



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 great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him, and not only will he not scold you, but he will make a fool of himself too." Samuel Johnson

DATES TO NOTE

30 June	Last Day of Term Two-Rainbow Day Money Due for First Ski Trip
17 July	Term Three Starts
19 July	Duffy Theatre Visit
21 July	First Y4-8 Ski Trip
26 July	Mobile Library
28 July	Second Y4-8 Ski Trip
1 August	RNZB Dance Workshops
4 August	Third Y4-8 Ski Trip
7 August- 18 August	Visual Arts Fortnight
11 August	Forth Y4-8 Ski Trip
17 August	Crazy Hair Day
18 August	Fifth Y4-8 Ski Trip
22 August	Assembly

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Reports and Parent Teacher Interviews

It was lovely for the teachers to talk with many of you during our parent-teacher interviews on Tuesday.

We hope that the individual reports reflected your child as you see them; there should be no surprises in these reports. If there was, then I suggest you make an appointment to catch up with your teacher and discuss this.

Although we schedule parent-teacher interviews in mid-year, you can ask for an appointment at any time of the year to discuss your child's education. We have an open-door policy, encouraging you to keep close communication with us so we can work together for what is best for your child.

We also have quick catch ups with parents after school and this works well too, but there are times when we are busy with meetings or courses, so making an appointment ensures that we have time to sit down and spend time with you.

I hope you have a restful time over the next two weeks of the school break.

CLASSROOM KORERO- Seniors

It has been another exciting and busy term, bursting with new experiences in the senior room!

Bush skills

On Friday, the year 5-8 students visited Lake Rotopounamu for a day of Bush skills with Hillary Outdoors. We learned about rongoā Māori, an ancient means of healing, and which plants and other natural resources were traditionally used for medicine and kai.

We ate spicy horopito leaves, learned why kererū were a traditional dish for Matariki, helpful uses for koromiko, and explored different berries, fungi and ferns. Our most fascinating find was the vegetable caterpillar or āwheto. A caterpillar mummified by spores it ingested, it was then used in ancient times as an ingredient for the ink of tā moko. It is high in protein and tastes like nuts!

We also played some team games, learned map reading skills, and built shelters. Thank you to Theresa Brewer, Luther Pogeiter and Paul Lacey for accompanying us. We had an amazing day and learned a lot! Our tamariki had this to say:

"I mostly liked learning about the kidney fern; it's shaped like a kidney and comes out when it rains & curls up in the sun to save moisture." -Oliver

"It was awesome being in nature all day. My favourite thing I learned was ferns were around before dinosaurs!" -Cailin

"I really liked learning about the vegetable caterpillar. It sucks up fungi spores and they take over its body. It becomes mummified underground." -Pria

"I ate a spicy leaf, it was horopito. You can make it into tea." -Zurich

Matariki

We have been learning about Matariki, and its importance in te ao Māori. We understand it is not only a constellation of whetū (stars) but also a period of celebration, reflection, connection, and new beginnings.

We wrote some diamante, cinquain and freestyle poetry about Matariki, read some pūrākau (traditional tales), we made beautiful whētū from natural resources such as twigs, flowers and berries, and we created constellation art and manu tukutuku (kites).

Pleiades

By Hopaea Blackman

Pleiades

Majestical, blinding.

Twinkling, Dancing, Gleaming.

High in the sky.

Matariki.

Seven Sisters

By Aiden Allison

Seven Sisters.

Incredible lights.

Beaming, radiating, tip toeing stars.

Connecting with our Māori ancestors.

Celebrating the new year.

Cluster.

Tomorrow (Thursday)

All senior room students are asked to bring a raincoat, spare warm clothing and a towel to school tomorrow. If the weather allows, we will spend some time in te ngāhere (forest) surrounding the domain, cementing our new bush skills. Students must wear their uniforms to school as normal. Be prepared, as it is forecast to be wet and cold.



Konna & Lucas navigate using their new map reading skills



Freida finds fungi



Tilly holding the āwheto/vegetable caterpillar



Senior Class with their manu tukutuku



Lo'i and Pria with their natural whētū

Y1-4 RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

We had a lovely day with five Ōwhango and Kaitieke teams competing in this tournament on Friday. We saw some excellent school values on show- participation, respect and achievement, with some good sportsmanship being a big part of this. Congratulations to the year 1+2 team The Kickers, and the year 3+4 team The Stormers, who won their competitions. Thanks too to all of the team managers and supporters on the day, without you we could not have done this. See the photos below.



