



# ŌWHANGO SCHOOL PĀNUI

The tamariki 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

“One of the secrets to staying young is to always do things you don’t know how to do, to keep learning.” - Ruth Reichl

## DATES TO NOTE

17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Working Bee
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Assembly 2:15
28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School Board Hui
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Mountain School Swimming
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Inter-school Swimming
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Bike Trip- Tongariro River Trail
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Assembly 2:15
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter Tuesday
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr 5-6 Ki-o-rahi Day
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Show- Matinee Performance
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Show- Evening Performance
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Yr 7-8 Ki-o-rahi Day
	Last Day of Term One

## PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

### Class Names

A while ago one of the children suggested we renamed our classes from Room 1,2,3 & 4. We tossed around a few themes and came up with the rule that it must be a tree or plant. The teachers, with the help of their students have decided on their new names, they are:

Room 1, Whaea Theresa’s class **Kahikatea**

Room 2, Whaea Jessie’s class **Rimu**

Room 3, the junior room- **Kowhai**

Room 4, Whaea Siobhan’s class- **Totara**

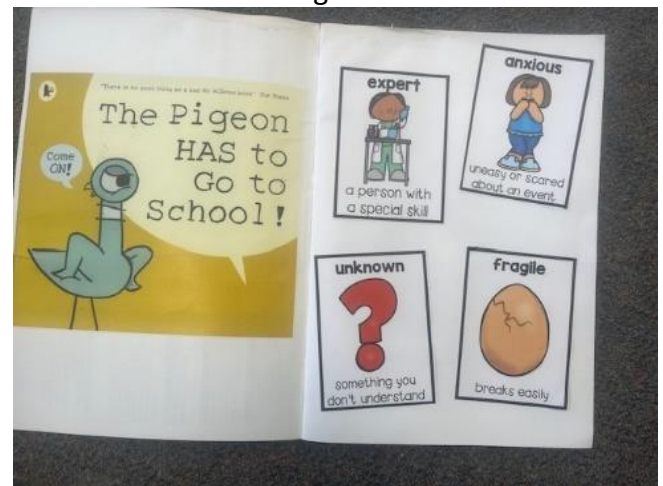
### CLASSROOM KORERO- Juniors- Kowhai

The junior room (Kowhai) students have settled very quickly into our classroom routines and revision of last year’s learning such as number sequence, letter-sound relationships, identifying nouns and verbs and letter formation. This term we are lucky enough to have three

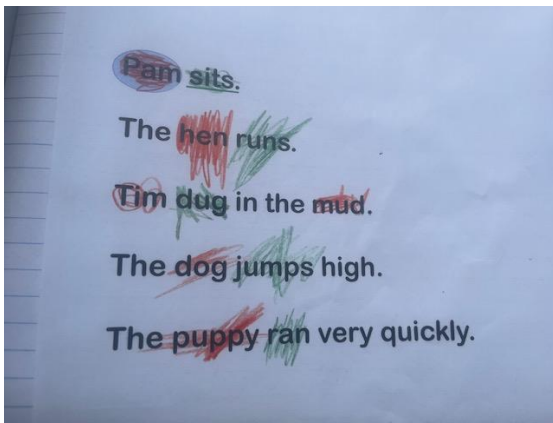
teachers in our room over the week and this creates an exciting range of learning opportunities. On Monday - Wednesday we have explicit Te Reo, Numeracy and Literacy learning through until lunch time with Mrs Tylee. In the afternoons we have swimming and topic learning (Space this term) with Mr Starkey while Mrs Tylee takes show rehearsals. On Thursday, Jessica Walton gives us a range of literacy, topic and STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) learning activities based around a quality picture book we have been reading for the week. Friday is Mr Starkey's day. It is often a day for fun events like sports days or outside the classroom activities but when we are in the class we revise the week's literacy learning, learn a new poem and focus on art, science and maths areas beyond numeracy.

One area that parents can help is teaching their children to get dressed independently; we are finding that there are a few children at swimming time who need help to get dressed- this is something that five and six years olds should be doing themselves.

Photos of some learning....



interesting picture book vocab



nouns and verbs



our paper mache planets are starting to take shape



Swimming lessons- working on getting our legs long when we kick rather than using a bent leg

### WELCOME TO ŌWHANGO SCHOOL

A warm welcome to Kotuku Ngawati who has recently turned five and joined us in Kowhai, our junior room.



### 8:30am EARLIEST DROP OFF

A reminder that the earliest you can drop your children off at school is 8:30am. Before this time any teachers who may be at school will be preparing for their teaching; this is their prep time. If there is a genuine reason for your child to be at school at an earlier time then you will need to discuss this with Ewan Starkey.

If any parents are interested in running a Before School programme then they are also welcome to talk with Ewan about this.

### WORKING BEE- This Saturday 9am

Please meet at school at 9am for our working bee. This is our first working bee since we completed the scooter track a few years ago.

