



# 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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5/2025

5<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK / WHAKATAUKĪ

*"Trauma is that unwanted visitor that shows up unannounced ready to bring down the entire mood and tone of the party. And it inconveniently shows up time and time again in our closest relationships with the people that we love the most."* Jase Williams

## DATES TO NOTE

5 <sup>th</sup> March	Kōwhai Swimming Demonstration School Board Hui 6pm
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Mountain School Swimming Event
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Character Dress Up Day
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Rotopounamu Trip
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Interschool Swimming Competition
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Pyjama Day
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Whakapapa Clean-Up Day
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Y 5 & 6 Think Brain Safe Event
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Zero Waste Educator
4 <sup>th</sup> April	Whakapapa Clean-Up Day postponement day Optional Touch Tournament
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Senior Netball Grading Day
9 <sup>th</sup> April	School Assembly 2:00 PTA AGM 3:15
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term One

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

**Jase Williams**

Ōwhango School is part of the Taumarunui Kahui Ako, a cluster of schools which enables us to collaborate, share resources, and collectively address educational challenges, ultimately benefiting student learning and well-being.

This cluster has engaged Jase Williams to support our schools to develop our systems to support children suffering from trauma or who become dysregulated for a range of reasons.

Jase is running a parents information evening that I highly recommend parents attend. It is on Wednesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April from 5:30 – 8pm.

There will be kai, and outdoor activities for your children to participate in, to enable everyone to attend. See the poster at the bottom of this Pānui for more information.

## CLASSROOM KŌRERO – Kōwhai Room

Kia ora koutou, wow week 5 already! It has been all go in Kōwhai getting our core curriculum programmes and routines up and running. I am super impressed with the effort of all students so far in their learning. Our new students have settled into life at Ōwhango School beautifully. Our butterfly study has reached its conclusion. We learnt about the lifecycle of butterflies, how to identify male/female butterflies, native butterflies, migration, pollination and the difference between moths and butterflies. Students have crafted some monarch and life cycle artworks which are on display in the class...pop in to have a look! Students have learnt some wonderful new scientific vocabulary too. Connor (5) loved learning about butterflies so much that he declared, "I want to be an entomologist when I grow up!"

We were so lucky to witness not one, but two, monarch butterflies emerge from their chrysalis during class time. It was fascinating and inspired some writing:

"The butterfly came out of the chrysalis. The butterfly was growing its thorax. The butterfly was healthy and strong. It flew to a tree." -Eric

"The butterfly emerged from its chrysalis. It flew to the plant. I think it laid eggs on multiple leaves." - Coby

We completed our study with a butterfly hunt. We found mainly cabbage whites and common blue butterflies around Ōwhango village so to

attract more butterflies, each student made a colourful butterfly feeder to attract more butterflies to our school.



Kotuku observes a monarch.



Indie recognises a butterfly on our hīkoi!



Butterfly feeders ready to hang.

Last week, Kōwhai students took a trip to the Ōwhango Blueberry Farm. Students were filled with excitement as they filled their puku with juicy berries and played with their friends. We picked an impressive 14kg of blueberries. We

enjoyed a lovely picnic with our whānau helpers and back at school we whipped up delicious smoothies and muffins with our haul. Ngā mihi nui to all of our wonderful helpers who guided us across the roads safely, and of course to Steve and Helen at the farm for hosting us.



Arriving at the Blueberry Farm in our new class raincoats.



A very happy Remy!



Hunter fills his hat!

Our trip inspired some wonderful writing, filled with WOW words. Mīharo tamariki mā:

"Kōwhai class walked to the blueberry farm. I picked giant, juicy blueberries. We ate tasty, crunchy muffins. I had a fun time at the beautiful blueberry farm." -Blake

"I went with Coby to the blueberry farm. We picked a lot of blueberries the size of chicken nuggets. After picking blueberries we had a picnic on the soft grass. We made banana and blueberry smoothies. They tasted delicious. I liked seeing the cheeky chickens at the farm. It was a fun day." -Sheeran

"Harper and I walked to the blueberry farm. We picked squishy and sour blueberries. The little ones were the sourest. We made delicious blueberry muffins. They were crunchy and soft." -Remy