Jack gets a try



Tahu goes for the corner



Elliot jumps to avoid being ripped



Kyston twists to avoid a rip



Brodie heads for the try line



Decan catches the ball



The Kickers with their winning ribbons and team manager Jahbon



The Stormers and their winning ribbons with their team manager Mark

RAINBOW DAY

Following a request from the children after Pink Shirt Day, we will be having a Rainbow Day on Friday. Come dressing in your favourite rainbow colour / colours! Unicorns are welcome on this day too!

SKIING

With funding having been secured to run the ski fields this season, we are proceeding with our ski trip plan. This means we need all year 4-8 students permission slips in **by this Friday**, and their money for the first trip, or all trips. The first trip is on the first Friday of term three, so we need to get our transport and passes organised over the holidays. If we do not receive these by this Friday, you will **not be able to attend** the first ski day. Reminders were emailed out to those families who have not sent theirs in on Monday.

SCHOOL BOARD HUI

At last week's school board hui we discussed the Core Curriculum Reports for each class, showing the progress that all of the children are making in reading, writing and maths. We are very happy with these results, and the steps being taken by the teachers to support all of the students' learning.

We also discussed property issues: work to be done on the schoolhouse, new bark for the playgrounds, the skate park, the parking congestion at 3pm and the possibility of having a second parking / pick up area created at the other entrance by the domain, remodelling the staff room so that we can provide cooking lessons in there, other changes needed to provide technology lessons to the year 7 & 8.

We also discussed the attendance figures for the first half of the year; the NZSTA helpline, staffing in term three; issues around sports teams; the new board Code of Conduct.

BIKE-A-THON UPDATE

We have raised an amazing total of \$6,078.60 from our bike-a-thon! Thank you everyone, on behalf of the PTA for your efforts with this.

We can now announce the following house point winners:

Most Number of Sponsors- 5 house points for each:

- Year 1 + 2 Molly Pierce (Ruapehu)

- Year 3 + 4 Brodie Joyce (Ruapehu)
- Year 5 + 6 Tilia Brewer (Ruapehu)
- Year 7 + 8 Gin Schormair (Tongariro)

Whole School Most Money Raised- three prizes

- 1st- 15 points Juan Dutra (Rua.)
- 2nd-10 points to Brodie Joyce (Rua.)
- 3rd equal! - 5 points Daithi (Nga.) & Darcy (Rua.)

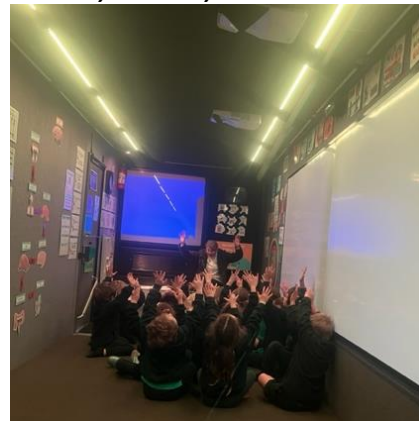
LIFE EDUCATION TRUCK VISIT

The students have had two sessions in the Life Education Truck over the last two days, with follow up work in the classrooms.

The juniors have been learning about: *What is inside our bodies?*

The middles: *What does it take to be part of a team? What makes a good leader?*

The seniors: *How do decisions I make online affect me and others? How is my reputation important to my identity?*



The juniors inside the Life Education truck

Community Notices

FIRST AID COURSE

The Whanganui Region Catchment Collective and On Farm Support have organised a "First Aid in Remote Areas" course through PracMed on the **3rd of July at the Owhango Hotel.**

This course will cost you 8 hours of time (9am-5pm) and \$90pp (normal cost is \$199pp). The course is limited to 15 people. Lunch is provided. If you would like to do it contact: Natasha Cave at: ncavewrcc@gmail.com please state which venue and the names of those attending. Payment is to be made prior to the course using your name and 'first aid' as the reference to: Whanganui Region Catchment Collective: 03-0426-0018056-000

MINI MEEZ BASKETBALL

We have just received this email from Jen and the Breakthrough Basketball team:

We finally have some news about Mini Meez Basketball for 2023!

Our plan is to run the year 5&6 and 7&8 competition in term 3 on Friday nights, and then the year 1&2 and 3&4 competition in term 4 on the same night.

Our hope is that we can run the first games on Friday the 28th of July. We realize that this is only 5 weeks away and with the school holidays coming up the earlier this email can go out the better. Signed Jen.