We have the following jobs to do:

- Waterblast around the buildings (our water pressure only copes with one water blaster working at a time)
- Sand and prime the ball target wall
- Paint the top of the mosaic wall
- Chain sawing firewood – pine slabs
- Transporting firewood to the shed
- Tossing the dry firewood to the back of the shed to make room for the new wood.
- Gardening- mainly pruning back branches.

Please bring along tools that you will need to do these jobs. We expect to be finished by lunchtime. Thank you for supporting our school, the money we save by doing this work goes towards funding the fun stuff for our kids, like a skate park, ski trips etc.

### ASSEMBLY

On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February Whaea Siobhan's class will be hosting our first assembly for the year. At our assemblies the host class shares some of the mahi that they have been doing, we sing a song, have a few notices, and award Duffy Books to those who have earned them.

We welcome our community to attend these assemblies, we aim to finish just before 3pm.

### 2024 STATIONERY PACKS PAYMENTS DUE

2024 Stationery packs issued at the beginning of term cost \$22.00 per student. Please make payment to BoT account: Westpac 03 0426 0141783 00 with "Stationery" as reference.



## THE SCHOOL GARDEN

Throughout 2024 Kahikatea are continuing a focus on our school garden. We returned to school to a garden overflowing with vegetables and flowers, gratefully tended to by Trisha over the summer break.



Trisha helps the upper middle class weeding and gathering food from the garden

Last Friday we started the morning weeding our beds and then picking peas, beans, carrots, and basil. We uprooted the pea and bean plants and re-laid them as mulch.

In the afternoon the students helped make hummus and a minted pea dip. Students were set to work washing, peeling, shelling, cutting, dicing and measuring our produce and added ingredients.

The results were two delicious dips. The sliced carrots and whole beans were used to scoop and eat with our dips. The recipes are found below. Frozen peas can be substituted for fresh, as we did.

### Minted Pea Dip

2 cups frozen peas – thawed or fresh peas  
1 clove garlic – peeled  
2 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil  
2 tablespoon fresh mint – finely chopped  
2 tablespoon tahini  
2 teaspoon lemon zest  
1 tablespoon lemon juice  
sea salt and freshly ground black pepper – to taste

Combine in a food processor and whiz until a paste is formed.

### Hummus

We used basil from the garden to flavour our hummus.

1x standard can chickpeas, drained - (or 1 1/2 cup cooked chickpeas)  
1/4 cup tahini

1/4 cup water. Add gradually as less may be needed.

1 fresh lemon, juiced

1 garlic clove - peeled

1/2 tsp salt

Combine in a food processor and whiz until a paste is formed.

Signed Whaea Regan



Above: Kaeylis-Rae, Charlotte and Poppy enjoying their kai from the school garden; as do Boyd, Monty and Mason below



## CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS NEEDED

This term the junior room is studying Space. We will soon be constructing rockets, satellites, and rovers, using boxes, lids and containers from our rubbish bins. For example:

Smallish boxes (about toothpaste box size)

Cardboard tubes (glad wrap, toilet paper tubes)

Lids of any size and shape

Tin foil

Small plastic containers

Skewers or toothpicks

Much of the creativity with this task is reshaping everyday items- for example a lid of a milk bottle lid can become a wheel, corrugated cardboard can become the tread on a wheel, tin foil can be shaped into an antenna, toothpicks or skewers can be the brackets supporting the antenna. We will be using cold glue guns that enable a range of materials to be easily stuck together.

We will have a yellow bin in the junior room that you can put them into.

Thank you.



We have many beautiful flowers as well as vegetables growing in our garden



#### **BLUEBERRY FARM TRIP**

Next Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> of February, Tōtara class will be going to the Ōwhango Blueberry Farm to pick some berries, followed by a picnic on the farm. We will follow our trip with some berry delicious food technology.

We will leave school at 11am and return at lunchtime. Students will need sunhats, water bottles and lunchboxes as per usual. Students & whānau are welcome to purchase berries at \$15 for 600gm (pre packed) or \$20 for 1kg (pick your own) but there's no obligation to purchase. Any whānau who wish to join us please contact Whaea Siobhán: [siobhan@owhango.school.nz](mailto:siobhan@owhango.school.nz)



We recently purchased three picnic tables and sun umbrellas for the school.

#### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

If you would like to order some books you need to get the form back to us by the 28<sup>th</sup> of February.

#### **Community Notices**

##### **FLOWERS FOR SALE**

Hi everyone. The Grounded Artisan is back again for 2024. If you would like to purchase a bunch of freshly cut blooms, bountiful in colour and ready to brighten up yours or a friend's day, please txt me on 027 331 9377. I can make up a bunch to suit any budget and 20% of sales go toward the Owhango School PTA. Signed Regan Hoban



Flowers by The Grounded Artisan

##### **PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:**

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

**PTA:** Fundraisers 030 426 0156205 00

##### **2024 TERM DATES**

**Term One-** 5<sup>th</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-** 4<sup>th</sup> June & 25<sup>th</sup> November

##### **THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THIS YEAR**

**Duffy Books in Schools:** W & C O'Donnell, Doyle Valuations, Ōwhango Motors, S & M Ashcroft Partnership, Tania and Mark Bramley.

**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.