



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 4, Term 1, 2026

Kia ora e te whānau, welcome to Week 4!

The seniors are all settled in at Tui Ridge in Rotorua and will be having a wonderful time no



doubt! The weather has turned cold all of a sudden - a great time to make sure that school uniform jerseys are named as they get quickly discarded on

the field during a lunchtime sports game! Pre-winter icky bugs are also doing their rounds - thank you for keeping your children home if they are unwell. Pack lots of vitamin C fruits in those lunch boxes - a friendly reminder that we are a water-only school. This means no juice boxes etc. Please note that our BoT Hui has been moved from tonight, to next Wednesday 11th March. All welcome. Annelies

Dates to Remember:

Wk 4	Mon 2 Mar - Seniors School Camp Wed 4 Mar - Y5-8 Junior Hockey starts Thur 5 Mar - Mountain Schools Swimming (High School Pool) Y4-6
Wk 5	Wed 4\11 Mar - BOT Hui 6pm. All welcome 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



Are you interested in reading with our littlies? Whaea Siobhan invites you to come and snuggle up with a book and hear our youngest tamariki practice their

reading skills. Mornings work best for Kowhai class. Feel free to book in a time; siobhan@owhango.school.nz

MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS SWIMMING SPORTS

We're looking forward to Mountain Schools Swimming Sports this Thursday 5th March. Thank you to everyone who has offered transport, please see the transport list below. If you are meeting us at the Trust Waikato Pool, please be there by 9.30am. Make sure you are wearing your school uniform, and remember your packed lunch, a big drink bottle with water only and of course your togs, goggles and towel! *The Manunui PTA will have sausages, ice block and water bottles available for \$2.*

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS: Leaving School at 9.15 am

Driver	Can take	Students
Tania	3	Harry, Leiki, <i>Annelies</i>
Katie	3	Ainsley, Lily, Rose
Dale	3	Millie, Rosa, Indi
Jahbon	2	Kyston, Azalea
Deb	3	Elliott
Erin	4	Libby, Olive, Quinn
Sarah	2	Stan, Billie
Theresa	6	Brodie, Daithí Óg, Aria, Sheeran, Jack O, Jackson
Meeting there	3	Nico, Molly, Lucy, Patrick,

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Wednesday 4th March Small Sticks
3.45pm-4.45pm on the top turf. Gear, stick and ball provided.

Games will begin for Ōwhango next week when they return from camp.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Friday 6th March
5.15pm Tokirima vs Ōwhango Shooters (Y1/2)
5.15pm Manunui Tui vs Ōwhango Thunder (Y3/4)

TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL

The netball season is fast approaching and we are getting ready to organise teams, register and begin practising before opening day. Season dates are as follows:

Opening Day: Wednesday 22 April (please note all netball will now be played on Wednesdays).

Primary Season: Concludes 1 July

Future Ferns: Running again on Thursday afternoons, from 23 April – 2 July

The TNC AGM is being held on March 9th 6pm at the Netball Pavillion if anyone is interested in attending and supporting netball in our community and schools.

If your child would like to play netball please complete the attached permission slip and return to the office asap. When we know how many children would like to play, we will be able to calculate the fees for the season. Thank you so much to Jahbon and Stacey who have offered to coach this season.

INTERSCHOOL KI-O-RAHI FESTIVAL

The Interschool Ki-o-Rahi Festival is coming up soon - **Year 5/6** 20th March and **Year 7/8** 27th March. These days are a wonderful mix of learning the pūrākau (story) behind the game, explaining the rules, learning the skills needed as well as playing the game. For further information please see the attached permission slip. Please complete and **return the permission slip by 13th March.**

Classroom Korero - Kahikatea

Kahikatea has had a busy and positive start to the term! In writing, students have been describing a single special moment from their holiday, using their senses (I saw... I heard... I felt... I wondered...) to make the reader feel like they were right there with them. They have been focusing on using strong adjectives, writing in full sentences with correct punctuation, and bringing their experiences to life. Our self-portraits are looking fantastic, with students carefully using correct facial proportions, creating balanced compositions, and telling a personal story through

symbolic reflections in their sunglasses. Our maths and reading programmes are well underway and we are beginning our topic on Aotearoa histories to coincide with our School Production; we have learnt about Gondwana, Voyages to Aotearoa, Waka Hourua, Kupe and the Giant Wheke and the Moa. We have also been swimming every day in preparation for the Mountain Schools Swimming Sports. Term 1 is off to a great start, and I am absolutely loving teaching this group of fantastic tamariki!

I heard the massive, unstoppable trout hit the surface – “splash!” I couldn’t believe it.

I saw the handsome, shiny, red trout splashing and jumping around.

I felt like it would pull me in and sweep me away.

I wondered if my arms would survive or would they be pulled off?

By Stan Mills



Self Portraits by Brodie



Haylee



Nico and



.....Olive

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.....Mobile.....



