



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

“ Some of the best advice I’ve been given: Don’t take criticism from people you would never go to for advice.” Morgan Freeman

DATES TO NOTE

8 Nov.	School Photos
16 Nov.	Career Dress-Up Day
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.	Reports Out
	Break Up Ceremony 5pm
18 Dec.	Last Day of School
5 February	First Day of 2024!

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Skate Park Update

It has been a while since the development of a skate park area around the outside of the basketball courts was mentioned in our Pānui.

A lot of work by three key organisers, has gone into applying to three different sources of funding- Lotteries, Trust Waikato and T G MacCarthy Trust. We are seeking \$200,000 to add to the \$115,000 that the school board has allocated, and \$1,000 from the PTA.

We expect to hear whether these applications are successful before the end of the school year. Once we have established how much money we have for the project, J Stone Skate Parks will then work on drawing up a design, based on the kids

ideas, adults ideas and their own expertise (they have been constructing skate parks for over twenty years- have a look at their website for examples of their work.) Once the plan is approved the building work will commence. We are hoping to have the park completed next year.

CLASSROOM KORERO- Middle Room

Room 1 has made an energetic start in the school garden, spending part of Friday digging and planting our first summer edibles. Five groups have been allocated a garden bed each and the enthusiasm to protect and care for ‘their patch’ is alive and well. Paths have been cleared and weeds pulled.

Basil, tomatoes, corn and carrots are planted to kick start the season and next week we plan on adding peas, runner beans, pumpkin, onions and flowers.

Using origami techniques, we have learnt how to make seed sowing pots from unwanted paper. Students have also been learning about what components are needed to make the optimum soil.

A huge thankyou to our garden fairy, Trisha, who has spent many hours prepping the garden and supervising the students as they tend to their patch. Whaea Regan



Charlotte, Te Hana, Meah and Mason work in the garden

ASSEMBLY

The middle room hosted our assembly yesterday where they shared some of the work they have been doing recently, celebrated some children's sporting success, talked about what is coming up and gave out some Duffy Books.

DUFFY BOOKS-CAUGHT BEING GOOD

Here are the latest successful students.



From the senior room: Lucas for settling into his work easily and reading, Konna for Showing improvement in team sports, group work, and competitive situations, Leith for Huge improvement in maths and great focus in class, Hazel for Great focus in class resulting in great test results, Pria for excellence in story writing using rich descriptive language, and Piata for effort and progress in all areas.



In the middle room: Juan for his outstanding progress in reading comprehension, Scarlett for her wonderful progress in reading, Monty for his enthusiastic and knowledgeable engagement in the Invasion Busters science unit, Brodie for his terrific descriptive writing, and Billie for his focus and understanding in maths.



In the junior room: Harper- Welcome to Ōwhango School, Aria for her amazing effort in all areas, and Ben for his huge improvement in writing.

HPV VACCINE 2nd DOSE

The year 8's who returned their permission slips for this vaccine will be getting their second dose on Wednesday 15th November at 11am.

ŌWHANGO ADVENTURES WAKA CULTURAL TRIP ON THE WHANGANUI RIVER – Year 7 and 8 students

On Wednesday 22nd November (postponement date of the following Wednesday 29th November) the year 7 & 8 students at the school will be spending the day on the Whanganui River with Ōwhango Adventures. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for our tamariki and we are very grateful to Grant Lethborg and his team from Ōwhango Adventures for providing our year 7 and 8 students this amazing activity, free of charge!

This is a compulsory excursion as it is part of their learning, it will teach our students a great deal of historical knowledge, landmarks and stories of our local area. This type of learning is invaluable. Both Mr Starkey and I will be accompanying the children on the awa (river) plus the highly trained river guides of Ōwhango Adventures. This is a breath-taking trip on the upper Whanganui River. The trip starts at Ngahuinga -Cherry Grove in Taumarunui and ends in Ohinepane further down the river.

Further information including gear list, will be provided in the newsletter next week.

Please fill in the permission slip below.

Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith

CAREER DRESS-UP DAY

On Thursday the 16th of November we are having a Career Dress Up Day. This is where the kids can come dressed up as someone at work. This was inspired by a student who asked if we could all come to school dressed as your teacher, which we have expanded into any job.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS -permission slips due

We now have all permission slips back from the students in the team. We will publish the transport list in next week's Pānui.

TEACHER ONLY DAY

A reminder that we have a Teacher Only Day on Monday the 20th of November. The school will be closed for instruction. We also do not offer a child-minding service on this day.

ENROLMENT ZONE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION HUI

This is your chance to come to a meeting to hear a presentation from the Ministry of Education on

the establishment of an enrolment zone around our school to help us manage our roll numbers. It is on Tuesday 21st November at 7pm at the school. Everyone is welcome.

TONGARIRO CROSSING TRIP- Year 6-8

Permission slips were due back today but a number of them remain outstanding. Even if your child is not attending the trip, it is important you let us know by returning the slip a.s.a.p. As we will be making transport arrangements this weekend, we require all outstanding permission slips by this Friday the 10th December. When all slips are in, we will let you know how many and which parent helpers can come along with us. Thank you for all of the generous offers of help so far.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

These are being taken today. Thanks to everyone who has ordered a class or school photo. These will be processed soon and sent home. If there are any last-minute orders we need them in by this Friday. A huge thank you to the photographer, Emma Soffe, who donated her time and skills to take the class photos as a fundraiser for the PTA.

SENIOR BUSH DAY

The senior room packed lots of fun and learning into their day in te ngahere last week.

There was competitive hut building between a group of boys Vs girls. Their designs were very intricate and involved secret tunnel exits and below ground living spaces! Charlie created a vine swing complete with a seat/handle fashioned from wood and grasses, whilst Taylor, Hopaea & Tilia created a very effective dam to pool water for all to play in. Oliver was busy creating trails between play areas. Everyone tried their hand at hapa zome, a Japanese art form using the pigment of flowers and leaves. We found flowers, fungi, unfurling ferns and even eggs to explore!

A special thanks to Michelle Ross from Ōwhango Alive for popping along and giving us a trapping demonstration and explaining why this is a critical conservation task.

The whole class spent the day happy, busy & engaged working together to complete their nature projects & soaking in their natural surroundings.



Soren, Delaize & Josh rest in their shelter



Poppy stalks Konna up stream in the mud fight



Joshua enjoys trying out hapa zome



Charlie does some risk assessment before trying his vine swing



Chanae & Darcy show their hapa zome results



Ivy experiments with how to make the mud slide more effective

Y1-4 MINI MEEZ BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Year 3&4 Court One 4:25pm ŌWHANGO ALLSTARS V TURAKI DRAGONS

Year 1&2 Court Two 5.45pm ŌWHANGO SHOOTERS V TKKM TE PŪKAKI

COMMUNITY NOTICES

GARAGE SALE

Laurie’s House, 30 Oioi St, Owhango
 Saturday 11th November from 9am
 Household items, furniture, books, tools, bits and pieces. All must go!

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

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Year 7&8 Whanganui Awa trip with Ōwhango Adventures Permission Slip
Wednesday 22 November 2023
Cherry Grove - Ngahuinga, Taumarunui 9.00am start,
Departing School at 8.30am

Family name _____

My child _____ may attend the Whanganui Awa Trip with Ōwhango Adventures.

Signed _____

Please note that we do not need parent help for this trip.

