



# 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

“There are few things a hot bath won’t cure; I don’t know many of them.” Sylvia Plath

## DATES TO NOTE

19 May	Pink Shirt Day
23 May	PTA Hui
26 May	Bike-a-thon 1:45pm @ Domain
31 May	Bike-a-thon postponement date
1 June	Army Museum Trip
2 June	Y 1-4 Interschool Ripa Rugby
5 June	King’s Birthday Holiday
6 June	Teacher Only Day
7 June	Assembly 2pm
9 June	Senior Tech Challenge
16 June	Interschool Orienteering
20 June	Assembly 2pm
22 June	Individual Reports Issued
27 June	Parent Teacher Interviews
27 & 28	Life Education Truck
30 June	Last Day of Term Two

## PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

We are all shocked by the school tragedy at the Abbey Caves in Whangarei last week. Consequently, I want to assure you about the processes that we take when going on school trips.

Before going on any trip, the organising staff member must fill out a Risk Analysis and Management form (RAM), which identifies any possible risks and how each risk will be managed or prevented. These RAMs then get reviewed and signed off by me before approval for the trip to proceed is given.

Special care is taken when doing activities that involve water. Usually, we use specialist providers for such trips, such as Hillary Outdoors or Ōwhango Adventures, who are regularly accredited for their safety systems, and who

also provide us with a RAM for the trip they are organising. (Ask Grant about this detail).

For our tubing activity on the annual Brooks Farm trip, we have developed a RAM that is specific to the site, with experienced, qualified, outdoor educators. We err on the side of caution and often cancel this trip, usually because of the river is running too high after rain.

For our ski trips, we have refined our RAM over many years. A key part of this and any trip is having an appropriate number of adults to help. We are grateful for our parents and wider community who do come on trips when asked to enable them to proceed.

We also insist that all teachers have a current first aid certificate. We also have a policy that any child participating on a trip that is further than the Ōwhango village must have parental permission.

If you ever have any concerns about the safety of your child on a planned trip, you are welcome to come and discuss this with me, and to review our RAM for that trip. Our students’ safety is the number one priority on all trips.

## WELCOME TO ŌWHANGO SCHOOL

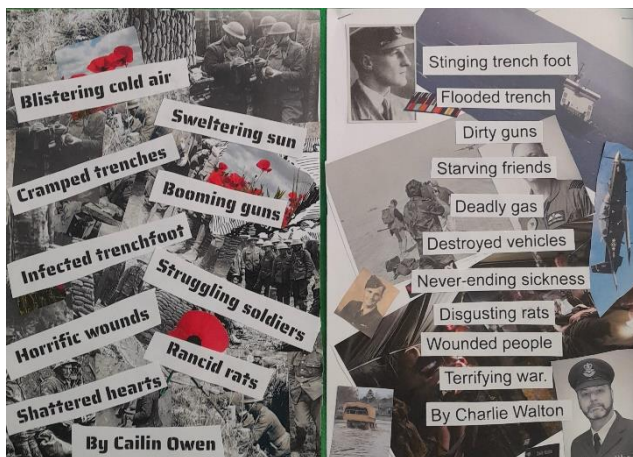
A warm welcome to Leiki Bramley who has just turned five and started in the junior room of our school.



## CLASSROOM KORERO – Senior Room

Through our shared reading, we have been identifying different parts of speech eg. nouns, adjectives, verbs and adverbs, and then transferring this learning into our independent writing. We have also been building a bank of words specific to our topic, World War 1. Last week, we created collage poetry about war, with images to support the meaning of our words. Nā Whaea Siobhan

Here are Tilly, Max, Caitlin and Charlie's poems:



Recently, we have been looking at persuasive writing in the senior class. I gave the tamariki the following statement. 'Aotearoa is the BEST country in the world.' The students had to decide if they agreed with this statement or not, they then had to write about it and try to convince the reader of their opinion. These pieces of writing are currently displayed in the school corridor. One of my favourite opening sentences was:

"New Zealand, the place that looks like Mother Nature's favourite child," By Leith Rayner. These stories are surrounded by some Porohita Pepeha art, depicting the student's mountain, river, their family and other special elements of their lives. These elements were decorated with

pastel. We learned to blend the colours together from light to dark. I am really proud of the way in which the senior class is working at present.

