



# 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

“The reason to forgive is for your own sake. For our own health. Because beyond that point needed for healing, if we hold onto our anger, we stop growing and our souls begin to shrivel.” M. Scott Peck

## DATES TO NOTE

26 April	First Day of Term Two
1 May	Senior Music Lessons Continue
5 May	Yr 7 & 8 Kayaking Course
6 May	T 42 Multisport Event
10 May	Mobile Library Visit
11 May	Yr 1-4 Interschool Soccer
12 May	Yr 5-8 Interschool Soccer
16 May	Gym with Tina starts
17 May	Assembly 2pm
19 May	Pink Shirt Day
26 May	Bike-a-thon
1 June	Army Museum Trip
2 June	Interschool Ripa Rugby
5 June	King's Birthday
6 June	Teacher Only Day
7 June	Yr 7-8 Whanganui River Trip
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

I was going to say that this Pānui will be brief as it is the first day back at school for the term, then I started to load on the diary, the information for our upcoming events, and the associated permission slips etc. Now it is quite full! Here we go with another full and fun term. Please get the

permission slips back to us promptly (fill them in when you read them) as it can be frustrating chasing up these forms so that planning can proceed. Thanks.

## CLASSROOM KORERO –

No classroom korero this week.

## WELCOME TO ŌWHANGO SCHOOL

A warm welcome to the Potgieter whānau who have recently moved to our area. Ellie-Rose is in the junior room, Meah and Aleah are in the middle room, and Joshua is in the senior room.



## BIKE-A-THON PTA FUNDRAISER

This year's bike-a-thon will be held on the afternoon of Thursday 2 June. This is an event where the students bike around the domain road for 45 minutes, and adults record their laps. The children get sponsors beforehand for either by the number of laps they complete or a total dollar amount. Then after they have completed the ride, can they collect their money from their sponsors.

Please encourage and support your child to get some sponsors. There are house points awarded for students who do the most laps for their age group, and for who raises the most money.

We also encourage you to come along and cheer on your child as they do the bike-a-thon. It is a fun afternoon. We need many helpers to count the laps the children do as they go past. We will meet at the Ōwhango Domain Pavilion at 1:30pm.

**Sponsorship forms are attached to this panui.** Sponsorship forms must be returned to school by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May for verification.

### **INTERSCHOOL SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

The Interschool Seven a Side Soccer Tournament is taking place soon at Cherry Grove in Taumarunui. The year levels are split over two days, this is to allow for the teams to get more games.

Year 1-2 / 3-4 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Year 5-6 / 7-8 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May

This is a compulsory school sports activity. We will need parent transport and support for this tournament and will be most grateful if you could assist with this. Please complete the attached permission slip and return it to school so planning can proceed. Please note the postponement dates are the week following.

### **Y7 & 8 KAYAKING**

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of May, year 7 & 8 students will be attending a kayaking course on Lake Taupo with the Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre. O.P.C. will be providing all equipment, as well as instructors. There is no postponement date for this activity. Students will need to bring wetsuits *or* clothing that can get wet (fleece/thermals only, no cotton as it is cold if wet), a towel, warm clothes & jacket to change into afterwards, sunhat, snacks, lunch and plenty of water. Please ensure they apply/carry sunscreen. They are welcome to bring cameras, but this will be at their own risk. We have a large group of year 7 & 8s, so we need whānau volunteers to provide transport on the day. We will leave school at 8.45am and aim to return at 3pm. Volunteers are invited to participate in the kayaking too, but numbers are limited so return slips quickly. Please fill out the permission slip, these must be returned by this Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> of April so that we can make transport arrangements.

If you have any questions, please contact Whaea Siobhan at [siobhan@owhango.school.nz](mailto:siobhan@owhango.school.nz)

### **SENIOR ROOM TOPIC**

Amongst the many varied activities and learning opportunities on offer in the senior room this term, is a study on Aotearoa New Zealand's involvement in World War 1. We invite students (& whanau) to share stories of whānau members involved in the war, any artefacts (such as medals or equipment) they may have, and photos or other memorabilia related to Aotearoa in WW1. As part of our study, we will also be creating Cento/Patchwork poetry and are in need of any old magazines whānau are willing to donate. If you have any lying around, please send these in with your tamariki this week. Our study will culminate in an exciting and interactive visit to the Army Museum in Waiouru on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June.

### **Community Notices**

#### **T42 SPORTING EVENT – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

This year's T42 multi-sport event is to be held on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May** in the Ōwhango Domain.

