



# 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

“When you’re through changing, you’re through.” - Martha Stewart

## DATES TO NOTE

14 June	Duffy Assembly 1:40pm
16 June	Interschool Orienteering
21 June	School Board Hui 7pm
22 June	Individual Reports Issued
23 June	Y1-4 Ripa Rugby
	Bush Skills – Y5-8
27 June	Parent Teacher Interviews
27 & 28	Life Education Truck
28	Mobile Library
30 June	Last Day of Term Two-Rainbow Day
	Money Due for First Ski Trip
17 July	Term Three Starts
21 July	First Y4-8 Ski Trip

## PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

### Building Work

We have had the builders at school catching up on a few jobs- they have installed a skylight in the corridor above the stairs to lighten this dark part for safety reasons. They have also been building a retaining wall for the trampoline, to prevent the sides caving in, and a new platform for the flying fox, again for safety reasons. See the photos below.

### Strategic Plan Survey- extension

Thanks to everyone who has completed the Strategic Plan Survey. These went out in paper form on the front of last week’s Pānui. We are extending the deadline for another week so as to encourage more parent voice. Here is your chance to have a say in the direction the school takes over the next three years. **Please get these back by next Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> June.** If you have any questions then contact me.

## CLASSROOM KORERO- Juniors

It was the junior room’s turn to hold the assembly last week. We shared a whole lot of things that we have been learning about. We talked about our Aotearoa Histories learning, where we have been learning about early voyagers to New Zealand and what their journey might have been like. We even had a try at being archaeologists where we learnt how looking through old rubbish dumps (middens) can tell us a lot about how people lived at that time.



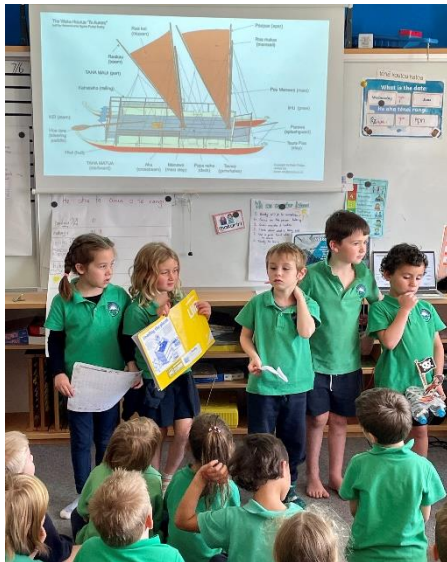
Digging like an archaeologist

Archaeologists have discovered that early Māori must have eaten a lot of shellfish and moa because of the bones and shells left behind. We can even see what some of the tools they used. We had big discussions about how they would have cooked their food without pots, pans or ovens like we have today.

We learnt about waka hourua, the big double hulled vessels that the early voyagers used to travel the oceans and even had a go designing and creating our own. We learnt which designs floated best and which didn't by testing them in a tub of water.



Making waka hourua



Lucy, Ainsely, Jackson, Patrick and Eric talk at the assembly about waka hourua

This week we have started learning about the story of Kupe me te wheke nunui (Kupe and the giant octopus) and about some of the places around Aotearoa that are named after Kupe. We also shared about our trip to the Army Museum. We really liked learning about the different animals that were used in wars and trying on some of the clothing. We shared some maths and art learning too. The juniors did a great job preparing their talks using pictures or writing and presented well to the whole school and some whānau too. They chose the topics to talk about and spoke clearly with confidence. Ka mau te wehi tamariki mā.



Aria, Jack and Daithi talk about the army museum trip

### BIKE-A-THON- MONEY

We have most of the money in. Can the remaining money please be collected and paid to the office by next Wednesday? Thanks

### THE WHARE

You may remember a request for some help to move a playhouse onto the school grounds. On Sunday, Mark Bramley, Rueben Hardwidge, James Hunt and Aaron Owen kindly offered their time and organisational skills to do this job. did the whare moving on Sunday



Careful backing of the trailer



Sliding the whare off



The whare has become a favourite play area

### ORIENTEERING

All of the year 5-8 students are participating in the Interschool Orienteering Competition this Friday. The timetable for the day is:

Depart school:	9:25
Briefing:	10:00
Teams Marshall:	10:15

First team starts: 10:30

Cut off time (maximum time allowed to do the course): 2 hours

Finish time: 2pm at the very latest

**Clothes:** It is important that the students **wear warm clothes**. For this reason we are now saying they do not have to wear their uniform. Shorts and cotton t shirts are not appropriate. They will need a warm jacket. The children will get wet as they do cross over a creek crossing. We recommend a complete change of clothes and shoes for afterwards. Last year it was a hoar frost, so be prepared for cold. They will need a raincoat if it is forecast to rain. This event goes ahead in all weather, so be prepared. They will be wearing a school bib over their clothes, so that they can identify their team mates on the course.

**Suitable Footwear:** all participants must wear covered shoes, e.g. trainers, gumboots (but they are hard to run in). We would suggest rugby boots for better traction. **Not Allowed:** No bare feet, jandals, crocs, just socks or any uncovered or oversized/loose footwear.

**Food:** Please bring your lunch and a drink bottle with water only in it. There will be a BBQ with sausages and drinks for sale over the day.

**Spectators:** Aside from the paddocks, there are no viewing points on the course, as they are not allowing non-competitors into the Manunui Reserve. Wear gumboots as the grounds are wet.

