



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

“Skis are not just pieces of wood, steel and fibreglass. They are tools for escape, a medium for personal expression, a way to challenge fears, push limits and share incredible experiences with your friends.” Unknown

DATES TO NOTE

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 MESSAGES

Staffing Terms 3 & 4

We have a few tweaks to our staffing for the rest of this year:

In the **senior room** Jessie Smith will be teaching four days a week- Monday to Thursday, Siobhan McKenna will be in one day a week- Fridays.

In the **middle room** Theresa Owen will be teaching four days a week- Monday to Thursday, Regan Hoban will be in one day a week- Fridays.

No change to the **junior room**- Emma Tylee will be teaching Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays; Ewan Starkey teaches Thursdays and Fridays, except on the senior ski days when he will be leading the ski programme and Siobhan will be in the junior room.

Parking Problems

Over the last few years we have had an increase in the number of cars picking up students at 3pm. This has resulted in cars parking on the other side

of the road and children crossing a very busy road as other cars arrive, or as they reverse out of their parallel park. **This has become a serious safety issue.**

To try to solve this we will try two things:

- 1) We would really appreciate it if several cars would organise themselves to pick up their child/ren from the other gate, by the domain, which is a very quiet road.
- 2) We will now have to enforce a rule that nobody may park on the other side of the road.

The only other alternative we have is to follow the council bylaw which says we should create a parking area *on the school grounds*. This would eat into a large area of the playground, and just move the risk of a child getting run over onto the school grounds. So, we really do not want to do this.

Note that the morning drop off does not have this congestion issue as the cars arrive over a wider time, staggering the congestion.

Community Consultation

Thanks again for everyone who answered the Community Consultation Survey. Over the next few weeks, I will be answering some of the questions/comments that require an answer in the Pānui. Also, the school board will be participating in a workshop to create our new strategic plan, using your feedback as a guide in this process.

Community Consultation Feedback: Free Lunches / Free Fruit in Schools / Breakfast Club

A few people asked why we do not have free school lunches, like many other local schools do. Last year I investigated getting onto this programme, known as Ka Ora, Ka Ako/Healthy School Lunches programme. However, our school doesn't qualify as we are not in the "top 25 percent of students in schools and kura facing

the greatest socio-economic barriers nationally," which is the criteria to be eligible for this programme. From my observations, our kids have plenty of food to eat for lunch, if anyone doesn't for any reason then we find some food for them.

For the same reason, we are not eligible for the Free Fruit in Schools programme, as this is only for decile 1 and 2 schools (under the old decile system we were decile 5).

We could run a Kick Start Breakfast Club. However, the teachers are too busy preparing their lessons before school to run this themselves, so if a parent would like to take this on then you are welcome to come and discuss this with me.



CLASSROOM KORERO-Juniors

At the end of last term we finished our Aotearoa Histories learning about the First Voyagers to Aotearoa. We completed our study with a mural that depicts many of the areas of learning that we covered including waka hourua, Kupe and the Giant Octopus, stars and wind for navigation, birds and fish for kai and the long white cloud that Aotearoa is named for. This term we are beginning some social emotional learning about Me, My Friends and My Feelings. We will look at the things that are the same and different about ourselves, how we can be good friends and about our emotions. We will also learn some Māori kupu for whanau members and feelings along the way. With Whaea Siobhan, on Mr Starkey's senior ski days, we will do some learning about money. Our House of Science topic is Measurement Matters which will go well with the measurement and time learning we have already covered this year in maths. Alongside our normal literacy programme, we are going to have a deeper focus on sentence structure to help us

understand the different parts of a sentence and therefore say and write better ones. We are all excited to get cracking with another great term of learning in the Junior Room!



The juniors' First Voyagers mural



SKIING- Year 4-8 Day One this Friday

An email was sent out to all year 4-8 parents on Monday with details on how our first ski trip will run. A paper copy was also given to the students on Tuesday. Please read this carefully so you are prepared for this day. We had a safety briefing with the students on Tuesday so to teach them about the risks on the maunga and how to mitigate them.

Please remember to pay for each trip a week before we go at the very latest. Any refunds due will be tallied up and paid after we have finished the ski programme.

I need to know of any changes for the next trip by Monday morning.

Please keep an eye on your email inbox- this is how we will communicate any changes. On Friday, the Ruapehu Alpine Lifts website will post the conditions on Whakapapa about 6:30am, so if the mountain is closed, an email will be sent out as soon as this is noticed to say that the trip is cancelled. If it is open, we will be going up.

If there is a four-wheel drive restriction on the access road, we will ferry those in two-wheel drive cars up from the Chateau.

Do not hesitate to contact Ewan Starkey if you have any questions, suggestions or problems, at principal@owhango.school.nz, 027 631 8631.

SKIING- Year 1-3

Please note that the permission slips for the year 1-3 ski trips are not due until 11th of August, with their first trip being on the 1st of September. Thanks to those people who have them in already.



