



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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Week 3, Term 1, 2026

Kia ora e te whānau, welcome to Week 3!

Dates to Remember:

Wk 3	Wed 25 Feb - Whānau Picnic 5 pm Thur 26 Feb - Hearing and Vision
Wk 4	Mon 2 Mar - Seniors School Camp Wed 4 Mar - Y5-8 Junior Hockey starts Wed 4 Mar - BOT Hui 6pm. All welcome Thur 5 Mar - Mountain Schools Swimming (High School Pool) Y4-6
Wk 5	Fri 13 Mar - IS Swimming
Wk 6	Fri 20 Mar - Ki-O-Rahi Y5&6
Wk 7	Fri 27 Mar - Ki-O-Rahi Y7&8
Wk 8	Thur 2 Apr - Last Day T1
Holidays!	Easter 3 - 6 April Term 2 begins 20th April

Our Kids Online: The Secret I Tell My Kids - by Rob Cope

I let my kids in on the big secret: I don't always know what I'm doing as a parent. I've never done this before, but it's the most important job in the world to me. I'll make mistakes, I won't always get it right, but I need you to trust that the rules and boundaries I set come from what I do know: they're there to protect you, nurture you, and help you become the very best version of yourself.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ArjSXbqlws>

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

A reminder that hockey games will begin after the Year 7 and 8 students return from camp. The draw will be sent out as soon as it becomes available.

Thank you to those who have paid their \$20 subs to the office. Please ensure these are paid this week.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Owhango Thunder had their first game on Friday against Turaki Strikers.

They played amazingly, playing together as a team, coming away with the win 14 -8!!

Well done to Ōwhango Shooters on their first game as well.

We play Te Tauru at 4.15pm see you guys there at 4pm.

Nga mihi
Stace

Friday 27th February

3.45pm Ōwhango Shooters (Year 1/2) vs Turaki Breakers

4.15pm Ōwhango Thunder (Year 3/4) vs Te Tāuru

Please remember to pay your \$15 subs to the office this week.



We have become an

Enviroschool!

Enviroschools is an environmental action based programme where young people are empowered to design and lead sustainability projects in their schools and early learning

centres, communities and country. We will be working alongside Shell from Enviroschools, auditing our kura to see what we do well already, and identify areas where the children can lead

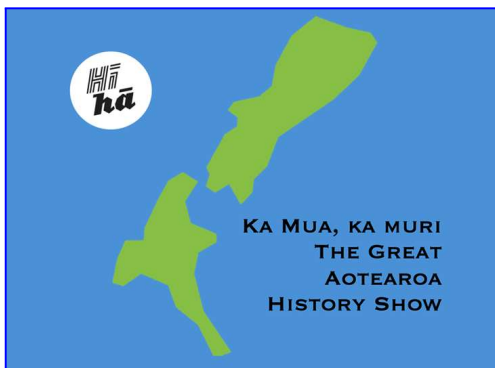


positive environmental change! As a start, Rimu Class joined loads of other schools down at Ngā Huinga for

a 'Forgotten Fauna' workshop! It was spectacular!

School Production

This week we are auditioning for the main parts for this year's school production of *Ka Mua, Ka Muri: The Great Aotearoa History Show* by Hihā. All students will be involved, with rehearsals starting in Week 5, (when the seniors have returned from camp) and performances early in Term 2. This show covers NZ history from Gondwanaland to today, in a somewhat rapid-fire, who's who of key historical figures and events. This will also be complemented by our Social Sciences/History curriculum within our classroom programmes. While this is definitely a different style of show to our last few productions, we are sure that you will find it equally entertaining, a lot more kiwi, and perhaps you might even learn something about our very own colourful history.



Whānau Groups!

We have new Whānau Groups to manage our roll size! This week we started by meeting our group buddies, thinking about who we may like to vote to be our leaders, started drafting designs for our logo's and getting excited about handing out badges to our new leaders! We have kept siblings together, and have a kaiako attached to each group too. We will be giving points out for great behaviour, sporting events, 'caught being good', Bike-a-thon events and so much more. A tally of points can be seen in our corridor.

