



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

“E felelei manu ae ma’au i o latou ofaga.”- Birds migrate to environments where they survive and thrive

DATES TO NOTE

1 June	Army Museum Trip
2 June	Y 1-4 Interschool Rippa 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
	Money Due for First Ski Trip
17 July	Term Three Starts
21 July	First Y4-8 Ski Trip

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

We are getting our ski information out today to give you plenty of warning of these trips and so you can start budgeting for them.

Please keep this information handy so you can refer back to it next term.

Note that we do not require the money now, the deadline for payment is the week before the trip, or in the case of the first senior trip it will be due by the last day of this term (as the first trip is in the first week of term three).

If money is a barrier to attending, then have a confidential talk with me as we have some money to assist those families who need it; we do not want any child missing out on learning opportunities.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me. This is a really complicated organisational feat and sometimes we forget to include everything.

CLASSROOM KORERO -Middle Room

The middle room is a busy classroom of learners. We have been learning about time for maths. Telling the time is a tricky skill to learn, but wow, they’re doing well! Our current science topic eventuated after various classroom conversations and ‘wonders’. We are looking closely at the different life cycles of insects, birds, animals and amphibians. We are comparing them, studying the similarities and differences. We will also explore the factors that influence these different life cycles. We are really enjoying our Kapa Haka lessons with Whaea Jessie. We have also been out playing games and practising our Rippa skills in preparation for Friday’s tournament. Fingers crossed for sunny weather!

FAREWELL

Sadly, we have farewelled Kate, our specialist music teacher who has been working with the senior students on Monday afternoons. She is returning to the United Kingdom.



Kate and some of the seniors

PERMISSION SLIPS

Can parents please get their permission slips in promptly? We are spending too much time chasing these up and are therefore tightening up our systems: we are now only reminding you three times- once in the newsletter and two follow-up emails. If you miss the final deadline your child will not be able to participate in that trip.

It may pay to have notifications turned on for your emails if you do not regularly check your emails. Thank you.



Aria

ABSENCES

For safety and legal reasons, we require you to inform us **every day that your child is absent**. We cannot assume that because a child is sick one day, and away the next that they are still sick; they may have gone missing on the way to school. If you know they will be sick for more than one day, you can say they will be back onday (for example Wednesday), we will then know when to follow up. Also, please inform the school **before 9:00am** so that we do not spend half an hour chasing up absences. Your cooperation in this matter is really appreciated, we are just trying to keep your children safe at all times.



Kyston leads through the forest

BIKE-A-THON UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who supported this event- either by coming along and watching on the day or by pledging some money to a child. We

had the perfect weather, and the track was mostly dry. It was great to see the kids riding during their break times too- playing with each other and improving their riding skills. We are still collecting the money raised, please get this to us this week so we can tally up the total amount raised and finalise the House points winners. See the photos in this Pānui.



Scarlett and Harry

Y1-4 RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

We will be departing at 8:50am for this event on Friday (2nd June). Students need to wear their sports uniforms (if they are in the Kaitieke team they will be supplied a uniform when they arrive there). Team managers need to participate in the Delegate Briefing @ 9:10. See the list at the bottom of this Pānui for teams and who is the manager/s for each team. Thanks for the offers to help with this day, it is really appreciated.

Y 1-4 Rippa Transport

Driver	Students
Theresa Owen	Charlotte, Te Hana, Aria
Regan Hoban	Monty, Mason, Evan
Maxine Arden	Evie, Haylee, Decan
Mark Bramley	Harry, Billie, Brodie, Daithí
Kaaryn Hunt	Quinn, Jackson, Olive,
Dale Closter	Indiana, Eric, Millie, Rosa
Kirsty Lacy	Ben
Meet us there	Tyler, Kopu, Kaelyis-Rae, Kyston, Juan, Scarlett, Finley, Tahu, Nico, Elliott, Patrick, Lucy, Ainsley, Jack O., Molly, Leiki,
No permission slip- not attending	Meah, Ellie-Rose, Bailey, Azalea



Millie has a rest



Nico loved the puddle



Darcy and her amazing, fat tyres

WAIOURU ARMY MUSEUM TRIP

Thanks to the many offers of help with this trip. Will be leaving school at **8.45am tomorrow** morning (Thursday 1st June); don't be late, we will not wait. We will return by 3pm. Students need to bring their lunch and their water bottle. Our day will have a focus on 'Animals at War' and we will take part in educational sessions with museum staff. There is no cost.

