



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

'Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.'
– Mark Twain

DATES TO NOTE

22 nd October	Power to the Pouro Concert and Workshop
23 rd October	School Closed- teacher strike
24 th October	Mountain Schools' Athletics Day
27 th October	Labour Day School Closed
29 th October	Mountain Athletics (Postponement Day)
31 st October	Bikes at School Day
4 th Nov.	Duffy Theatre Visit
7 th Nov.	Inter-School Athletics
11 th Nov.	School Photos
13 th Nov.	Spelling Bee
14 th Nov.	Inter-School Athletics (postponement Day)
21 st Nov.	Ki-o-rahi Year 5-6
28 th Nov.	Mountain Schools' Softball
5 th Dec.	Ki-o-rahi Year 7-8
11 th Dec.	School Grounds Overnighter
12 th Dec.	Brock's Farm Trip
16 th Dec.	5 pm Break Up and BBQ Reports Issued
17 th Dec.	Last Day of the Year

PRINCIPAL'S COMMENT

School Closures

I now have confirmation that the NZEI strike is proceeding tomorrow, Thursday, therefore the school will be closed. Also, school is closed on Monday due to Labour Day.

CLASSROOM KŌRERO –Kahikatea

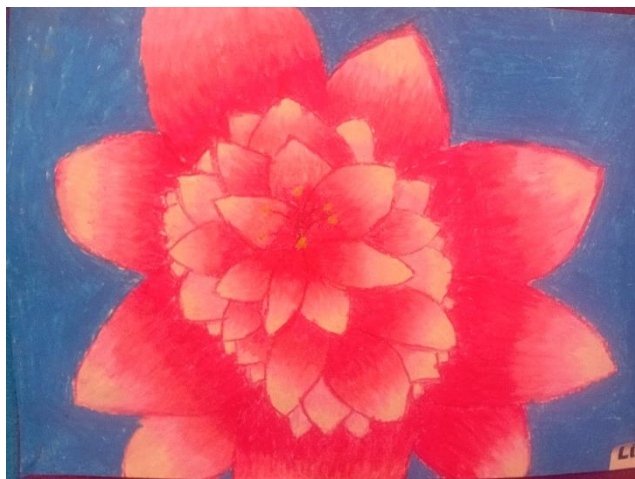
Kahikatea have had a very busy start of the term! In class we prepared for Pet Day with our beautiful Georgia O'Keeffe-inspired flower art. We studied the shape of the *putiputi* closely, making sure our flowers touched all sides of the paper so they looked like they were going off the page. Using pastels, we practised blending from light to dark to create depth and detail. We also made clay flowers, starting with a pinch pot for the centre and building out the petals from there.



By Atahua-Violet



By Elliott



By Lily

When the weather allows, we've been out practising for athletics — perfecting our jumping technique in the new long jump sand and learning how to throw the discus and shot put correctly. For writing, we've been creating "Holiday Snapshots," three sentences for each snapshot - a hook, extra detail, and reflection, published inside paper cameras.

I held on tight while my dad and I drove down the track. My sisters' screams of laughter and terror haunting me for the rest of the night. The very best part was enjoying time with my dad.

Te Hana Smith.

Vrrrrrooom! The bike leapt into the air as the jump was approaching. I could feel the heat bouncing off the engine on to my legs.

Motorbiking is the best.

Nico Brewer

Suddenly the lights dimmed, and the audience quietened. I laughed hard when the Big Bad Wolf jumped out of his pants. Bad Guys 2 was the coolest movie of the holidays.

Jack Ogle

Our topic this term is *taonga puoro* — traditional Māori instruments. We're enjoying listening to, learning about, and researching them. We're even going to try to make our own kōauau later in the term. We're really looking forward to attending the Power to the Puoro concert on Wednesday!

ATHLETICS DAY- Friday

This is a huge event that we organise every year, one of the highlights in our physical education calendar, and one where we enjoy catching up with our Mountain School friends from National Park, Manunui and Kaitieke Schools. From this event we choose a team to represent our school at the Interschool Athletics Day on the 7th of November.

Weather

The weather forecast has improved and currently doesn't mention rain (Partly cloudy. Westerlies developing). The final decision on proceeding will be made at 6:30am on Friday, so if you are uncertain then look for an email announcing whether it is on or not at that time. Our postponement date is Wednesday 29th, but the forecast is for rain on that day!

We have the domain all marked out with a running track and the sandpit has had the old sand removed and softer white sand filling it up, Thanks Paul Lacy for helping with those jobs.

Come Along

Please come along and support the tamariki and buy some kai off the PTA! The first events start at 9:30 and we should be finished by 2:30 at the very latest. Bring your trainers and running lycra for the adults' relay race!

Help

On Friday, the teachers will be at school from 8am setting up the field, some help from then on would be much appreciated. Also help putting it all back again once we have finished at about 2:30 please.

Thanks to the following people who have volunteered to help (and let me know if I have this wrong):

Mandy, Chintel & Danielle- supervising junior boys; Katie supervising junior girls; Theresa B on the results table; James on race starting; Libby, Tania, Trudie, Grace & Sally on PTA stall Friday; Stacey, Dale, Trudie, Grace & Sally on PTA stall Wednesday.

If anyone else can be on standby to help if needed contact Ewan.

Children Need to Bring

A big, healthy lunch or lunch money (we don't stop for a lunch break but graze all day long)

Sports shirt

Running shorts

Bare feet to compete in (there are no prickles)
Your school hoodie or jersey in case you get cold.
A water bottle with water only in it
A positive can-do attitude

POWER TO THE POURO CONCERT AND WORKSHOP

The whole school is attending this concert this morning. The year 4-8 will then participate in a workshop. We are travelling by bus to this. See the poster at the bottom of this Pānui, and next week's Pānui for photos and a report.

