



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

"Zeal without knowledge is fire without light."

Thomas Fuller

DATES TO NOTE

3 rd Sept.	Outgoing School Board Hui 7pm
5 th Sept.	Junior Group Ski Day One cancelled
	Senior Rippa Rugby
9 th Sept.	Donovan Bixley Author Visit
10 th Sept.	School Board Elections- last day
11 th Sept.	Ngāti Tūwharetoa Taiopenga
12 th Sept.	Junior Group Ski Day Two
16 th Sept	Assembly 2:00
17 th Sept.	Interschool Quiz Competition
19 th Sept.	Whole School Ski Day
	Last Day of Term Three
6 th October	First Day of Term Four
8 th October	PTA Hui 3:15
13 th October	Pet Day

A Message from Nicole Hosking, Presiding Member of the Ōwhango School Board

Kia ora school whānau

The board would like to announce that Annelies Resink has been appointed as principal starting at the beginning of 2026 school year.

Ngāa mihi,

Nicole Hosking

(Note that this message was emailed out to parents on Thursday, last week)

A Message from Annelies Resink, the next principal of Ōwhango School

Kia ora koutou,

It was with great pleasure that I recently accepted the position of Principal at Ōwhango School, starting in 2026. I am truly excited about this new chapter!

I can't wait to meet all your wonderful tamariki — and you, their whānau. At the start of the year I will reach out and make sure we have an opportunity to all meet and kōrero. I very much support an open-door policy, clear communication and value whānau and community as part of everyday school life.

My husband Greg and I, along with our two teenagers, Maddy and Seb, moved to Taumarunui from Whangamatā in late 2022. I have spent the last (almost) three years as a teaching principal at Kaitieke School and just love this area. We have a lifestyle block in Piriaka where we have horses, cows, sheep, dogs, a cat and even a parrot! Never a dull moment and weekends are always good for the soul - either riding, fencing, gardening or curling up with a good book.

If you see me out and about, please don't hesitate to come and introduce yourself and say hi! I am really looking forward to next year, though it will of course be bittersweet to leave the wonderful Kaitieke School.

Take care and see you soon.

Annelies

CLASSROOM KŌRERO – Kōwhai

Kia ora e te whānau,

Thank you for your patience over the last two weeks whilst I have had some absences. Ngā tamariki have had some wonderful learning opportunities across the curriculum with Whaea Marion and have continued their normal literacy and numeracy learning with the support of our amazing teacher aides Whaea Kim and Whaea Maree. Ngā mihi nui!

In maths over the past few weeks, students have been getting to grips with statistics. We began with the basics of sorting and classifying objects, using tally charts to gather data, using

pictographs and bar graphs to display data, and learning how to analyse data. We've had fun in and out of the class with investigations like 'What is the most popular school bag colour?', 'What are students' favourite local volcano?' and 'The most popular colour in a bag of skittles?' Students have had to think critically to come up with questions and answers about data they have gathered, and to share their learning with peers.

As part of getting to grips with tally marks/charts, some students used their skip counting and multiplication knowledge to teach younger students more efficient ways to count. It was really neat to see the tuakana-teina relationships develop naturally through mathematics.



Indie having fun with multiplication, she excitedly shares her learning with Blake!

In writing, we have had great fun with procedural writing, learning about sequencing and the importance of giving and following clear instructions in a logical sequence. We had a real giggle when I was told to "put the bag of popcorn in the microwave and that's it. That's all you have to do." Well we would have been waiting a long time for our popcorn if Sheeran hadn't said, "Take the plastic wrapper off first, unfold the paper bag, then put it in the microwave". It was still a long wait until Remy gave instructions on setting the microwave and turning it on. The giggles continued when we tried to make fairy bread, with sprinkles on top of a packet of bread but we soon got into the swing of giving, following, reading and writing instructions clearly. Our simple instructions do not make for exciting reading, instead we have included some fairytale narratives from our awesome authors:

The Brave Knight

By Kotuku Ngawati

A brave knight was guarding a princess in a castle. He sees a canon rolling down the hill. An attack was coming from an army of bad knights and their dragon. The brave knight attacks them back with a bow and arrow. He protects the princess. The end.

The Princess and the Chicken

By Harper Nicholson

Once upon a time there was a princess and a chicken. The princess put a spell on the chicken. The princess turned the chicken into a chicken jockey. The chicken jockey chewed the princesses dress. The princess had 500 coins. She spent it on a pink palace. The pink palace had a dungeon. The princess put the chicken jockey in the dungeon. The princess lived happily ever after.

Princess

By Briarni Leat

There was a new princess. She could do magic. She turned a prince into a bunny. The princess and bunny always played. They lived happily ever after.



Harley-John practices his spelling.



Molly instructs the boys on how to make fairy bread.



