



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

“Tangata ako ana i te whare, te tūranga ki te marae tau ana.”

A child, who is taught proper values at home and cherished within their family, will not only behave well amongst his own family but also within society and throughout their life.

DATES TO NOTE

5 April	Mobile Library Visit
6 April	Y 7 & 8 Tech- last day
	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
5 May	Y 7&8 Kayaking Course
6 May	T 42 Event

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A few weeks ago, I mentioned one of our four Strategic Goals- “As a community hub we encourage community involvement”.

Today I want to write about another of these goals- “Make the most of our local environment educating outside of the classroom”, as this is the one that guides my efforts to organise trips like the Old Coach Road bike trip we went on last week.

One of the things I'd like the kids to realise is they live in a beautiful part of the world; one that people come from around the country and the world to experience. This is partly the reason why we do these trips, as well as to a more obvious one of challenging their physical and mental skills. It was interesting that of the 14 adults on this trip, only four had done it before- we often do not explore our own environment.

This year the School Board will be rewriting our Strategic Goals, which will then be the guide for the next three years. As part of this process, we will be consulting with you, to help us to set the direction that the school takes.

CLASSROOM KORERO – Senior Room

Senior Class Korero

Over the past week, we have been reflecting on our time at the senior class Tui Ridge Park camp. This has been through writing (both emotive and recall), memory discussions and art.

We have completed our Camp Booklets which have been a great way to remember all the fun that we had together. The booklets will be coming home today. Please allow your child to show you their booklet and talk to you about their Tui Ridge Park experience.

This was an amazing camp and the memories made will stay with our tamariki for a lifetime! Below are a couple of photos from camp and also two short excerpts from some of the students' written experiences.

Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith



The girls, ready to take on the boys in laser tag



Happy campers after rock climbing

The Giant Swing

My heart was racing wildly. I was thinking of all the things that could go wrong. It was like I was petrified! My breathing was heavy, but I knew I could do it.

Looking up at the giant swing, it looked scary but it also looked exciting and fun. My tummy was turning inside of me. I was overwhelmed, frightened, ecstatic, brave, lots of feelings were bubbling up inside me.

Luckily the sun was shining so it wasn't going to be miserable.

It was finally my turn. I thought I was going to vomit. As I stepped onto the metal platform and into the black sleeping bag I was getting excited and I couldn't stop smiling. I was pulled to the top even on my first go. It was a whopping 18 metres above the ground. I was super confident now, positive energy was building up inside me.

Everyone started shouting 3,2,1.....

By Cailin Owen

The Giant Swing

As I stepped into the safe black bag my heart pounded with excitement. I told the instructor that I wanted to go to the top both times so that is what I did.

All of the people in my group pulled on the grippy rope and I slowly travelled to the top, which was eighteen metres high! Everyone counted down... 3,2,1, I pulled the rope nervously hanging by my side. I dropped like a dead bird, then swung up into the clear sunny sky.

By Freida Hoban

With Whaea Siobhan, we created poupou to show our camp reflections. We learned that poupou are traditional Māori wall carvings that

tell stories about the ancestors they represent. They are decorated with meaningful patterns. For ours, we drew tiki to represent ourselves, then looked at kowhaiwhai patterns and their meanings, and how these connected with our camp experiences to decorate our tiki. Finally, we added one item to tell the story of our camp highlights.



Some of the senior room poupou panel

YEAR 7 & 8 TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Last week we were informed by Taumarunui High School that they would no longer be able to provide technology classes for the year 7 & 8 students. This is due to the difficulties in finding a suitable qualified technology teacher willing to work part time to replace Max Lima who is retiring. Therefore, from term two, we will be teaching technology onsite as part of our senior class programme.

MUFTI DAY

Tomorrow being the last day of term, we will be having a mufti day. There is no charge for this.

OLD COACH ROAD BIKE TRIP

We had 37 year 3-8 students and 14 adults participate in this trip on Thursday. Thanks to those parents who helped with this trip, and to Ōwhango Adventures who transported us and our bikes on the day. This was a really fun ride through some local history and with just the right amount of physical challenge. We are now looking at what next year's bike trip will be. See the photos from the day below.



Fresh legs at the start



Olive, Juan and Zurich on the Hapuawhenua Viaduct



In front of the abandoned Taonui viaduct



A group photo on the viaduct



Ivy and James weaving through the bush



The abandoned tunnel- riding into the dark was a challenge



Monty and Lucas climbing past the memorial to the surveyors



The light at the end of the tunnel

ASSEMBLY

The middle class hosted yesterday's assembly.



Here they talk about their work on fossils



Harry, Charlotte and Monty show their dinosaur designs incorporating new research that dinosaurs may have been colourful

DUFFY BOOKS

Following our assembly, the children all took home their two Duffy Books that they had previously chosen. We have timed this so that the children have some new reading material to enjoy over the holidays.

CAUGHT BEING GOOD

Here are this assembly's award recipients:



From the senior room- James for his constant supportive nature; Cailin for her excellent caring leadership at camp; Darcy for her courage and persistence at camp; Aiden for his consistently supportive and generous attitude.



From the middle room- Tyler for his outstanding attitude to his writing; Te Hana for her terrific focus and understanding in maths; Haylee for her excellent mahi in maths; Olive for her wonderful dinosaur writing.



From the junior room- Azalea for her positive attitude and persistence towards all learning resulting in great progress; Daithi for his effort at focussing which has resulted in great progress; Kopu for her great progress in communication and participation.

T42 EVENT

We have the annual T42 Multi Sports event scheduled on Saturday May 6. Please keep this date free to come and help run the food stall and support the school, who gets a proportion of the money that is raised.

Also, Owhango School students get free entry in the 6km and 11km events and 50% off any event for secondary school locals. Use these entry voucher codes when registering to get this great offer:

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GOLF

A final thank you to Roy Frampton and the parents who transported and supported this programme. The kids have learnt a lot this year.

Community Notices

ANZAC DAY Service 25 April 2023, see below for details.

SQUASH – see notice below.

PRIMARY NETBALL a reminder

The netball grading day is on Saturday 29th April. We will let you know what time when that information arrives. The first practise for the Ōwhango teams will be Wednesday 26th April (the first day of term two) 3:15-4:00. Subsequent practises will be on Mondays.

The first game for the senior team will be Wednesday 3rd May, and the Junior team Thursday 4th May.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER

Please pay your \$10 subs to the office by **TOMORROW**. Due to limited number of participants, we have combined both teams into one. This gives us an ideal number of players. Todd Nicholson has generously offered to coach our soccer team again this year. We will hopefully organise a training before the first game next term.

FRESH FLOWERS FUNDRAISER- final 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: 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

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THIS YEAR

Duffy Books in Schools: W & C O'Donnell, DG Brown Contracting, Doyle Valuations, Ōwhango Motors, S & M Ashcroft Partnership.

Ōwhango Adventures: Free bus use for trips


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ANZAC DAY
TUESDAY, 25th APRIL 2023

ALL WELCOME

to
meet at
OWHANGO HALL
10:00am




Feel free to participate with a reading or poem
Stay for a morning tea cuppa afterwards

 We will remember them 

TAUMARUNUI SQUASH CLUB

Primary and high school kids
come and join the fun



WHEN: Mondays @ 3.45pm (school terms only)
WHERE: Squash club, 41 Turaki Street
COST: \$5 per visit - join after 3 visits
WHAT TO BRING: Non marking shoes, drink bottle
Some lender rackets available.
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