SKI MONEY

Adult skiing costs have been processed. Invoices were emailed out last Wednesday to parents who participated day by day with the amounts now due. Refunds have been processed to those that had paid but got a cheaper rate on the day. Please pay these promptly to Westpac 03 0426 0141783 00 reference "Adult skiing". Thank you.

PET DAY HOUSE POINTS

The following points were earned by the House Groups:

(1st = 3 points, 2nd = 2 points, 3rd = 1 point)

Ngāuruhoe 64

Ruapehu 55

Tongariro 49

SENIOR CLASS ABSEILING WITH HILLARY OUTDOORS PURSUIT CENTRE

We will have something about this trip in next week's Pānui.

SCHOOL BOARD HUI

Our new school board had their first hui on Wednesday 15th October.

The following positions were accepted:

Presiding Member (chairperson) Guy Hoban

Finance Officer Todd Nicholson

Secretary Dale Erueti

Property Officer Rex Pierce

Health and Safety Officer Mandy O'Reilly

Staff Member Siobhan McKenna

CEO Ewan Starkey

They were welcomed in their roll, and discussed: The 2026 roll and staffing; what the new property maintenance grant will be spent on; the current property conditions and how financing

this works; transitioning Annelies into the job; adding a sports shirt to our uniform; attendance; complaints procedures; policies and the upcoming change to School Docs; the school house; the budget; NZEI strike; cell phone policy; changing signatories on the Westpac accounts. The next meeting is on the 10th December 2025.

DRESS UP DAY- BOOK CHARACTER THEME

On Friday we had some wonderfully creative dress ups. See some of them below.



Leiki and Olive



Jack, Daithì Òg and Nico



Rosa and Millie



Harper, Janey and Molly



Quinn, Kruza, Eric, Connor, Harley-John and Lennox

OUR KIDS ONLINE

This week: **Morning Screens = Cranky Kids. Here's Why**

When our kids were younger, we used to let them get up early on the weekend and watch TV so we could get a sleep-in, and it backfired every time!

We ended up with tired, cranky kids. So, we made some changes and weekends have never been the same!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXqiVguVZPE>



Control + Click to follow the link

TAUPŌ INTERSCHOOLS RIPPA RUGBY

On Wednesday 15th of October both year 7/8 boys' and girls' teams qualified for the Rippa Rugby finals in Taupō organized by King Country Rugby Union for all around the King Country region. In the boys' team there was Mason, Monty, Beau, Zurich, Soren, Oliver, Lucas and Jack. In the girls' team there was Tilly, Hazel, Hayzin, Hopaea, Ivy, Kaelyis-Rae, Darcy and Dylan Moke from Kaitieke School. Both teams played three games throughout the day, and both teams won one game and lost two games. Big thanks to Rex Pierce and Lakenn Te Ahuru for coaching, managing and supporting us on the sideline.

By Mason and Monty.

NGĀ KŌHINE Ō TE ROHE PŌTAE - GIRLS OF THE KING COUNTRY.

Girls from all around Aotearoa came together to play rugby union ages from under 11 to under 15s, in Wellington. We played on the weekend, it was supposed to be Friday to Sunday, but Sunday got cancelled because of the severe weather. Tilly, Hazel, played with under 13 and we won three and lost one, but we had a great time and made lifelong friends. Hayzin and Kaelyis-Rae played with under 11s and won the whole competition out of all the u11s. Jordyn Mahu was the coach for u11s, and Antionette was the u13s coach. We also had amazing managers, and we are so grateful for everyone who supported and helped.

Nga mihi Tilly and Hazel.



Tilly and Hazel with some of their teammates

Extra-Curricular Sports Notices

Congratulations to our girls Hazel, Tilly, Hayzin and Kaelyis-Rae who all travelled to Wellington last week to play rugby for Ngakohine o Te Rohe Potae, at the NZ Junior Girls Rugby Festival. This club is made up of girls from Turangi and Taumarunui also known as the girls from the King Country. The weather was very wet, with strong winds and constant rain. By day two the fields were full of mud, which the children had fun sliding in, then by the afternoon, the decision was made to call off day three due to the council closing off the fields. Overall, four games were played by each team. A lot of laughter was shared, friendships were made, and skills were gained. Special mention to the Under11s for being awarded "Team of the Festival". Results below.

Under 13s/Hazel & Tilly

Vs Southern Rugby Club. W- 34-0

Vs Rāhui Mareikura. W- 25-7

Vs Wellington Junior Girls L- 10-5

Vs Rangitaiki Girls Rugby W- 22-12



Under11s/Hayzin & Kaelyis-Rae

Vs Wellington Junior Girls. W- 30-25

Vs Wellington Wahine Toa. W- 45-10

Vs Upper Hutt Junior Rams W- 50-5

Vs Sumner RFC Thunder W- 60-10

DUFFY SUMMER READING OFFER

Attached. Deadline date for orders 12th November to the school office please.

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 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 12th October 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.

Fern Energy Fuel for Schools Scheme

Mitre 10 25 buckets for drumming

Ōwhango Adventures: Free bus use for trips

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

Māori Musical Experience

POWER TO THE PUORO

CULTURAL MUSIC CONCERT

11:30AM - 1PM

MEMORIAL HALL TAUMARUNUI

WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER



TIKANGA TAONGA PUORO “TE TINI A HAA”

Presented by:

Jerome & Ruiha

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UNFORGETTABLE MUSICAL
JOURNEY**

**EXPERIENCE THE RHYTHM OF
MĀORI CULTURE**

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