



# 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

“What we have once enjoyed deeply we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.” Helen Keller

## DATES TO NOTE

26 July	Mobile Library
28 July	Y4-8 Ski Trip
1 August	RNZB Dance Workshops
4 August	Y4-8 Ski Trip
7 August- 18 August	Visual Arts Fortnight
11 August	Y4-8 Ski Trip
17 August	Crazy Hair Day
18 August	Y4-8 Ski Trip
22 August	Assembly
23 August	Cross Country-@ Kaitieke
24 August	Mobile Library
25 August	Y 4-8 Ski Trip
30 August	Board Hui 7pm
1 Sept	Y1-3 Ski Trip Y4-8 Interschool Cross Country
5 Sept	International Day
8 Sept	Y1-3 Ski Trip
13 Sept	Year 4-8 Rippa Tournament
15 Sept	School Disco
19 Sept	Assembly
20 Sept	Mobile Library
22 Sept	Whole School Ski Day Backup

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

### Community Consultation Feedback:

#### Ability Grouped Sports Teams

For a while now we have had a few families and students asking for sports teams to be ability grouped- by having A and B teams. We are going to trial this concept over the next twelve months. One condition will be sportsmanship; to get into the 'A' team, a player must demonstrate a good understanding and application of sportsmanship. To be specific- when selecting the teams, the

teachers will look at how supportive a player is of their team vocally (saying encouraging things rather than put-downs), how well they share the ball (rather than always having it themselves- these are team sports), and how well they accept a referee's or coach's decision (not argue, get angry or upset).

The first time this will be applied will be for the year 4-8 Rippa Tournament on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September.

## WELCOME TO OWHANGO

A warm welcome to Janey Patena-Smyth, who has just started school in the junior room.



Janey

## CLASSROOM KORERO- Middles

We have had a busy start to the term. We have been doing a lot of learning around Matariki. Before the holidays we learnt about the different whetū and what they symbolise, as well as learning the different myths, including The Seven Fish of Matariki. Kites are another way to celebrate Matariki, and we each made our own pepeha kite to talk about and build whanaungatanga (close connections between people). For writing we have finished and displayed our Holiday Snapshots. Our writing focus this term is going to be on improving and

extending our sentence work so we can build a strong writing foundation. For maths we are learning about measurement, which links into our House of Science topic – Measurement Matters. Whaea Regan is now teaching in the middle room on a Friday and has a fantastic learning project in the pipeline, with the school garden being the central focus. Watch this space...

### HELP NEEDED SPREADING THE NEW PLAYGROUND BARK

On Monday we took delivery of a truckload of soft fall playground bark for our three play areas. We need some volunteers to help to wheelbarrow and to spread it across the three playgrounds please. We have one wheelbarrow at school, but you will need to bring a shovel.



The truck delivering the bark



A temporary play pile



Piata, Delaize and Poppy work at spreading it around

### SKIING- Last Week

Thanks to everyone who helped with the trip on Friday. (Photos below.) It was a good trial run for getting to school on time, and a test run of our clothes in gale force winds! We made the most of the bad situation. I have written to the ski field explaining my frustration with the terms and conditions (that state that if we had not turned up on the day we would have lost our \$2,200) and making it clear that in future we will not turn up if the weather is foul, and we will not pay.

I am also in the process of booking an addition day on the last day of the term for the whole school as a back-up as it is common to miss a couple of days due to the weather. Our goal is still for the year 4-8 to get five days, the year 1-3 to get two days.



Max makes a snowball



Piata shelters from the wind



Joshua delivers free hot chocolates





Waiting in the café

### SKIING Year 4-8 this Friday

Attached at the bottom of this pānui is the transport, passes and lessons list. Please contact us asap if there are any needs to be a change.

### DUFFY THEATRE VISIT

We really enjoyed the Duffy Theatre visit last Thursday, where Duffy travelled through a 'wormhole' through space, meeting his alter ego alien. These visits are an excellent opportunity for the students to see how story telling can be done through drama, away from a screen. The show was professionally presented, and it captivated the audience for the whole hour. We were especially impressed with Janey, who on her first day at school, got up on stage!



