



# 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

“Behind every child who believes in themselves, is an adult who believed first.” Unknown.

## DATES TO NOTE

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!



An example of J-Stone Skate Park's work

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGES

### Skate Park Update

After two of our applications for funding were rejected, I am very excited to announce that we have received word from the third and final funder, the Lottery Community Facilities Fund, was approved and we will be receiving a grant of \$200,000 to go on our skate park!

The school board has also committed just over \$100,000 towards this project too. Now that we know our funding, we will be working with Jason Beaudry of J-Stone Skate Parks to work out the final design before they then build it. We expect the whole project to be completed by the end of next year, but I will keep you posted on any updates.

I want to thank Nicole Hosking and Tim Leahy who worked with me for many hours and through many meetings to gather community support and feedback, and with writing the three applications. We went through a very thorough process because we decided at the beginning to do it once and do it well. This has evidently paid off. We are so excited!

### Classes for 2024

Below are the class lists showing which class each student will be in next year, and who your teacher/s will be: In the senior room with Whaea Jessie Smith is:

Delaize	Te Ahuru-Mahu
Lo'i	Anae
Pria	Mason
Freida	Hoban
Jamie	Parry
Piata	Smith
Oliver	Wheeler
Lucas	Gavegan
Hazel	O'Donnell
Chanae	Sapina
Gin	Schormair
Tilia	Brewer
Ivy	Rayner
Hopaea	Blackman
Darcy	Hardwidge
Tummanako	Hepi-Te Huia

In the upper middle room with Whaea Theresa Owen (Mon-Thurs) and Whaea Regan Hoban (Fri) is:

Zurich	Hosking
Soren	Hosking
Poppy	Murtagh
Jack	Pierce
Aleah	Potgieter
Beau	Bryan
Hayzin	Te Ahuru-Mahu
Charlotte	Owen
Kaelyis-Rae	Te Ahuru-Watson
Juan	Dutra
Monty	Hoban
Mason	Wheeler
Tyler	Te Paea
Scarlett	Bryant
Tahu	Blackman
Evie	Moss

In the lower middle room with Whaea Siobhan McKenna is:

Meah	Potgieter
Nico	Brewer
Brodie	Joyce
Harry	Bramley
Olive	Hunt
Rosa	Closter
Te Hana	Smith
Billie	Bryan
Millie	Graham
Evan	Goodwin
Haylee	Ashcroft
Decan	David
Elliott	Pritt-Stewart
Daithi Òg	Murphy
Kyston	Te Ahuru-Watson
Patrick	Murtagh
Azalea	Te Ahuru-Tepaki
Lucy	Atkins
Ainsley	Parkinson

In the junior room with Whaea Emma Tylee (Mon-Wed), Whaea Jessica Walton (Thurs) and Matua Ewan Starkey (Fri) is:

Bailey	Edmonds
Finley	Bryant
Kopu	Te Paea
Jack	Ogle
Indie	Closter
Jackson	Couper
Ellie-Rose	Potgieter
Quinn	Hunt
Aria	Smith
Molly	Pierce
Eric	Graham
Leiki	Bramley
Ben	Lacy
Janey	Patena-Smyth
Harper	Nicholson

Much time has been spent on how to arrange the students across the four rooms; we have based our decisions on trying to make the sizes similar, and how best meet the learning needs of each student. We hope you appreciate the thought that goes into such decisions.

### CLASSROOM KORERO- SENIOR ROOM Touch Rugby

Last Friday we went to the Turaki domain to play in the Interschools Touch Rugby Tournament. My favourite part of the day was the entire thing! It was awesome, we both really enjoyed it. It was very, very hot indeed. Soren, Luke, Ollie, Zu, Jack, Tilly, Hopaea and Hayzin were in my team. We were called The Owhango Crusaders. Luke scored four tries in one game, I scored two in one game, Zu scored one in a game, Ollie scored three in a game, Hayzin scored one and Jack scored one too. We made it into the semi-finals and we had to play Taumarunui Primary School Warriors, we came second. By Soren and Zurich.



Ōwhango Crusaders before their semi-final game

### Christmas Parade

The music blasted, we were moving. We parked by the bowling club to pick the rest of the people up and man, there was a lot! We all squeezed onto the tinsel covered float. The hay bales were packed with people. Once we had gotten everybody onto the float we were all given a candy cane each. We started to make our way up the main street of town. Behind us were Manunui School with a Grinch float. On the front they had a sign that said WELCOME TO WHOVILLE! On their float Manunui had their principal dressed up as the grinch and presents everywhere. In front of us was the mayor of Taumarunui, a Māori warden and another representative. They were all walking. By the

time we had gone around the town once, my hand had started to hurt from waving all the time! We went around once more and then we stopped back beside the bowling club. Everyone got off and after a little bit one of the judges came and gave a certificate and said that we had come third (just like last year). Turaki came first and Manunui second. Turaki made a Polar Express float which was breathtaking. Lots of people went home and the people who were still there started to pack it all up. Once that was all done me, Jack, Shiah, Oliver, Lucas and Molly got a ride on the float back to the Veolia depot. We continued packing up there too. Once it was completely done everyone went home. We are very thankful to Veolia for supplying us with their truck and to Justin who drove it. We all had so much fun and hope to do it again next year.

By Poppy Murtagh.