DUFFY THEATRE VISIT

Tomorrow, Thursday, at 1:30pm, we have Duffy Theatre visiting us in the Ōwhango Hall. You are welcome to join us. This show will be about...

This year, Duffy needs his space. He finds plenty of it, when his allergy-prone little cousin, Stuffy, sneezes so hard a rift in time and space opens creating a wormhole!

Equipped with a pile of school library books on te tātai tuarangi (the cosmos), Duffy heads bravely through the wormhole into a parallel universe. With the help of alien buddies Duffzip and Stuffzip, and using the knowledge he gleans from his books, Duffy leaps in and out of new worlds, until he finds his way home.

Duffy realises that life on Earth may be messy, stressful, and tricky sometimes, but... kia mau ki te tokanga nui a noho. There's no place like home.

PTA HOT LUNCHES

The PTA will be starting their Hot Lunch offerings next week, on Thursday. The menu and price list will be in next week's Pānui.

MOBILE LIBRARY VISIT

We have our next mobile library visit on Wednesday next week, 26th July. Please return any books you have out so you can get some new ones.

Community Notices

NETBALL RESULTS FOR 2023

Owhango Hotshots:

Round 1 B grade 3rd place, Round 2 B grade winners, Championship finals B grade runners up 2nd place.

Owhango Thunderbirds:

Open day D grade runners up 2nd place, Round 1 D grade winners, Round 2 and championship finals 4th place.

Special awards MVP: Owhango Thunderbirds: Kaelyis-Rae Te Ahuru Watson. Owhango Hotshots: Taylor Faire

Well done to all our 2023 netball players it was such an awesome year very proud of everyone!

Signed Stacey Erueti



The Hotshots



The Thunderbirds

RUGBY WRAP UP

King Brown under 13 Rugby

Delaize Te Ahuru Mahu was a selected member of the King Brown Under 13 Rugby Team. They won their final on the 1st of July at Owen Delaney Park in Taupo, against the undefeated Taupo United Under 13 Rugby Team. Delaize and his

team won the Jim Gibb Shield. Awesome mahi team!

“My dad also won this shield when he was in the U13 team. His team was the first to win that shield. It was a tough game, but we came away with the win 24-19,” said Delaize.



Delaize and the King Brown Under 13 Rugby Team



Delaize and the Jim Gibb Shield

Taumarunui Under 11 Rugby Reps

Oliver Wheeler was a selected member of the Taumarunui Under 11 Rugby Rep Team this season. He played his final games in Taupō at Owen Delaney Park on the 15th July and won two out of the three games. The first game was a win of 65-5 against Tongariro. And the final game was a win of 20-10 against Taupo Marist. It was an amazing effort team!

“My favourite things about playing rugby are tackling and then scoring. At the end of the tournament, we had a running race and I came third,” said Oliver Wheeler.



Oliver and the Taumarunui Under 11 Rep Team
Nui Under 9 Rugby Rep Team

Monty Hoban, Mason Wheeler, Kaelyis-Rae Te Ahuru Watson and Hayzin Te Ahuru Mahu were all selected members of the Nui Under 9 Rugby Rep Team. On the 15th of July they played a Tournament in Taupō at the Owen Delaney Park. They won all three games against Taupō United, Taupō Marist and Taupō Sports. Hayzin was one of only two players from the Nui team to make the best players tournament team! Monty and Kaelyis-Rae got player-of-the-day from the opposition. What a three-game win it was! NUI ON THREE!

“It was so much fun, it was so hard and it was EXTREME,” said Monty Hoban.

“I got a runaway, I got tackled but I passed it to Monty and he scored a try,” said Kaelyis-Rae Te Ahuru Watson.

“I got five tries,” said Mason Wheeler.

“I stopped a try and tackled a really big boy,” said Hayzin Te Ahuru Mahu.



The Nui Under 9 Rugby Rep Team

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

No game for the Ōwhango team this week.

THANKYOU!

As our term 2 sports come to an end, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to our coaches. Stacey Erueti, Jahbon Te Ahuru and Dale Erueti for coaching and guiding our netball teams through the season, Todd Nicholson for coaching our soccer team, and Willy O'Donnell for coaching our hockey team (NOTE: Hockey is still carrying on for part of this term). The time and expertise you give our children, through coaching, umpiring and managing games is invaluable. We couldn't provide all of these sporting opportunities without your help. A special thanks to Blue Hill Café who generously helped sponsor our netball teams.

MINI MEEZ BASKETBALL

We have only three children who have returned their permission slip and no parents offering to manage the team. We have put the permission slip on this panui again in case there is any other interested students who want to play. These must be into school by tomorrow, Thursday, at the very latest so we can see if we have enough players to enter a team.

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 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

This is the second time this has gone out; we must have these back by tomorrow- Thursday 20th.

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 _____