



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

“Ko te pae tawhiti, whāia kia tata; ko te pae tata, whakamaua kia tina”

“Seek out distant horizons and cherish those you attain”

DATES TO NOTE

30 August	Board Hui 7pm
1 Sept	Y1-3 Ski Trip
	Y4-8 Interschool Cross Country
5 Sept	International Day
6 Sept	Year 5-8 Rippa Tournament
8 Sept	Y1-3 Ski Trip
	Y 4 Soccer Tournament
15 Sept	School Disco
19 Sept	Assembly
20 Sept	Mobile Library
22 Sept	Whole School Ski Back Up Day
9 October	First day of Term Four
14 October	General Elections
20 October	Mountain Schools Athletics Day
23 October	Labour Day- School is Closed
25 October	Postponement Day- Athletics
30 October	Pet Day

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Community Consultation Feedback

In our survey, we had a strong request for the school to continue doing kapa haka, daily te reo lessons, karakia, and waiata. We will be continuing these.

Currently we are building up our students' kapa haka skills with the aim to enter the Tuwharetoa Taiopenga next year. Thanks to Jessie Smith who runs our kapa haka programme with great skill and experience.

CLASSROOM KORERO- Junior Room

The junior room have completed their art projects from Arts Fortnight which are now all up

on the wall in our room or have gone home for you to enjoy.



When Mr Starkey has been skiing on Fridays we have had Whaea Siobhan. We have been learning about different countries. So far we have looked at Australia, Brazil, Japan, Kenya and Ireland. Before the end of the term, we will be starting a new science topic about earthquakes and continuing our learning about emotions and friendships. Here is some of our Feeling Monster writing:

When I'm feeling sad I am all alone. - Eric

When I'm feeling happy I play with my toys. - Finley

I stomp when I'm mad. - Indie

My mum cheers me up. - Ellie-Rose

When I'm feeling happy I like to play with my sister. - Leiki

When I'm feeling mad I like to hide under the sheets. - Ainsley

When I am happy I feel bouncy like a ball. - Daithi

When I'm feeling silly I knock over chairs and make a mess. - Molly



Junior Art Wall Displays

WELCOME TO ŌWHANGO

A warm welcome to Tumanako Hepe-Te Huia who joined in the middle room last week.



Tumanako

Y5-8 TAUMARUNUI RIPPA TOURNAMENT

Please see the attached transport list for Wednesday 6th September. We will be leaving school at 9.10am. Please make sure you are wearing your school sports t-shirt, have a packed lunch and a water bottle. Many thanks to Lakenn, Jacob and B who have offered to help manage teams.

YEAR 4-8 SKIING

Last Friday again we had perfect weather and snow conditions for our fourth ski day. It was great to see a group of ten children ride the T-bar lift for the first time; this is a major accomplishment. Also, we had another group who progressed from Happy Valley to the higher, intermediate level slopes. The final ski day for this group will be the last day of term. An additional permission slip will be sent out next week for this as it was not on the original form- this is a make-up day for one that was cancelled at the beginning of term due to gale winds. The permission slip will clarify who is going and which adults can help. Thanks to everyone who has helped with these trips, we cannot do them without you.



Beau, Pria and Gin venture up to the harder slopes for the first time with the help of Jack and Poppy



Soren rides a T-bar for the first time



Konna working on his parallel turns at speed, Jack is behind him



From left to right, following their instructor is Soren, Delaize, Mason and Zurich

YEAR 1-3 SKIING- a reminder

This Friday we will be going on our first Year 1-3 Ski Trip. The forecast is looking good, at the time of writing. Here is a reminder of what happens on the day:

An email will go out about 6:45am to say if the trip is on or off, or a delayed start, due to the weather. If on, we will be departing school at 8am. Once on the maunga, we will make our way into Happy Valley to get our skis and boots. After a quick toilet break, our lessons start at 9:30. At 11:20, after our lesson, we will have some kai, then most will be skiing in Happy Valley practising their skiing skills. Those who are ready to go higher on the mountain will need Mr Starkey's permission, and the supervision of an adult. At 3pm we will return our rentals and walk to our cars and return to school/home, arriving back about 4pm.

Please check the transport, lift ticket and lesson list at the bottom of this Pānui and get back to Mr Starkey if there are any changes needing to be made. Anyone not going must tell us by Thursday, or they will be charged.

SKI FRIDAY DROPOFF AND PICKUPS

On Friday, if you have a year 1-3 child attending our ski programme and dropping them at school by 8am (our departure time for this age group), you may also drop older siblings/passengers at that time too, to save you making two trips. Regan Hoban will be at school to look after them.

After school they may also wait at school until the skiers return at 4pm as we have staff who can watch them until then too.

PTA FUNDRAISER- FESTIVAL CATERING

The Parent Teacher Association, our parent-run body which funds many of the fun activities that all of our children do, is catering for the Festival event on Sunday the 24th of September. For this fundraiser we need some parent help please, either by donating some food ingredients, donating some baking or giving some of your time on the day. Please contact Cara (027 288 7833) if you can help.

ŌWHANGO SCHOOL BOARD HUI

Our next meeting is tonight at 7pm in the staff room at 7pm. You are all welcome to attend.

YEAR 4-8 RIPPA RUGBY

We will be departing for this tournament on Wednesday next week just after 9am. The teams are split into Year 7 / 8 boys; Year 7 / 8 girls; Year 5 / 6 boys; Year 5 / 6 girls. The students will need to wear their sports uniform, take a drink of water only, and enough food for the day. I have not heard if there is food being sold, so do not count on that. Thanks for the offers of transportation. See the list below.