Parent to Parent
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**Taumarunui
 Takiwātanga
 & Whānau
 Support Group**

A space for you to connect

Grab a free coffee and chat with other parents and carers who know what it's like to care for a disabled child, a neurodivergent child, or a child with health impairments.

Parent to Parent hosts regular Parent Support Groups in Taumarunui during the school term, to support carers and parents just like you. These groups are a safe space for family and whānau to share their experiences, their challenges, their triumphs, and to learn from each other in an open and 100% judgement-free environment. No topic is too 'weird', no question too 'out there'. We get it, and we are here to help.

So if you'd like to share a struggle, celebrate a success, raise a concern, or simply have a cuppa and chat with other parents and carers in your area, you are always welcome at our Parent Support Group. Children are welcome too! Drop in for as long or as short a time as you want. And did we mention there's free coffee?? This is a collaborative support group with Central King Country REAP and #WIRED for Takiwātanga & Whānau as well as all families with disabled children.

Upcoming groups for 2026

Dates: Wed 4th February | Wed 4th March | Wed 1st April | Wed 6th May | Wed 3rd June | Wed 1st July
Time: 3:30pm - 4:30pm
Venue: Room 1, Central King Country REAP, 115 Hakiāha Street, Taumarunui 3920

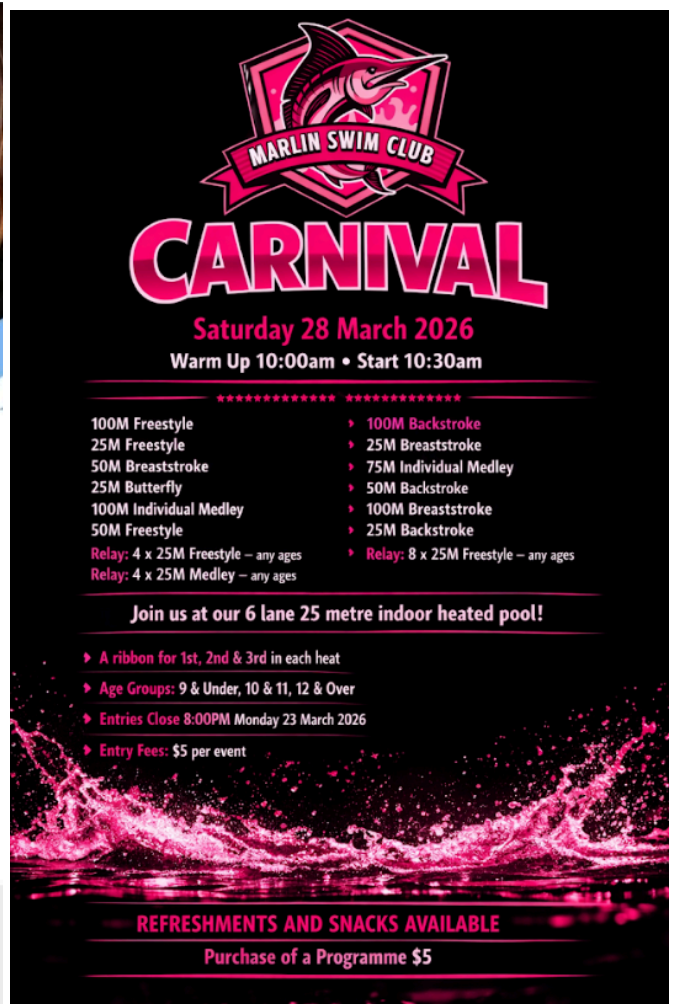
Feel free to just show up on the day!

Or contact Jane Ford for more information:
 jane@parent2parent.org.nz | 027 808 3945



In partnership with:

Central King Country REAP
 Te Manu Kōrero O Ngā Matauranga



MARLIN SWIM CLUB

CARNIVAL

Saturday 28 March 2026
 Warm Up 10:00am • Start 10:30am

100M Freestyle	▶ 100M Backstroke
25M Freestyle	▶ 25M Breaststroke
50M Breaststroke	▶ 75M Individual Medley
25M Butterfly	▶ 50M Backstroke
100M Individual Medley	▶ 100M Breaststroke
50M Freestyle	▶ 25M Backstroke
Relay: 4 x 25M Freestyle – any ages	▶ Relay: 8 x 25M Freestyle – any ages
Relay: 4 x 25M Medley – any ages	

Join us at our 6 lane 25 metre indoor heated pool!

- ▶ A ribbon for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each heat
- ▶ Age Groups: 9 & Under, 10 & 11, 12 & Over
- ▶ Entries Close 8:00PM Monday 23 March 2026
- ▶ Entry Fees: \$5 per event

REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS AVAILABLE
 Purchase of a Programme \$5

Please contact Annelies if you'd like to know more about the Malin Swim Club Carnival or if you want the link to register