



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 2, Term 2, 2026

Kia ora e te whānau, welcome to Week 2!



This weekend was time for us all to remember those who served and sacrificed, and honour their legacy through courage, kindness, and service to others. ANZAC day is so deep rooted in a plethora of emotion, pride, sadness, learnings, and reflection. I walked in the Taumarunui Dawn Service with a great many of our community - incredibly proud to be watching both my husband and my son march in their uniforms. The weather that followed all weekend was just beautiful and I hope you all found time to spend outdoors with your loved ones.

A short week this week, and so much happening. Sniffles and coughs are starting to creep in with the onset of colder mornings. Please keep these children munching on fruit and vegetables full of Vitamin C! If your child is away sick (or even running late), it is very important that you email the school.

If your child is in the production and you are having trouble organising the outfits that they need, please do reach out to myself or Emma so we can support you.

Aroha mai - you will notice that last week and this week we do not have Classroom Kōrero in our newsletter - this is due to it being an 11 week term with tasks such as assessment, report writing and production. We decided as a staff to remain with each class doing just two Classroom Kōrero a term - so it will be back next week, up until week 10.

On the subject of reporting, we have been working hard behind the scenes to adapt our traditional report to also meet the Ministry's new reporting requirements. We think we've found a good middle ground - however if any of the new wording is confusing or you want to discuss things further, please

absolutely do reach out. These reports will be sent home at the end of this term, with Parent/Teacher Interviews offered then too.

I hope you saw the ski dates in last week's newsletter for next term? The children will be in all day lessons and we are requesting plenty of parent help as usual. Parent helpers need to be with us on the day to supervise, help, support and make sure the day runs smoothly and safely. We understand that it also presents an opportunity for parents to enjoy a ski - which is completely acceptable during the children's lessons when we do not need you for tasks supporting the running of the trip.

We look forward to our PTA AGM this Thursday - the fundraising that these wonderful volunteers organise benefits each and every one of your tamariki and we could not offer the multitude of activities that we do without the added support of the PTA. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Have a lovely week - long may this sunshine last!
Annelies

Kia ora whānau,

Nominations are still open for the Board of Trustees position. It closes at 12pm on Wednesday 6th May so please get your nominations in.

Nga mihi
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Dates to Remember:

Wk 2	Thurs - PTA AGM 3.15 pm
Wk 3	Sun - Mother's Day
Wk 4	Tues 12 - Production Matinee Wed 13 - Evening Production Frid 15 - IS Rippa Y1-4
Wk 5	
Wk 6	Mon-Fri - Annelies away - conference Emma covering Fri 29 - IS Orienteering?
Wk 7	Mon 1 June- Kings Birthday - School Closed
Wk 8	Wed 10 - BoT Hui (all welcome) Fri 12 - IS Soccer Y1-4
Wk 9	Wed 17 - Bike-a-thon Fri 19 - IS Soccer Y5-8
Wk 10	
Wk 11	
School Term Dates	Term 1 9 Feb - 2 April Term 2 20 April - 3 July Term 3 20 July - 25 September Term 4 12 Oct - 18 December

PAYING BY INTERNET BANKING DETAILS:

Ōwhango School: Uniform/stationery/sport fees pay to 03 0426 0141783 00

PTA: Fundraisers 030 426 0156205 00

Kōwhai Army Museum Trip

This trip is going ahead on Friday (1st of May). Please ensure your tamariki are at school by 8.50am for a briefing and a 9am sharp departure. Thank you to Jahbon Te Ahuru and Danielle Mitchell who have volunteered to be whānau helpers for the day. Other whānau are welcome to attend but will need to transport themselves as our bus is full.

Tamariki will need water, lunch and good walking shoes. They can wear our class set of raincoats if required.

Thank you to our P.T.A. and Ōwhango Adventures for making this trip possible for our excited littlest learners

who have been working hard on their understanding of ANZAC Day and Aotearoa's role at war. Whaea Siobhán.

TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL

Wednesday 29th April

4.30pm Court 4 Ōwhango Tōtara vs Turaki Kākāriki

4.30pm Court 2 Manunui Tui vs Ōwhango Kahikatea

5.30pm Court 1 Ōwhango Rimu vs Te Mahuri

Please pay your \$25 fees to the office as soon as possible.

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Wednesday 29th April

4.50pm St Pats Clovers vs Ōwhango

Small Sticks Hockey top turf 3.45pm-4.45pm

This is the final night and Prize Giving for Small Sticks.

YEAR 1-4 INTERSCHOOLS RIPPA RUGBY

The Year 1-4 Interschools Rippa Rugby Tournament will be held at Cherry Grove, Taumarunui on Friday 15th May. This is compulsory for all Year 1-4 students. Games will begin at 9.20pm, with the School Delegate Briefing at 9am. Please complete the attached permission slip and return to school by Monday 4th May.

This event will focus on participation and the development of fundamental skills, rather than on competition outcomes. There will be no overall winner; we will celebrate Players of the Day. No scores will be taken from the games.

Production

By now, most of our budding actors and actresses know all their lines, and have their costumes sorted - or close to! Thank you for the support at home with this project. We are excited to welcome some children from Manunui School and Kaitieke School on the Tuesday Matinee, and can't wait to see all our whānau at the hall for the evening show, Wednesday 13 May at 6pm.