Eric & Corbin follow students' instructions on how to leave the kitchen clean



Janey, Haven-Skye, Harper & Kruza were the first group to successfully make and equally share their fairy bread

On Fridays, we have been getting musically creative whilst the seniors have been skiing. Whaea Jessie introduced Kōwhai to ukulele and they tried some chords together. Last week, we cracked out the highly sought after boomwhackers and the musical bells. We had great fun listening to the sounds the colour coordinated instruments and their notes made. We played some games that required following a beat and collaboration, then we worked on performing 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars, which sounded pretty cool!



Having fun following notes on the big screen



Ukulele lesson with Whaea Jessie

We have been learning about helpers and jobs in our community. This unit incorporates reading, writing, technology, visual arts, te reo Māori and social studies. We are engaging our local curriculum today by visiting the Taumarunui Police Station and learning more about how police help our community. We will share about our trip next week. Our tamariki are always proud to make links between school and home and many have volunteered whānau members to come in and talk about your mahi so if you are happy to support our learning and would like to kōrero with our class, please do get in touch a.s.a.p., we would love to hear from helpers in our community!



Wearing 'I want to be . . .' hats as part of our topic



Lennox tries instructional drawing to create his firefighter

We look forward to seeing you all at our assembly next week, when we will share some more of our mahi.

Mā te wā, Whaea Siobhán

INTERSCHOOL QUIZ

On Wednesday 17th September we will be entering two teams into the CKC REAP Primary School Quiz; a year 5&6 team and a year 7&8 team. The team will consist of four students selected by their teachers. The teams will soon be given a permission slip to inform their parents. You are welcome to come along and support the teams, it is at the Miriama Community Centre.

The times for the event are:

year 5 & 6s w at 10am to 11:30

year 7 & 8s at 12 to 1:30pm

We will organise transportation and supervision.

INTERSCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

We now have the results in, congratulations to these students:

1st Blake

2nd Jordie, Ainsley

3rd Rose, Kaelyis-Rae, Mason,

4th Remy, Kyston, Jack,

5th ---

6th Lachlan,

7th Libby, Haven-Skye, Grace, Gin,

8th Azalea, Lily,

9th Eric,

10th Jackson, Molly.

See the school noticeboard for a list of the full results.

KAPA HAKA DRESS REHEARSAL

We will have a kapa haka dress rehearsal on Monday the 8th of September at 2:00pm in the Ōwhango Hall. This is a chance for whānau that may not be able to make the Taiopenga in Taupo to come and enjoy our wonderful performers. You are all welcome to attend and support them.

CREATE A CHARACTER ART COMPETITION

Well done to all of the amazing tamariki who worked hard and came up with very creative entries for our Donovan Bixley 'Create-a-Character' competition. Over half the school entered and most entries are on display in the school corridor. It was a really tough job judging the entries! If you did not get chosen to attend the illustrator's workshop, hard luck but keep being creative, and celebrate your friends who were successful. The competition was so tough, we have stretched the workshop to 20 places and we will not be adding additional students as it is already oversubscribed.

Congratulations to the following fabulous competition winners:

1. Janey Patena-Smythe
2. Haven-Skye Te Ahuru
3. Kotuku Ngawati
4. Indiana Closter
5. Te Hana Smith
6. Daithí Óg Murphy
7. Brodie Joyce
8. Lucy Aitken
9. Leiki Bramley
10. Billie Bryan
11. Libby Wind
12. Zurich Hosking
13. Ivy Rayner
14. Lachlan Tomlinson
15. Charlotte Owen
16. Mason Wheeler
17. Lucas Gavegan
18. Juan Dutra
19. Poppy Murtagh
20. Johnny Marshall

This is an incredible opportunity for you tamariki to learn from a professional author and illustrator and we hope you have a fantastic time

at the workshop and take away lots of wonderful tips and tricks to apply to your art. You have earned it!

NGĀTI TŪWHARETOA TAIOPENGA

Planning is well underway for this trip. Please get the remaining permission and transportation forms back to school by **tomorrow** at the latest. We will be departing school at 8:30am. Our performance on the stage is at 11:40am, however we need to be in the dressing room at 11:00am. Please be advised that the timetable is very strict, no adults are allowed backstage without a special pass. Last year we performed earlier than planned due to last minute time tabling change, so can all students ensure that they stay with the school group and are **present in the building at 10:30am** at the latest. We do not want to be running around looking for you if you are meeting us there! Also please note that we will now be **returning to school at 3:30pm**, as we will be staying to support Turaki School's performance at 1:40pm then departing after that.

See the poster at the bottom of this Pānui for performance times on the day. A transportation list will be in next week's Pānui.

SCHOOL BOARD HUI

We will be having our final school board hui for the current board at 7pm this evening in the staffroom. You are all welcome to attend.

