



# 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

“If you don’t get out of the box you’ve been raised in, you won’t understand how much bigger the world is.” - Angelina Jolie

## DATES TO NOTE

15 <sup>th</sup> March	Inter-school Swimming 9.30a
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Duffy Theatre 1:30pm
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
	PTA Meeting 3:15
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

### Achievement Target Two- Te Reo

The second Achievement Target approved by the Board is “To enable our students to speak te reo with more confidence and regularity”.

This was chosen by the staff as a follow-up to their year-long te reo language course undertaken in 2022. To measure our achievement in this area the staff are repeating a test the children did in 2021, to see if we have progress in te reo over the three years. We will do the same at the end of this year to see if what we have taught during the year has made a measurable change.

On a side note, it is interesting to see that our school now has a majority of Māori students, for the first time in over twenty years.

### Achievement Target One- Attendance

An email was sent out to the parents of all of those students whose attendance was below

90%, the figure that is deemed to be ‘regular attendance’ by the Ministry of Education.

This system will continue every five weeks throughout the year, as we try to improve our attendance rates. If you did not receive an email, then your child is attending school regularly.

## CLASSROOM KŌRERO-Kowhai- Junior Room

Kōwhai have been thoroughly enjoying their "Space" topic this term. Over the last weeks we have been learning about Mae Jemison an American astronaut, have been making rockets and satellites out of boxes and containers, and have made planets using papier mache. As part of this work the students had to learn to make cylinders and cones and spheres out of paper, to construct a rocket and planets. This work is now being put up on display in the corridor.



Left- Kōpu traces around a circle, then cuts it to make it into a cone; these were used for the nose of the rocket and nozzle at the bottom

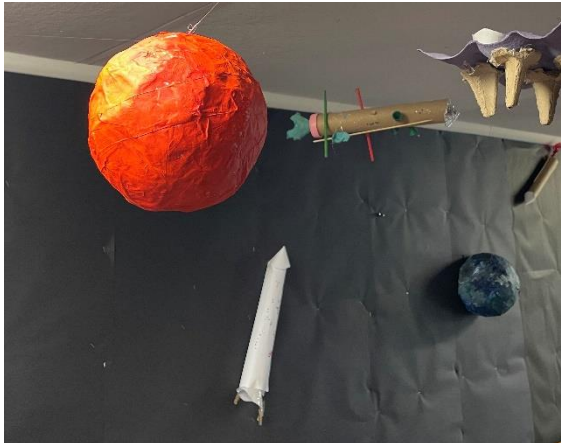
Right-Aria’s completed cone

In other curriculum areas we have been working hard to improve our printing, spelling and reading skills. We have been learning to read and write two syllable words by breaking them into chunks. We can identify nouns, pronouns and verbs in sentences and know the difference between a question and statement. In maths we have been working on addition and subtraction

using the Numicon shapes to show the parts and the whole in these equations. We know that + means to add or stick together, that - means to take away, and that = means that both sides are the same amount.



Our space themed corridor is taking shape



We are also learning to introduce ourselves in te reo māori as well as some general greetings such as the difference between tēnā koe, tēnā kōrua and tēnā koutou, ka kite anō and hei āpōpō. Unfortunately, our swimming display had to be cancelled as we had very cold weather in the days prior (including snow on the maunga), resulting in the pool temperature dropping to 19 degrees. It has since risen to 24, so we had a pool party on Friday to make up for the lost fun.



Finley in the get-the-balls game...



... and Molly with Eric



Jack sets up the goal for our water polo game



Leiki blows a table tennis ball the length of the pool

#### HELMETS

We are noticing some children riding their bikes to and from school without a helmet on. It is a requirement that they wear a correctly fitting helmet if riding to or from school.

#### POOL CLOSURE

Due to the dropping temperatures, and the completion of the swimming competitions, we are closing our pool at 3pm this Friday. Anyone with a pool key can return these to the office to receive your deposit back. Thank you for your support of our pool this season.

#### CLEAN FILL

Due to our skate park work, we have some clean fill available on a first in first served basis. For more details, talk onsite with J, the skate park contractor.



Work continues on our skate park- the base layer is arriving this week and being spread out

### **TONGARIRO RIVER TRAIL BIKE TRIP- trailers needed please**

We have plenty of help with transport and supervision on this day. However, we are a bit tight on getting our bikes to and from Tūrangi. Does anyone have a trailer to assist us with this? Please contact Ewan Starkey if you can help. A transport list and details of our day will be published in next week's Pānui.

