

\$30 / large mixed bunch

Dahlias \$10 / 5 stems

Sunflowers \$10 / 5 stems

20% from every bunch sold will be donated to the school PTA. Contact Regan on 027 331 9377.



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, and 20th 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

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A description of The Old Coach Road:

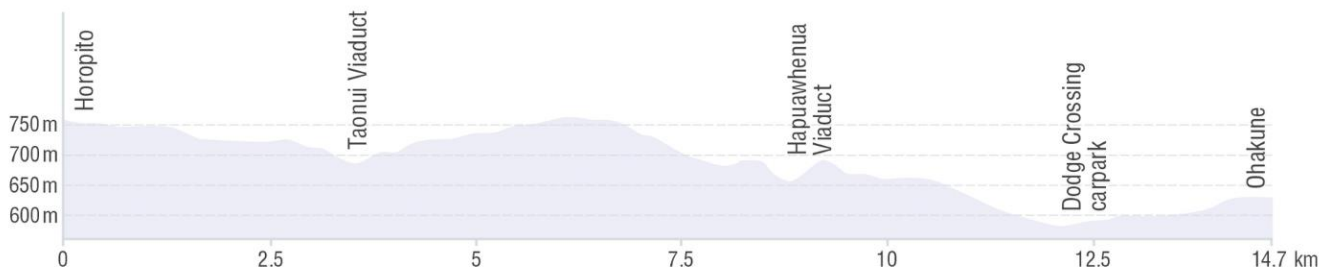
'It is easily accessible and suitable for riders of most ages and abilities, the trail traverses Tongariro National Park forest and farmland, with many epic lookouts over the volcanic plateau.

Revealed along the way are many surprising and memorable sights – from spooky railway tunnels and grand viaducts, to old bush camps and remnants of the original cobblestone road.

The Old Coach Road is great for the whole family and runs between Horopito and Ohakune. Horopito is 170 metres higher altitude than Ohakune, so make the most of the overall descent.

Highlights:

- *Stunning sub alpine native forest*
- *Challenging and original cobbled road built of sett stones in the 1880's*
- *Panoramic views of Mt Ruapehu, and the surrounding rural plans to the south*
- *Two historic railway viaducts including the Hapuawhenua viaduct, one of New Zealand's oldest and tallest curved viaducts at 45m high and 245m long*
- *Great information panels connecting today with yesterday*



We will be going one way, from Horopito to Ohakune, making use of the downhill gradient. We will be picked up at the Dodge Crossing carpark. I have organised for Grant Lethbourg at Owango Adventures to take us in his buses with trailers for the bikes.

There will not be a postponement date; if the weather is unsuitable, we will cancel.

Help needed:

We need several adults on bikes to accompany us for this trip to proceed.

The bikes must have:

Brakes that work well, tyres that are pumped up, chain that is oiled, and a bike that is able to be ridden 13km.

Riders must have:

A helmet that fits them. Clothes suitable for riding a bike (closed shoes, layers for different temperatures, a wind jacket in case it is cold. Extra rations of food. Plenty of water. A can-do attitude. A backpack to fit everything in while you ride.

Signed, Ewan Starkey

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Please return this form as soon as possible so planning can proceed

Family name _____

Permission: my child / ren _____ may attend the Old Coach Road Bike Trip

OR my child/ren _____ **will not be** attending this trip

Adult Help Riding: I _____ would like to ride with the group on a bike.

Signed _____

I do not have a bike but would like to come(name)
(We will see if we can source a bike for you to borrow)

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YEAR 7 & 8
KI-O-RAHI CARNIVAL
(Note that this is not a competition, rather a day to learn how to play ki-o-rahi)
Friday 3rd March 2023 (no postponement date)
Please return this form as soon as possible so planning can proceed

Family name _____

Permission: my year 7/8 child _____ may attend the Ki-o-rahi Carnival

TRANSPORT

YES / NO I can provide smoke-free, and seat-belted transport for _____ (write number) children, in a registered and warranted vehicle that will be driven by a fully licensed driver who adheres to all traffic regulations. (Note, drivers will be paid some money to go towards their petrol costs.)

YES / NO I will be meeting you at the venue in Taumarunui

YES / NO I will be sending a booster seat for my child
(Note by law children under 7 must be in a booster seat)

YES / NO I am at golf so will be taken by my golf driven

If you are assisting with transport:

Name of driver _____

Signed _____