



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

If a child misses a week of school each term, by the time they are 16 they will have missed a year of schooling.

DATES TO NOTE

7 Nov.	Assembly 2:00pm
8 Nov.	School Photos
17 Nov.	Interschool Athletics
20 Nov.	Teacher Only Day
21 Nov.	Enrolment Zone Consultation Hui 7pm
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

Enrolment Scheme

The following is a notice from the Ministry of Education regarding the implementation of an enrolment scheme at Ōwhango School.

Consultation Notice

The Ministry of Education has identified that Ōwhango School is overcrowded and has given the school board notice of this. After consultation with the board, we have developed a proposed enrolment scheme for Ōwhango School under section 72 of the Education and Training Act 2020. As part of this process, we are consulting with the school's community and with people living in the area for which the school is a

reasonably convenient school. The enrolment scheme could affect which school a student will be entitled to enrol in, or school transport entitlements.

We will be holding a consultation meeting in the Ōwhango School Senior Room on Tuesday the 21st of November at 7pm to provide further information and gather feedback from the community. If you have any comments about the proposed enrolment scheme for Ōwhango School that you would like to be included in the final report about this proposal, please forward them to

Waikato.EnrolmentSchemes@education.govt.nz

by the 8th of December. A copy of the proposed scheme can be viewed at the following link: <https://consultation.education.govt.nz/education/owhango-es>

CLASSROOM KORERO- Junior Room

Pet day writing

I like pet day. It was fun. Some of us made a cake. The best part was the pets. Some people made a raft for the swimming pool. Some of us got a certificate. It was fun. We got free drinks and burgers. - Ainsley

I like seeing Fatty and Azalea patting my lamb and playing with Azalea and doing clay animals. Pet day is my favourite at school. It is fun. I loved seeing all of the animals. Pet day is when you can take an animal to school. I got certificates and it was fun getting certificates. We had clay animals and cupcakes and growing gardens. - Lucy

I took a chicken to pet day. I got a certificate for looking after it. It is so good. There was good food. - Patrick

I was so happy seeing the pets at pet day. - Bailey
I was so nervous. There were too many dogs. It was fun. Sam's lead came off him. - Indiana

I loved seeing all of the animals. It was like a zoo, zoo, zoo. I made Lego and baking. I got four certificates. – Leiki

My dog was the only dog to jump the obstacles and no one's dog jumped the obstacles. – Kyston



Pigs were a popular baking theme; top is Taylor and Kaeylis-Rae, below is Finley's



BUSH DAY - Senior Room

This Friday, as part of international 'Outdoor Classroom Day', the senior room will spend the school day in te ngahere (forest) down at the domain. In this time, they will engage in some science and technology challenges, team building activities, physical games, nature exploration and sensory stimulation.

This type of learning and play allows students to develop their independence, self-confidence and awareness, recognise their limitations / boundaries, utilise their natural environment to support their needs, and to better understand our natural world so that they can become kaitiaki (guardians) and protect it for future generations. All activities on the day will be closely linked to our school curriculum.

The weather at this stage does look wet for Friday but this is an all-weather event so students must come prepared with these compulsory items;

- shoes they can get dirty/wet
- spare, dry shoes to wear home
- towel
- wear old clothes to school (not uniforms)
- spare dry, warm clothes for afterwards

- water bottle
- hearty lunch
- beanie and sun hat
- suncream (on before school/reapply during the day)
- thermal layers to add/remove through the day
- medication as necessary

**No tools, knives, ropes or other items that may be considered dangerous to be brought to school by students. Any students carrying these items will be unable to attend this activity. Whaea Siobhan will have some items for responsible use by students.*



Flower cakes- on the left by Pria, on the right by Charlotte, below by Lucas



ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 7th, next week, the junior room is hosting our assembly at 2:00pm. You are all welcome to attend.

MOUNTAIN ATHLETICS RESULTS

Due to time restraints, we did not put the placings of the Ōwhango students in last week's Pānui, so here they are now. Due to the large number, we are only putting the top three from our school here with names not events.

If you would like to see the whole results sheet for each event, with the top 8 placings, come and look at the information board in the corridor. Certificates for the top three will be handed out at the next assembly.