"My class walked to the farm. We buddied up with a friend. I picked a blueberry as big as my head. It tasted yum. I paid the kind farmer. We made cold smoothies. They were yum too. It was a good day." -Hunter

"It was fun. We made blueberry milkshakes. My trip to the blueberry farm was really delightful. Sweet and juicy blueberries popped in my mouth!" -Janey

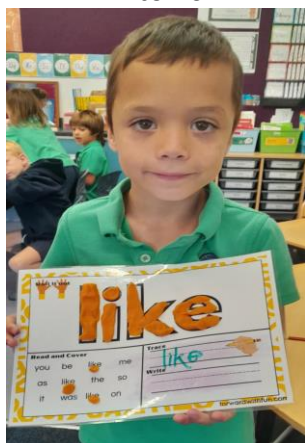


Baking with the amazing Whaea Kim.

Students are using a variety of ways to learn new literacy and numeracy concepts and enjoying the hands-on tasks especially.



Janey shows us different ways to make up the number 15 and Blake uses fingerpaint to count to 10



Coby practices heart words with playdough.

All students have home learning sheets or books in their bookbags each night. These are a review of what they are learning in class. Please ensure your child brings their bookbag and togs to school each day.

Ka kite, Whaea Siobh  n

### BOOK CHARACTER DAY – This Friday

To celebrate the World Book Day, we are having a Book Character Dress-Up Day. So, on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March, come to school as a book character. Or you could just wear your school uniform and come as yourself.

### WHAKAPAPA CLEAN-UP DAY

As part of our commitment to caring for the environment and appreciating the incredible land we live on, the whole school will be travelling to Whakapapa Ski Field on **Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> March** (postponement date: Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> April).

The plan is to spend half the day collecting rubbish, followed by a ride on the Sky Waka gondola, generously hosted by Whakapapa.

We need parent helpers to supervise the children on this trip. If you are available to assist, please fill out the permission slip below and return it to school.

Thank you for your support!

### PYJAMA DAY

The children have asked if we can have a Pyjama Day. So, we are. On Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> of March they can wear their pyjamas to school. This is an optional event, anyone not wanting to participate can wear their uniform.

### JUNIOR SWIMMING DEMONSTRATION- today

Today, the K  whai class will hold a swimming demonstration for wh  nau. You are all welcome to come to the school pool to watch this on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30pm.

### SCHOOL BOARD HUI- tonight

We will be having our first school board hui next week, on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm at school. You are all welcome to attend

### UPDATING STUDENT RECORDS- a reminder

Please return this to school with the corrections, or saying it is all current. **We need every form**

**back to ensure that our records are current.** This is especially important for medical records, and for emergency contact details. We appreciate your help with this.



## TWO RUGBY SHIELDS

We were fortunate to have the two rugby shields, The Hetet Shield (which is over 100 years old) and the Meads Shield that Taumarunui Districts Rugby currently hold. This gave us an opportunity to learn about the King Country as a region and discuss who Colin Meads is.



## MOUNTAIN SCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS-tomorrow

A few updates:

There will be an adult's race, so bring along your fastest bikini or budgie smugglers.

We have also been informed that the tiered seating at the outdoor pool has been deemed as unsafe, so we cannot use it. We all need to sit on the grass area.

We will be departing school at 9:45, meeting at the outdoor pool at 10am.

**Please check the transport arrangements below for accuracy:**

Driver	Passengers
Meet us there	Tilia Hopaea Hayzin Poppy Lachlan Tahu Nico Lucy Patrick Ainsley Jackson Juan Darcy
Trudi Wheeler	Oliver Mason Zurich

Michelle Gavegan	Lucas Jack Soren
Cara O'Donnell	<b>Theresa Owen</b> Hazel Gin Kaelyis-Rae Charlotte Olive Hinemoa
Michelle Ross	<b>Julie Buchanan</b> Ivy Chanae
Liv Scheffer	Boyd Myer Lila
Deb Pritt-Stewart	Elliott Brodie
Carly Marshall	Jonny Billie Beau
Regan Hoban	<b>Maree Hodges</b> Monty Kyston Haylee
Tania Bramley	Harry Daithi Òg
Grace Griffin	Leiki Libby
No Permission Slip / Not attending	Azalea Te Hana Rosa Millie

## ROTOPOUNAMU TRIP- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March

We will be departing for this trip just after 9am and returning by 3pm. Thanks to everyone who have offered to come along and support us.

