



# 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

"Nature is not a place to visit, it is home." –Gary Snyder

I hope you all have a restful two weeks of holidays, and that the staff have some downtime during the non-contact time.

## DATES TO NOTE

	PTA AGM 3:15pm
20 Sept	Mobile Library
22 Sept	Whole School Ski 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 MESSAGES

It was rewarding participating in the NZPF Conference last week. It gave me the opportunity to share experiences with other principals, compare notes, listen to speakers and look from afar on where our school is at. I came away with a feeling that we are doing things well, our children are succeeding academically and socially and the systems we have in place support their learning well. There is nothing that I heard that I thought we need to do that, or we are not doing that.

As we end our winter term I would like to thank everyone who has helped with our learn-to-ski programme this year. It is a lot to organise, but the overwhelming feedback has been positive. It is especially pleasing to see how far the children have progressed in their skiing skills, and their ability to manage themselves on the mountain. We aim to build in them a sense of place, that we live in a beautiful part of the world, that with a little effort can be enjoyed by everyone, and that it needs to be respected and cared for.

Next year we will be going to Tukino ski field for a week on our Ski Camp, snow permitting!

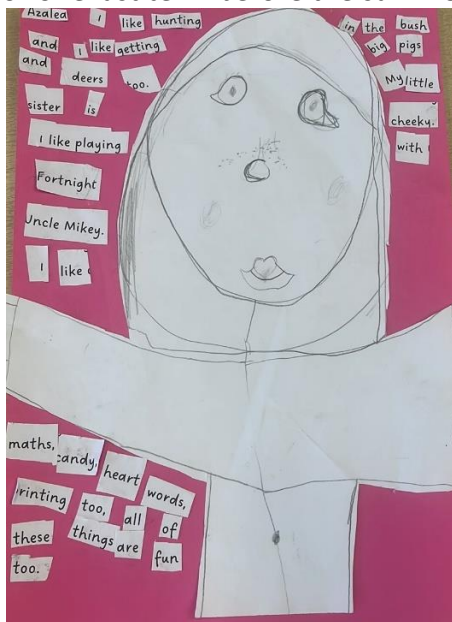


Spring is here. This magnolia at the entrance of the school was planted in memory of our previous principal, Joy Brown.

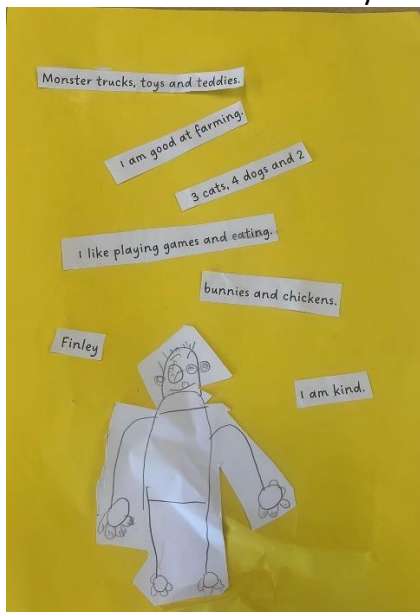
## CLASSROOM KORERO- Junior Room

It sure is feeling like Week 10, for the teachers at least, in the Junior Room. It's been a busy term with a lot of great learning happening both inside and outside the classroom. The progress they are making in the core learning areas is awesome. We are getting really confident with identifying nouns and verbs in sentences, our reading and writing are leaping ahead each week as we learn new sounds and gain confidence blending them together. In maths we have been looking at fractions and the inverse relationship of addition and subtraction. Using the Numicon shapes we were able to make number bond triangles and family of facts like  $23+24=47$ ,  $24+23=47$ ,  $47-23=24$ ,  $47-24=23$  which was pretty cool for a bunch of 5 and 6 year olds! In our learning about friendships, we have been exploring how we don't have to always play together, to like the

same things or always agree to still be friends. As part of our learning about feelings and emotions, we have learnt a lot of different feeling words in both English and te reo Māori. Some of our favourite words have been Kei te hōhā ahau- I am bored/fed up. Kei te manahau ahau - I am excited, Kei te riri ahau - I am angry, Kei te ngenge ahau - I'm tired. Last week the students learnt about birds with Whaea Siobhan, while Mr Starkey was away at the Principal's Conference, and created some lovely bird feeders which are now hanging around the school to encourage our already abundant birdlife into the school grounds. Our ski days have been great and hopefully we get one last good day this week. Best wishes for everyone over the term break and we look forward to getting back into it all again for one last term before the summer!



