



# 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

"This journey has always been about reaching your own other shore no matter what it is, and that dream continues." - Diana Nyad

## DATES TO NOTE

23 Feb	Y 7 & 8 Tech
28 Feb	Assembly 2pm
3 March	Interschool Ki-o-rahi Carnival
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 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

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are really pleased to have almost everyone back at school this week after a week of absences due mainly to covid last week.

Our classroom programmes are quite full. The teachers have their core subjects of reading, writing and maths well established. We also have daily class swimming lessons, daily small group focussed swimming lessons with Tina for some, the senior class has started ukulele / guitar / singing lessons with Jessie, Ewan and Kate on Monday afternoons; the middle room are having music lessons with Kate on Thursday afternoons. Our House of Science lessons have also commenced, with the current area of study being a physics-based unit on rocketry, where the students make and investigate a variety

of rockets to explore lift, thrust, weight and drag and their effect on rocket flight. There is some great, fun learning going on.

## CLASSROOM KORERO Senior Room

In the senior room, we are into the swing of things now with our literacy and maths programmes. At this stage, we are sending home weekly spelling lists and reading for each student. They can log their learning in their homework notebooks themselves, but we do encourage whānau to check in with their tamariki and see what they are learning at home/school.

It was an exciting afternoon on Friday when we launched into our latest science topic; rockets! We began the lesson by collating what we already know about rockets and deciding what we want to know about rockets so that we could work out our next learning steps. We began by learning that a force is a push or pull upon an object resulting from the object's interaction with another object. Our first activity was an exploration of the role force, specifically, thrust plays in flying a rocket. Students then experimented with the role of weight, lift and drag by creating their own rockets. The "super serious science goggles" made us feel like real scientists!

A reminder that students are expected to have their togs at school every day for swimming lessons please. We are noticing large numbers of students 'forgetting' their togs. This can be disruptive to the class/lesson. We have clothes lines at school so these can be dried at school and left on their hooks overnight if needed. If students cannot swim due to personal or medical reasons, please contact the teacher or send a note every day that this occurs. Thank you.

By Siobhan McKenna



It is rocket science.



### Senior Class Korero 2

What an awesome group of tamariki we have in the senior class!

We currently have 26 students, with two new enrolments beginning this year. I have been so impressed with the tuakana / teina (older sibling / younger sibling) atmosphere we have. It's a wonderful caring and nurturing environment that our tamariki are immersed in.

Last week there were many students off with covid (the teacher included), but majority of the class have returned this week healthy and covid free, which is great.

There is an exciting buzz currently in our class with all the outdoor education / sports activities we have coming up. 12 of the students go into golf lessons with Roy Frampton every Friday morning which is such an amazing opportunity for them. We have the Old Coach Road bike ride fast approaching and for the year 7 and 8s, a ki-o-rahi day coming up next Friday. The kids are brimming with excitement as our Tui Ridge Park Camp is drawing closer (20 – 24<sup>th</sup> March) and classroom preparation for this will begin next week. It's great to be back!

Ngā mihi, Whaea Jessie

### MOUNTAIN SCHOOL'S SWIMMING SPORTS

On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March we are taking the middle and senior classes to the Mountain Schools' Swimming Sports. We will be leaving at 9:00. It finishes at about 2pm so we will be back at school before 3:00pm.

The day starts with the width races which are for those children not yet ready to swim the lengths. Then the ropes are put up in the lanes for the length races.

At the end of the races there will be some free time for everyone in the pool with the diving board open. This day is about participation and having fun and extending your comfort zone in a supportive environment. From this event we choose a team to go to the serious interschool swimming competition.

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 will have some to put more on during the day)

The children will need to wear their uniform to and from the pool. We need help with timing a couple of the lanes and would like to share this job around so that no one is stuck doing it all day. The length races are timed so there are no heats.

### ASSEMBLY

We will be having an assembly hosted by the senior room on Tuesday next week at 2:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### OLD COACH ROAD BIKE TRIP

#### Middle and Senior Rooms Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

Thanks to those people who have returned their permission slips; we have about half of them in. Please get them to us by the end of this week so planning can proceed.

