



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

"Matariki hunga nui" *Matariki, the gatherer of people.*

DATES TO NOTE

18 th June	Individual Reports Issued
	Tackle 5 Rugby Tournament
19 th June	Farewell Morning Tea
	School Disco
20 th June	Matariki
24 th June	Kaitieke School Show
	Parent Teacher Interviews
25 th June	Assembly 2pm
	School Board Hui 7pm
27 th June	Last Day of Term Two
	Teddies, Pirates, Mermaids and Facepainting Day
14 th July	Term Three Starts
18 th July	Seniors (Y4-8) Ski Day One

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Individual Reports

Individual reports are being issued at 3pm today. Inside is a form for booking a parent interview. Ideally the report should have no surprises in it, it should accurately reflect your child. If it doesn't or you have questions about what is written, then make an appointment to come and discuss this at the parent teacher interview, that is what they are for. However, if you think the report has clearly summed up your child, then an interview is optional as the teacher will be just telling you what you are already reading. Please note that due to the school being closed on Friday, we need the parent teacher interview appointment sheet back **at school tomorrow**, so please fill it out as soon as you read it.

The teachers have put a lot of time into these reports, using a mix of data from their formal, standardised assessments to measure the children against where they are expected to be

for their age, along with observations on what they do in the classroom. During the year if we have any concerns, we will contact you to discuss these; we do not wait until reporting time if there is something that needs to be addressed. This is why I say the report should have no surprises.

Interschool Sports Update

The principals and organisers of the interschool sports have had several meetings to try to find a solution to the problem of poor adult sideline behaviour at events.

We have a plan to manage such behaviour that includes

- A three strikes sideline policy
- On the spot conflict resolution plan
- Inclusion of adult behaviour expectations in the permission slips
- Incident reporting guidelines
- Sideline etiquette guidelines

With this in place, we can now proceed with resuming our interschool sports in term three. We appreciate your anticipated support of these initiatives as we try to bring back positive vibes to our interschool events.

CLASSROOM KŌRERO – Kōwhai

Recently, we welcomed Jordie Parkinson to Kōwhai class and she has settled in well with our other five-year-olds. Kōwhai is a busy, bustling classroom with lots of amazing wee personalities who all love to learn. Lots of personalities can create interesting problems too, so our focus recently is around using kind words and actions towards others, so we can look after each other and all feel happy and safe at school. Please support this message at home whānau.



Lennox practices his name



Literacy learning with our new entrants

It's arts fortnight and what fun we are having! Our focus has been on Matariki and creating multi-media artworks. We are exploring a range of art techniques, doodling on a dress with fabric pens, learning about collage, making a collaborative class korowai, using salt dough to make stars and so much more.

Our students have loved learning about the whetū (stars) of Matariki through stories, song and art. If you hear them humming or singing to the tune of 'Macarena', it is how we have been learning the ingoa (names) of the stars.

Our first artwork was based on the pukapuka 'Little Kiwi's Matariki'. We used a scene featuring Little Kiwi to inspire our mahi. We looked at the effects different brush strokes can have on our art, how materials other than brushes (forks) can create interesting details and how to add depth to our art using a range of materials (bubble wrap, card and stickers). Our tamariki were so proud they would not let me hang them in the

hallway; they wanted them on display where they could see them in class.



Kotuku, Haven-Skye, Corbin & Janey with their Little Kiwi art



Little Kiwi art on display in Kōwhai class



Quinn creates a fur-like detail using a fork and paint

Through te ao Māori and Aotearoa New Zealand histories, we have been learning about traditional beliefs centred around Matariki and specifically what connections ngā whetū are thought to have with the world around us. Each

student used collage to create a whetū and wrote a wish for the year ahead to send to Hiwa-i-te-rangi, the star thought to be connected to realising hopes and dreams. Students were encouraged to write a wish that considered their whānau, or wider community's needs. They were very thoughtful!

