



## 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 2, 2026

Kia ora e te whānau, welcome to Week 4!

Yesterday we welcomed Kaitieke School, Manunui School and whānau to our production matinee and what a wonderful success! Our tamariki put on a stellar performance and afterwards had lunch and played sports with their friends from the other schools. Thanks to Mr Young for playing soccer with our students - they had a ball! We are all ready for tonight's performance. We understand that your child/ren may be a little extra sleepy tomorrow morning - please do let them sleep in if needed, and just arrive at school later in the morning.

Permission slips come home frequently due to the awesome opportunities given to our students. I know it can be a bit of a juggle remembering to check bags for slips, get them signed and returned, but we do appreciate when this is done promptly - it makes organising these events a lot easier for our kaiako!

Lots of sports coming up so we are super excited to see our new sports shirts in action! Don't forget to have these named (as well as their regular uniforms named - we are still finding jerseys in the lost property that we can not match up with their owners!).

A reminder that we are a water only school for the children's drinks. We ask that no juice boxes etc come to school.

Well done to our budding actors and actresses - learning all those lines and performing with such flair! And those dance moves 😊 Ka pai tamariki mā, rest up this weekend!

Annelies

### Dates to Remember:

<b>Wk 4</b>	<del>Tues 12 - Production Matinee 11 am</del> Wed 13 - Evening Production 6 pm Frid 15 - IS Rippa Y1-4
<b>Wk 5</b>	Fri 22 - IS Orienteering
<b>Wk 6</b>	Mon-Fri - Annelies away - conference Emma covering
<b>Wk 7</b>	Mon 1 June- Kings Birthday - School Closed
<b>Wk 8</b>	Wed 10 - BoT Hui (all welcome) Fri 12 - IS Soccer Y1-4
<b>Wk 9</b>	<b>Wed 17 - Bike-a-thon</b> Fri 19 - IS Soccer Y5-8
<b>Wk 10</b>	
<b>Wk 11</b>	
<b>School Term Dates</b>	<b>Term 1</b> 9 Feb - 2 April <b>Term 2</b> 20 April - 3 July <b>Term 3</b> 20 July - 25 September <b>Term 4</b> 12 Oct - 18 December

## TŌTARA CLASSROOM KŌRERO

Tōtara have been working very hard so far this term. In writing, we have been focused on persuasive writing. We have written about the best book characters, which pet we should adopt and why you should come to our show tonight.

*We all think you should come to our SHOW! It will be funny and we've been working really hard. Plus, you will learn maybe a couple of new things!*

*Firstly, without a doubt, everyone likes funny! We will entertain you! And you definitely won't get BORED!!*

*Secondly, we've been working really hard. My class and I have been burning our bodies to dance and sing. Our throats sometimes hurt! We will sound very good!*

*Lastly, you might learn new things! As an adult I would still be studying about lots of things! You'll learn and hear what we've been learning and same goes for you!*

*You should agree and come to our Ōwhango School show where you can be entertained, learn new things and watch our hard work.*

- Leiki

Obviously, our production has been a big part of our programme over the last couple weeks. Not only have our students been learning about the early history of Aotearoa, practising their dances and lines, they also helped design and create their wings as part of their bird costume.



*Leiki contemplating her design*



*Aria, Jackson and Molly testing how their designs could look once painted*

In maths, we have been learning to add and subtract larger numbers using tidy tens and place value, and we have just begun learning about times tables and division and how they are related. The students are focusing on time with Whaea Lisa when she is in our class for my classroom release time.

We have also been practising our Rippa Rugby skills in preparation for the Interschool Rippa Tournament on Friday. I have really noticed the improvement in skills, sportsmanship and playing as a team compared to when I taught these students in the junior class. We were especially lucky to get a practice in with our Kaitieke team-mates yesterday after our matinee show.

Finally, it is the time of year for a lot of assessments. For many of our students, working through some of these more formal assessments is a new experience, and it has been great to see them show perseverance and a positive attitude through these. I always enjoy assessment and reporting times as I get to really focus on the progress and achievement each student has made across all areas of the curriculum. I always feel very proud of them.

- Emma Tylee

## TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY

Taumarunui Junior Hockey has finished for the season. Thank you very much to Willie O'Donnell who has once again volunteered his time and expertise to coach our hockey players.

## TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL

Wednesday 13th May

All Ōwhango games are to be played at 3.30pm this week. Please note, you are able to collect your child from school early to ensure you are ready and at the courts no later than 3.20pm. Please note: Ōwhango Rimu are the duty team this week.

