



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

"It is familiarity with life that makes time speed quickly. When every day is a step into the unknown, as for children, the days are long with the gathering of experience." – George Robert Gissing

DATES TO NOTE

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|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 21 st March | Duffy Role Model Assembly 1:30pm |
| 22 nd March | Bike Trip- Tongariro River Trail |
| 26 th March | Assembly 2:15 |
| 29 th March | Good Friday |
| 1 st April | Easter Monday |
| 2 nd April | Easter Tuesday |
| 5 th April | Yr 5-6 Ki-o-rahi Day |
| 9 th April | Show- Matinee Performance |
| | PTA Meeting 3:15 |
| 10 th April | Farewell Morning Tea- Tyler & Kopu |
| | Show- Evening Performance |
| 12 th April | Yr 7-8 Ki-o-rahi Day |
| | Last Day of Term One |

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Enrolment Zone Ballot

We have determined that we have one available space for a student in the year five area starting in term two. Anyone living outside of our school enrolment zone may apply to the school to be put into the ballot before 5th April. The ballot will take place in the week following, with the selected child (if any apply) starting at the beginning of term two. As part of this process a notice is put into the local newspaper- the Taumarunui Bulletin. Please contact me if you would like any further information.

Our current roll is 67, with two leaving at the end of this term. We are aiming to maintain it between 60 and 70. We have six year 8 students leaving at the end of the year, and four new entrant enrolments (five-year-olds) due to start this year.

Farewell To Tyler and Kopu

Sadly, we are farewelling Tyler and Kopu Te Paea at the end of this term. Their whanau have bought a house in Piopio and shifting there. We will have a farewell morning tea on Wednesday 10th April. A reminder will be sent out closer to the time.

Special Colour Printed Pānui

Today's Pānui is a bit special, as we are handing each family a colour printed copy. This costs us ten times the normal printing cost, however we really wanted to show you how wonderful the senior room work looks in colour. So, for special occasions we will be doing colour copies. Enjoy! Note that all emailed digital versions are always in colour.

CLASSROOM KŌRERO-Rimu- Senior Room

We have been looking at poetry in the senior class recently and I wanted to ensure the tamariki used all their senses while writing their poems. To assist with this, we went out to the flourishing school māra (garden) and spent some time amongst the flowers, vegetables and bees, looking and listening. The students then brought their ideas back to the classroom and produced some wonderful poetry. Below is a magnificent example of this high-quality literature, by Pria Mason, year eight.

Lucid.

Eyes oscillate between the blooms,
the colours of summer tainting the once dull
picture with painted strokes of pink, blue, green
and purple. My body calmly settled on a
decrepit fence.

Sitting in a garden is like sitting in a lucid dream,
as if the world itself were turning beneath your
feet.

It feels like the flowers' vibrancy surge through
the faculties in which your eyes withhold.

Although you're capable of doing whatever you want, you'll have to wake up.

Leaving the gardens inveterate troposphere.

A tall sunflower adorning my line of sight in bright yellows and brown. Bumble bees sitting on top of lavender crowns that sat on the carpet of dirt.

Parched.

Dry.

Deprived of its purple decoration.

Yet a monotone grey.

Sounds of wind gasping as it attempts to push a frond from my fingertips.

Buzzing from bees, wasps, flies.

It was all overwhelming in a warm and comforting manner. A different buzz from a distance was heard. The buzz of kids chatting and the buzz of their voices echoing over the garden's vastness.

By Pria Mason, age 12 years.



Gin and Ivy sitting amongst the snapdragon flowers writing their poetry.

Technology

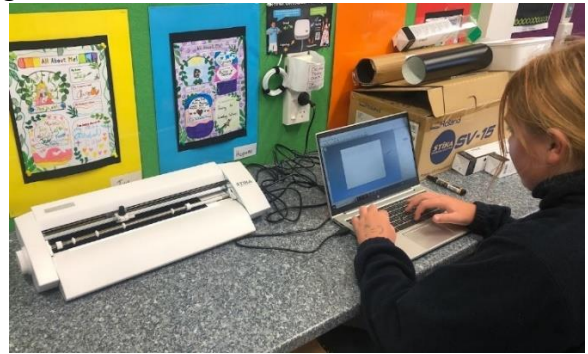
In the Rimu senior class, we have also spent the past six weeks working with the STIKA Roland vinyl cutter for technology. The students created designs on their computers using a website called Canva art, they then imported these designs to the STIKA computer programme and finally printed it out on the vinyl sticker cutter.