Rippa Transport	
Driver	Students
Maxine	Konna, Aiden, Beau, James, Rose, Pria
Regan	Freida, Cailin, Jamie
Jacob	Chanae, Gin, Lucas, Oliver
Jessie	Piata, gazebo
Meeting there	Jack, Poppy, Hayzin, Delaize, Tilly, Ivy, Leith, Hopaea, Josh, Aleah, Taylor
Cara	Hazel, Tumanako, Darcy, Zurich, Soren,
Libby	Charlie
Not attending	Lo'i, Max

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

This is on this Friday 1st September; we will be leaving school at 8:45am returning by 3pm. If you are meeting in Ongarue, please be there by 9.30 at the latest, especially if you want to walk the course first. Runners can run in bare feet or shoes. The students will need to wear their sports uniform, take a drink of water only, and enough food for the day. I have not heard if there is food being sold, so do not count on that. Thanks for the offers of transportation.

Interschool Cross Country Transport	
Driver	Students
Regan	Freida, Monty, Max
Theresa	Cailin, Charlotte
Maxine	Konna
Trudie	Oliver, Mason, gazebo
Jacob	Chanae
Eike	Gin
Nicole	Zurich, Soren, Tilly
Meeting there	Taylor, Darcy, Poppy, Jack, Kaelyis-Rae, Kyston, Juan, Ainsley

A NEW FIREPLACE

On Tuesday we had our new staffroom fireplace installed. We think fires are an important part of our heating: fire lighting, wood splitting, and

firebox filling are useful skills for our students to learn; we save a lot of money by heating our school this way using donated wood; we prefer the heat it produces, especially when working on the floor as the heat pumps do not keep us warm down that low.

On frosty mornings we use the heat pumps to warm up the school until the children arrive and get the fires going. At 9am the heat pumps are turned off. We have researched the idea of running heat pumps 24/7 and concluded that it is not an efficient use of electricity in our situation.



Our new wood-burner fireplace

PTA HOT LUNCH THURSDAY- a reminder

Thanks to everyone who has supported our Hot Lunch Thursdays. **Please note that this week's menu does not include burgers as these are all sold out:**

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MINI MEEZ BASKETBALL

This week's game:
5.25pm TKKM TE AURERE V OWHANGO
SUPERSTARS - NON-COMPETITION

JOB OFFER- ELECTION DAY

Once again, Ōwhango School will be a Polling Booth in the upcoming General Elections on Election Day, Saturday 14th of October. We have been asked to encourage 'suitable' staff or parents from our community to apply to work on the day. If this sounds like you then go through the website, www.work.elections.nz and use the *apply* as opposed to the *register* button.

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

Ōwhango School: Uniform / stationery / sport fees pay to 03 0426 0141783 00

PTA: Fundraisers 030 426 0156205 00

2023 REMAINING 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

YEAR 1-3 SKI TRIP

FRIDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

Transport				
Driver	Can fit	4WD	Students (34)	Kids Going
Dave Murphy	4	N	Daithi- Meet at the mountain	1
Janeen/Corey Couper	2	Y	Jackson,	1
Lewis Stewart	3	Y	Deb, Elliott, Billie	2
Maree Ashcroft	5	Y	Haylee, Jessie S., Te Hana , Kopu, Jessica A.	3
Jesse Bramley	1	Y	Leiki,	1

Mark Bramley	2	Y	Tania, Harry, Brodie	2
Phoebe / Steven Moss	4	Y	Evie	1
Libby or Ryan Ogle	6	Y	Jack, Decan, Evan, Ewan Starkey	3
Luther / B Potgieter	4	Y	Ellie-Rose, Meah, Olive, Quinn,	4
Theresa Brewer	4	Y	Nico, Bailey	2
Hannah / Rex Pierce	3	Y	Patrick, Molly, Haylie Martin	2
Hari Smith	?	N	Aria, Janey	2
Dale Erueti	4	Y	Rosa, Indiana, Jesse C.	2
Stacey Erueti,	3	Y	Millie, Eric, Justin	2
Micheal Kereopa	3	Y	Lucy, Azalea, Opal Te Ahuru	2
			Total	30
Kids Not Going			Finley, Ben, Kyston, Ainsley,	4

PASSES-ADULTS	
NEED A PASS & HIRE SKIS or BOARD - \$55 each	
Janeen / Corey	Haylie
Lewis	Hannah / Rex
Deb	Dale
Maree	Stacey
Jessie S.	Micheal
Phoebe / Steve	Jesse C.
Libby / Ryan	Justin
HAVE A SEASON PASS	
Mark	Dave
Jesse B.	Ewan
Hari	
ACCOMPANYING ADULT PASS for non-skiers- \$15 each. These get you onto the snow in Happy Valley so you can help the children. These need to be purchased by you at customer services on the day, but there are a limited numbers of these.	
B / Luther	Opal

LESSONS- All Lesson Times: 9:30-11:20
Level 1 Student has never skied before
Janey, Ben, Leiki, Eric, Molly, Aria, Quinn, Jackson, Indie, Jack, Kopu, Ainsley, Lucy, Azalea, Bailey, Patrick, Kyston, Decan, Millie, Billie, Rosa, Olive, Evie,
23 student
Adult helpers: <i>All parents in Happy Valley</i>

Level 2 Student is able to stop in a wedge
Ellie-Rose, Elliott, Haylee, Evan, Te Hana, Brodie, Nico, Meah,
8 students
Adult helpers: <i>All parents in Happy Valley</i>

Level 3 Student is able to turn in a wedge-
Daithì Òg, Harry,
2 students
Adult helpers: <i>Dave and Mark on intermediate slopes higher up</i>