



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

“He who made no mistakes does not usually make anything” Edward John Phelps

DATES TO NOTE

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
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

Trading Cards at School

Over the last six months we have seen the return of trading cards (Pokémon cards etc.) amongst the students during their break times. Many schools ban these due to the disputes or disruption that they can cause.

However, I see them as a great opportunity for the kids to engage in trading, to understand the different value that they place on an item, to negotiate with their peers, and to learn about looking after their property.

The rules we have to prevent these becoming a problem and forcing a ban, are:

1) Do not bring anything to school that you do not want to lose. The school will not be spending time unravelling who owns which cards and who has not traded fairly. This is a student led activity that is optional. You do not have to participate.

2) Do not bring out your trading cards during class time. This is a break time only activity so that we do not get students who are distracted in their classroom learning.

CLASSROOM KORERO Junior Room

We have a lovely junior room of fifteen Y1 & 2s this year, with a few more students expected during the year.

We have been working on finding out about each other, what we like and what we don't like. Everyone in our class likes pizza, but most don't like peas!

We have drawn a portrait of someone in our class. We are also getting our writing programme started, including checking that everyone has a good pencil grip. We have started to learn some new songs. Maths and reading are also underway.

We are getting into the swimming pool every day, with some children getting two lessons as they are getting an additional lesson with Tina in the mornings to learn to get their heads under the water.

Please note that we are keeping the juniors' togs at school overnight so that they do not forget to dry/bring them the next day. We will dry them at school. On Fridays they can take them home so they can be used in the weekend or be washed if necessary. Please let us know if you would like them to go home every day.

Signed, Ewan Starkey and Emma Tylee

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STUDENTS



A warm welcome to our new students who have enrolled at Ōwhango School, from left to right: Max McLean, Bailey Edmonds, Quinn Hunt, Aria Smith, Jackson Couper, Indiana Closter and Lo'i Anae. We are glad to have you at our school.

YEAR 7 & 8 TECHNOLOGY LESSONS

The year 7 & 8 technology lessons at the high school start tomorrow. These run every fortnight. A school bus takes them at 9:00am and returns them to school at 1:30pm. If you are late the bus will not wait. Students must wear closed toe shoes, (but not gumboots) and their normal school uniform. They are not permitted to take cell phones. For some lessons (cooking for example) they will need to organise and take their ingredients. Information on this is given at the previous lesson. There is a lot of great learning that goes on at these lessons, aside from the useful skills, they also get familiar with a secondary school environment, and to learn to self-manage themselves away from their regular teachers.

OUR NEW POOL COVER

We have installed our new swimming pool cover. This will help to maintain the warmth in the pool overnight. If you are using the pool, please ensure that you replace the cover when you have finished. Thanks.



GOLF LESSONS

A reminder that golf starts this Friday (10th of Feb). The following students are confirmed to attend.

Lucas, Charlie, Freida, Ollie, Cailin, Konna, Rose, James, Delaize, Taylor, Aiden, and Hazel.

A huge thank you to the whanau who have kindly offered to help each week. I will be in touch with you as needed. For this week, Aaron Owen and Cara O'Donnell will be transporting the above students to the golf course. Participating students need to be at school by 8am and will be returning by morning tea. If your child is unwell or absent, please inform us as early as possible so we do not hold up transport waiting for them.

Siobhan McKenna

SWIMMING LESSONS WITH TINA

Our small-group swimming lessons with Tina Freeman are going really well, with the children showing progress in their skills already. Please remember to bring your togs every day.



Tina works with Monty, Hayzin, Kaelyis-Rae and Charlotte on their breathing technique in freestyle

PTA MYSTERY DINNER

The PTA is organising a fundraiser Mystery Dinner on Saturday the 11th of March.

The dinner works like this: 40 tickets at \$50 each. This will be a four-course meal with each meal being at a secret location. A bus will take the ticket holders to each location with a quiz/riddle to see if we can guess where it is.

What we need from you:

- If anyone is able to organise or donate some spot prizes or raffles. Can you please contact Maree Ashcroft 027 258 2515.
- Next week we will be asking each family to donate an ingredient or two, this shouldn't be too expensive but if anyone has access to a treasure trove of cheap ingredients, please get in touch.

- Tickets for this fun event will be on sale soon - first in first served. Limited to 40 people.

If anyone has any questions or suggestions, please contact Cara 0272887833 or Regan 027 331 9377 or come and see us.

Signed Cara O'Donnell

OUR GARDEN

Many thanks to Kim and Trisha who cared for our garden over the summer holidays. It is looking very tidy. We have monarch butterflies hovering around the swan plants and the lavender is looking lush.



Blooming flowers in our garden



We have some apples on our trees, but they are not ripe yet, so please do not pick them



We even have a few peaches that survived the hard frost in the early season

MOBILE LIBRARY VISIT

Our first visit was today, Wednesday 8th February. Any new students who are not yet members of the Taumarunui Library will be taking a form home so

that they can join and get books out from this excellent service.

2023 STATIONERY – a 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

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB

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

Community Notices

Fresh Flowers

The Grounded Artisan Flowers are back for 2023.

Just contact Regan on 027 331 9377.

\$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.



School Uniform Items - Free to a good home.

We have used but in good condition the following school items available for free. Ideally someone will be happy to collect all items at once.

Green polo shirts - best for painting/art days –
1 x size 8, 2 x size 10, 2 x size 12

Fleece sweatshirts - 1 x size 10, 1 x size 12

Navy skorts - 2 x size 10, 1 x size 12

Navy cotton shorts - 1 x size 10

Navy cotton leggings - 4 x size 10 and 4 x size 12

2 x navy sunhats

Either contact Tarsh on email -

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021754269

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