Sounds simple right?

It was anything but simple!

However, technology is all about problem solving. We worked through the difficulties and finally produced amazing drink bottles with their names permanently transferred onto them. Some even managed to design vinyl stickers for their own items such as lunchboxes, books, personal drink bottles, pencil cases and even a motorbike mudguard. We are so pleased with the finished products.

Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith



Darcy importing her design onto the computer programme then to the vinyl printer



Freida 'weeding' the sticker out, ready to be transferred.



Luke and Delaize assisting and holding it down, while Piata 'weeds' out her design



Some of the Rimu class students with their flash drink bottles



Lo'i, Chanae, Piata and Darcy's drink bottle designs



Delaize brought his motorbike mud guard into school so he could transfer his permanent vinyl sticker of a 'pig hunting scene' straight onto it.

TONGARIRO RIVER TRAIL BIKE TRIP

The forecast is looking good for Friday's trip. We will be departing school just after 9am and will be back by 3pm. As everyone is participating in this trip, the school will be closed during the day. If you need to contact us, call Ewan on 027 631 8631. Here are a few reminders:

The bikes must have:

Brakes that work well, tyres that are pumped up, a chain that is oiled, and be a suitably sized bike for the child and one that the child can ride.

Riders must have:

A helmet that fits them. Clothes suitable for riding a bike (closed shoes, layers for different temperatures). Extra rations of food. Plenty of water. students might want to take a small backpack to put their water in if their bike doesn't have a water holder. Please ensure the kids have eaten breakfast, they will need their energy for this day.

Walkers must have:

Suitable walking clothes (note that uniforms do not need to be worn on this day), an appropriate sun hat. Note that due to the strong current, we will not be swimming in the river.

Transport:

Thank you to everyone who has offered transport for this trip. This is quite a logistical difficulty, getting both bikes and people there. Things may change on the day, so the following is just a plan. If you are transporting bikes, can you please bring rope to tie down the bikes too? Please let us know if there are any changes needed to this plan:

| Driver | Taking Bikes | Can take | Passengers |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------|---|
| Lakenn T | | 4 | Delaize Hayzin Kyston Kaelyis |
| Michelle G | 2 | 2 | Lucas Oliver |
| Theresa B | trailer | 4 | Tilia Pria Gin Lo'i |
| Michelle R | | 5 | Ivy Jamie Hazel |
| Te Hau B | | 2 | Hopaea Tahu |
| Reuben H | | ? | Darcy Freida Chanae |
| Nicole H | trailer | 4 | Zurich Soren Juan Mason |
| Rex P | trailer | 2 | Jack Molly |
| Liv S | | 3 | Boyd Myer Lila |
| Theresa O | | 6 | Charlotte Aleah Poppy Monty Tyler |
| Tania B | Horse float | 3 | Harry Beau Patrick |
| James H | | 3 | Olive Quinn Decan |
| Stacey E + | | 4 | Millie Rosa |
| Justin | Trailer | | Eric Indie Brodie |
| Grace B | trailer | 3 | Leiki Ellie-Rose |
| Maree A | 4 | 6 | Haylee Scarlett Finley Kopu Jackson |
| Deb P | | 4 | Elliott Billie Jack |
| Dave M | 6 | 4 | Siobhan Mc. Daithi Meah |
| Luke A | 2 | 1 | Lucy |
| Katie P | | 1 | Ainsley |
| Hari S | | 2 | Aria Janey |
| Paul L - Mini Bus and Big Trailer | 36 | 8 | Jessie S. Ewan S. Ben Nico Kotuku Te Hana Piata |
| Todd N | Trailer | 3 | Harper |
| Not Attending | | | Evie Azalea |

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING RESULTS

Congratulations to our swimming team for doing so well at the competition on Friday. Here are the students that got a podium place in the finals:

- 3rd Tilia Brewer 50m breaststroke yr7
- 3rd Soren Hosking 25m backstroke yr4-6
- 1st Hazel O'Donnell 25m backstroke yr7
- 2nd Jamie Parry 25m backstroke yr8
- 1st Hazel O'Donnell 50m backstroke yr7
- 1st Jamie Parry 50m backstroke yr8
- 2nd Hopaea Blackman 25m breaststroke yr7
- 3rd Tilia Brewer 25m breaststroke yr7
- 2nd yr 4-6 boys freestyle relay team
- 1st yr 8 girls freestyle relay team
- 2nd yr 8 girls medley relay team

Congratulations also to Hazel and Tilia who got into the top ten ranking for their individual scores. All results are on the Notice Board in the corridor.