**The children will need to bring:**

A big lunch

Water bottle

Walking shoes

Mufti clothing- something suitable for walking, including warm clothes.

Their own medication

A can-do attitude

Togs and towel

**Please check this transportation list for errors:**

Driver	Passengers
Te Hau Blackman	Hopaea Tahu Gin Tilia
Hannah Lord	Jack Molly Poppy Patrick
Nicole Hosking	Zurich Soren Lucas Chanae
Toni Thatcher	Beau Billie
Lakenn Te Ahuru	Hayzin Azalea Hunter
Tash Dutra- if knee is okay	Juan Nico
Carly Marshall	Jonny Darcy Ivy Hazel
Regan Hoban	<b>Theresa Owen</b> Monty Charlotte
Karen Komene	Lachlan Brodie
Jahbon Te Ahuru	Kaelyis-Rae Kyston
Tania Bramley	Harry Jack
Jessie Smith	<b>Maree Hodges</b> Te Hana Olive Haylee
Deb Pritt Stewart	Elliott Remy Harper Janey
Dave Murphy	<b>Ewan Starkey Siobhan McKenna</b> Daithi Òg
Holly Atkins	Lucy Ainsley Hinemoa Kaiataarangi
Janeen Couper	Jackson Connor Blake
Grace tbc	Leiki Aria
Kathleen Robinson	Coby Sheeran
Stacey Erueti	Rosa Millie Eric Indie
Paul Lacy	Ben Quinn
Erin Wind	Corbin Libby Kotuku

Waitangi Patena	Janey
Not Going	Boyd Myer Lila Mason Oliver

### **Extra-Curricular Sports Notices**

#### **TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL**

If your child would like to play netball this season, please return the netball permission slip this **Friday 7th March** so planning for teams can begin. The permission slip has been included again in this week's panui.

#### **TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL**

Games for Friday 7th March are as follows:

**Year 1-2** 4:15pm Manunui Up da Tuis V

Owhango Shooters

**Year 3-4** 5:15pm Tarrangower Mini Buckets vs Owhango Thunder

#### **TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY**

Note mouth guards are compulsory, sticks and balls are provided, shin pads are highly recommended.

**Small Sticks and Fun Sticks** officially begins Wednesday 5th March for an 8-week program to develop hockey skills and play small games aimed at their skill/age group.

They play on the Top Turf at the high school 3.45pm- 4.45pm. This runs for 1 hour.

**Fun Stick Group** Beginners and Year 1-2 are with Mrs Samantha Kereopa and her helpers.

**Small Sticks Group** Year 3-4 or returning players are with Mrs Jo Street and helpers.

**Junior Sticks** are on the bottom turf. They play competition round robin games for half an hour every week for nine weeks, followed by play offs/semis or finals over 10-12 weeks. Sticks and balls are provided. Limited playing bibs available for game colour clashes. Practices are at your school with your coaches.

#### **Taumarunui Junior Hockey**

Please note that we will start competition games this week. Games will hopefully start at 3.30 pm - They will run every 35mins and are 15min each

way (half hour games) with a 2 min drink break at half time. Please allow for a few extra minutes if teams are delayed or not fully organized week 1. Please remind students/players to bring a drink bottle and hat if needed. Mouth guards (\$6) and shin pads (\$10) will be for sale at the sports pavilion. Water, Toilets and changing rooms are available at the community pool - next to the turf until 6pm. Gym Toilets until 8pm.

Also, hot water for moulding mouth guards or cold water for filling up bottles will be available in the kitchen for coaches, sun block, ice (in the freezer) and a first aid kit will be on site.

**Draw for Round 1** Wednesday 5th March.

Game 2 - 4.05pm Tokirima vs Ōwhango

### **Community Notices**

See the posters below.

