



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

“Food is an excellent way of learning without judgment and bonding with other cultures.”

— Henry Johnson Jr.

DATES TO NOTE

5 Sept	International Day
6 Sept	Year 5-8 Ripa 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 MESSAGES

Enrolment Scheme

At last week's school board meeting a delegation from the Ministry of Education (MoE) discussed putting in place an enrolment scheme at our school to help us to manage the increasing numbers of students enrolling at our school. The board has decided to proceed with this.

Our school capacity is 64 students, we currently have 75, with an expected 78 by the end of the year. The ministry has made it very clear that there is no chance to get an extra classroom, three classrooms is our maximum. We have ten year 8s leaving at the end of the year, which gives us some breathing space, but under the rules, we are not allowed to say no to any enrolments unless we have an enrolment scheme in place. This will entail having a boundary, or enrolment zone around our school; students living inside it

have automatic right to attend our school, those outside it can attend if we have room.

Over the next few months there will be a consultation process, with more details to be shared with you, and a chance for you to have your say. However, to allay any fears you may have, here are some of the basics:

- any students currently enrolled will be allowed to remain at our school,
- any students outside our enrolment zone may enrol if we have room in the classroom of their age group,
- if more students want to enrol from out of our zone than we have places for, there is a ballot system, with siblings of students already enrolled getting the first chance.
- We expect the enrolment zone boundary to be the same as the transportation boundary, which is a line halfway between us and our neighbouring schools; therefore if Ōwhango is your closest school you will be inside the boundary.

For more information look online on the MoE website:

<https://www.education.govt.nz/school/new-zealands-network-of-schools/about-enrolment-schemes/>

We expect the scheme to be in place for the start of school year next year. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

No selling at school

As much as we love the entrepreneurship of some of our students, we are making a rule that they are not to sell things at school. We have been spending too much time sorting out problems with purchases, including buy now pay later agreements. If your child wants to make

things to sell, please do this out of school time, perhaps take a stall at the Ōwhango Market.

Principals' Conference

Please note that I will be away next week at a New Zealand Principals' Federation Conference. I will still be in contact via email or phone. We also do not have anyone manning the office while Karen is away, so when ringing during teaching time you may have to leave a message. The Pānui will still be published next week, though it may be briefer.

CLASSROOM KORERO- Middle Room

For International Day on Tuesday, the middle room celebrated everything Japanese! This was a request by a friend in the middle room so it was wonderful we could learn about this beautiful culture together. Many of the students brought along items from home to share and talk about; we had Japanese tea sets, kimono robes, tamagotchi toys, karate gi, books, Japanese ornaments, Japanese jandals, yen, playing cards and yummy Japanese lollies. Over the week we have been researching Japan and learning how to write to inform. We have found many interesting facts – did you know that there is an eel flavoured ice-cream in Japan? During the week we have also listened to Japanese folktales every day. All the folktales have special messages within them, often focusing on the importance of showing love and kindness to those around us.



Practising our Japanese writing skills

We all practiced writing our names in Japanese and realized that many of the Japanese vowels are very similar to te reo Māori. We made sushi together, thank you to Harry's mum Tania, for coming in to help us. It's quite tricky rolling sushi, so ka pai tamariki! We also enjoyed delicious

sushi and a yummy peppermint dessert care of the Potgieter's. Thank you!

In the afternoon we learnt about the different designs that feature on traditional kimono and began designing our own kimono.

ウェア テレサ (Whaea Theresa)



Haylee rolling sushi with Harry, Olive, Juan, Rosa and Aleah



Charlotte, Te Hana, and Monty dressed in Japanese clothing; a collection of Japanese taonga brought from home.

INTERNATIONAL DAY

We had an excellent response to our International Day, with many children arriving in clothes from another country and bringing food to share. See the photos below...



The senior class celebrating International Country Day. Some tamariki wore international flag colours, some wore traditional dress and

some brought special taonga from their chosen country to show the class. We even had a giraffe representing Africa!



The Potgieter family spoiling all three classes with yummy dishes. Josh and Aleah are seen here dishing up a delicious mint chocolate tart treat for the senior and middle classes. Meah is on her way to share sushi with the middle class.

Ellie-Rose also spoilt the junior class with a gorgeous kiwi pavlova!



Lo'ilo'ioātea with her tasty Samoan coconut buns.