3.30pm Ōwhango Rimu vs Turaki Gold Court 1  
3.30pm St Pats Clover vs Ōwhango Kahikatea Court 2  
3.30pm Manunui Kiwi vs Ōwhango Totara Court 4

### YEAR 1-4 INTERSCHOOLS RIPPA RUGBY

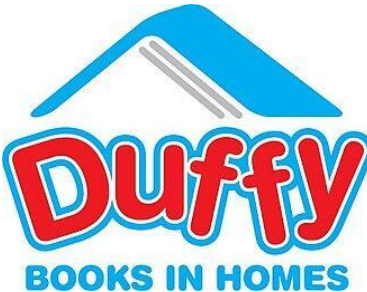
The Year 1-4 Interschools Rippa Rugby Festival is on this Friday 15th May at Cherry Grove. We **will be leaving school at 8.45am**. If you are meeting the school at Cherry Grove, please be there no later than 9.15am to allow time for the teams to be organised with their rips and belts etc. Please wear your new Ōwhango sports shirts. There is usually food for sale, however make sure you bring a packed lunch and a drink of water only.

### YEAR 5-8 INTERSCHOOLS ORIENTEERING

Thank you to everyone who has returned their permission slip and offer of transport. If you haven't done so already, please make sure these are returned TOMORROW.

### TACKLE 5's FESTIVAL

King Country Rugby Union are pleased to announce they will be running a Tackle 5 Festival on Friday June 5th at the Taumarunui Domain. Due to the skill level required, this is not a compulsory activity. If your child is Year 5-8 and would like to take part in the Tackle 5 Tournament, please complete the attached permission slip and registration form, and return it to school as soon as possible. If we have enough players, we will be able to enter a team.



**We are proud to be a Duffy School and with the recent roll growth we are seeking sponsorship to help cover the cost of the books we give away to our tamariki! Are you a local family or business that would like to offer some sponsorship? Reach out to Annelies or Karen to find out how you can support this amazing initiative.**

### EnviroSchool Update

Our Kaitiaki Crew have had a productive start to the term. We are working on four major projects, developing a sensory garden that is a calm, enjoyable space for reflection and regulation, establishing a native nursery with our friends from Ōwhango Alive, evaluating and upgrading our school's waste

management systems, and engaging in a pekapeka (bat) monitoring program.

Whānau, I am so proud of these amazing tamariki! When this idea of a Kaitiaki Crew emerged, I envisioned us meeting once a week to take on a few small tasks but their ideas to better our kura and community have been inspiring and once we make some accelerated progress on the projects they currently have underway, we will begin to action their new ideas too. For that, we will be on the lookout for some kid's hi-vis safety vests, if you have any old/spare ones at home, please feel free to donate them. We are on the lookout for 12 in total.

In the past week, we collected and evaluated waste found on our school grounds, with help from Rochelle at Enviroschools. We learned how to classify waste and how ideas about waste are ever evolving. We hope to visit Emily at the R.D.C. refuse centre in the coming weeks to learn best practices around dealing with our waste at Ōwhango School, in order to better protect pāpātūanuku.

Next, it was time to plant spring bulbs in what will soon be our sensory garden. The area already contains 200 native trees and plants so we chose an old concrete structure to plant our collection of over 200 colourful bulbs and seeds that will look and smell fantastic, as well as attract birds, bees and butterflies. This task was optional as it was during lunchtime but all 12 students turned up, not one but three days in a row to weed and prepare the area before planting. There were rich conversations about noxious weeds, native bugs, soil health and ways to make the area beautiful. I was so proud of the mahi we put in together and cannot wait to see the final results come spring! Ka rawe Kaitiaki Crew! Enough from me, the next updates will be from members of the crew. Whaea Siobhán.



### Year 1-4 Rippa Rugby Transport

**DATE:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

**SITUATION:** Cherry Grove

**TEACHER ORGANISING THE ACTIVITY:** Theresa Owen, Emma Tylee/Siobhán McKenna-Murphy

**TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS:** leaving school at 8.45am

Driver	Can take	Students
Sarah Nicholson	2	Harper, Leo
Stacey Erueti	4	Eric, Jack, Sheeren,
Kaaryn Hunt	3	Quinn, Lennox, Blake
Melissa Blackman	5	Rose, Jackson, Connor,
Erin Wind	4	Corbin
Waitangi Patena	2	Janey, Romana
Grace Griffin	2	Leiki,
Emma Tylee		Whaea Siobhán, Whaea Grace, Harrison, Jolene
Meet there		Haven-Skye, Hunter, Ben, Aria, Alfie, Harley-John, Kruza, Mila, Levi, Jordie, Ngakuru, Kotuku, Noa, Molly

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New Zealand Primary & Intermediate School Rugby Player

2026 NEW REGISTRATION

www.nzrugby.co.nz - Home of New Zealand Community Rugby

IMPORTANT: YOU MUST COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS OF THE FORM AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE. By completing this form, you are covered under the New Zealand Rugby Player Accident Insurance Scheme. The data gathered from this form allows your club, school, Provincial Union, Super Rugby Club and New Zealand Rugby to better manage the game.

