



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

“Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life.”

Anonymous

DATES TO NOTE

30 March	Old Coach Road Bike Trip
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

Term 2

24 April	Teacher Only Day
25 April	Anzac Day
26 April	First Day of Term Two
4 May	Y7 & 8 Tech
5 May	Y7&8 Kayaking Course- Hillary Outdoors
6 May	T 42 Event

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

The school feels very different this week, with the senior class away on camp at Tui Ridge, Rotorua. We are getting reports back that things are going really well. The purpose of this camp is much bigger than just having fun. We are trying to foster independent, confident kids who can work with others and manage themselves well. The activities and daily structure have been developed with this as the main filter. So there are a lot of physical and mental challenges, as well as independence activities such as planning, preparing, cooking and cleaning by themselves. Although the rest of the school might feel like they are missing out by not attending, we do guarantee that every student will go on a camp during their time in the senior room. Note that the ski camps are an additional bonus that we started three years ago.

Please see the photos that have come in from the senior camp, below.

CLASSROOM KORERO Junior Room

Part of a writing session...



Azalea and Molly practise their correct letter formation



Indie and Daithi practise their story writing



Patrick and Ainsley practise their te reo

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING COMPETITION

Last Friday the 18th of March, the Taumarunui Interschool Swimming Sports was held at the Trust Waikato Community Indoor Pool. The day was run flawlessly by Amy Perez and her team of TYCT (Taumarunui Youth Charitable Trust) and their myriad of helpers. The Taumarunui High School iSports team are a game changer, doing all the timekeeping and organising swimmers into their races. So very well organised!

I am very proud of the 11 students that were selected and then competed against the very best swimmers in the Taumarunui district. These students were: Aiden Allison, Taylor Faire, Cailin Owen, Jamie Parry, Delaize Te Ahuru-Mahu, Piata Smith, Oliver Wheeler, Freida Hoban, Hazel O'Donnell, Tilia Brewer and Darcy Hardwidge. Ōwhango School came away with some amazing results and 100% participation for all the athletes attending. The nerves were high and the butterflies ever present in the tummies, but our swimmers represented our school and their whānau with pride. Well done tamariki mā, the competition was tough this year, but you all rose to the occasion proudly.

Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith

Interschool Swimming Results

Congratulations to all our competitors. Due to the limited space here, we are only listing the placements, not the events they were placed in. Full results are available online at the Taumarunui Youth Charitable Trust website, or on the Notices wall in the corridor.

Olliver- 2nd 9th DQ

Hazel 1st DQ 4th DQ 2nd

Tilia 3rd 5th 2nd 2nd

Delaize 6th

Freida 7th 8th 2nd

Piata 9th DQ DQ

Aiden 5th

Taylor 4th 4th 5th DQ 2nd

Cailin 6th 4th 2nd

Darcy 4th

Jamie 6th

(DQ = disqualified- usually in breaststroke where they are very strict on doing the correct stroke)

A CORRECTION

We used the incorrect name for The Park Hotel Ruapehu in last week's Pānui. We apologise for this error.

SENIOR CAMP PHOTOS



Getting ready for the high ropes



Freida on the high ropes



Archery instruction



Oliver goes for another bulls eye



The abseiling briefing



Tilly abseils down

OLD COACH ROAD TRIP

Next Thursday, we have our rescheduled Old Coach Road Trip, subject to favourable weather. We will decide on whether to proceed the day before, by 3pm, based on the weather forecast. We will have a bike check before we depart- **any bikes which do not pass will not be able to come!**

In the test we will check that tyres are pumped up, brakes work, chains oiled and tightened, helmets fit, suitable closed toe shoes such as sneakers are worn (not gumboots!).

Please ensure that you bring: clothes suitable for riding a bike- layers for different temperatures. Extra rations of food. Plenty of water. A can-do attitude. A backpack to fit everything in while you ride.

We will depart after we have completed the bike inspections, sometime after 9:00am. We plan to be back by 3pm but if we are running late an email will be sent out explaining this.

Any students not participating in this trip will work at school with a teacher.

According to our rolled-over plans, we have the following adults participating in this trip.

Please contact us if this is not accurate:

Ian Allison	Aaron Owen
Mike Faire	Lakenn Te Ahuru
Regan Hoban	Michelle Gavegan
Eike Schormair	Theresa Brewer
Rex Pierce	Jahbon Te Ahuru
James Hunt	Dale Erueti
Shani Goodwin	Maree Ashcroft
Deb Pritt-Stewart	Robbie Stewart

DUFFY BOOKS SPONSORS FOR 2023

We have just finished confirming our Duffy Books sponsors for this year. A huge thank you for the following people/businesses for their commitment to this excellent programme by donating a total of \$800 to keep this going for another year:

WM & CE O'Donnell, D G Brown Contracting, Doyle Valuations, Ōwhango Motors, S & M Ashcroft Partnership.

POOL CLOSURE

The pool is now closed for the season. Please return any keys to the office to receive your deposit back. Thanks for your support this season.



Some of the junior class enjoy the very last swim of the season

SCHOLASTIC ISSUE 2- a reminder

Please have your orders returned by 29 March to the office or bookclub.scholastic.co.nz

Community Notices

PRIMARY NETBALL

We now have enough players in the older team but need one or two more players in the Year 3-5 team. If your child would like to play, please return a permission slip asap.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Taumarunui Junior Hockey would like to advise a delay to the start of the hockey season until Term 2, 2023.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER

The Primary School Round Robin Tournament is set to start at the beginning of Term Two. We will keep you updated with game times closer to the time.

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

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

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

PTA: Fundraisers 030 426 0156205 00

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

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