Note that we will be skiing with the year 5-8 on five Fridays while the tournament is running, and that we usually get back from the mountain at 4:30pm. Although we can request later games, you may need to make arrangements to get off the mountain early, and to get to your games.

Please complete the below permission slip and return to the office if your child is interested in playing.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Games draw for Wednesday 28th June:
5.20pm Ōwhango vs Manunui Magic

NETBALL

Both teams played very well last week. They were the last games for the teams in round 2. Owhango Thunderbirds played NVS 2 and won 4-1! Owhango Hotshots played NVS 3 and won as well 10-5! Well done to both teams you are all superstars!! We are very proud of Owhango school in the netball season this year.

This Wednesday and Thursday are the semi and championship finals for primary netball.

Owhango Hotshots play at 5.15pm this Wednesday, against either TPS Toa or Turaki Green for 1st or 2nd place.

Owhango Thunderbirds vs NVS 2 at 4.15pm on Thursday for 4th or 5th place. If they win this game, they play again at 5.15pm against either Manunui Tui or Turaki Koura for 3rd or 4th place.

Prize giving for both nights are at 5.45pm at the courts. Please bring a warm jumper or jacket to put on after the games as the forecast is rain. I

will post after the school holidays on the outcome of prize giving in the newsletter then. Lastly thank you to all our supporters, parents and whanau for cheering us on the sidelines during our games!! You all definitely encouraged both teams to enjoy themselves on the court.

Nga mihi nui, Stacey Erueti

SECOND HAND SNOW GEAR SALE

A reminder that this is an excellent chance to buy cheap winter clothes and ski gear for the season. Make sure you are there at 3pm when it opens as the bargains go quickly! See the poster below.

FREE BABY/INFANT GOODS

If there are any whanau in the community expecting a new baby and would like some excellent quality clothing (boy newborn - 2 years), blankets and baby toys, free of charge, we have a bulk lot to give away. Please contact Siobhan on siobhan@owhango.school.nz to arrange collection/delivery during the school holidays.

OWHANGO! MARKET DAY

Market day is on this Sunday at the Owhango Hall 9am - 1pm. Come and support our PTA stall.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES

See posters 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 30th June

Term 3- 17th July to 22nd September

Term 4- 9th October to 19th December

Teacher Only Days- 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 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

2023 YR 5-8 MINI MEEZ BASKETBALL REGISTRATION

Family name _____

My child/children _____ would like to play in the Mini Meez Basketball Competition (year 5-8). Games are played during Term 3 on a Friday after school in the Taumarunui Basketball Stadium. The competition will begin 28th July.

I understand that on ski days I will need to arrange to get my child off the mountain and to their game on time.

Fees are to be confirmed.

Please Circle:

Year 5 & 6

Year 7 & 8

Parent Name: _____

I am able to coach/manage a team: YES / NO

Signed _____



RUAPEHU DISTRICT LIBRARIES PRESENTS

LEGO CLUB

ALL LEGO IS SUPPLIED!

Taumarunui Library
Tuesday 11th of July
10:30am-12pm

Ohakune Library
Wednesday 12th of July
2pm-3:30pm

For kids ages 6 to 12

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RUAPEHU LIBRARIES
Invites you to
MATARIKI CRAFT DAY

Ohakune Thursday 6th July, 10:30am - 12pm

Taumarunui Friday 7th July, 10:30am - 12pm

Raetihi Wednesday 12th July, 10:30am - 12pm
at Raetihi Primary School Hall

Craft tables also available from 10am - 4pm each day of holidays
in Ohakune and Raetihi

Suitable for
5 - 10 yrs

SPACES ARE LIMITED.
PLEASE COME EARLY

RUAPEHU REAP

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN AT CKC REAP



7th July 2023 – Visit to the Train Display

Come on an exciting excursion to Taumarunui's huge model train display and help make some props!

Suitable for young people over 10 years

12th July 2023 – Kids in the Kitchen

An interactive workshop for budding chefs over 8 years of age

Come into REAP for more information

National Park School Presents PRE LOVED WINTER SALE



ENJOY WINTER WITH US & GRAB
YOURSELF A BARGAIN

15TH JULY 2023 ● 3PM - 6PM

NATIONAL PARK SCHOOL HALL

Ski & Snowboard Gear for Sale at Low Prices
Clothing for on & off the Mountain
Sausage Sizzle
And More...

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