Freida, Hazel, Hopaea and Tilia at the swimming competition



Some hardy swimmers enjoyed the last day our pool was open on Friday...



SKATE PARK PROGRESS



The base layer of our skate park is getting finer gravel layered on



The bowl is starting to take shape



An aerial photo of the skatepark development

THE SCHOOL SHOW

With the show only a couple of weeks away we are looking for a few more items for costuming. We are particularly looking for a number of old white t-shirts and long white socks that could both be painted and/or cut up - sizes 10-16. A white collared dress shirt (not to be painted or "redesigned") - size 10. Brightly coloured plain t-shirts (not pink please- we have lots of this colour already) size 6-8. Please send any of these to school as soon as possible and clearly name any items you want returned. We would also like a

heap of shopping bags (paper or the red reusable ones) to use for keeping each student's costumes/props together in so if you have been collecting them, please send these in also.

Ngā mihi, Emma

KAHIKATEA GARDENING AND COOKING

Kahikatea have had two weeks of exciting and active cooking in the classroom.

Firstly, we harvested some interestingly shaped and deliciously orange-coloured carrots. We washed and grated them and then made.....a dessert! CARROT HALVA, an Indian dessert. Many students were very sceptical of this idea, but once cooked and tasted, the method of the teacher's madness was quickly revealed! We should have made a triple batch, as it was enjoyed so much by the students. I challenge you all to live on the wild side and give it a go.

Carrot Halva

4 C whole milk

400g grated carrot

½ C sugar

½ - 1 tsp ground cardamom

50g butter

Place the first four ingredients in a pot and reduce until thick. Add the butter which will melt due to the heat. Eat straight away or wait until it cools.

Secondly, we made pizza, including bases and the tomato sauce. A basic pizza dough was mixed and kneaded by students working in pairs. Students learnt about yeast and how to activate it's rising properties. Tomatoes, basil, oregano, and onions were harvested from the garden. Students took turns in their pairs to cut, chop and dice all the garden produce.



Whaea Regan with the pizza dough



Our harvest of red and white onions from our garden

Garlic and parsley were added (from Whaea Regan's Garden. We plan to grow both in the school garden in this coming season) for added flavour, along with salt. This all made our delicious pizza topping. The beautifully risen dough was flattened out, our topping added and grated cheese applied (I wish I could say we made the cheese too, but it was not to be this time). After baking, students got to enjoy eating their efforts, perfect on a rainy Friday afternoon.



Poppy chops onions

Basic Pizza Dough

½ C warm water

1 tsp active yeast

1 ½ tsp sugar

Place in a cup and allow the yeast to become frothy. Approximately 5 minutes.

1 C flour

½ tsp salt

Add the yeast mixture to the flour and salt. Knead until dough is supple and stretchy. This can take up to 20 minutes of vigorous kneading. You may need to add more water if your dough is too dry. Leave to rise until doubled in size. This can take up to 3 hours, but to speed up this process heat your oven to a very low temperature. Place dough on a tray into the oven with a cup of hot water to keep moisture in the air.



Jack and Monty putting on the toppings

Tomato Sauce

Tomatoes, basil, parsley, oregano, 1x onion, 2x garlic cloves and salt to taste.

Cut, chop, and dice all the ingredients and mix together.

Spread onto flattened dough. Sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake in oven for 15- 20 minutes at 200°C.

By Whaea Regan



Mason and Juan with their pizza ready for the oven



Mason enjoying his mahi



The class shared the pizza with the senior class

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Over the last few weeks, we have been practising our emergency drills- for fire, earthquake and lock-down. The children may have come home and discussed these with you.

