



# 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

Manaaki whenua, Manaaki tangata, Haere whakamua — *Care for the land, care for the people, Go forward.*

## DATES TO NOTE

22 June	School Board Hui 7pm 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

### Strategic Plan Survey

I have spent a lot of time typing up everyone's comments from this survey to take to the Board. We take your responses seriously. This survey is not just a box ticking exercise, but one we, the board and the teaching staff, do dig into and make changes to how we run the school. We do believe that the school is a combination of the teachers/staff, the students, and the parents/caregivers. For this reason, we are extending the deadline for getting your survey forms back to us for one more week. If, for some reason, you have misplaced your survey form, then let the school know and we can give you another one. You have the choice of writing your name on the form or making it anonymous. We do appreciate the time you put into thinking about our school and writing your responses. The final deadline for this survey is now Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June.

We will be answering some of the questions that have arisen in the survey in upcoming Pānui. Again, on behalf of the board, thank you for your engagement.

Part of this process will also include student voice- we will be asking the kids the same questions that you have filled out on the form.

## CLASSROOM KORERO- Middles

We were very lucky to have June Pitman-Hayes visit us last week for our Duffy Role Model assembly. June is an author of five childrens books, a poet, musician and a singer-songwriter. Before she arrived, we enjoyed reading her books, especially *Tawhirimatea: A song for Matariki*, and *There's a Bear in the Window*. June treated us to engaging and entertaining stories about her childhood in Tamaterau, and being raised by her Grandmother, Tiria. June's favourite book that she has written was her first book, *Tawhirimatea: A song for Matariki*. It was originally a song that came about on a very blustery, windy morning. June then transformed it into an illustrated children's book with music. June performed this for us, and we even got to sing along with her. And of course, at the end of the afternoon, the children were so excited to have their new books to take home.



June singing Tāwhirimātea: A Song for Matariki



Some of the junior students with June - thank you Duffy Books in Schools for our new pukapuka!

### SCHOOL REPORTS and PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Tomorrow, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June the students' Individual Reports will be issued.

Inside the Individual Reports will be a form to book a parent-teacher interview. Please fill these out and return them to school if you require an interview. Interviews are scheduled to happen after school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

### TE WHARE

One thing we did not mention last week was the generous local who donated our new whare was Dean Wilson. Thanks Dean, it is much appreciated.



Te Whare

### INTERSCHOOL ORIENTEERING COMPETITION

Last Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, all of the year 5-8 students at Ōwhango School attended an orienteering day, held at the Manunui polocrosse grounds. There was a bunch of schools (approximately 30 teams in total) from all around the Taumarunui area.



It was an individual race and team race, between all of the schools. The whole course was between 3 - 6 kilometres depending on what map you received. It was in the bush of Manunui, and it was FREEZING when we first arrived, our fingers turned numb. There were five teams from Ōwhango School with six students in each team. If someone was away or sick, then someone in that team had to go twice! The results are below. It was so much fun! A huge thank you to Grant Lethborg from Ōwhango Adventures for providing our bus and to Paul Lacy for driving it for us. By Josh Potgieter and Taylor Faire



Ōwhango Finders at the start

Here is a summary of our results, for the full results go to the interschool orienteering page of the Taumarunui Youth Charitable Trust website.

#### Year 5 & 6 Individual Times

In the top five to complete their map:

Map A Tilly Brewer (88 minutes) 4<sup>th</sup>

Map B Hohepa Blackman (90 minutes) 4<sup>th</sup>

Map C Zurich Hosking (60 minutes) 1<sup>st</sup>

Map C Beau Bryan (76 minutes) 3<sup>rd</sup>

Map D Aleah Potgieter (117 minutes) 5<sup>th</sup>

Map E Hayzin Te Ahuru-Mahi (84 minutes) 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### Year 7 & 8 Individual Times

In the top five to complete their map:

Map A Aiden Allison (60 minutes) 2<sup>nd</sup>

Map C Cailin Owen (58 minutes) 2<sup>nd</sup>

Map C Freida Hoban (60 minutes) 3<sup>rd</sup>

Map D Oliver Wheeler (66 minutes) 2<sup>nd</sup>



Ōwhango Seekers read their maps

**Team Results:**

**Year 5 & 6 out of 16 teams**

Owhango Keepers 4<sup>th</sup>

Owhango Finders 7<sup>th</sup>

**Year 7 & 8 out of 20 teams**

Owhango Hunters 7<sup>th</sup>

Owhango Awesome 9<sup>th</sup>

Owhango Seekers 10<sup>th</sup>



Ōwhango Keepers

**Y1-4 RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT-Friday 8:50**

We are hoping the weather is okay for this tournament. It is being run at the Cherry Grove sports grounds. We need to **depart at 8:50am** to be there in time for the briefing. Remember to wear your sports uniform, something warm to put on when you are waiting for your next game, your lunch or some money to buy food, a drink bottle with water only in it, and suitable footwear for playing Rippa- see below.

**Footwear:** bare feet is optional but please be aware some players may be wearing shoes and if a child's foot is stood on this may hurt. Shoes should be soft-soled shoes e.g. trainers, to avoid injury to other players. Children **must not wear:** soccer boots / rugby boots / moulds / crocs / gumboots / jandals /or just socks.

