



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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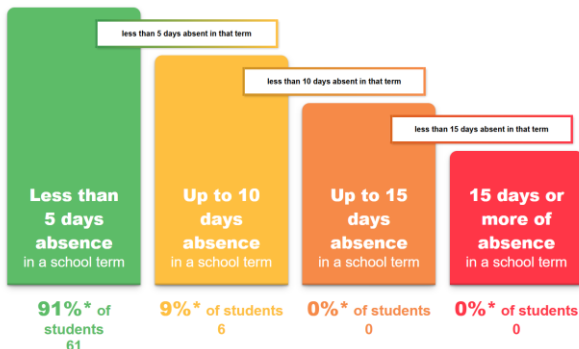
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Week 7 Term 1, 2026

Kia ora e te whānau, welcome to Week 7!

I hope you are all keeping well with the change in weather - a great reminder to make sure that your child's uniform is named as we are overflowing with lost property! Do pop in and have a look if you are able.

I am pleased to report that our attendance is on track to reach our 2026 targets, with 91% of our tamariki at school every day this term! Thank you so much for making that happen. Attendance is a huge focus from the government and the MoE, and I am very proud to present them our data each week.



Thank you to the whānau who came to our first assembly, and to our seniors for running it. Well done! It was lovely to hand out so many well deserved certificates.



Thursday 23 April.

*A date for next term to put in your calendars and start planning for - **World Book Day!** To celebrate, we invite*

I don't like having negativity in our newsletters, so I shall keep this brief - Please, please, please - if your tamariki are using our kura during after school hours/weekends, please have an adult with them. We are seeing increasing damage to our school that is happening out of school hours, and it saddens us very much. Our school is precious to our community and needs to be taken care of. We are not happy coming to work on a Monday and seeing ripped out plants, damaged property, rubbish, and vandalism.

Pool is now closed. Please return your keys to Karen, asap. Thank you to everyone who used our pool over the summer - it was well looked after.



Exciting opportunity for our Y5 - Y8's! The annual Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competition, hosted by the University of Canterbury is

back! These are online tests, which are fully optional. Children are able to sit each exam at a cost to whānau of \$9.90 (payable to school. Forms will come home next term). Each child will receive a certificate, and a prize is awarded by the university for the top student in each competition. This is a brilliant opportunity for tamariki to get used to exams, and to challenge themselves on a national level. The competition is being run in the last three weeks of T2, with the results being made available later in T3. *Whaia te iti kahurangi! Reach for the stars!*

Ngā mihi, Annelies

REMINDER! Farewell Morning Tea for Rosa, Indiana and whānau! 10.30 am 26th March. We invite you to join us in this farewell of Indi, Rosa and their whānau. All children are asked to bring a plate of kai to share.

Classroom Kōrero - Tōtara

Well, where oh where has this term gone! It is so hard to believe that this is the second to last week before the holidays and boy have we been cramming some learning in. While we continue our study of Aotearoa History, we have reached Abel Tasman and Captain Cook's endeavours (and the Endeavour) as they too ventured down to the bottom of the Pacific to this beautiful place we all now call home. This topic has been the focus for much of our reading and writing tasks over the past several weeks, but we also had the opportunity to write a fun story about waking up aboard a pirate ship. Some even connected our history learning to this writing task, imagining they were perhaps on Kupe or Captain Cook's ship. Here are a couple of Mrs Tylee's favourites.

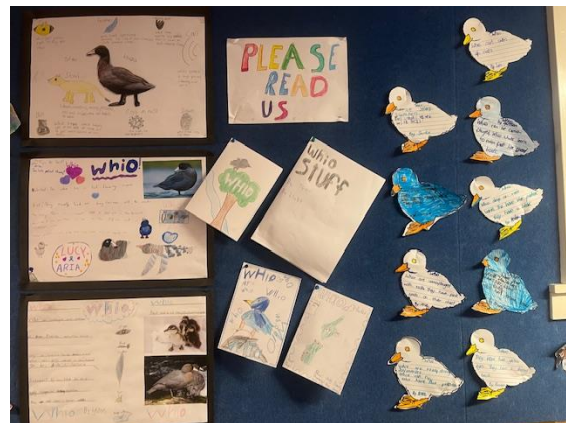
*Once I awoke to see myself on a pirate ship!
Below my bed my suitcase lay. I quickly got into
my daytime clothes and went outside to see my
whole class! Mrs Tylee was the captain. My best
mates Harper and Ata were on the ship too! The
waves rocked the ship from side to side. I was
surrounded by the salty sea smell. After, I saw a
nearby door labelled "kitchen". I sped towards it.
The door creaked open and there was a whole
kitchen loaded with food. So, I cooked up some
pancakes and maple syrup. But when I finished
there was a sudden rocking. I almost got seasick.
"Earthquake?" I said, when I pushed the door
open to see other pirates attacking. "AHH!" I
ducked down and shielded my head as a cannon
shot. We were sinking! Suddenly I awoke inside
my room. Did it really happen? I don't know.*