**Transport:** We are travelling to this event in a bus.



The new flying fox steps and take off deck

#### Y1-4 RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT-23 June

We will publish the new transport list next week.

#### SCHOOL BOARD HUI- a reminder

There will be a School Board meeting next week, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June @ 7pm. All welcome

#### DUFFY BOOKS CAUGHT BEING GOOD

Students awarded this time were...



...from the senior room: Soren for Great improvement in Maths, Joshua welcome to Ōwhango School, Jamie for great effort and improvement in maths, Rose for an excellent argument and effort in persuasive writing, Tilia for excellent improvement and focus in reading



From the middle room: Kaelyis-Rae for persistence and hard work in maths, Elliot for progress in reading, Nico for excellent effort in writing, Aleah and Meah- welcome to Ōwhango School.



From the junior room: Ellie-Rose welcome to Ōwhango School, Patrick for contributions to Aotearoa histories discussions, Finley for effort and progress when working with Whaea Maree, Eric, Ben and Laiki welcome to Ōwhango School, Ainsley for Effort and progress in maths.

#### TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE- Year 7 & 8

Last Friday, I took an amazing group of year seven and eight students from the senior class to the Technology Challenge in Taumarunui. The tech challenge is a hands-on competition where

students work as a team using simple materials to solve problems. It has strong links to New Zealand's technology, science and mathematics curriculum and other curriculum areas. In the weeks leading up to this challenge, we practised a couple of tech challenges in class.



Many local schools participated.

There were four challenges in total. They involved building strong / tall structures, dolls houses, flying jet planes, a Christmas tree (with accompanying Christmas song) and a board game. Our school entered two teams (that was the limit allowed) and the students represented Ōwhango brilliantly. We came away with a few placings, which we were all really pleased with. Such a fun day! Na Whaea Jessie



Teamwork making a dolls house



This team is focused on their one 'known challenge' a made-up board game



Fun, laughter, chaos and making connections with other tamariki. In this challenge all the students were mixed into different teams.

## BUSH TRIP

Hillary Outdoors have generously extended yet another invitation to our year 5-8 students to attend one of their courses. So next Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, the year 5-8s will travel by bus to the beautiful Lake Rotopounamu in the Tongariro National Park and enjoy a day of learning bush skills with experienced instructors. Whaea Siobhan will travel with and supervise students. We will leave school at 9am and return by 3pm. Students will be required to wear school uniforms and take a **warm jacket**. Any student who requires medication must also bring this on the day, as well as a hearty lunch and plenty of water. There is no cost to families for this experience. Due to the large numbers going, we would love a couple of parents to come along to help with this trip, but would need a car to take them. Please ensure all permission slips are signed and returned by this Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> of June. If your child is unable to attend, they must remain at home as there will be no supervision at school.



The trampoline with its new retaining wall, so you cannot slip down the bank around it and the blue mats should now stay in place.



The builders installing a sky light in the corridor.

### DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY- a reminder

June Pitman-Hayes is our Duffy Role Model coming to our special assembly on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 1:40pm. You are all welcome to attend.

### LAST GYM SESSION

Yesterday we had our last gym session with Tina. See some photos below.



Lucas and Josh get some air



Tina supports Zurich doing a forwards flip



The juniors learning to forward roll



Who in the middle room can touch their toes?



Leiki does a roll on the box



Co-ordinating the side roll as a team

### MISSING HOODIE

Has anyone seen a missing hoodie with IVY written on the label?

### Community Notices

#### TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER

Games draw for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June: 4:20pm Semi-Final N.V.S. 1 vs Ōwhango Seniors Field 2

#### TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Games draw for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June: 5.20pm Ōwhango vs Turaki Unicorns

### NETBALL

Here are the game results from last week, and our game times for this week. Please note parents the games are now 30 mins not 1 hour for this round. Last week both Ōwhango teams played great games!!

Ōwhango Thunderbirds have been moved up a grade this round and played against Turaki Koura. Considering we have 4 players in this team playing netball for the 1st time all of them played exceptionally well against a side with a bit more

experience. We came away with our 1st loss for the team 12-2 but the team showed great courage and never gave up on the court. Well done Thunderbirds you should be very proud!!! Ōwhango Hotshots are still in the same grade this round as we placed 3rd in round 1.

Well done to all the girls so proud of your efforts in all the games so far. You all show awesome skills and attitudes on the court. We played Turaki Green and came away with a 9-8 win for the team! Awesome stuff Hotshots keep up the great work!!

*This week both teams have 2 games:*

**Wednesday**

*Ōwhango Hotshots vs Te Pihinga 3:45pm C2*

*Ōwhango Hotshots vs TPS Toa 5pm C1*

**Thursday**

*Ōwhango T-birds vs St. Pats Jaguars 4:25pm C2*

*Ōwhango T-birds vs Manunui Tuis 5:35pm C1*

Please be at the courts 15 mins before your games to warm up. I know the weather is cooling down so if you would like to wear a blue thermal underneath your uniform then feel free to.

Thank you, Stacey

**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 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-** 17<sup>th</sup> November and 20<sup>th</sup> November.

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

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**Blue Hill Cafe:** netball sponsorship

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**Year 5-8 Bush Skills Day**

**Friday 23rd of June 2023**

**Lake Rotopounamu Departing School at 9am, returning by 3pm**

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

My child / ren \_\_\_\_\_ may attend the **Bush Skills Day at Lake Rotopounamu with Hillary Outdoors.**

**ADULT HELP**

**YES / NO** I can take my car stay and support all day

Signed \_\_\_\_\_