"I wish to Hiwa-i-te-rangi that my Nanna and Poppa will live forever." -Remy

"I wish everyone had warm homes." -Hunter

"I would wish to Hiwa-i-te-rangi for snow on the maunga every day!" -Quinn

"I would wish to Hiwa-i-te-rangi for no rubbish in our oceans." -Corbin



Collage art with wishes to Hiwa-i-te-rangi



Having fun with collage art

This week students are creating one large multi-media artwork over the course of the week. Now that they have built on their knowledge of each whetū, they have chosen the one they feel most connected to and are designing mask-centred artworks based on their choices. They have taken time to explore ideas and materials and planned their creations in advance for guidance. The abstract idea has been hard mahi for some, choosing colours and materials that match with their themes, but students have been focussed on making them really visually pleasing and

they're looking good so far. I am excited to see how these turn out. Here is a sneak peek of how they are looking....



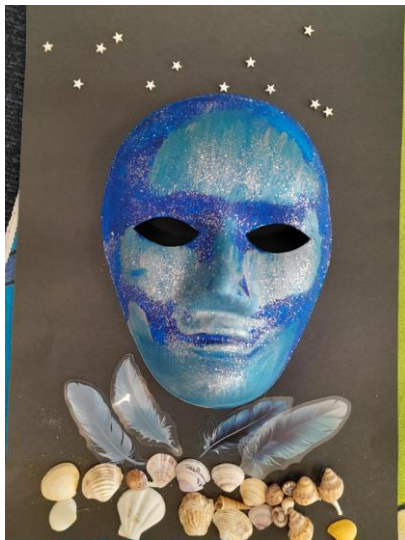
Janey planning her whetū artwork



Haven, Jordie, Sheeran and Corbin pleased with their art so far



Kotuku, Remy & Corbin work together on a Matariki puzzle



Kaia's interpretation of Waitā in it's early stages
On Wednesday we will be spending most of the day in the ngahere (forest) so please make sure students dress warmly and in layers. I will send a notice home on Monday with further information. The mornings have been cold and we are starting to see wetter days so please ensure all tamariki have shoes and warm clothes at school each day. Have a wonderful term break with your whānau. Whaea Siobhān



Kaia's turn to doodle on the dress



Harper was happy with her kiwi

FAREWELL MORNING TEA- tomorrow

Sadly, Boyd, Lila and Myer are moving house, up to Northland. So, we will be having a farewell morning tea for them on their last day, Thursday the 19th of June. We would appreciate if everyone could bring a plate of kai to share on this day. As we are also asking for a plate of kai for the disco, we suggest you bring half a plate to this, and half to the disco.



Boyd, Myer and Lila work on their block on the Leaver's Wall

THEME DAY – last day of the term

The children have made several requests for theme days, so we are combining them together for the last day of term. On that day they may come to school as a...

Pirate

Mermaid

Bring a teddy

Do some face painting.

As always, the last day of term is also a mufti day.

DISCO tomorrow

This Thursday 19th June we have our annual school disco. The theme is Glow in the Dark. It will be in the Ōwhango Hall from 6-8pm, parents are welcome to attend, or you can drop your kids off as teachers will be present. Please bring your own drink bottle of water as dancing is thirsty work, and a plate of food to contribute for supper. As we are also asking for a plate of food for the morning tea farewell, we suggest you bring half a plate to that and this.

The year 8 students will need to stay behind and help clean the hall as there is no school the next day, so if parents could pick the year 8 students at about 8:15 please. This disco is for current Ōwhango School students only.



SKIING PROGRAMME permission slips due

Thanks to the whanau who have their permission slips in. A reminder email was sent out on Monday to those families who have not got their permission slips in. **We need these tomorrow so that planning can proceed.**

YEAR 7 & 8 CAREERS DAY Te Ara Poutama nā Rehua – Career Pathways Series

Ngāti Hāua recently hosted an outstanding Te Ara Poutama nā Rehua – Career Pathways Day last Thursday, bringing together approximately 250 rangatahi (youth) from Taumarunui and the wider region.

I had the pleasure of taking our Year 7 and 8 students, who remained engaged and enthusiastic from start to finish. They connected with a diverse range of professionals—educators from the University of Waikato, lawyers, teachers, doctors, nurses, horticulturists, REAP staff, Hāpai Tūhono, Drivewise instructors, and many more, gaining first-hand insight into exciting career possibilities.