SCHOOL/CLUB REGISTERING FOR IN 2026: \_\_\_\_\_

HAVE YOU BEEN REGISTERED FOR A RUGBY CLUB/SCHOOL IN 2026 OR IN PREVIOUS YEARS: Yes / No

If YES - WHICH CLUB/SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

Player Details

Grids for Middle Name, First Name, and Last Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ Gender (PLEASE TICK) Male [ ] Female [ ]

Ethnicity: (please tick one only) [ ] Maori [ ] NZ European [ ] Asian [ ] Pacific Islander [ ] Other

Parental Consent:

Name of Parent/Legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Grids for Email address

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

NZR will hold the above individual's personal information in accordance with New Zealand Rugby Privacy Policy | NZ Rugby on a national database and will make their personal information available to the rugby organisation (ie club or school) they are registered with, the Provincial Union their rugby organisation is affiliated to, and (if applicable) the Super Rugby Club for their region, for the Purposes. Their personal information may also be made available to our service providers and other persons as NZR considers appropriate for the Purposes. You and/or the registered individual have rights to access (and correct) such personal information as provided for in the Privacy Act 2020. To do this, contact NZR at privacyofficer@nzrugby.co.nz.

By completing this form you authorise the collection, use and disclosure of the above individual's personal information for the Purposes. Failure to complete this form (or providing incorrect information) may result in the above individual being ineligible to play rugby in New Zealand or for insurance cover arranged by or through NZR.

In addition, you agree that your name, image and/or voice may be captured by NZR, a Provincial Union or a club at community rugby matches, and such imagery or footage may be used by NZR, Provincial Unions or clubs for as long as relevant solely for non-commercial purposes, namely for judicial and administrative purposes and/or to promote the game of rugby.

If you would like to receive commercial electronic messages from NZR, your Provincial Union, Super Rugby Club, club or school (for example, emails and text messages about priority access to tickets, other offers and promotions or goods and services from sponsors), please select the relevant box below

[ ] New Zealand Rugby [ ] Provincial Union [ ] Super Rugby Club [ ] Club/School

This registration will be deemed to take effect from the earliest date you start participating in rugby after 1 October 2024, the date of registration or 1 January 2025, and will expire on 30 September 2025. I understand that by accepting the Terms and Conditions on this form, I agree that the above individual will abide by the constitution, regulations, bylaws and policies of the relevant Provincial Union with jurisdiction and control over the competition they are registered for and that they are also bound by World Rugby and New Zealand Rugby constitution, regulations, bylaws and policies including by virtue of being deemed to be a 'person' as defined in those. Refer NZ Rugby Registration Regulations.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent or Legal Guardian must sign this form). Note: As the player is under 18, this form must be signed by a parent or guardian. Coaches or teachers cannot sign on a player's behalf.

## Year 5-8 Tackle 5's Festival Permission Slip

Friday 5th June 2026

Taumarunui Domain – time to be confirmed

This is not a compulsory activity and will need parent support to go ahead.

Family name \_\_\_\_\_

My child / ren \_\_\_\_\_ may attend the Year 5-8 Tackle 5's Festival at the Taumarunui Domain.

### ADULT HELP

YES / NO I can stay and support all day

### TRANSPORT

YES / NO I can provide smoke-free, and seat-belted transport for \_\_\_\_\_ (write number ) children, in a registered and warranted vehicle that will be driven by a fully licensed driver who adheres to all traffic regulations. (Note, drivers will be paid some money to go towards their petrol costs.)

YES / NO Do you live outside Ōwhango and will be meeting us at the venue

If you are assisting with transport:

Name of driver \_\_\_\_\_

### ADULT BEHAVIOUR AGREEMENT

By signing this form, I acknowledge and agree to support the following expectations:

- I will uphold Positive Sideline Behaviour by encouraging all tamariki, showing respect to referees, coaches, and other whānau, and supporting fair play.
- I understand that coaches coach and referees officiate, and I will not interfere or give instructions from the sideline.
- I will ensure that my behaviour contributes to a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all participants.
- I agree to the Taumarunui Youth and Community Trust's Positive Vibes Only approach and will support their officials, staff, and volunteers in delivering sport for our tamariki.
- I understand that poor sideline behaviour may result in myself or my child being removed from the activity or event.

Let's work together to make school sport a positive experience for every child. By signing below, I agree to the above conditions.

Parents/Caregivers Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_