



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

“Power’s not given to you. You have to take it.” -
Beyoncé Knowles Carter

DATES TO NOTE

9 March	Y 7 & 8 Tech
10 March	Old Coach Road Bike Trip
11 March	PTA Mystery Dinner 6pm
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

We have our fingers crossed for the weather on Friday, hopefully we will be able to go ahead with the bike trip. It was cancelled last year due to the weather. We do not have a postponement date due to the complexity of coordinating everyone- the drivers, the helpers who are riding (18 adults) and the kids (40) who need to get their bikes to school. However, if it is cancelled, I will look at rescheduling it to later this term. So, keep an eye on our Pānui for updates on this, and your emails, as this is our way of keeping you informed in between issues of our Pānui.

CLASSROOM KORERO Middle Room

We’re coming to the end of our swimming season, and it has been fantastic seeing the progress that many of the students have made. We’re looking forward to putting these skills into action today at the Mountain Schools Swimming Sports! Our House of Science topic has been a great success. There has

been lots of fun, hands-on learning exploring concepts such as thrust, forces, stability and motion through gazoom rockets, puff rockets, stomp rockets and balloon rockets. During writing we have been fine-tuning our explanation writing; using precise and scientific vocabulary and making sure we sequence our ideas properly. We even tried explaining how to do every-day mundane tasks, like sharpening a pencil, and realised just how tricky it was if we didn’t use the correct words! Our mathematicians are working hard and learning lots of new skills in the middle room. Currently, our focus is on place value. Our new science focus will see the middle room students turning into palaeontologists over the coming weeks...did you know the kupu for dinosaur in te reo Māori is mokonui?

GOLF

On Friday 3rd of March it was golf. Me, Aiden, Ollie and Konna all were in a group, and Roy was our instructor. He taught us how to do big and long chips. When it was my turn, I did a high chip and then made a nice putt into the hole! At the end of the day, all of my group got tees and I got the player of the day! I really enjoy going and learning new things about golf. By Lucas Gavegan

MOUNTAIN SCHOOL’S SWIMMING

This event is happening as this panui goes to print. We hope to have some photos in next week’s issue. From this event we will pick our interschool team, these students will be bringing a permission slip home later this week.

JUNIOR SWIMMING DISPLAY

Yesterday the junior’s showed their parents and whānau how much they have learnt in the pool. Thanks to everyone who came to watch. See our photos below.



Gliding on the water



Practising blowing bubbles by blowing a table tennis ball across the width



Ainsley dives through a horizontal hoop



Kyston dives into a horizontal hoop



Long-leg kicking with a flutter board



Free-time fun at the end

OLD COACH ROAD BIKE TRIP

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!).

Also 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 decide on whether to proceed the day before, by 3pm, based on the weather forecast.

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.

SENIOR CAMP MEETING

Next Monday 13th March at 3:05 pm

We have been busy organising the senior class camp to Tui Ridge Park, Rotorua Monday March 20th – Friday March 24th.

There will be a whānau hui for senior class parents / caregivers next Monday 13th March at 3:05pm in the senior classroom. Nau mai, haere mai, welcome. This is a chance to discuss plans, organisation and tamariki needs. It's also an opportunity for whānau to ask questions regarding Tui Ridge Park camp. This will not be a long meeting and it would be great to

see a whānau representative come along if possible. After this first meeting, I would also like to meet with the parents that are coming as Camp Helpers please. Again, this won't be too long. Thank you.
Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith



Charlie prepares his stomp rocket for launch



Leith is about to press ignition on his stomp rocket

PTA MYSTERY DINNER – this Saturday

The PTA have decided to donate a portion of the money made from this fundraiser to a Cyclone Gabrielle relief fund.

All tickets are now sold with a waiting list in case someone cannot make it on the day. Please let us know as soon as possible if you cannot attend and have paid for a ticket. A refund will be given if we can on sell it to someone.

There will also be an auction and raffles on the night. Thanks to the organisers, and the people who have supplied the requested ingredients. Please get these ingredients to school tomorrow. Especially big thanks to those people doing the catering- feeding over 40 people is a big task! Note that this is a b.y.o event. Please ensure you are at the school in time

for the 6pm departure; we won't wait if you are late!

KI-O-RAHI part one

Last Friday the year 7 and 8's went to the Taumarunui Domain to play ki-o-rahi. The game is from a Māori legend. The first thing that we did was learn about the legend, then watched some students from the Highschool and Te Kura play a game, so we got the hang of it. Next, they sorted us into groups, so we were in a team with other schools. We decided on our team's name and then got started. The first game that we played was really confusing, but by the second game I had gotten the hang of it and it was really fun. By the end of the day it had gotten really hot and we had yummy ice blocks. We had had a great day and were excited to teach the other kids at school.