Army Museum Trip Transport

Driver	Passengers
Stacey Erueti	Millie, Eric, Rosa, Indiana
Centaine Reynolds	Scarlett, Finley
Opal Te Ahuru	Delaize, Hayzin, Kaelyis-Rae, Kyston & Azalea
Karen/Hannah Lord	Jack, Molly
Haylie Martin	Poppy, Patrick
Regan Hoban	Freida, Monty, Gin, Pria
Katie Parkinson	Ainsley, Darcy
Corey Couper	Jackson, Bailey
Danielle Mitchell	Lucy, Aria
Theresa Owen	Cailin, Charlotte, Piata, Te Hana,
Maxine Arden	Konna, Evie, James, Tahu, Tyler
Maree Ashcroft	Haylee, Kopu, , Daithi Òg, Brodie, Whaea Siobhan
Libby/Ryan Ogle	Charlie, Jack, Max, Leith, Ivy,
Paul Lacy	Ben
Kaaryn Ward	Olive, Quinn, Leiki, Grace Griffin
Elaine Wheeler	Oliver, Mason, Luke
Cara O'Donnell	Hazel, Jamie, Taylor, L'oi, Rose
Tania Bramley	Harry, Decan, Juan
Bee Potgeiter	Meah, Ellie-Rose, Joshua, Aleah, Tilly, Hopaea
Ewan Starkey	Nico, Billie, Beau, Evan
<i>Not going</i>	<i>Aiden, Zurich, Soren, Elliott,</i>

TACKLE FIVE RUGBY

We have two students, Oliver and Jack, who we are teaming up with Manunui to enter this event.

SCHOLASTIC ISSUE #4

Please have your orders returned to the office by 20th June. Or you can order online at bookclub.scholastic.co.nz

Community Notices

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER

There is **no soccer this Friday** due to the King's Birthday Weekend.

NETBALL

Owhango Thunderbirds played NVS 2 last week and won 12 -2! Well done to you all, it was especially great to see the year 3 players getting the hang of the game now and building their confidence on the court. You guys are currently sitting in the lead on the points table.

Owhango Hotshots played NVS 3 last week and won 8 - 5! Well done girls! I was happy to see that our hard work at training's being played on the courts too. You guys are currently sitting 3rd on the points table.

This week is the last game of round 1 before the regulation rounds. Good luck for your games this week! Stacey. *This week's games:*

Wednesday- Owhango Hotshots 3.45pm vs Tarrangower Taniwha court 2

Thursday- Owhango Thunderbirds 4.45pm vs Te Kakano court 1

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.

Games draw for Wednesday 31st May: 4:40pm Ōwhango vs Tokirima Tigers

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

Ōwhango School: Uniform/ stationery/ sport fees pay to: 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, 17th November 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: Blazing Paddles Ltd, Bos Taurus, 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, Waihou Farming Trust.

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

Ōwhango Teams Year 1-4 Friday 31st May					
Year 1-2			Year 3-4		
	Ōwhango Kickers	Ōwhango Kaitieke Speedies	Ōwhango Kaitieke Stormers	Ōwhango Stars	Ōwhango Victors
1	Daithi	Lucy	Charlotte	Billie	Tahu
2	Kyston	Finley	Monty	Tyler	Juan
3	Patrick	Kopu	Mason	Scarlett	Rosa
4	Ainsley	Jack	Kaelyis-Rae	Olive	Millie
5	Jackson	Indiana	Nico	Evie	Jackson (K)
6	Eric	Quinn	Brodie	Te Hana	Vanessa (K)
7	Charlie (K)	Molly	Harry	Evan	Jonny (K)
8	Tristan (K)	Leiki	Haylee	Decan	Snow (K)
9	Forest (K)	Aria		Elliott	
10	River (K)	Ben			
Managers Katie Jahbon, , Haylie		Manager Grace	Manager Mark	Manager Theresa	Manager Kaitieke
Ōwhango School delegate – Ewan					

SKI TIME

Next term the school is going to Whakapapa ski field on Mt Ruapehu to learn to ski. This notice is to inform you of our plans so you can start saving your money and get ready for these trips.

We will take the year 4-8 for five days skiing, then we take the year 1-3 children for two days skiing. The first ski day (years 4-8) is planned for Friday 21 July (term 3, week 1). Friday is our skiing day for all groups.

Costs:

I want to thank the School Board and the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) who have once again generously offered to heavily subsidise our school skiing by about \$4,000 each, a total subsidy of \$8,000. Also thanks to Ruapehu Alpine Lifts (RAL), who currently run the ski field and give us a cheaper local rohe rate on our package. Here are the prices you will pay, after the subsidies are taken off:

Year 4-8 Costs (five trips)

Lift pass, ski, boots, helmet, pole hire, and ski lesson	\$25 per day
Total Cost for all five days	\$125

Year 1-3 Costs (two trips)

Lift pass, ski, boots, helmet, pole hire, and ski lesson	\$25 per day
Total Cost for both two days	\$50

Any student wanting to hire jacket and pants when they get their skis must pay an extra \$15 per trip before we go.