Delaize-1st, 1st, 1st, 3rd,
James- 3rd,

Konna- 3rd, 3rd,
 Max- 1st, 1st,
 Tumanako- 1st, 1st,
 Jack P.- 3rd,
 Oliver- 1st, 2nd, 3rd,
 Lucas- 3rd,
 Monty- 1st, 1st, 3rd, 3rd, 3rd,
 Kyston- 1st, 1st, 3rd, 3rd,
 Cailin- 1st, 1st, 2nd,
 Freida- 1st, 1st, 1st,
 Tilia- 1st, 1st, 2nd, 2nd, 2nd, 3rd,
 Aleah- 1st,
 Gin- 1st, 1st, 1st,
 Charlotte- 1st, 1st, 1st, 1st, 3rd,
 Haylee- 2nd, 3rd,
 Kaelyis-Rae- 2nd, 2nd,
 Azalea- 3rd,
 Ainsley- 1st, 2nd, 2nd,



A new category for this year- Lego creations, was suggested by the students; above is Haylee's and below Leiki's



ŌWHANGO ADVENTURES – WHANGANUI RIVER TRIP

The Ōwhango School year seven and eight students have been given a wonderful opportunity to paddle down the Whanganui River with Ōwhango Adventures on Wednesday 22nd November, with a postponement date of the following Wednesday 29th November. We are very grateful to Grant Lethborg and his amazing team at Ōwhango Adventures to be taking our older students on this once in a lifetime opportunity! We will not be needing transportation for this trip, nor will we require

parent assistance. They have all the trained guides onboard, so this is solely for the senior tamariki of Ōwhango School. Ewan Starkey and I will both be going along also. However, if your family or friends think this might be something you want to do yourselves at a later date then go to info@owhangoadventures or call 0800 2 CANOE and book in with them today! Permission slips will be in next week's newsletter.

Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith



Bugs in Mud by Decan, Daithi's Oreo owls.

TONGARIRO CROSSING TRIP- Year 6-8

See the notice and permission slip at the end of this Pānui.



Leith's double-sided animal artwork's humour won him a first prize.

PET DAY AND SPRING FESTIVAL

Once again this was a great success. We were lucky with the weather on Monday and were able to proceed with the pet part of this day. Thanks to everyone who came along and supported the tamariki, it is your presence that makes the day special.

Also, thanks to the judges for their time, Pat from Silver Fern Farms for providing and cooking the burgers, Fonterra for the flavoured milk, FMG and PGG Wrightson for the spot prizes, and the PTA for manning the sales table. The sales table made just over \$400, so \$200 goes to the PTA and \$200 to the children selling.

The children who won a first, second or third prize in any category won house points for their house, with Tongariro earning 69, Ngauruhoe 64 and Ruapehu 57 points.

See the photos of the day in this Pānui.



Mollys and Zurich's gifts for a grandparent



Y1-4 MINI MEEZ BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Year 3&4 Court One

5.05pm OWHANGO ALL STARS V NVS CHEETAHS

6:25pm ST PATS SHOOTERS V ŌWHANGO GREEN

Year 1&2 Court Two

5.25pm MANUNUI TUI'S V ŌWHANGO SHOOTERS



Tyler and Tumanako's small raft, complete with a steerable rudder



A chaos of the large rafts!

SCHOOL PHOTOS- a final reminder

These being taken on Wednesday next week. So, remember to wash your uniform and get your haircut before then! For information on ordering class photos (all proceeds go to the PTA) see below; for family photos, see the previous Pānui.



Tahu and Luka; Quinn and Leiki enjoy the sponsors' products

SCHOLSTIC ORDERS- a reminder

Book club issue #7 is attached. Please have your orders back to the office before Wednesday 8th November or you can order by internet to bookclub.scholastic.co.nz.



Max and Pat on the BBQ; Paul judges the small rafts

COMMUNITY NOTICES

None this week.



Zurich and Patch; Kaelyis-Rae leads Spark over the steps

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

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

PTA: Fundraisers 030 426 0156205 00



Aleah's clay bowl with worm and ladybug, and Max's Lion and a piece of meat



2023 REMAINING TERM DATES

Term 4- 9th October to 18th 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



The middle room's sunflowers



Moana the turtle by Te Hana

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, Silver Fern Farms, New World, Tongariro Water



Tania helps out at the popular sales table



Judges Trisha and Ron interview Jamie and Ivy on how they care for their pets



Jack paddles while Poppy tries to not fall in!