See last week's pānui for details and the permission slip.

### KI-O-RAHI CARNIVAL – Year 7 & 8 3<sup>rd</sup> of March

We also have about half of the permission slips in for this event. Please have them in by Friday.



Jack and the juniors exploring rockets.

### **PTA MYSTERY DINNER**

The PTA needs donations of the following items for the Mystery Dinner fundraiser.

We have a tracking sheet on the staffroom wall so we know what has been offered and what is still needed. You can pop in and look, or email/call the school to check.

Perishable goods are not required until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Other goods can be delivered to the staffroom.

If you have any questions contact Cara 0272887833, Regan 027 331 9377 or Maree Ashcroft 027 258 2515

- Tub of vanilla ice cream
- Bag of flour
- Bag of sugar
- Bag of cocoa powder
- 2 bags of mini chocolate chips
- Bag of icing sugar
- 1 litre of cream
- 350ml of cream
- A pumpkin
- Bag of kumara
- 4 Red/Yellow Capsicum
- Bag of onions
- 4 Courgettes
- 1kg mushrooms
- 2 blocks of feta cheese
- 2 jars of pesto
- Tomatoes
- A cucumber
- 4 lettuces
- Bag of currants
- Bag of brown rice
- Bag of cashew nuts
- Bag of sunflower seeds
- Bag of pumpkin seeds

- Bunch of spring onions
- Some lemons
- Bag of quinoa
- Some jars of pickle/chutney/relish

### **PTA MYSTERY DINNER TICKETS**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March**

**Tickets are selling fast.** 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

### **SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

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

### **GOLF LESSONS**

We are thrilled to hear the positive reports from students returning from golf each week. We thank all the whānau who have helped with transport and supervision to date, it makes a huge difference having your support so classroom learning can continue for those students left at school. Ngā mihi nui to you all, and of course Roy Frampton for making this opportunity possible.

This week Aaron Owen and Michelle Gavegan will be transporting your tamariki. Please ensure they are at school, in uniform and trainers (or golf shoes) at 8am ready to go. Signed Siobhan McKenna.

### **FACEBOOK**

Due to privacy reasons, we will no longer be publishing our Pānui on Facebook. If you have whānau that would like to receive a copy of our newsletter every week then contact the office with their email address and we can add them to the list.

### **Community Notices**

#### **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

### **NATIONAL PARK SKATING SESSIONS**

See the poster below.

## KING COUNTRY SCOUT GROUP

See the poster below.

## TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR RUGBY

Register now: age as of 1 January 2023. \$25 per player. [sporty.co.nz/tmnrugby](http://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

KEAS	CUBS	SCOUTS	VENTURERS	ROVERS	LEADERS
<p>Calling all Keas, Cubs and Scouts - come join the King Country Scout Group</p> <p>Thursdays 3.30pm till 5pm</p> <p>Scout Hall, O'Reilly Crescent</p> <p>Interested – email: <a href="mailto:1stmatapuna@group.scouts.nz">1stmatapuna@group.scouts.nz</a></p>					
<p>AGES 5 TO 8</p> <p>KEAS</p> 					
<p>Fun, learning and friendship are the cornerstones of the Kea programme. Keas do a little bit of everything: outdoor activities, games, music, and crafts.</p>					
<p>AGES 8 TO 11</p> <p>CUBS</p> 					
<p>Challenge and fun are the focus of the Cub programme. Hikes, water activities and weekend camps are some of the fun outdoor adventures that Cubs enjoy.</p>					
<p>AGES 11 TO 14</p> <p>SCOUTS</p> 					
<p>Scouts is about gaining valuable leadership skills and self-confidence by doing outdoor adventures like mountain biking, rock climbing, and camping.</p>					

# Calling all skaters!



# LET'S ROLL!

**MONDAYS**  
4PM - 5PM  
27 FEB-27 MAR

@National Park School Hall

Lets have some fun and get some exercercise, parents welcome to join. Please note there is no coaching available, just roll together

Quad and blades welcome. Bring your own skates or rent out a pair of quads for \$2 per person

**\$5 per person or \$10 per family, fundraiser for National Park School**  
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