- Aria

*I woke up as my favourite pirate of all time
Captain Jack Sparrow. I walked out on the deck. It
felt familiar. The wind on my face. I walked to the
steering wheel and I saw New Zealand. I turned it
left then I almost hit a rock, but one of my crew
pointed it out and I realised that the person was
one of my friends from my school. I landed in the
North Island. I did not get a nice welcome, they
made me walk the plank.*

- Jack

Alongside all this great learning, we also had our wonderful Whio Week last week where students were split into their house groups and got to work alongside students across all ages of the school for two days of learning. This was thoroughly successful and a great opportunity for students to build relationships outside of their class peers and with other teachers too. We learnt words like endemic, native, exotic, predator, moult and vulnerable.

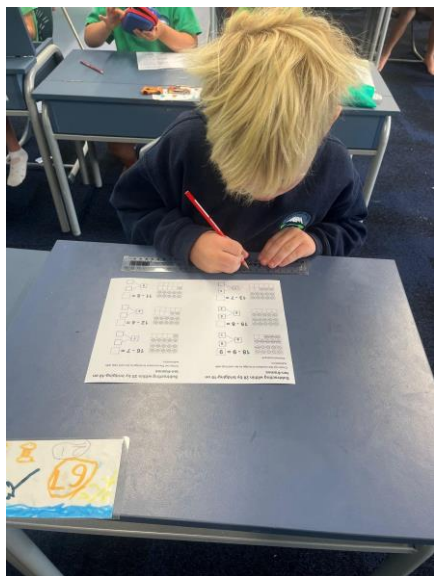


Just a small selection of the Whio mahi displayed in the corridor. Make sure you come and check it out.

We have also started practising our dances for next term's school production. This has been lots of fun and we're getting the hang of some pretty speedy and tricky moves.

Finally, in maths we have been working super hard on the "tidy tens" strategy. This has taken a lot of perseverance to master, but this week it has all begun to come together and the students are thoroughly enjoying the excitement of

achieving something that was challenging. For some, the trickiest part is ensuring that they record all the steps accurately, rather than just giving the answer.



Levi uses his ruler to solve problems using tidy tens

Our Kids Online: By Rob Cope

Kids Learn Through Consequences

One of the most valuable ways our kids learn is through natural consequences.

Every action has a result — some good, some not so good. Eat well, feel well. Eat crap, feel crap.

Act silly and break something? There’s a consequence for that too.

In our house, the rule is simple: if you break it, you fix it. If you spill it, you clean it. If you leave a spade in the driveway and a car runs it over, you save up and replace it.

Parenting isn’t just about keeping the peace — it’s about preparing our kids for the real world. Teaching responsibility when young gives them a head start on life. It builds resilience, accountability, and the kind of character that will serve them for years to come.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WbxZRUSXS0w&t=8s>

Kapahaka - An email has been sent out to whānau with links to the waiata our tamariki need to start learning for our production.

Dates to Remember:

Wk 7	Thu 26 Mar - Closter Farewell 10.30 Fri 27 Mar - Ki-O-Rahi Y7&8
Wk 8	Wed 1 Apr - Whole School EOTC; Taranaki Falls hikoi Thur 2 Apr - Last Day T1
Holidays!	Easter 3 - 6 April Term 2 begins 20th April
Term 2	20 April - 3 July
Term 3	20 July - 25 September
Term 4	12 October - 18 December

There is a separate permission slip in your children’s bags that came home yesterday for our Taranaki Falls Hikoi next week. This is a tad short notice, and a lot of admin to organise a whole school EOTC trip, so please do have those permission slips returned asap.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Wednesday 25th March

Fun Sticks beginner hockey players are on the top turf 3.45pm-4.20pm

5.45pm Ōwhango vs Manunui Magic

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

Friday 27th March - Finals

Ōwhango Shooters (Y1/2)- **no game**

5.15pm Ōwhango Thunder (Y3/4) vs TKon Petania - playing for 3rd and 4th

Thank you so much to all the parents for supporting our teams this term, especially to Emma for coaching the Ōwhango Shooters and Stacey for coaching the Ōwhango Thunder.