Duffy enters the wormhole in space



Duffy encounters his alien version- Duffzip and offsider, Stuffzip



Audience participation- Tyler, Mason and Janey, with Duffy



Duffy in bed, sleeping upright

### PTA HOT LUNCH THURSDAY

Tomorrow, the PTA will be starting their Hot Lunch Thursdays. Bring cash, or if you would like to run a tab and pay at the end of term, then that is okay too. This week they have:

- Pies \$3
- Sausage Rolls \$3
- Hot Dogs \$4
- Hamburgers \$5
- Milo \$1 bring your own named cup

### Community Notices

#### TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

The final week of Junior Hockey 2023 Wednesday 26th July... The turf will be open from 3.15pm for anyone to have a fun hit about and fun game against others, coaches and players.. Free Sausages on the BBQ will be available from 4pm. Prize giving will start approx. 4.30pm in the pavilion. Hope to see you all there.

#### MINI MEEZ BASKETBALL

The Miniball basketball competition begins this Friday. We have entered one Year 5/6 team. If your child is playing, they will be issued a sports uniform this week. Games are played in the

basketball stadium opposite Turaki School. This week's game:

**Court 2**

5.25pm St Pats Ballers v Ōwhango Superstars

**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-** 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

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**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

**SKI TRIP FRIDAY 28 JULY**

TRANSPORT				
Driver	Can fit	4WD	Students (39)	Kids Going
Vini	3	Y	Juan, Taylor, Beau	3
Lakenn	3	Y	Delaize, Hayzin, Kaelyis-Rae,	3
Rueben	5	N	Darcy, Piata, Tilia, Hazel,	4
Neil	3	Y	Jamie <i>meet us there</i>	1
Eike	4	Y	Gin, Freida, Charlotte,	3
Michelle G	1	Y	Lucas <i>meet us there</i>	1
Michelle R	5	Y	Leith, Ivy, Charlie, Aiden,	3
Trudie	4	Y	Oliver, Mason,	3
B / Luther	4	Y	Joshua, Aleah, Konna	3
Nicole	4	Y	Soren, Zurich, Monty,	3
Haylie	4	Y	Poppy, Jack, Scarlett,	3
Te Hau	4	Y	Hopaea, Tahu, Cailin,	3
Abe	4	Y	Lo'i, Pria, Rose,	3
Mark	4	Y	Ewan, James, Max,	2
Ewan	3	Y	Back up	
			<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Kids Not Going</b>			Tyler	1

PASSES-ADULTS	
NEED A PASS & SKIS – 1:6	HAVE A SEASON PASS
Tash	Michelle G
Lakenn	Neil / James
Reuben	Ewan
Eike	
Trudie (not skis)	<b>NOT NEED A PASS- not skiing</b>
Nicole	Abe
Hayley	B
Michelle R (not skiing)	Te Hau

LESSONS- All Lesson Times: 9:30-11:20
<b>Level 1 Student has never skied before</b>
Max, Joshua, Delaize, Lo'i, Tilia, Hopaea, Darcy, Poppy, Aleah, Hayzin, Kaelyis-Rae, Tahu.
<b>Adult helpers:</b> <i>Lakenn, Rueben, Hayley, Michelle R, Mark, Abe, B</i>
<b>Level 2 Student is able to stop in a wedge</b>
Gin, Scarlett Aiden, James, Beau, Leith, Ivy,
<b>Adult helpers:</b> <i>Eike,</i>
<b>Level 3 Student is able to turn in a wedge</b>
Rose, Jamie, Piata, Zurich, Soren, Charlotte, Monty, Pria, Hazel, Jack, Juan, Mason,
<b>Adult helpers:</b> <i>Nicole, Tash, Trudie</i>
<b>Level 4 Student is starting to match their skis to parallel</b>
Cailin, Konna, Charlie, Taylor, (note that due to the low numbers Levels 4 & 5 will be combined for their lesson).
<b>Adult helpers:</b> <i>Neil,</i>
<b>Level 5 Student can turn parallel confidently</b>
Oliver, Lucas, Freida, (note that due to the low numbers Levels 4 & 5 will be combined for their lesson).
<b>Adult helpers:</b> <i>Michelle,</i>