By Freida Hoban



Our year 7 & 8 ki-o-rahi participants

KI-O-RAHI part two

Last Friday we had a day learning about and playing ki-o-rahi. Our day began by getting told the legend of ki-o-rahi and the rules of the game. Then we got into teams and made a team name. Our team's name was Ki-o. It was very confusing at first but later on we started to understand. There's a taniwha team and a kioma team. The taniwha team are in the water and must rip the other teams tags, the taniwha score by throwing the ball at the tupu (target). But the kioma team have to touch a flag and score a try by running into the middle where the centre people are (the defenders of the tupu). The kioma team have got to try not to get ripped by the taniwha.

The day was heaps of fun and I hope we get to do it again! Sadly, we had to go back to school after ki-o-rahi, but it was almost 3:00 anyway.

By Aiden Allison



Aiden throws the ball away from the tupu



Piata and Cailin get ready to play

POOL CLOSURE- 17th March

The last day to swim in the pool will be Friday 17th March. It will close at 3pm. Keys can then be returned to the office for a refund. Thanks to everyone who has supported our pool this season.

SWIMMING CONTINUES

While we have some late summery weather, please continue to bring your togs to school.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

At last week's board meeting, we discussed getting bark for the playgrounds, sand for the sandpit, what maintenance needs to be done on the schoolhouse, approved the charter/strategic plan/ target for improvement, approved the budget, approved the principal performance agreement, had an update on the skate park proposal, and reviewed five of our policies.

GOLF LESSONS

We are looking at organising transport for golf in case it goes ahead and the bike trip is cancelled due to the weather.

DUFFY BOOKS- a correction

It was Harry who got the award last week, not Evie. I apologise for this mistake.

Community Notices

PRIMARY NETBALL

This year netball will be run over two days – Grades A and B on Wednesday nights, Grades C and D on Thursday nights. This is due to only having lights on Court 1 and 2.

Grading/Opening and Closing Dates are as follows:

Grading/Opening on Saturday 29/4/23.

Round one for A and B grades to start 3/5/23.

Round one for C and D to start 4/5/23.

Closing day on Saturday 1/7/23.

The fees remain the same at \$350 per team. Depending on numbers, this usually works out at approx. \$58 per player. This year, tamariki aged 7 and up can play in a school team, while 5 and 6 year-olds can join Future Ferns. If your child would like to play netball this year, please complete the attached form and return it to school. Please note that this is an extra-curricular activity and requires parent help with coaching and managing teams. Ngā mihi, Theresa Owen.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

If your child is interested in playing hockey this year, please read the following information from Taumarunui Junior Hockey Club and return the attached registration form/sub \$20, to the office **TOMORROW** so we can have a team organised for next Wednesday.

We are hoping to start the season off 6 weeks early and make the most of it. Starting Term 1- Wednesday 15th March 2023. A more detailed programme will be sent out once we have confirmation of schools interested followed by the draw. Please note the season is being brought forward due to the lights at the turf still not working and weather extremes in Term 2.

Contact innekecumming@yahoo.co.nz

Regards, Taumarunui Junior Hockey Club
Inneke Cumming and Willy O'Donnell.

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

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

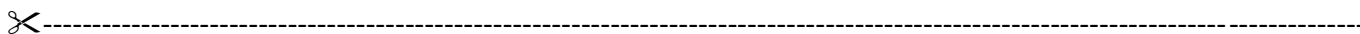
North Fuels for Schools Scheme: RC & JF Walker, MJ & TM Lord, KF & VI Kimberley, JB & KA Lord, WM & CE O'Donnell, Tina Freeman, Willy & Cara O'Donnell, Willy Bryan Earthworks, DR & LA Marshall.

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



Taumarunui Primary Netball Competition

(This is an extra-curricular activity- outside of school hours and requires parent help with coaching and managing teams)

Child/ren's Name/s.....

School Year/s.....

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

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

If you have your umpires' ticket and are able to umpire this season **Yes / No** (Please circle your answer)

Adult's Name.....

Taumarunui Junior Hockey Registration 2023

(Please complete and return to your Team Manager/school, or TJH along with your Subs payment per player)

We need this back to school by TOMORROW!

PLAYERS DETAILS

Players Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

School: _____

School Year or AGE : _____ School Team: _____

Health Concerns / Allergies:

(Please let us know if we need to carry /have asthma inhalers or antihistamines close by) _____

Emergency Contact Details:

Parent/Caregiver Names: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Alternative Emergency contact phone: _____

Email address: _____

Address: _____

TICK/Initial below:

1. **\$20 subs/fees for all grades, for the small sticks or Interschool competition.
(To be paid to your team manager by 3 rd Week)**
2. **"I understand it is compulsory to always wear a mouth-guard when playing on the hockey turf." NO exceptions.**
3. **"I acknowledge that, although Taumarunui Junior Hockey will take all care and attention possible, Taumarunui Junior Hockey is not liable or responsible for any injury of a person/s or breakage or loss of property that may occur at the hockey turf."**

Player signature: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date: _____