Ngauruhoe -Mrs. Tylee **Ruapehu** -Whaea Siobhán **Pihanga** -Whaea Theresa **Tongariro** -Ms. Cookson/Mrs Resink

Jack P.
Molly
Kaeylis-Rae
Kyston
Kruza
Juan
Harry
Lucy
Harley-John
Harrison
Brodie
Ōtaahua-Violet
Briarni
Ōria
Blake
Stan

Soren
Zurich
Poppy
Patrick
Jonny
Tahu
Nico
Te Hana
Olive
Quinn
Daiithi Óg
Janey
Romana
Sheeran
Leiki
Jackson
Connor

Beau
Billie
Charlotte
Hayzin
Mason
Millie
Eric
Libby
Corbin
Haylee
Jack O.
Harper
Leo
Ōinsley
Jordie
Ben
Ngakuru

Lachlan
Lennox
Grace
Rose
Lily
Monty
Remy
Elliot
Ōzalea
Hunter
Haven-Skye
Rosa
Indiana
Kofuku
Noa
Levi
Mila



Tongariro Whānau Group



Pihanga Whānau Group



Ngauruhoe Whānau Group



Ruapehu Whānau Group

Attendance

Attendance remains a large focus directed from the Ministry - and of course, supported by us. We are currently writing a refreshed Attendance Policy. Thank you to all whānau who contact the school with a reason for a child's absence. This is very helpful and saves us time chasing up people. We will be utilising the Taumarunui Attendance Services crew for any students sitting around the 75% absent mark, or three days in a row with no reason.

Classroom Kōrero - Tōtara

Tōtara class have begun to settle well into the routines and expectations that come with being new Year 3 & 4s. I'm enjoying working with this group of students who now have enough of a foundation in literacy and maths, to begin using that to learn about other curriculum areas. So on that note, we have hit the ground running with our History of Aotearoa topic, beginning with the first voyagers to call Aotearoa home. Here are a few snippets from our writing about this topic.

"The first people to Aotearoa chased Te Wheke on an ocean going waka. They brought dogs and rats. There was an eruption in 1257 which made people move." - Jack

"The first people to Aotearoa hunted birds and fish for food." - Quinn

"They started off with a little boat, and then they put posts in the middle so they could put another boat on and a sail." - Corbin

"The first people to Aotearoa were so smart. They used the stars to navigate. They used the big white cloud to get to New Zealand." - Harper

"Aotearoa was the last major landform to be discovered. The first people arrived in about 1280-1290." - Leiki

"They used the birds for meat and feathers. The feathers were used for clothes and to keep them warm." - Molly

"It was hard to get back home because of the strong currents." - Jackson

Next, we will look at the first European explorers to reach our shores, and the impacts of that over the next few hundred years.

In maths, we have been looking at place value in 3-4 digit numbers and number lines. Placing numbers on number lines not only consolidates number knowledge in maths, it also links well to our social studies work - looking at timelines. Understanding the intervals between events and how long ago something happened is a challenging concept. Linking this with our maths lessons is a great way to help students see the real-life application of their maths.



We have a great bunch of confident swimmers in our class. Most students are able to glide well on their fronts and backs, with or without a flutter board. We are working on rolling from their front to their back without sinking. Next, we will begin to add in some arms.



We are super lucky to have Whaea Lisa Jaggi doing my Classroom Release Time this term. She's a fabulous art teacher, among many other things, and the students are currently creating absolutely stunning tree masterpieces that are a metaphor for their growth and learning. I can't wait to see them when they are all finished. They look incredible.

Finally, we are focusing on positive attitudes towards our own and others' learning, high expectations for what we can achieve and finding ways to regulate our emotions when things get hard. These skills and attitudes take ongoing work and effort, but will set our students up for the success that I know all of them are capable of.

- Mrs Tylee

(Repeat from last week, just an FYI)

Reminder of school requirements:

Children are welcome to be dropped off from 8.30 am onwards. If you need to have them here earlier on occasion, please discuss this with myself or their teacher prior.

Children must be collected, or heading home, at 3 pm. If you are running late, please call ahead of time. Children are asked to go home, and touch base with family, before coming back if they wish to play here. Please make sure your children are wearing helmets and shoes when biking at, or to and from kura.

Have your details changed? It is important that any medical / contact details are updated with Karen in the office please.

Stationery payments are due - please make sure to have done that by Week 3.

Hats! When this rain goes away, and the sun comes back out - as it should at this time of year - we do require all children to wear a hat for outside play. A smothering of sunblock before school is always a good idea too.

Toys and books:

Please search around your whare for any Ōwhango School library books - we are having a bit of a clean out and stock take soon. Also note that if you allow your child to bring one of their own toys to school, we can not take any responsibility for loss or damage.

Swimming:

Swimming is a compulsory part of our curriculum. Please make sure that togs and towels come to school daily - children are permitted to not swim due to sickness or injury with a note from home.

Local Goodness

We are so happy to help support small Owhango businesses - send us a PDF of your brochure/advertisement. The staff enjoyed some sweet blueberries today dropped off by David!



Stationery payments are due - please make sure you've paid this by the end of this week.
Westpac 03-0426-0141783-00. Reference Stationary

Have a fabulous week! Hope to see you all at our Whānau Picnic tonight, starting at 5 pm!
Annelies