Ka pai tamariki ma! Nā Whaea Jessie



Our new wall display in the corridor

## BIKE-A-THON UPDATE

Next Friday is our bike-a-thon. It will start at 1:45 in the Domain. The kids will be riding for 45 minutes to get as many laps as possible. Please come along and cheer them on.

We will need many hands to help count the kids as they do laps at this event. Please be prepared to help - you will be given a clipboard and we will add the names of kids you know so you can count as they do each lap.

***Please return your filled out sponsorship forms on Monday so they can be prepared for Friday's event.***

## INTERSCHOOL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Sadly, the year 1-4 tournament was cancelled due to the poor weather. However, we are very proud of our year 5-8 students from both Ōwhango and Kaitieke, who braved the chilly and misty morning at Cherry Grove for their Interschool Soccer last Friday. They brought their best attitudes, remained positive and supportive of each other throughout the day, and gave every game 100%. Mīharo tamariki mā! We would like to extend a huge thank you to our whānau who helped with transport, our team managers (Bee, Lakenn, Michelle and Annelies), and to Maxine for providing all of our tamariki with hot chips for lunch! Ngā mihi nui/thank you! A fun and successful day was had by all. See the photos below.



Ollie with a long kick



Tilly works hard to win the ball



Konna on the ball



Hot chips!

### ILLNESSES

Hand, foot and mouth, measles, covid, and a vomit bug are doing the rounds. Please keep your children at home if they are ill to stop the spread of these. For more information on these illnesses, please ask your doctor or go to the Ministry of Health website.

### ASSEMBLY

This has been postponed to Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, at 2:15. It will be hosted by the junior room. You are all welcome to attend.

### CONGRATULATIONS

A huge congratulation to Whaea Siobhan who graduated recently from the University of Waikato. We are proud of your achievement.



Whaea Siobhan complete with a mortar board

### PINK SHIRT DAY

We will be participating in this year's anti-bullying Pink Shirt Day on Friday. Children can wear a pink shirt, or pink clothes, or pink hair, or pink something. If not participating, they must wear their uniform. There is no cost to participate in this.

### WAIOURU ARMY MUSEUM TRIP

On the 1st of June, the whole school will be going to the Army Museum in Waiouru. We will be departing at 8.45am and be back at school by 3pm. There is no cost to students for the trip as the school will cover this, however we will need assistance with transport to and from the museum. This trip is not optional, so all students are expected to attend. Our day will have a focus on 'Animals at War' and we will take part in educational sessions with museum staff, enjoy a tour of the museum, learn about the meaning of purple poppies, and do some arts and crafts related to animals who have served in wars. Please complete the permission slip below by Wednesday next week (24<sup>th</sup> May), so planning can proceed. If you have any questions, please contact Whaea Siobhan at [siobhan@owhango.school.nz](mailto:siobhan@owhango.school.nz)

## PTA HUI

There will be a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meeting on Tuesday next week, at 3:15 in the staffroom. We encourage you to come along, especially our new families.

## Community Notices

### TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER

Just a reminder that soccer fees are \$10 per player and need to be paid by tomorrow if not already done so. Thanks.

*This week's game: 4.50pm Field 3 Ōwhango Seniors vs St Pats Tigers*

### NETBALL

Just a reminder that netball fees are \$20 per player and need to be paid by tomorrow if not already done so. Thanks.

It was another cold and rainy game for the Ōwhango Thunderbirds last week. Thursday afternoon they played Turaki Gremlins and won 21 – 0! Well done, Thunderbirds, very proud of you all. Our senior team Ōwhango Hotshots had a bye last week.