Darcy brought three scrumptious pizzas to share with the senior class in celebration of Italy. Here she is seen cutting up one of the pizzas (maths and fractions were used to make sure everyone got a piece). So yummy!

WHOLE SCHOOL SKI DAY

On the last day of the term, Friday 22nd September, we will have our final ski day. This is a whole school affair. It is a make-up day for the year 4-8, for one postponed early in the season, and an additional day for the year 1-3 (assuming this Friday's ski day is not cancelled).

As this day was not in our original plans, an additional permission slip is going out today, so that we can get clarity on who is coming, both children and adults, so planning can proceed smoothly. PLEASE GET THIS BACK TO US AS SOON AS YOU READ IT!

On this day there will be no lessons as this was too hard to organise with a late booking (all other bookings were made in May). It will be a chance for the students to practise their skiing skills.

As all staff will be attending this day, any students not coming will have to stay at home, unless the day is cancelled due to the weather.

As we have the younger students with us, we will be departing school at 8am, returning at the usual time of 4pm.

DISCO

On Friday 17th September the year 8s are organising and running our annual disco. It will be in the Ōwhango Hall from 6pm to 8pm. The theme is Summer. Please bring a plate for supper, and a drink bottle as dancing is hot work! This is open to current Ōwhango students only. Parents are welcome to stay and dance or drop their kids off- teachers will be supervising the event.

FLUE CLEANING

A big thank you to Cara O'Donnell and Aaron Owen who volunteered to clean our four school flues last week. They are now drawing well.

YEAR 1-3 SKIING

Once again we were spoilt by the weather gods and had a glorious sunny day last Friday for the first year 1-3 ski day. It was great to see all of them learning to ski and improve their skills. It is a big day for this age and a lot to learn all at once. For our next ski day on Friday, please can parents make sure their child...

- is WEARING their ski gear when they get to school as there is no place in the

carpark to put on their waterproof ski pants etc.

- has sunblock on before they get to school
- has remembered their goggles/sunglasses/water bottle

The forecast for this Friday is again looking great but check your emails at 6:45am to ensure we are still going up the mountain. Thanks to those parents who came last week, especially those who helped other people’s children- it is quite a lot of work with this age group to get them underway with skiing. Please check the transport, and ticket information at the bottom of this Pānui and get back to Mr Starkey if there are any changes needing to be made.



Brodie whizzes by



Decan demonstrates the emergency stop technique



Kopu having fun



Te Hana getting onto the magic carpet



Quinn on the magic carpet

Y1-4 INTERSCHOOL SOCCER TOURNAMENT

This Friday 8th September the Y1-4 Interschool Soccer is being held at Cherry Grove. Please note that due to Year 1-3 skiing on this day, we have only entered one Year 4 team. As we have such a small number of students attending (8 students), we will not be able to send a teacher. This day will be parent led. Jahbon Te Ahuru and Theresa Owen (going as a parent, not a teacher) will stay with the children for the day, thank you to Jahbon for coaching/managing the team. We are leaving school at 8.50am. Please make sure your child is wearing a green sports t-shirt, has a warm school jersey to wear, a packed lunch, and a water bottle. Players MUST wear shoes, no bare feet allowed – “All players must wear shoes, which should be soft-soled shoes e.g. trainers, to avoid injury to other players. Children can wear soccer boots, plastic moulds only, no metal sprigs. Gumboots, boots, jandals, flip-flops, or even just socks and any uncovered or oversized/loose footwear is not allowed.”

Please see the transport list below

Driver	Students
Theresa	Charlotte, Monty, Mason, Tyler,
Meeting at Cherry Grove	Kaelyis-Rae, Juan, Scarlett, Tahu

MARKET DAY STALL

A big thank you to students Rose Bryan and Hazel O'Donnell who manned the PTA stall at the Ōwhango Market and made about \$45 on Sunday.

ASSEMBLY

We have another assembly on Tuesday 19th September at 2:00pm. Come along and hear what the children have been up to.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to those children who qualified to represent our school at this event. We had several children who came in the top ten of their event. Special mention goes to Ainsley Parkinson who set a new record for the year one girls race at 2 minutes 52 seconds.