**JASE WILLIAMS EVENT**

**THE LINES COMPANY DRONE USE**

**PLUNKET TERRIFIC TUESDAY EVENT**

**JUNIOR RUGBY MUSTER**

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

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

**PTA:** Fundraisers 030 426 0156205 00

#### **TERM DATES 2025**

**Term One** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April (Teacher only day Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February)

**Term Two** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

**Term Three** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

**Term Four** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December

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

**Duffy Books in Schools:** W & C O'Donnell, Doyle Valuations, Ōwhango Motors, Awa Rere Hideaway, Tania and Mark Bramley.

**Fern Energy Fuel for Schools Scheme**

**Ōwhango Adventures:** Free bus use for trips

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**Whole School Whakapapa Clean Up Day**  
**Permission Slip**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025** (postponement date: Friday, 4th April).  
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**Family name** \_\_\_\_\_

**My child / ren** \_\_\_\_\_ may attend the **Whakapapa Clean Up Day**.

**ADULT HELP**

**TRANSPORT**

**YES / NO** I can provide smoke-free, and seat-belted transport for \_\_\_\_\_ (write number) children, in a registered and warranted vehicle that will be driven by a fully licensed driver who adheres to all traffic regulations. (Note, drivers will be paid some money to go towards their petrol costs.)

**YES / NO** I will be sending a booster seat for my child!  
(Note by law children under 7 must be in a booster seat)

***If you are assisting with transport:***

**Name of driver** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Taumarunui Primary Netball Competition**  
(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.....



HOSTED BY  
TE KAHUI AKO, TAUMARUNUI,

WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 2025, 5.30 PM

## JASE WILLIAMS

WHANAU EVENT @ NGAPUWAIWAHA

Jase Williams (Ngāti Tamaterā) is a TEDx Speaker, Keynote Speaker who has spoken at events internationally and all over New Zealand.

He is one of the leading voices in Compassionate, Equity-Centered, Relational Neuroscience Practice in Education and has shared his knowledge through an indigenous te ao Māori lens with hundreds of ECE, Schools and Support Agencies, and with thousands of educators.

We are fortunate to have Jase working in our Taumarunui community.  
Don't miss this fantastic opportunity.

### Topics



SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH



UNDERSTANDING CO-REGULATION

BRING THE TAMARIKI ALONG! THERE'LL BE FUN ACTIVITIES TO KEEP THEM ENTERTAINED WHILE JASE SHARES HIS WHAKAARO WITH PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS. STAFF FROM OUR LOCAL KURA AND THE TAUMARUNUI YOUTH & COMMUNITY TRUST WILL BE ON HAND TO MAKE SURE THE KIDS HAVE A GREAT TIME. PLUS, THERE'LL BE SOME LIGHT KAI FOR THE WHOLE WHĀNAU TO ENJOY.

### EVENT DETAILS



Ngapuwaiwaha  
Marae



5.30pm - 8.00pm  
2 April 2025



## Heads up, we're flying by

The aerial survey of TLC-owned lines and equipment using drones continues in the following areas:

### West of Taupō

- Waihi
- Rangipo
- Rural Kuratau (along SH41 and Western Bay Road)
- Waihāhā
- Whanganui

### Northwest of Taumaranui

- Ōhura down to Mangaparo
- Mangaparo down Tokirima
- Tokirima to Aukopae
- Ōhura across to Nihoniho

### Remainder of network

- Kaitieke across to Kawautahi
- Retaruke



the lines  
keeping you  
connected



# Terrific Tuesday



## **FREE** WHANAU COMMUNITY EVENT

25 Manuaute Street, Taumarunui  
25th March 10am to 2pm

- Immunisations
- Well Child Checks
- Free Activities

TO RESISTER  
**SCAN ME**



### **FREE GOODY BAG**

with every Well Child Check

Supported by  
Local Organizations



TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR RUGBY

## RUGBY MUSTER 6 March



Come down and check it out  
Everyone welcome

**3:30 pm at the Domain**

TAUMARUNUI  
JUNIOR RUGBY



For more information, visit  
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