



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 / WHAKATAUKĪ

“Democracy is a slow process of stumbling to the right decision instead of going straight forward to the wrong one.” Unknown

DATES TO NOTE

18 October	Mobile Library
20 October	Mountain Schools Athletics Day
23 October	Labour Day- School is Closed
25 October	Postponement Day- Athletics
30 October	Pet Day
1 Nov.	Enrolment Zone Consultation Hui 7pm
7 Nov.	Assembly 2:00pm
8 Nov.	School Photos
17 Nov.	Interschool Athletics (new date)
20 Nov.	Teacher Only Day
22 Nov.	Year 7 & 8 Rafting
24 Nov.	Ōwhango's Got Talent
29 Nov.	Year 7 & 8 Rafting postponement
1 Dec.	Interschool Touch Rugby
2 Dec.	Christmas Parade
5 Dec.	Assembly 2pm
6 Dec.	School Board Hui
8 Dec.	Tongariro Crossing Trip
13 Dec.	Year 8 Leavers' Treat
14 Dec.	Brock's Farm Trip
15 Dec.	Break Up Ceremony 5pm
18 Dec.	Last Day of School
5 February	First Day of 2024!

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

We have made some progress on our 2024 teaching situation (see last week's Pānui). I am very pleased to announce that Siobhan McKenna has been appointed as our fourth teacher starting at the beginning of next year. The teachers are working on how we will divide up the pupils and I will update you on this towards the end of the year.

I have met with the Ministry of Education to discuss how we can accommodate a fourth class; they will be converting the staffroom into a classroom for the year. There will be some work needed to be done to make this a suitable teaching space in the time we have available. We are also looking at where to put the staffroom and where to move what is currently stored in the staffroom.

CLASSROOM KORERO- Middle Room

We have started a new science topic this term – Invasion Busters. This unit focuses on learning about what biosecurity means and the importance of keeping unwanted pests and diseases out of New Zealand. We pretended we were Biosecurity Inspectors for MPI and had to check seeds that had arrived at Auckland airport. We had to identify the different types of seeds and explain whether or not they passed the biosecurity check. In the coming lessons we are going to record the characteristics of different types of pests; create a Pitfall trap and explore its usefulness as a biosecurity screening tool; and understand that careful observation is a crucial part of ongoing biosecurity surveillance within New Zealand.



Biosecurity Inspectors Charlotte Owen and Millie Graham found an unwanted visitor (a cockroach) in the oats they were inspecting.



Biosecurity Inspectors Evan and Monty carefully checking and sorting their seeds. They found that their seeds contained noxious weed seeds; therefore, they did not pass the biosecurity check!

MOUNTAIN ATHLETICS - Friday

This is on this Friday- with the weather forecast looking favourable. Please come along and support the kids and buy some kai off the PTA! The first events start at 9:30. Thanks for all of the offers of help. We now have the lines marked out on the field courtesy of Stephen Wheeler, and the Owen family have dug over the sandpit, so it is ready to be jumped into, and Hannah Lord has moved the nets to behind the throwing areas. On Friday, the teachers will be at school from 8am setting up the field, some help from then on would be much appreciated, especially people with utes who can transport equipment to the domain.

PET DAY AND SPRING FESTIVAL- Pets coming?

At the bottom of this Pānui is the form to fill out if you are bringing a pet to Pet Day. Please get this to us before Wednesday next week so that planning can proceed.

Also, please encourage your children to start making their entries for this day. See last week's Pānui for the list of what they can do.

Y1-4 MINI MEEZ BASKETBALL COMPETITION

The Minimeez Basketball competition starts this Friday. We have lots of keen basketballers this term so have entered two Year 3/4 teams and one Year 1/2. Please see the team list below. Please note that both of the Year 3/4 teams only have 5 players each (no subs), meaning it's **extremely important** to turn up to your games; this is a good lesson for the children on commitment- once you commit to a team you don't let them down.

Thank you to Jahbon Te Ahuru and Siobhan McKenna-Murphy who have offered to manage a Year 3/4 team and the Year 1/2 team.

Ōwhango Allstars - Juan, Tahu, Nico, Meah, Charlotte. Manager - Theresa Owen.

Ōwhango Green - Kaelyis-Rae, Monty, Mason, Scarlett, Brodie. Manager - Jahbon Te Ahuru

Ōwhango Shooters - Daithi, Kyston, Ellie-Rose, Jackson, Patrick, Indiana, Quinn, Jack O. Manager - Siobhan McKenna-Murphy.

Sports T-Shirts will be handed out this week. Please remember to pay \$15 per player to the office asap.