A note from Stacey...

Basketball finals this Friday

Owhango Thunder play at 5.15 against TKoN Petania.

Last week they played St Pats clovers, they came away with their 1st loss this season, they played well but was a tough game.

We will be playing for 3rd or 4th place on Friday, also straight after the game will be prize giving so please stick around for that if possible.

Thanks for an awesome basketball season Owhango!

You should all be proud of yourselves!

Stace

TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL

Thank you to all the players who came along to our first training session. Remember - training is after school from 3.15pm, every Monday.

Important Update: We have decided to pull our teams out of the Netball Festival for this Saturday 28th March. At this stage there are only our two teams who have been registered for the Festival. This is not a compulsory day, and not the Opening Day, so we have decided to wait until next term and start the season with a bang! Thank you for your patience as we organise our teams.

YEAR 7/8 KI-O-RAHI

The Year 7/8 Ki-o-Rahi Festival is this Friday 27th March. We will be leaving school at 9am, with the day beginning at 9.30am. The first part of the day will focus on a skills session, as well as explaining the rules and pūrākau (story) of the game. This will be followed by a mini tournament. Please remember to wear your sports t-shirt, pōtae and sunscreen, and bring a big packed lunch and drink of water. Please see the transport list below. The weather looks wet, a call will be made at 7am if it is cancelled. We will email you when we find out.

Year 7/8 Ki-o-Rahi Transport		
DATE: Friday 27 th March		
SITUATION: Taumarunui Domain		
TEACHER ORGANISING THE ACTIVITY: Theresa Owen/Annelies Resink TIC		
TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS: leaving school at 9am returning before 3pm		
Driver	Can take	Students
Annelies Resink	4	Soren, Zurich, Beau, Mason
Regan Hoban	4	Monty, Charlotte, Grace, Jonny
Karen Komene	2	Kaeylis-Rae, Lachlan
Meet there		Hayzin, Poppy, Juan, Tahu
Not attending		Jack

YEAR 5/6 KI-O-RAHI

We had a terrific day last Friday for the Year 5/6 Ki-o-Rahi Festival. It was a fantastic day, mixing with other schools, making friends, learning the pūrākau of Ki-o-Rahi, as well as the skills needed, and finally joining all of our learning together and having lots of fun in our mini-Tournament. Thank you so much to Amy Perez, iSports and the TYCT for providing these opportunities for our kura.



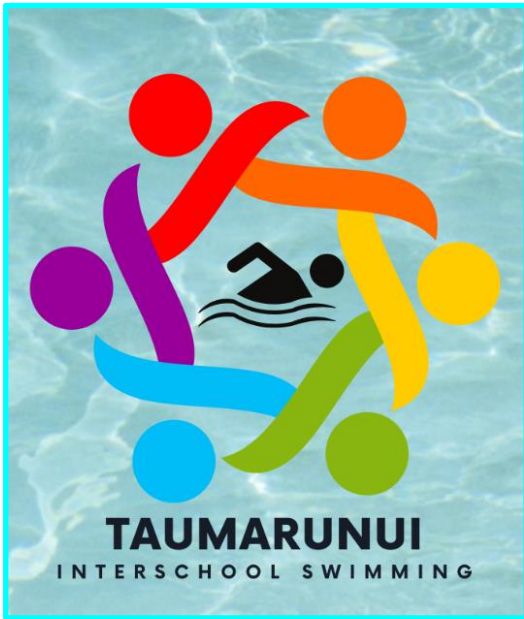
Watching, listening, cheering and learning from the fabulous THS iSports team.



Kyston in full flight!



Patrick, Te Hana and Millie waiting for their turn on the field during the Mini Tournament.



INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING SPORTS

Well done to our following students who placed in the recent Interschool Swimming Sports:

25m Freestyle

Y8 2nd Soren Hosking

50m Breaststroke

Y4-6 2nd Nico Brewer

Y4-6 3rd Stan Mills

Y8 3rd Soren Hosking

25m Backstroke

Y4-6 3rd Stan Mills

Y7 1st Monty Hoban

Y7 2nd Kaelyis-Rae Te Ahuru-Watson

50m Freestyle

Y4-6 2nd Stan Mills

25m Breaststroke

Y4-6 1st Stan Mills

Y7 3rd Monty Hoban

Y7 1st Kaelyis-Rae Te Ahuru-Watson

Relays - Freestyle

Y4-6 Boys 3rd Ōwhango

Y8 Boys 2nd Ōwhango

An extra congratulations to Soren Hosking who qualified to attend the Waikato Full Primary Swimming Sports.