Below are the students who came in the top ten:

Yr 1 Girls: 1st Ainsley Parkinson

Yr 2 Boys: 2nd Kyston Te Ahuru-Watson

Yr 4 Girls: 7th Kaelyis-Rae Te Ahuru-Watson

Yr 4 Boys: 1st Mason Wheeler

3rd: Monty Hoban

Yr 5 Girls: 10th Poppy Murtagh

Yr 5 Boys: 7th Jack Pierce

Yr 6 Girls: 4th Tilia Brewer

6th Gin Schormair

Yr 6 Boys: 4th Oliver Wheeler

Yr 7 Girls: 8th Freida Hoban

Yr 8 Girls: 5th Cailin Owen

Yr 8 Boys: 6th Max McLean

10th Konna Moss



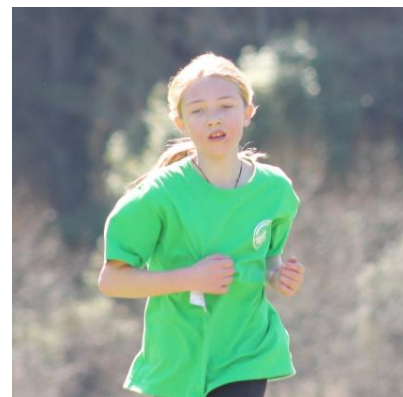
Mason and Monty near the start of their race



Poppy starts her race



Jack



Gin



Ainsley on the winners' rostrum

ŌWHANGO SCHOOL BOARD HUI

At last week's hui, the board met with a delegation from the MoE our increasing roll (see Principals' Messages for more on this); David from ORRIS talked with us about Ōwhango Vision 2035; the board approved a Code of Conduct for board members; we had an initial read through of the results of the Community Consultation; we

discussed where we are at with applying for grants for our skate park; we approved the term dates for 2024 (see the details below); we discussed some correspondence, and we reviewed some policies.

2024 TERM DATES

At last week's board hui, we approved the following term dates for 2024.

Term One- 1st 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- 31st May & 25th November

YEAR 4-8 RIPPA RUGBY

This is on today, hopefully we can get some photos for next week's panui.

A BLUEBERRY BUSH



Thanks to Ron and Trisha Aitken who have planted a large blueberry bush in our garden. And to David Cifuentes who donated the bush.

PTA 4KG BEEF CUBE RAFFLE RESULT

This raffle was drawn today under police supervision. The winner was number 28, Jack Hodgson.

PTA HOT LUNCH THURSDAY- a reminder

Thanks to everyone who has supported our Hot Lunch Thursdays. **Please note that burgers are all sold out:**

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

PTA FUNDRAISER- FESTIVAL a reminder

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

VISION 2035

Get involved and help Ōwhango plan what they want for the future of the village and surrounding area. See the poster below.

RAISING ACHEVEMENT FOR PARENTS.

Raising Achievement is dedicated to supporting parents with understanding their children as learners and improving student achievement in reading and spelling through a structured literacy approach with resources and strategies complimentary to all school programmes. You are invited to register for one of the free online zoom sessions offered in term 3: Wednesday 6 September 7.30 pm
Wednesday 20 September 7.30 pm
There will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions with Jenny Tebbutt Educational Consultant. Please email to register, receive resources, and the link for the session at admin@raisingachievement.co.nz

CIRCUS IN A FLASH

School holiday workshop or show; for more information, please see the two posters below.

MINI MEEZ BASKETBALL

This week's game:

3:45pm Matiere Heat vs Owhango Superstars

Note **next week's game** is on Wednesday:

4:45pm NVS Eagles vs Owhango 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 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 Taurus, 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 8th SEPTEMBER

Transport	
Driver	Students & Passengers
Dave Murphy	Daithi, Siobhan- Meet at the mountain
Janeen/Corey Couper	Jackson, Nico
Lewis Stewart	Deb, Elliott, Billie
Maree Ashcroft	Haylee, Te Hana meet us there
Jesse Bramley	Leiki,
Mark Bramley	Tania, Harry, Brodie, Bailey,
Libby or Ryan Ogle	Jack, Decan, Evan, Ewan Starkey
Luther / B Potgieter	Ellie-Rose, Meah, Olive, Quinn,
Kereama Te Ahuru-Watson	Kyston, Azalea, Opal Te Ahuru
Hannah / Rex Pierce	Patrick, Molly, Haylie Martin
Hari Smith	Aria, Janey
Dale Erueti	Rosa, Indiana, Jesse, Evie,
Stacey Erueti,	Millie, Eric, Justin
Mitch Kereopa	Danielle, Lucy, Ainsley, Katie
Apii Te Paea	Kopu
Kids Not Going	Finley, Ben,