The team list is at the end of this Pānui, here is the transport list, thanks to those who have offered to help take us:

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

**Y5-8 BUSH TRIP – Friday**

This Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, the year 5-8s will travel by bus (a few will go by car as we cannot quite fit into a bus) to Lake Rotopounamu and enjoy a day of learning bush skills with experienced instructors from Hillary Outdoors. 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. It is likely to go ahead in the rain that is forecast, however whanau will be notified by 3pm Thursday if this is not the case. Students should be prepared with spare clothing in case they get wet. Gumboots or running shoes are best for the day, no open shoes or crocs. Please, no short shorts, it is winter!

**SKIING?**

We are waiting to see what happens next with the management of the ski field, after yesterday's vote against all options to get the RAL company out of voluntary administration. Hopefully we can still proceed with our ski programme and will continue planning it just in case. When we know more, we will let you know.

**SCHOOL BOARD HUI- a date change**

Due to reasons out of our control, we have had to postpone the School Board meeting to the following day, tomorrow, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June @ 7pm. All welcome.

## GO JOSH!

Congratulations to Ōwhango's very own Josh Lord and his rugby team the Gallagher Chiefs, for making it into the Super Rugby Pacific 2023 finals. We wish them the very best as they take on The Crusaders this Saturday.



Pictured, we have two of his biggest fans, flying the Chiefs flag high on our school flagpole - Josh's younger cousins Molly and Jack Pierce. Congratulations Josh, for also making it into the 2023 All Blacks team. We are extremely proud of you. Ka mau te wehe, outstanding achievement!

## BIKE-A-THON- MONEY- another reminder

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

## Community Notices

### TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR SOCCER

Games draw for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June: 3:55pm Finals  
Manunui Magpies vs Ōwhango Seniors Field 4  
The placing certificates will be given out after the games. The final prize giving will follow the final game.

**FEEDBACK:** The soccer organisers have asked for your feedback to see if schools would prefer this competition to run in term three. 'With there being so many sports running in term two we thought this may be a good option. Please let us know your thoughts.' (Note that Ōwhango School's ski day is Friday in term three, so there would be a difficulty getting to games promptly if it was run on a Friday).

### TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Games draw for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June:  
5.20pm Ōwhango vs National Park A Team

## NETBALL

On Wednesday and Thursday nights both Ōwhango Hotshots and Ōwhango Thunderbirds had two games.

Hotshots played Te Pihinga in the first game and came away with a 10 - 5 win. They then played TPS Toa in their second game and came away with an 8 all draw. Well done Hotshots, so proud of your efforts and hard work on the courts. Thunderbirds played their first game against St Pats Jaguars with a 2-15 loss. They then played Manunui Tui in the second game with a 0-5 loss. They have been doing so well in a higher grade this round and they are just getting better and better with the confidence and skills on court. Well done Thunderbirds proud of your efforts also.

*This week the games are:*

*Wednesday Hotshots vs NVS 3 at 3.45pm*

*Thursday Thunderbirds vs NVS 2 at 3.45pm*

Please be at your games 15mins before to warm up.

Thank you, Stacey

## ŌWHANGO COMMUNITY DINNER

This Saturday in the hall. See the poster below

## RUAPEHU ART AWARDS

Entries close 26<sup>th</sup> June. See the poster below.

## 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.

## 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, 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June**

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	Scarlett	Juan
3	Patrick	Bailey	Mason	Olive	Rosa
4	Jackson	Jack	Kaelyis-Rae	Evie	Millie
5	Eric	Quinn	Nico	Evan	Jackson (K)
6	Indiana	Molly	Brodie	Decan	Vanessa (K)
7	Aria	Leiki	Harry	Elliott	Jonny (K)
8	Charlie (K)	Ben	Haylee		Snow (K)
9	Tristan (K)	Ellie-Rose			
<b>Managers Jahbon, Haylie</b>		<b>Manager Grace</b>	<b>Manager Mark</b>	<b>Manager Theresa</b>	<b>Manager Kaitieke</b>
Ōwhango School delegate – Ewan					



**Ruapehu Art Awards 2023**  
13 TH JULY - 27 TH JULY

**Enter Online at**  
www.facebook.com/ruapehuartawards  
or visit our website  
www.ruapehuartawards.co.nz  
Exhibiting fee \$25 per Artwork entered.  
You may enter up to two Artworks per Category. Children's Art enter free.  
Printed Entry forms are available from  
Twin Rivers Gallery  
109a Hakiaha Street Taumarunui  
Opposite the Train Station  
Email riversartgallery@gmail.com

**Key Dates**  
Final Day for submitting your Entry Form  
26th June 2023  
Final Day for submitting your Artworks  
Monday 3rd July  
Opening Night  
6pm 13th July 2023

**Organized by**  
Twin Rivers Community Gallery  
109A Hakiaha Street Taumarunui  
opposite the Railway Station  
email riversartgallery@gmail.com  
Open 10am-2pm Monday to Saturday  
Phone Enquiries Ph 07 895 6718

**Categories & Prizes will include:**

- Supreme Winner \$1000
- Fibre Art, Prize \$500
- Maori Art- Open media 2D or 3D, Prize \$500
- 2D\* Open - Any wall hung artwork in any media, Prize \$500
- Ruapehu Themed Open Media 2D, Prize \$500
- 3D - Sculpture, Ceramics, Carving or any other type of 3D Artwork, Prize \$500
- Photography, Prize \$500
- People's Choice. Prize to be confirmed
- School-age Categories, \$100 each

**First Prize \$1000**  
with generous prizes for other categories