The event was infused with manaakitanga, complete with delicious kai that kept everyone energised. A heartfelt thanks goes to Jenny Allen and the wider Ngāti Hāua whānau for organising such a valuable opportunity for our tamariki with such high calibre speakers and at no cost to the schools! Also, thanks to Grant Lethborg of Owhango Adventures for generously providing transport so our students could attend. Opportunities like this plant seeds of aspiration,

showing our young people the many pathways they can walk with confidence and pride. Ka mau te wehi! Ngā mihi, Jessie Smith



Boyd dressing in a barrister's gown after listening to an inspirational korero from lawyer Kuru Ketu, of Ngāti Hāua.



Oliver and Beau with some very impressive hue (gourd / calabash) at the horticulture / maara kai presentation.



Poppy, Tilia, Hayzin and Hazel get information and inspiration from a University of Waikato facilitator.



Zurich, Oliver, Soren and Luke play some 'hard-thinking-figure-it-out' games with the Mana Tūroa organisation.

BIKE-A-THON

We will have the final house points for most sponsors and most money raised in next week's Pānui.

ASSEMBLY- a reminder

We have a school assembly on Wednesday 25th June where the children will be showing the work they have done as part of the Arts Fortnight. You are all welcome to come. It will start at 2:00pm.

KAITIEKE SCHOOL SHOW- a reminder

On Tuesday 24th June we will be travelling by bus to Kaitieke School to see their production "The Unlikely Contestant" – see the poster at the bottom of the Pānui. Rather than send out permission slips for this, can you please contact the school if you do not give permission for your child to attend this show. There is no cost.

SCHOOL BOARD HUI- a reminder

We have a school board hui on Wednesday 25th June at 7pm in the staffroom. You are all welcome to attend.

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

The junior basketball competition for Year 5-8 students will begin in Week 2 of Term 3. Year 7-8 teams will play on Mondays after school, beginning 21st July, and Year 5-6 teams will play on Wednesdays after school, beginning 23rd July. Games will be played in the Athletic

Stadium, Turaki St, Taumarunui. Fees are \$15 per player. If your child would like to play, please complete the attached permission slip and return to the office with payment no later than Thursday 26th June. This is an extra-curricular activity- outside of school hours and will need parental support for managing and coaching.

PRIMARY NETBALL LEAGUE- Final Week




FINAL WEEK OF NETBALL!
- Monday 23 June

 Draw will be out Thursday after the last round robin games.

 **PRIZEGIVING – 5PM**
Athletic Stadium – All teams and whānau welcome!
Let's celebrate a great season together!

 **Coaches – you'll be asked to choose your Player of the Season and Supporter of the Season this week.**

 **Year 6/7/8 Game at Turaki School – 3:30pm**
To make sure everything is finished in time for prizegiving.

 **FREE Sausage Sizzle**
For all players, whānau, and supporters!

 **FUN NETBALL GAME after Prizegiving!**
Players, whānau & supporters – jump in and have a go!

Monday's results:

PRIMARY NETBALL LEAGUE			
WEEK SIX			
MATCH RESULTS			
MANUNUI WOLVES	3	vs	20 TKKM TE PIHINGA
TURAKI KŌURA	1	vs	5 ŌWHANGO JUNIOR
TKKM TE KĀKANO	1	vs	19 TKKM TE PIHINGA
TKKM TE MĀHURI		vs	MATIERE SENIOR
TKKM TE MAHURI WIN BY DEFAULT			
TURAKI GREEN	7	vs	39 MANUNUI FALCONS
TURAKI GOLD	22	vs	17 ŌWHANGO SENIOR
STILL TO BE PLAYED			
MANUNUI CHAMPS		vs	MANUNUI FALCONS

Community Notices

None 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

REMANING TERM DATES 2025

Term Two Monday 28th April to Friday 27th June.

Term Three Monday 14th July to Friday 19th
September

Term Four Monday 6th October to Wednesday
17th 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

Sue Morris and Darren Brown Contactors for the
firewood logs and delivery

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL COMPETITION

(This is an extra-curricular activity- outside of school hours, and will need parental support)

Taumarunui Junior Basketball will be running a primary school competition for Term 3, beginning in
Week 2. Entry is \$15 per player.

Year 7/8 (full court): Mondays (beginning 21st July)

Year 5/6 (half court): Wednesdays (beginning 23rd July)

If you are interested in playing, please return this form by this **Thursday 26th June**, so we can register a
team by the deadline.

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

School Year/s.....

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

Adult's Name.....