...the other side

### INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Sorry to the following students that were missed off last week's results:

Tumanako 1<sup>st</sup> shotput

Tilia 2<sup>nd</sup> shotput

Kyston 2<sup>nd</sup> long jump

Kaelyis-Rae 2<sup>nd</sup> long jump

Monty 3<sup>rd</sup> long jump

Last week's Pānui was too full to include photos from the day, so we have included some here, see below.



The truck in all of its tinsel glory



The decorations, presents and signs were all made by the senior class students



One side...



Tumanako receives his 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon



Ainsley in the lead



Monty showing good body position in the long jump



Our supporters and competitors in the stand

### YEAR 8 LEAVERS TREAT

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> of December Jessie Smith and Maree Ashcroft will be taking all the year 8 students to a fun leavers activity at the National Park indoor rock-climbing wall. We will then be taking the children for a special lunch at the Blue Hill Café. This entire day is free of charge; the Board of Trustees and the PTA generously will pay for this. Please fill out and return the permission slip below asap so that planning can proceed.

### SPORTS UNIFORMS RETURNED

Can everyone please return any school sports uniforms, washed, so that we have them all back by the end of this year? Thank you.

### BREAK UP

We are busy rehearsing for our Break Up. Please keep Friday 15<sup>th</sup> free- it starts at 5pm, runs for about an hour, then there is a potluck dinner at the school. We will have more details in next week's Pānui.

### BIKES AT SCHOOL DAY

We had a great turnout of bikes on this day, with many going down to the pump track during the lunch break.



Patrick and Molly



Soren and Decan on the scooter track



Charlie leads the way on the pump track

### TONGARIRO CROSSING TRIP- Year 6-8

A reminder that our transport will depart school this Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of December at 7am sharp. All students must be at school for a gear check by 6.45am. The gear list is essential, and we should all be well prepared for varying conditions on the day. See last week's Pānui for the gear list.

At this stage, the weather looks favourable for our trip and we will decide if the trip goes ahead by 3pm Thursday.

If you ordered hiking boots, these are now available for you to collect from the senior room. If you take a different size please let Whaea Siobhán know so this can be recorded.

**Stop Press-** due to illness it is looking unlikely that Whaea Siobhán will lead this trip, if that is the case then Mr Starkey will take it.

## END OF YEAR TRIP TO BROCK'S FARM

### We need your permission slips in!

Thanks to everyone who have returned their permission slips for this trip; these need to be returned before we go, or you will have to stay at home as there will be nobody left at school to look after you. More details about this trip will be in next week's Pānui. Parents are welcome to come and watch or participate, however, only Ōwhango School students and their younger siblings are allowed to attend- no high school students.

### Kayakers and spotters needed.

As part of our safety procedures during tubing on the river, we need some adults as spotters on the banks and in kayaks on the water to support any children who need help. If you are able to do this, please let Ewan Starkey know.

## TOUCH RUGBY TOURNAMENT

We had a beautiful day to enjoy watching our ten teams as they competed in this tournament. All of the kids put an excellent effort into the day, playing with good sportsmanship and fine skills. Three teams got into the semi-finals, one won their final.



Eric gets a touch



Lucas gets a try

## ASSEMBLY

Yesterday we had our final assembly for the year. Photos will be in next week's Pānui.



The winners of the year 1 and 2 event, the Ōwhango Wingers, with their team managers Hari and Kereama

## LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property basket for your clothing. It is overflowing! We will do one final hold-up-of-lost-property-in-front-of-the-whole-school before we finish school, then anything left behind gets biffed



Konna and Joshua keep a close eye on the scoreboard



Olive and Te Hana volunteered to go around the grounds and pick up rubbish- ka pai to mahi

## REPORTS OUT

The teachers are currently putting the finishing touches to the children's' end of year reports. These will be issued at 3pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

### MOBILE LIBRARY- returning of books

Students can return their mobile library books to school before the end of the term or deliver them to the Taumarunui Library themselves.

### SCHOOL POOL KEYS- a reminder

If you would like a swimming pool season key, contact the school. Cost is \$50 for the key; you get \$20 back when you return the key at the end of the season. Please pay by direct credit to the school account 03 0426 0141783 00, reference 'Pool Key'. Please note that the pool cover will not be used over the summer holidays, it will only be used when the school is using the pool.

### SCHOOL BOARD HUI

The final school board hui is on Wednesday at 7pm in the staffroom at school. You are all welcome to attend.

### Y1-4 MINI MEEZ BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December Finals Night!

4.25pm	Yr 3-4 ŌWHANGO ALLSTARS V NVS CHEETAHS 5th-6th
4.45pm	Yr 1-2 TURAKI WARRIORS V ŌWHANGO SHOOTERS 3rd-4th
6:05pm	Yr 3-4 ŌWHANGO GREEN V TURAKI STRIKERS 1st-2nd

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

Nothing this week



### 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, 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, Veolia.

## Year 8 Leavers Treat Permission Slip

Wednesday 13th December 2023

National Park Climbing Wall and Blue Hill Café

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All students will be transported by Jessie Smith and Maree Ashcroft

This is a compulsory school day activity for the year 8 students, any students not attending will have to stay home on this day.

Family name \_\_\_\_\_

My child \_\_\_\_\_ may attend the year 8 leavers treat- climbing wall and special lunch.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_