MAGAZINES WANTED

Tōtara are on the hunt for some child friendly magazines for literacy activities. If you have any high interest magazines (gardening, cooking, sports, vehicles, farming etc.) or kids National Geographic/wildlife/Lego magazines then please send them to school this week. We will be cutting/writing on these so please only send them if you are happy for us to keep them. Please no catalogues or celebrity magazines. Thank you for your support. Whaea Siobhán.

SCHOOL SHOW

We are looking for a few props to add to our **Star Warts** play. If you have any of the following, can you please bring them to school?

- Car steering wheel.
- Feather duster.
- Toy Saxophone.
- Fluffy Dice.
- 2x Large Torches.
- Old tennis balls which can be cut.
- Any material with shiny embellishments.

Any questions, please contact Regan 027 331 9377

POOL KEYS

Now that the pool has closed, can the key holders please return their keys to the office to receive their refund.

DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY

We have a Duffy Role Model, author Jo Guy, visiting us tomorrow, Thursday 21st March at 1:30pm. You are all welcome to come. The children will also be receiving their two Duffy books.

INTRODUCING PSALMS

Kia Ora, I'm Whaea Psalms and I am a student teacher, I have the awesome opportunity to come to Owhango School to learn from your very own Whaea Jessie in Room Rimu. I will be here every Wednesday for the remainder of the year and am very excited to start my learning journey here at your wonderful school. I look forward to getting to know everyone.



Psalms' connection with Ōwhango School goes back a long way- she was one of the Kiwi Can educators working with us many moons ago.

NANA HELP

It is lovely to have Marie Summers, a former teacher at Ōwhango School, back working with our kids as a Nana help, on Tuesday mornings.



Marie Summers

SCHOLASTICS – a reminder

Please have your orders returned to the office by Thursday 28th March.

ASSEMBLY- a reminder

We have our next class assembly on Tuesday 26th 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.

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL

We have two teams for netball this year - a Year 4 & 5 team, and a Year 6-8 team. Stacey will be at school this Thursday at lunchtime to talk to you all about the upcoming season. Training for both teams will begin on **Monday 25th March**; the Year 4 & 5 team will train with Stacey during lunchtime, the Year 6-8 team will train with her after school from 3.15-4pm. We will let you know the cost of subs asap, which can be paid to the office. A huge thank you to The Blue Hill Cafe who are generously sponsoring the teams.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Hockey games begin Wednesday 20th March at the hockey turf. We have not been informed of game times at the time of publishing the panui. We will let you know by email asap. Hockey fees of \$20 are to be paid to the office or internet banked to 03 0426 0141783 00 reference: Hockey.

Community Notices

WHANAU FUN DAY

See the poster below

DINOSAUR ADVENTURE

See the poster below

BUILDING BIRD HOUSES

See the poster below

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:

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

PTA: Fundraisers 030 426 0156205 00

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:

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

Firewood- The Petersen's

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, 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, Balle Brothers



Join us at the
Whanau Fun Day

Taumarunui Playground
Saturday 6 April : 10am-2pm

Ohakune Carrot Park
Saturday 13 April : 10am-2pm

We are looking for stall holders, community groups, sports teams, food vendors and others to join us at one (or both) of our Whanau Fun day events.

Whether you're looking to raise funds, showcase something, or simply engage with the community, we have a spot just for you.

Contact Candice on 07 895 8188



Central King Country REAP
Te Manu Korero O Nga Matauranga

BUILDING BIRD HOUSES

Come join us at REAP to build and decorate your very own Birdhouse to take home and hang in the garden!

Thursday 18th April 2024
10am - 12pm
\$2 per person

To enrol:
Children must be 8 years and older

Either call into the REAP office and fill in the enrolment form or phone Toni on 896 8680 to secure your space



Dinosaur Adventure

Join us on an exciting journey to the Raetihi Dinosaur House and explore the captivating world of Dinosaurs!

Date : Tuesday 23rd April 2024

Children must be 8 years +
Drop off at REAP office - 9:30am
Collect from REAP office - 2.30pm
\$5 per person

Please bring:

- Your lunch & drink
- A jacket in case it rains!

To enrol:
Please call into REAP office and fill in the enrolment & travel waiver form
LIMITED SPACES!!

Central King Country REAP
Te Manu Korero O Nga Matauranga

A big thank you to Takirima School for allowing us to use their van for transportation

Raetihi's Dinosaur MUSEUM