TONGARIRO CROSSING TRIP- Year 6-8

Kia ora e te whanau,

On the **8th of December**, as part of their PE, Health, Social Science and History curriculum, the year 6-8 students will be walking the Tongariro Alpine Crossing. We will be leaving school at 7am sharp, by bus. A decision will be made by 3pm on the 7th of December to cancel or continue as planned, based on the weather report and other safety elements. There is no postponement date for this activity.

Nga maunga hold great cultural significance to Māori and within our wider rohe (area), and the walk is heralded globally as one of the top 10 one-day walks in the world, so we are feeling very grateful to be able to extend this opportunity and privilege to our students.

This is a 19.4km hike in alpine conditions, it will be a challenge, so a reasonable level of fitness and preparation is required for this trip.

Preparation:

Weekly walks – All of the senior students will participate in fitness activities and weekly walks in the Ōwhango area, on Fridays, as well as their usual health and P.E. lessons. Every Friday, students are required to have comfortable walking shoes/sneakers/hiking boots (preferably what they will wear to complete the Crossing), a water bottle, raincoat, and sunscreen on. Students are welcome to carry a snack with them on these short walks. No slides, crocs, gumboots, bare feet or jandals please on Fridays.

Gear list – As a class, we will discuss safety considerations for the day in advance. As it is an extensive walk through variable and volcanic terrain, we expect all participants to be well prepared. The weather can change quickly and as such all items on the gear list are compulsory. Please find a recommended gear list below:

- A sturdy, well-fitting backpack with hip straps, manageable for students to carry on their own
- Tramping boots or sturdy sneakers with good tread / grip (See below)
- 3 litres of water ***minimum***
- A waterproof jacket
- Thermal long sleeve top (items that are easily layered and removed)
- Fleece overtop / sweatshirt (hunting long sleeve tops are great-but cotton is not recommended)
- Thermal long johns or leggings (you may carry these in your backpack)
- Shorts
- Woollen gloves
- Neck warmer
- 2x hats – beanie and a sunhat
- Thick socks (no ankle socks)
- Sunscreen (applied before leaving school and in backpack for reapplication)
- Lip balm / Chapstick
- Toilet paper/tissues
- Plasters
- Sunglasses
- Big lunch with high-energy foods included (any/all waste goes home in lunchbox)
- Lollies/chocolate are allowed for energy (No chewing gum)
- Personal medication (***Please discuss this with Whaea Siobhan in advance***)

Gear check - All students will be required to have their full gear list at school for inspection on **Friday 1st of December**. We will add a reminder to our pānui that week.

Tramping Boots hire - Sarah Cate of Adventure Outdoors in National Park Village has kindly offered tramping boots for student's use.

If you/your child needs these for the day, please send an email to siobhan@owhango.school.nz with your child's name and EU shoe size as soon as possible. I will then collect these from Sarah (please do not contact her directly/turn up to her home to request these) for gear check on December 1st and you/your child will need to ensure these are a comfortable fit.

Whanau volunteers - We will need a limited number of fit and motivated whānau volunteers to support us. If you're interested, please complete and **return the form below by 8th of November**. Please familiarise yourself with the nature of The Tongariro Alpine Crossing and be aware that the walk could take between 6-10 hours to complete as a group. Whanau volunteers will be required to stay with the group, offering support and motivation as needed.

Please note we have a limited number of bus seats available, and there is no all-day parking at either end of the walk.

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TONGARIRO CROSSING TRIP- Year 6-8

Permission Slip

***Please return this permission slip to school by Wednesday 8th of November 2023.**

I grant permission for _____ (child's name) to travel by bus and participate in the senior room Tongariro Alpine Crossing trip on Friday the 8th of December 2023.

Or

I ***do not*** grant permission for _____ (child's name) to travel by bus and participate in the senior room Tongariro Alpine Crossing trip on Friday the 8th of December 2023.

I _____ (adult's name) **would like to attend** with the class, to offer whanau support on the day.

Or

I would not like to attend but I _____ (adult's name) **can drop off & pick up** _____ (number of people) to help with transport.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Ōwhango School Class Photograph Order Form 2023- last chance

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: School Photos with your family name.

Thank you very much for your support!