Writing and drawing about what makes me special: Azalea above and Finley below.



Patrick and Molly making a bird feeder; Azalea and Leiki working together



Indie and Ellie-Rose look for the perfect place to hang their bird feeder; Ainsley hanging her bird feeder



Quinn and Aria wearing the korowai made by the junior room

### WHOLE SCHOOL SKI DAY- this Friday

Please check the transport and lift passes list at the bottom of this Pānui, contact Ewan if any changes need to be made before Friday.

We will be departing school just before 8am on Friday, so try to be early. If we are meeting you on the mountain then we will see you in Happy Valley. There are no lessons during this trip, as we will be practising what we have already learnt. It is very important that children ski with an adult if they are venturing out of Happy Valley. Thanks again to the adults who are coming along

for your assistance with our learn-to-ski programme.

Adult helpers please note that we do not have any lessons so you will not get a free ski time. If you are going higher up the mountain, out of Happy Valley, you will need to have a group of children with you, not just your child. This is best done with two adults, one at the front, one at the back with a small group of children at a similar ability. With regular stops to regroup. We can help to organise children of similar skill level to ski with you.

An email will be sent out in the morning around 6:45 to confirm that our trip is still on. If the mountain is open, we will be going up.

### DISCO

Congratulations to the year 8 students for their organisational skills; the disco was a great success last Friday night. See some photos below.



MC Taylor and Cailin are in the house



Darcy, Hazel and Chanae having fun dancing



Summertime was the theme...



Some of the year 8 organisers



You can't stop a good conga line



A well-deserved supper



Four containers left behind at the Disco. Please collect them from the staff room.

## PESTIVAL PTA FUNDRAISER

We have catering on this weekend as a PTA fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who has offered their time to help with this, or food items for us to use. We are after a few more donations of goods please:

*a couple of pineapples*

*a bag or two of grapes*

*two 3 litre bottles of milk*

If you can donate one of these by the end of the week, please either leave in the office or staffroom fridge with your name on it and call Cara 0272887833 so she knows someone is supplying the item.

Thank you.

Owhango School PTA

## PTA HOT LUNCH THURSDAY- our final day!

Thanks to everyone who has supported our Hot Lunch Thursdays this term. Here is your last chance to buy...

Pies \$3

Sausage Rolls \$3

Hot Dogs \$4

Milo \$1 bring your own named cup

Also, a huge thank you to Stacey, Dale, Trudie, and Nicole who have coordinated this fundraiser.

## DENTAL TRUCK

I have been informed that the dental truck is currently parked up outside the hospital. If your child needs a dental appointment call 0800 825 583.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### MINI BALL LEAGUE BASKETBALL

Semifinals- Friday 5.45pm Ōwhango Superstars vs Manunui Breakers.

### Y1-4 MINI MEEZ BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Thanks to the keen players who returned their permission slips for next terms Minimeez Competition. We have registered a Year 1-2 team and a Year 3-4 team. Thank you to Siobhan and Jahbon who have offered to coach the teams. We will hand out t-shirts next term and let you know when the draw has been confirmed.

### CHANGE OF SPEED LIMITS AROUND SCHOOLS

Ruapehu District Council (RDC) are seeking feedback from the community regarding its Interim Speed Management Plan.

As a Road Controlling Authority RDC is required by Central Government to ensure all local roads have a safe and acceptable speed limit. The first part of this process is the lowering of speed limits around all schools in the Ruapehu District. Information about the Interim Speed Management Plan can be found on Council's [website](#), with the proposal for each school [here](#). You can provide your feedback regarding the proposed speed limit changes [here](#) by 5pm, Friday 29 September 2023.

See maps showing the two options from the website below.