PASSES-ADULTS	
NEED A PASS & HIRE SKIS or BOARD - \$55 each	
Janeen / Corey	Haylie
Lewis	Hannah / Rex
Deb	Dale
Maree	Stacey
Katie	Mitch
Libby / Ryan	Jesse C.
Kereama	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
Danielle	Apii

Whole School Ski Day Attendance Slip

Friday 22nd September (last day of term 3)

Departing School at 8.00am, returning 4:00pm

Family name

My child / ren **will / will not** be attending the Whole School Ski Day.

Cost per child- \$25

- For year 4-8s who have paid for all five trips in advance, this is their fifth trip, so no extra cost. If you are paying per trip then there is a charge.
- For the year 1-3 students this is an extra third day, as were booked to have two days, so there is a charge.

Cost per adult

- who wants to ride the lifts and/or hire skis/board is \$55
- who wants access to the snow in Happy Valley they will need to purchase an ACCOMPANYING ADULT PASS for non skiers- \$15 each. These need to be purchased by you at customer services on the day, but there are a limited numbers.
- who wants to stay in the seated plaza area where we keep our bags it is free

Cost per Child	One Person	Times the number of people you have	Total	
For year 4-8 who have already paid for all five trips	paid			paid
For year 4-8 who are paying one trip at a time	\$25			\$
For all of the year 1-3 students	\$25			\$
Cost per Adult				
Lifts, skis/board	\$55			\$
Accompanying adult pass	\$15			Pay at customer services
Sitting in bag area	Free			
Total Cost Paid to School			\$	

TRANSPORT - We will be using parent cars to get up the mountain. Please indicate where you can provide transport.

I am able to provide transport **YES / NO**.

I have a 4wd vehicle (this is not essential) **YES / NO**.

I am able to provide smoke-free, seat-belted transport for _____ (write the number including your child) children, in a registered and warranted vehicle that will be driven by a fully licensed driver who adheres to all traffic regulations. (Note, drivers will be paid some money to go towards their petrol costs.)

Name of driver _____

Will you be meeting us at the mountain? **YES / NO**

YES / NO I will be sending a booster seat for my child
(Note by law children under 7 must be in a booster seat)

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FUN!

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CENTRAL KING COUNTRY REAP

THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER 2023

CIRCUS IN A FLASH

WORKSHOP

Watch An **AMAZING CIRCUS DEMONSTRATION** ★ Learn How To **PUT ON YOUR OWN CIRCUS SHOW** ★

LOCATION

Miriama Community Centre
10 Miriama Street
Look Out for the Balloons
An enrolment form must be completed for every child

Entry by Ticket Only
AGES 7 AND OVER 9.30AM AND OVER 1.30PM
Please bring lunch and a drink

LIMITED SPACES

Tickets and Enrolment Forms are available at the CKC REAP Office

CIRCUS TICKET \$2.00 for 1
\$5.00 for 3

Central King Country REAP
P.O. Box 100, Te Anau, New Zealand

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SHOW ONLY

CIRCUS PERFORMANCE

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\$5.00 for 3

Central King Country REAP
P.O. Box 100, Te Anau, New Zealand



ORRIS

2035
ŌWHANGO VISION

**JOIN US IN SHAPING
THE FUTURE OF
ŌWHANGO!**

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:


- Attend our community ideation sessions
- Submit your ideas online at owhangorris@yahoo.co.nz
- Drop off your suggestions during the regular market days (First Sunday of the month)

**IDEATION SESSIONS
AUG - OCT**

- Mid Winter Dinner
- AGM
- School Session
- Ōwhango General sessions
- Market days

PRIORITIZATION

- Survey to rate Payers
- Have your say at the community hui (Nov)



**VISION 2035
ŌWHANGO
Outdoors Nature and Great**

WHY YOUR INPUT MATTERS?

Help us build a future for Ōwhango that balances development with ecological conservation, ensuring a greener, healthier community for generations to come.

Share your thoughts on how we can safeguard and celebrate Ōwhango's unique cultural heritage, traditions, and historical landmarks.

Your ideas will shape initiatives to improve education, current infrastructure, and public services, making Ōwhango an even better place to live, work, and play.