SKIING- Junior Ski Group Day Two- Cancelled

Again, due to the poor forecast for this Friday, we have made the call to cancel this trip. We will try again next week, and the week after.

ASSEMBLY

This term kōwhai class (juniors) will be hosting our school assembly. It will be on Tuesday the 16th of September starting at 2:00pm. You are all welcome to come and see what we have been doing this term.

YEAR 5-8 KCRU RIPPAN RUGBY TOURNAMENT

We are looking forward to the KCRU Rippa Rugby Tournament on Friday 5th September at the Taumarunui Domain, with games kicking off at 9.00am. We will be leaving school at

approximately 8.20am – this will be confirmed once the official draw is released. Please make sure you have completed the online registration. This year, our teams are split into girls' and boys' groups:

Year 5 & 6 Girls – managed by Jesse Closter

Year 5 & 6 Boys – managed by Tania Bramley and Carly Marshall

Year 7 & 8 Girls – managed by Lakenn Te Ahuru

Year 7 & 8 Boys – managed by Michelle Gavegan

A huge thank you to all the parents who have offered their time and support – we really appreciate your help. Please note, there will be a few changes to some of the teams to ensure we have enough players. A small number of students may be asked to play in the higher year group. These students will be informed individually. Sports t-shirts will be issued this week, these must be worn on the day.

Please check the transport list for mistakes:

Driver	Students
Trudie Wheeler	Gazebo, Oliver Zurich Beau Mason
Michelle Gavegan	Lucas Soren Hazel Chanae
Theresa Owen	Charlotte Gin Ivy
Carly Marshall	Jonny Billie
Melissa Blackman	Grace Lily Darcy
Kaaryn Ward / James Hunt	Olive
Tania Bramley	Harry Monty
Jesse Closter	Rosa Millie
Maree Hodges	Haylee
Jessie Smith (leave earlier for delegate meeting) Te Hana	
Not going	Poppy Brodie
Meet There	Jack P. Juan Hinemoa Kaelyis- Rae Lachlan Tilia Nico Tahu Hopaea Hayzin

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

By now you should have received your voting papers via the mail. Please contact the school if you have not received yours.

These need to be returned either using the self-addressed envelope supplied with your voting information, or by dropping it into the voting box in school office.

(One voting paper to one envelope). Voting closes on Wednesday the 10th of September 4pm.

Maree Hodges, Returning Officer

OUR KIDS ONLINE

This week: **Gaming Without the Parental Guilt**
Is your kid gaming more than feels healthy? How much is too much, and what boundaries can you set so it's balanced, and you don't feel like you're dropping the ball?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6q0CZru_YxExE



Control + Click to follow the link

HOT LUNCH THURSDAYS

A reminder that tomorrow is Hot Lunch Thursday. Cash only.

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Monday 8th September

Finals Ōwhango Breakers - draw to be confirmed

Wednesday 10th September

Ōwhango Thunder - draw to be confirmed

Ōwhango Blaze - draw to be confirmed

Community Notices

See the Taiopenga timetable below

Ōwhango Market Day

Is on in the hall on Sunday from 9am to 1pm.

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 Three Monday 14th July to Friday 19th September

Term Four Monday 6th October to Wednesday 17th December

TERM DATES 2026

Term One: Monday 9th February to Thursday 2nd April

Term Two: Monday 20th April to Friday 3rd July

Term Three: Monday 20th July to Friday 25th September

Term Four: Monday October 12th to Friday 18th 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.

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Ōwhango Adventures: Free bus use for trips

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

NGĀTI TŪWHARETOA SCHOOLS KAPA HAKA FESTIVAL

TAIOPENGA 2025



TĀITE
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MAHURU

THURSDAY

9.20am	Taupō Kids Community
9.30am	Abacus
9.40am	Kimihiā Kohanga Reo
9.50am	Beststart Richmond Kindergarten
10.00am	Taupō Childrens' Corner - Duncan Street
10.10am	Waipāhīhi Kindergarten
10.20am	Laughton Kindergarten
10.30am	Ngā Teina o Tongariro
10.50am	Country Kids ECE
11.00am	Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Taumarunui - Teina
11.20am	Wairakei Tuakana
11.40am	Te Rōpū Kapa Haka o Ōwhango
12.00pm	Tauhara Te Ahorangi Teina
12.20pm	Manunui School
12.40pm	Totara Wāhi Rua / Ngā Matawhero
1.00pm	Te Kura Tuatahi o Hauaroa Teina
1.20pm	Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Taumarunui - Tuakana
1.40pm	Te Kura o Turaki
2.00pm	Te Pouhakoakoa me te Poupoutahi - Tongariro School
2.20pm	Te Kura Tuatahi o Hauaroa Tuakana
2.40pm	Tongariro School
3.00pm	Tarawera High School - Te Aranui

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