



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

"I've learnt that regrets over yesterday and the fear of tomorrow are twin thieves that rob us of the moment." Anonymous age 29

DATES TO NOTE

3 May	Board Hui 7pm
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
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
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

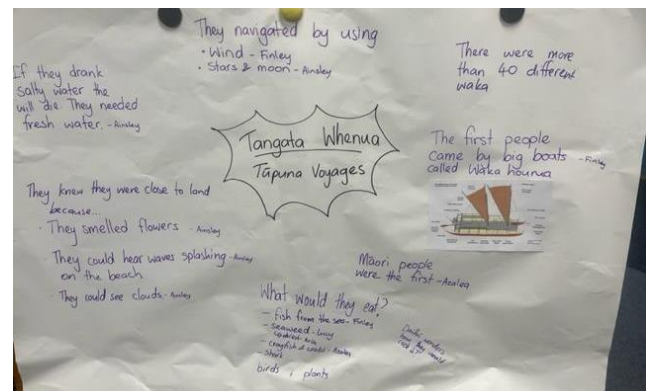
PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Nothing to say this week!

CLASSROOM KORERO – Junior Room

The junior room has two new classmates with another two to join us soon. It has been great to see them settling in so well, making great new friendships. At the end of last term, we had

begun looking at the early voyagers and first people of Aotearoa as part of our Aotearoa Histories curriculum. This is something we are continuing to learn more about this term. The students have been learning about Māori people's voyages across the ocean in waka hourua and a bit about what it was like for the first people in our country with no houses, supermarkets or many of the animals we now have.



The students were quick to realise that they would need to pack fresh water for the journey as there would only be salt water around them in the sea. They learnt that the early voyagers used stars, the moon and currents to help guide them and that they knew they were close to land when they could see some types of birds and clouds, smell the plants and flowers, and hear the waves crashing on the beach. We also talked about how since the first people of Aotearoa came many hundreds of years ago, there have been people travel here from all over the world in many different ways to make Aotearoa their home. Next, we will be navigators ourselves by learning to give and receive directions and we will have a go at designing our own waka hourua.

ANZAC DAY

The students have been doing some work on ANZAC Day. See the photos below.



The juniors made paper poppies after hearing several stories around the ANZAC theme.



The middles have a new wall display in the corridor with their writing and art based on ANZAC Ted.



The juniors also drew poppies

INTERSCHOOL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Year 1-2 / 3-4 Thursday 11th May

Year 5-6 / 7-8 Friday 12th May

We are still waiting for a few families to get their permission slips back to us so planning can proceed. **These must be in by this Friday.**



And two pieces of art by the seniors



YEAR 7 & 8 KAYAKING- This Friday

All year 7 & 8 students need to ensure they are at school early for a quick gear check and briefing about the day. We aim to **leave school at 8.45am sharp** in order to be at Waihi Bay and ready to start our day promptly at 10am. We expect to be back at school by 3pm. This activity is weather dependent, and there is no postponement date. Hillary Outdoor Pursuits Centre will supply wetsuits, otherwise students are advised to wear thermals or fleece with togs on the water.

Gear list:

Lunch, water bottle, sun hat and sunblock, towel, warm/dry clothes for afterwards, togs, and sneakers or water shoes.

Thank you to all the whanau volunteers who offered to transport our year 7 & 8 students to

kayaking on Friday. Please find the transport list below:

Name	Transporting
Michelle Ross (5)	Teacher, Max, Leith, Aiden, James
Aaron Owen (4)	Cailin, Taylor, Piata, Lo'i
Luther/Berindene Potgeiter (2)	Joshua, Charlie
Mike Walsh (6)	Konna, Delaize, Rose, Pria, Freida, Jamie

BIKE-A-THON

We had two different dates for the Bike-a-thon in last week's Pānui! We apologise for the confusion that this caused. To be clear- the Bike-a-thon will be held on Friday 26th May, or if the weather is poor, we have a postponement date of Wednesday 31st May.

The sponsorship forms went home last week. These need to be returned to school on Monday 29th May for verification. 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.

Bike-a-thon House Points



Most laps- 5 house points for each

- Year 1 + 2
- Year 3 + 4
- Year 5 + 6
- Year 7 + 8

Most Number of Sponsors- 5 house points for each

- Year 1 + 2
- Year 3 + 4
- Year 5 + 6
- Year 7 + 8

Whole School Most Money Raised- three prizes

- 1st- 15 points
- 2nd- 10 points
- 3rd- 5 points

MISSING HEADLAMP

Has anybody seen a blue energiser headlamp from the senior camp? Cara O'Donnell lent it a student for a game of spotlighting but never got it back.

SCHOOL BOARD HUI

There will be a School Board hui at 7pm today in the staffroom. All welcome.

Community Notices

T42 SPORTING EVENT – Saturday 6th May

This year's T42 multi-sport event is to be held this **Saturday 6th 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. Please come along and help.

Please contact Kim Petersen 022 047 4204 if you can help with food, or **Toni Grass**, 027 635 3262 if you can help with registrations.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER

Todd Nicholson has generously offered his time and expertise to coach our soccer team for the Taumarunui Junior Soccer Round Robin Tournament. He is coming out to school to run a practise at lunchtime **this Wednesday**. This is for the players in this tournament, which begins this Friday 5th May. This week's game time:

4.50pm Owhango Seniors vs TPS Strikers

NETBALL

Please note that the Hotshots (older team) are playing on Wednesdays and the Thunderbirds (younger team) are playing on Thursdays. Please be at the courts 15mins before your game.

Wednesday 3rd May: Ōwhango Hotshots vs Turaki Green: 4.45pm Court 1

Thursday 4th May: Ōwhango Thunderbirds vs St Pats Panthers: 4.45pm Court 3

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

We have not had confirmation of a hockey draw as yet, but we will advise you when we do.

UPCOMING PTA FUNDRAISER

See poster below.

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 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

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.

Blue Hill Café- netball sponsorship

UPCOMING P.T.A. FUNDRAISER

Next week, tamariki will bring home order forms for a sweet P.T.A. fundraiser. We will be selling 2 litre buckets of Cookie Time cookies, in 4 flavours! There is a limited time to order, and your delicious treats will arrive at the beginning of term 3, just in time to enjoy with a hot drink after a day on the snow.

There is no obligation to buy cookies but please know that the proceeds fund amazing opportunities for every whanau at Owhango School so please spread the word to family and friends and get your order forms back to Whaea Siobhan as soon as possible.