Transport:

We will be using parent cars to get up the mountain. These cars will be reimbursed some petrol money by the Board, based on the number of passengers they take.

The pick-up for the **year 4 to 8** children will be at Owhango School, meeting at 7:25am, departing *on the dot* of 7:30am. If you are late we will not wait. From there we will go straight to Whakapapa ski field to collect our skis. The **year 1 to 3** ski trips will depart at 8am. These trips are later in the season when the weather is warmer.

Parent Help:

We require parent help with this programme.

We need parents skiing/boarding to supervise during the day; there might be some time when the children are in a lesson when you can have a free ski/board, but you will need to return to supervise the children when their lesson has ended. If you are not a skier/boarder you are still welcome to come and enjoy a day in the café, catching up with us at lunchtime, or watching and supporting us in Happy Valley; to do this you do not need a lift pass.

For our parent helpers, we get one free ski hire and lift pass for every six students; any additional adults get charged at \$55. We divide this cost amongst all so that everyone pays the same amount if anything; often we have enough free passes to go around.

Adults may join in the children's lessons.

The Cost Includes:

- Skis, boots, poles & helmet hire
- Lift passes
- A 1 hour 50-minute skiing lesson by a qualified ski instructor.
- Transport to and from the mountain

The Cost Does Not Include:

- Food
- Goggles / sunglasses (compulsory to prevent snow blindness) note that these cannot be hired.
- Warm and waterproof ski clothes

If You Have Your Own Stuff...

If you have your own ski gear you will still need to pay \$25 for the ski lesson and lift use.

If you have your own lift pass still need to pay \$25 for the lesson.

Free Loan Gear:

We have two boxes of ski clothing and helmets at school you are welcome to come and borrow for the duration of the programme. First in best dressed! Please return these washed.

Please note:

We only teach skiing, not snowboarding as it is too difficult to organise lessons and after lesson support for both as the ability groups become too small.

Clothing / Equipment Requirements:

Ski jacket – waterproof and windproof Thermals / Fleece (long sleeved top and leggings)
Ski overalls / pants waterproof Sunscreen, lip balm.
Ski goggles (better for snowy days but can get steamed up on sunny days) and/or sunglasses (best for sunny days) Warm socks (long woollen socks are best- one pair only)
A neck warmer or balaclava Helmet – free with ski hire, we also have some to borrow at school
Gloves: it is essential they are waterproof, woollen gloves by themselves are **not suitable**. A spare pair is a good idea as they can get wet then cold (especially if the kids are throwing snowballs!)
Tie long hair back, low at the bottom of the neck to fit the helmet over the top
Layers of clothing are preferable; as we get hot we take off layers but keep on a waterproof outer layer
Also, clip toenails- it helps when toes are in fitted ski boots all day.

Booked Dates:

Year 4-8					
ski day one 21/7	ski day two 28/7	ski day three 4/8	ski day four 11/8	ski day five 18/8	back-up day 25/8

Year 1-3		
ski day one 1/9	ski day two 8/9	

Cancellations:

We must decide to proceed or cancel a trip on the Monday before the trip to not incur a large financial penalty from Ruapehu. This decision will be based on the forecast. It is common for us to have to postpone a few times every year, due to the nature of the weather on the maunga. We aim to go when the weather is good, so the children have an enjoyable time.

Illness

If your child does not attend on the day we get charged for them. If we know your child will be ill, please inform us if your child will not be attending **before the day of the trip**.

Equity

We have a philosophy that no children miss out because of financial constraints. If these costs are a barrier to your child/ren attending, come and talk with me in confidence so we can make other arrangements.

Finally:

Please return the permission slips promptly so planning can resume with ease- this is quite an administrative juggling act!

Ideally, paying for the whole ski programme in one lump sum and giving permission for all the trips makes our administration a whole lot easier. However, do we need up to date information for each trip on which parents are helping. So please answer emails or fill in forms when they arrive. We are including permission slips now, for those who want to get these sorted early. However, money and permission for the first trips, years 4-8, are not due until the end of this term. This notice is more to let you know what is happening, and so you can start saving your money.



Thank you for your co-operation with all of this.
If you have any questions, please come in or call me.
Thanks
Ewan Starkey, Skiing co-ordinator