## PESTIVAL

This Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. See the poster 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 REMAINING TERM DATES

**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.

## 2024 TERM DATES

**Term One-** 1<sup>st</sup> February to 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Term Two-** 29<sup>th</sup> April to 5<sup>th</sup> July

**Term Three-** 22<sup>nd</sup> July to 27<sup>th</sup> September

**Term Four-** 14<sup>th</sup> October to 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Teacher Only Days-** 31<sup>st</sup> May & 25<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

**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

## Whole School Ski Trip Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

<b>TRANSPORT- note that changes may be made on the day</b>	
Driver	Students
B. Potgeiter	Joshua, Aleah, Meah, Ellie-Rose
Katie Parkinson	Ainsley, Scarlett,
Kereama Watson	Kaelyis-Rae, Kyston- meet there
Hannah Lord	Jack, Molly- meet there
Jesse Bramley	Leiki- meet there
Michelle Gavegan	Lucas- meet there
Mitch Kereopa	Lucy, Evie,
Lakenn Te Ahuru	Delaize, Hayzin, Opal, Azalea, - meet there
Stacey/Justin	Millie, Eric- meet there
Neil Radford	Jamie- meet there
Jacob Lethbourg	Chanae, Hopaea, Tahu, Hazel,
Reuben Hardwidge	Darcy, Rose, Pria
Eike Schormair	Gin, Billie, Beau,
Mark Bramley	Harry- meet there
Theresa Brewer	Nico, Tilly, Brodie,
Maree Ashcroft	Haylee, Piata, Te Hana, Jessie Smith, Mia-Mareikura, Jessica
Lewis & Deb	Elliot, Decan,
Libby & Ryan Ogle	Jack, Charlie
Nicole Hosking	Matisse, Soren, Zurich,
Trudie Wheeler	Oliver, Mason, Konna, Evan,
Regan Hoban	Monty, Freida
Dale Erueti	Rosa, Indie
Janeen Couper	Jackson
Kaaryn Hunt	Olive, Quinn- meet there
Siobhan / Dave Murphy	Daithi- meet there
Theresa Owen	Cailin, Charlotte, Tumanako, Tyler, Kopu, Ewan Starkey
Haylie Murtagh	Poppy, Patrick
Vini Dutra	Juan, Taylor,
Hari Smith	Aria- meet there
<b>Kids Not Going</b>	James, Ivy, Leith, Aiden, Ben, Finley, Janey, Lo'i, Max, Bailey,

<b>PASSES - ADULTS</b>	
<b>NEED A PASS &amp; HIRE SKIS or BOARD - \$55 each</b>	
Kereama Te Ahuru Watson	Hannah Lord
Mitch Kereopa	Lakenn Te Ahuru
Stacey Erueti	Justin Graham
Jacob Lethbourg	Eike Schormair
Theresa Brewer	Jessie Smith
Theresa Owen	Lewis Pritt Stewart
Libby Ogle	Deb Pritt Stewart
Ryan Ogle	Nicole Hosking
Trudie Wheeler	Maree Ashcroft
Vini Dutra	Tash Dutra
<b>HAVE A SEASON PASS</b>	
Jesse Bramley	Michelle Gavegan
Regan Hoban	Mark Bramley
Aura Turanga	
<b>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 number of these.</b>	
Opal Te Ahuru	Danielle Mitchell

**PROPOSED CHANGE OF SPEED LIMITS AROUND SCHOOLS**  
 (Needs to be viewed in colour- see our emailed version of this Pānui)





**Owhango Alive**  
PROTECTING OUR OWN BACKYARD



# FESTIVAL

Sunday 24th September (World Rivers Day)  
10am to 2pm

**Location: Brocks Farm**  
 Farm entrance is at the start of Ohinetonga Road in Owhango, opposite the end of Omaki Road. Look for event flags.  
 Guest Speakers: John Bissell from Backblocks.

Backblocks owner/director John Bissell specialises in pest/predator control and holds the role of national predator control advisor with Save the Kiwi.

John will have a Q & A session, so bring your questions along!

Each conservation or catchment group will have 5 mins to share their story on what has worked well (or not), for them.

We will also take a walk along an Owhango Alive trapline.

At the conclusion of the day, you will be invited to join Owhango Alive to plant about 100 trees.

See you there!

Please RSVP by 21 September, by emailing:  
[owhangoalive@yahoo.com](mailto:owhangoalive@yahoo.com)

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