*This week's games:*

*Wednesday - Hotshots vs TPS Mana at 4:45pm court 2*

*Thursday - Thunderbirds vs Manunui Kiwi at 4:45pm court 3*

Please be at the courts 15 mins before your game. Good luck this week, teams.

Stacey

### TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Small sticks will run on the Top turf 4pm- 5pm every Wednesday for 8 weeks, starting 17th May. All Junior games are 15min each way, on the Bottom Turf.

*Game 5 - 5.55pm- Turaki Dragons vs Owhango*

Just a reminder that Hockey fees are \$20 per player and need to be paid by tomorrow if not already done so. Thanks.

### THE GROUNDED ARTISAN FLOWERS

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Ōwhango School PTA through the purchase of my "Bunches of Blooms" in 2023. Through this, \$200 has been raised for the PTA. Signed Regan Hoban

## WEARABLE ARTS COMPETITION

See poster below and entry form at the bottom of this Pānui.



## PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

**Ōwhango School:** Uniform/ stationery/ sport fees pay to: 03 0426 0141783 00

**PTA:** Fundraisers pay to: 030 426 0156205 00

## 2023 TERM DATES

**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, 17<sup>th</sup> November and 20<sup>th</sup> 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

**Fern Energy Fuel for Schools Scheme:** Blazing Paddles Ltd, Bos Tauras, DR & LA Marshall Ltd, JB & KA Lord, KF or VI Kimberley, MJ & TM Lord, O'Donnell WM & CE, RC & JF Walker, Tylee Family Trust, W Bryan Earthworks Ltd

**PTA Sponsors:** Ringa Kaha Cabin, The Grounded Artisan, The Park Hotel Ruapehu, Kainui, Pepper & Me Pack, Purita Te Manawa, Vertigo Rock Climbing, Thai Restaurant, Blue Hill Café, Liquorland.

**Blue Hill Cafe:** netball sponsorship



**Army Museum, Waiouru - Year 1-8  
Permission & Transport Slip  
1st of June 2023**

*Please complete and return the permission slip below by Wednesday the 24th of May.*

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

My child / ren: \_\_\_\_\_ may attend the Army Museum trip in Waiouru

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSPORT**

**YES / NO** I can provide smoke-free, and seat-belted transport for \_\_\_\_\_ (write number) children, in a registered and warranted vehicle that will be driven by a fully licensed driver who adheres to all traffic regulations.

(Note, drivers will be paid some money towards their petrol costs).

***If you are assisting with transport:***

Name of driver: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_





**WEARABLE ARTS ENTRY FORM 2023**

15<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
Taumarunui High School Hall



Full Name/s: \_\_\_\_\_

Division (circle one):    *Primary*                      *Secondary*                      *Open*

Participants must organise a model for **dress rehearsal on June 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 from 3:30pm to 6pm.**  
(wearing garment/s is an option but not required for dress rehearsal, although the shoes worn with garment is suggested).

Lighting requests i.e. colours, mood, feel of performance  
\_\_\_\_\_

Participants must write a brief description of their garment/s to describe materials; ideas and inspirations used to create their outfit for presentation. This information will be included and used for the VIP programmes (attach additional papers if needed).

**Brief: What the garment is made from?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**What are my inspirations?** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Model/s name/s \_\_\_\_\_

Music: **Song/Artist** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Music must be provided and brought to dress rehearsal, MP3 format preferred)

**Judging Criteria**  
**Innovation:** Modern concerns; thinking environmentally and sustainably. Using common materials in new ways.  
**Originality:** Self expression, an original work is one not received from others nor one copied based on the work of another. Thinking outside the box, not follow the norm, being different.  
**Construction:** Well put together, the way you have made your garment. The techniques and materials used in construction. The physical strength of the overall garment.  
**Creativity:** How all the pieces fit together. The overall experience of the garment, how the theme has been incorporated and how the garment is presented on the runway.

Any further enquires contact Julia Loft  
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