Draw for this Friday 20th October:

Year 1/2 Court 2, 5.25pm TPS WARRIORS V ŌWHANGO SHOOTERS

Year 3/4 Court 1, 5.25pm NVS CHEETAHS V ŌWHANGO GREEN

5.45pm TURAKI DUNKERS V ŌWHANGO SUPERSTARS

BASKETBALL RESULTS

In the Miniball Basketball Competition last term, the Ōwhango Superstars came runners up for B grade. Lucas made the year 5/6 Dream Team and got also got Breakthrough Player of the year for year 5/6. Thanks to the coach, Lakenn Te Ahuru. The St Pats Ballers came first in the year 7/8 A grade, which included Delaize and Freida from Ōwhango School. Photos below.



The Ōwhango Superstars



Lucas – Breakthrough Player



St Pats Ballers- with Freida and Delaize

PTA RAFFLE- 4kg beef cube

The PTA is raffling off the final 4kg beef cube kindly donated by Pat Lacy and Silver Fern Farms. Today, each family has been given a booklet containing five raffle tickets to please sell.

Any sold or unsold tickets are to be returned to school by Wednesday 1st November. Thank you for your efforts with supporting the PTA with this. Signed The PTA



The 4kg Beef Cube

SCHOOL PHOTOS- a reminder

Please make any payments for these photos into the PTA account, as this is a PTA fundraiser- 030 426 0156205 00

This year, local photographer Emma Soffe will be doing our class and individual/sibling photos. Emma takes a modern approach to school photography, rather than a traditional/formal portrait type photo.

Class Photos

Emma has kindly offered to do our class photos for free and these will be sold as a PTA fundraiser and can be ordered by filling out the attached form at the bottom of this Pānui and returning it to the school office.

Individual and Family Photos

Additionally, Emma offers 10-minute sittings for natural individual/sibling photos in an outdoor setting around school. These will be at a cost of \$30 per sitting, more than two siblings requires

an extra booking. These must be booked in advance (first in, first served), by using the booking link or QR code below. All school photos will be taken on 8th of November (weather permitting).



COMMUNITY NOTICES

CHAIRLIFT CHAIR REQUEST

I'm looking for one of those mountain chairlift chairs to buy. Preferably a double seater but a single will do. Contact me, Annette Taylor-Lacy on 027 386 0722 if anyone has one for sale.

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 4- 9th October to 19th December

Teacher Only Day- 20th November.

2024 TERM DATES

Term One- 5th February to 12th April

Term Two- 29th April to 5th July

Term Three- 22nd July to 27th September

Term Four- 14th October to 18th December

Teacher Only Days- 4th June & 25th 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.

Blue Hill Cafe: Netball sponsorship

PTA Sponsors: Ringa Kaha Cabin, The Grounded Artisan, The Park Hotel Ruapehu, Kainui, LPS Cabinetry, Purita Te Manawa, Vertigo Rock Climbing, Thai Restaurant, Blue Hill Café, Liquorland. Pat Lacy Livestock Ltd



PET DAY 2023 PET REGISTRATION

Each child may enter one pet.

Any pet is welcome.

Pets are to arrive at school at or just after 12:00. If the weather is unsuitable an email will be sent out at 11am to inform parents that we have cancelled the pet section.

All pets must be contained or restrained, not roaming free.

All pets must have a water container.

Pets must be able to be controlled by the child.

No aggressive dogs.

Children must stay with their pets during judging time.

There will be areas for each type of pet to be tied, or for their cage to sit, please look for the signs or ask if you are unsure where to put them.

There will be a time for the judges to interview the pet owner and judge them for an appropriate award.

After this, pets that can be, will be led by their owner around an agility course and show their leading skills.

The focus on this is fun, rather than competition.

PET REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this Pet Registration form to school by Wednesday 26th October

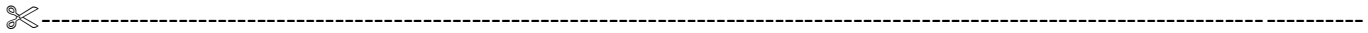
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- I will deliver these pets to school at, or just after 12.00 on the day (Monday 30th October).
- Pets cannot be left at school in the morning.
- I will ensure that the pet/s are adequately secured and have water.
- We agree to abide by the above conditions.

Signed by parent / caregiver _____



Ōwhango School Class Photograph Order Form 2023

PTA CLASS PHOTO FUNDRAISER - \$20 each

Family Name _____

Class	Number	Total
Room 1 (Middle Room)		
Room 2 (Senior Room)		
Room 3 (Junior Room)		
Whole School Photo		
	Total Payment	
	Date paid	

Please include payment with your order. If paying by internet banking, please deposit payment into the

PTA Bank Account: 03 0426 0156205 00

Ref: Photos with your family name.

Thank you very much for your support!