This is our community's big fundraising opportunity for the year which is split equally between the four Ōwhango groups: Ōwhango School, Ōwhango Fire Brigade, Ōwhango Residents & Ratepayers Society and Ōwhango Alive.

We are expecting the event to be smaller this year as there will not be any bike events due to the 42<sup>nd</sup> Traverse track being closed due to the large slip. Only running events that will start and finish at the domain will run.

Therefore, we need fewer volunteers to help.

1. For the food, we need six people for four hours from 10:30am to 2.30pm for food preparation, making burgers, receiving food tickets, handing out food, kitchen dishes and cleaning up. **Please contact Kim Petersen** 022 047 4204 if you can help.
2. For registrations we need two people 7am to 10am Saturday morning. **Please contact Toni Grass**, 027 635 3262

#### **T42 STUDENT ENTRIES**

A reminder that 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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**NETBALL**

Grading Day is this Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April. Uniforms will be issued this week, and our coach Stacey will be taking a netball practise after school **today** (as outlined in last term's newsletter). After today, netball practise will be held after school on Mondays. Games this weekend for Grading Day will be quick 7-minute halves.

**Ōwhango Hotshots**

Vs Turaki Gold	Court 1	8.45am
Vs Te Mahuri	Court 1	9.15am
Vs Manunui Panthers	Court 1	9.45am
Vs St Pats Wolves	Court 1	10.15am
Primary Relegation Round		12.00pm

**Ōwhango Thunderbirds**

Vs St Pats Panthers	Court 4	9.00am
Vs Turaki Gremlins	Court 4	9.30am
Vs Te Kakano	Court 4	10.00am
Vs NVS 2	Court 4	10.45am
Vs TPS Riaka	Court 3	11.15am
Primary Relegation Round		12.00pm

Ōwhango is the duty team for this weekend. Can the Hotshots please arrive by 8am to help set up. Otherwise please ensure you are at the courts this weekend no later than 15 mins before your game. As there are so many games this weekend, you must be ready on the side of your court for your game. Come prepared with water and snacks, but most importantly, have fun!

Netball fees are \$20 per player. This is to be paid to the office please.

Our grateful thanks to the Blue Hill Café for sponsoring our two teams to make this fee affordable.

**TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY**

A draw has not been confirmed yet. We will advise you as soon as the information is available.

**TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER**

We are waiting to hear when the Taumarunui Junior Soccer Tournament will commence, it will either be on Friday 28 April (this Friday) or Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May or Friday. We apologise for the late notice, but this is out of our hands. Sports t-shirts will be issued. We will advise you of game times as soon as the draw is confirmed.

**PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:**

**Ōwhango School:** Uniform purchases: 03 0426 0141783 00

**PTA:** Fundraisers 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, 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:** 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 and Rex and Hannah Pierce.

**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.

***Please complete and return the permission slip below by Friday the 28th of April.***

**Year 7 & 8 Kayaking Trip Permission Slip, 5th of May 2023**

**Waihi Bay 10.00am start, Departing School at 8.45am**

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

**My child / ren:** \_\_\_\_\_ may attend the Kayaking trip at Waihi Bay

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

**ADULT HELP**

I can stay and support all day **YES / NO**

**TRANSPORT**

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 to go towards their petrol costs.) **YES / NO**

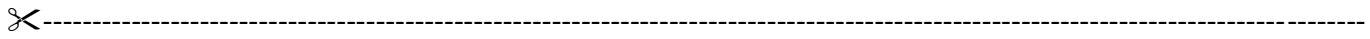
**KAYAKING**

I would like to participate in kayaking (numbers limited). **YES / NO**

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

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

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



**TAUMARUNUI INTERSCHOOL SEVEN-A-SIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENT PERMISSION AND TRANSPORT SLIP**

**Year 1-4 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May; postponement date 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 5-8 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May; postponement date 19<sup>th</sup> May**

At the Cherry Grove football fields.

Departing school at **8:45am**, returning before 3:00pm.

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

My child / ren \_\_\_\_\_ may attend the football tournament.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSPORT**

I can help on this day- **please circle:**                      **Year 1-4 Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 5-8 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

**Postponement days:**

**Year 1-4 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**Year 5-8 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**Please circle your choice:**

**YES**, I am able to provide smoke free, seat belted transport for \_\_\_\_\_ children (write number), 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 to go towards their petrol costs.)

**OR**

**NO**, I am unable to assist with transport.

I will be sending a booster seat for my child **YES / NO** (Note by law children under 7 must be in a booster seat)

I can stay and support all day and can help getting teams to their game and subbing kids on and off **YES / NO**

**If you are assisting with transport:** Name of driver \_\_\_\_\_