### **DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY**

After a long absence due to Covid, we have a Duffy Role Model visiting us on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30pm. You are all welcome to come. Following the assembly the children will be presented with two Duffy books that they chose earlier this year. Our role model is Jo Guy. Her curriculum vitae says:

*Jo Guy or Granny Jo as she is widely known, cares deeply about kids and their choices. Jo is married to Bryan, and they have four children and 14 grandchildren. Family and community involvement is a big part of their lives. Jo has written three books, "Stanley Plays a Prank," "Stanley Meets Bobcat the Bully" and "Search for the Lighthouse People" originally for her grandchildren. Following this, the opportunity came to visit many schools, including as a role model for Duffy Books in Homes. Jo tells her story of adversity and resilience and gives hope to kids to find their way through their hard stuff. By talking to kids and teachers Jo has learned the struggles other kids face too. Stanley Cat Says on social media is a vehicle for kids, teachers and families to find out in simple ways about how to navigate the often-tricky paths of friendships, loss, anxiety and bullying while*

*growing up in today's challenging world. There are some fun adventures too!*

### **TAUMARUNUI DISTRICTS COACHING DAY-**

Thanks to Hannah Lord who coordinated the PTA fundraiser food stall at this event on Saturday. Together they raised over \$500 for our ski camp. Thanks to the following businesses that donated goods for this fundraiser:

New World- a \$200 voucher

North Fuels- 200 sausages

Pat Lacy from Silver Fern Farms- steaks for burgers

Bro Brothers- onions



The team of wonderful volunteers at the coaching day food stall

### **MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS SWIMMING SPORTS**

Results for this are posted on the Notice Board in the corridor. Congratulations to the following students who made the qualifying times to participate in the Taumarunui Interschool Swimming Competition, which is being run this Friday:

Hayzin, Kaelyis-Rae, Zurich, Soren, Tilia, Hopaea, Freida, Piata, Delaize, Hazel and Jamie.

Some photos from the day are below.



Lining up for the width races



The width flutter board on back



Having fun in the peanut pool



The length races



Juan on the blocks ready for his race



Elliot braves the high diving board during free-time



Delaize does a manu with four legs and three arms



Piata stands on water

### ASSEMBLY

We have our next assembly on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15pm. It is being hosted by Rimu, the senior class. You are all welcome to come and see the great mahi that this class have been doing.

### SCHOLASTICS

Issue #2 is attached. Please have your orders returned to the office by Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

### Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

#### TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL-

We have enough players for two teams this year, one Year 3-5 team and one Year 6-8 team. However, I am hoping to make three teams in Netball. To do that I am looking for three more children in year 3/4 and also three for year 5/6. If there is any interest, please fill in the form and get it back in as soon as possible. This would also mean we would need a coach for our senior girls in the year 7/8. If we have a parent who has a child playing in this year level and can help coach or umpire, please get in touch. The reason behind making three teams is for our children to have the opportunity to play in their year and experience level but also not have overcrowded teams.

Jahbon Te Ahuru

**TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY**

A note from the hockey organisers - *Small Sticks begin Wednesday 13th March 3.30-4.30pm at the Hockey Turf. Games will start from the 20th of March and 27th March. New players and small sticks, welcome for a skills-based afternoon. Sticks and balls provided. Mouth guards are compulsory and will be for sale. 4.30pm until dark will be for schools and players, coaches and parents wanting a fun game to start our season off.*

**Community Notices**

**FLOWERS FOR SALE- PTA fundraiser- a reminder**

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

**PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:**

**Owhango 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, Owhango Motors, S & M Ashcroft Partnership, Tania and Mark Bramley.

**Firewood-** The Petersen's

**Owhango 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, MJ & KL Collier Partnership, O'Donnell WM & CE, Owhango Farms Ltd, RC & JF Walker, Rocket Excavations Ltd, Tylee Family Trust, W Bryan Earthworks Ltd, Waihou Farming Trust.

**PTA Fundraiser-** New World, Silver Fern Farms, North Fuels, Bro Brothers

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**Taumarunui Primary Netball Competition- last chance to enter**

(This is an extra-curricular activity- outside of school hours)

Child/ren's Name/s.....

School Year/s.....

Parent: **Yes / No** I can coach a team. (Please circle your answer)

Parent: **Yes / No** I can manage a team. (Please circle your answer)

If you have your umpires' ticket and are able to umpire this season **Yes / No** (Please circle your answer)

OR

My child would like to take part in Future Ferns **Yes / No**

Adult's Name.....