



## ŌWHANGO SCHOOL PĀNUI

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Week 5 Term 2, 2026

Kia ora e te whānau, welcome to Week 5! The days are still so beautiful with the Autumn colours looking fabulous. Loads of coughs and sniffles at kura - please do keep your children home tucked up in bed if they get sick. Containing germs at school is like trying to control glitter in Art Class! We do remind children to wash their hands properly, and appreciate that these life skills are reinforced at home too.

Our kaiako are busy getting testing and assessment done, ready to write reports. These will be coming home at the end of term. A few changes that you will notice, but we have stuck with our traditional reporting template where we have been able to.

Please note that some dates have been added and/or changed in the calendar below. We are using one of the mandated Ministry Teacher Only Days on the 3 July and hope that we have chosen a date that also works for whānau. These days are so beneficial for us as a team to develop together, support each other, and spend time strengthening our practice. We appreciate that ToD's can be a challenge for whānau that work and have other commitments, however we thank you for understanding that these days are necessary.

TOYS AT SCHOOL - we have mentioned prior, but we do not take any responsibility for your child's toys from home should they make it into school grounds. We have had to stop 'trading' of belongings and would prefer if you could discuss this with your child/ren at home. There is to be no swapping of personal belongings during school

hours. On that note, please also reinforce that lunch box food is also not to be swapped. We do monitor this, but can't watch everyone all the time! It is important for so many reasons that children eat the kai that their whānau provided for them.

Thank you for not parking right in front of the school entrance at home time. We are able to see the road better which helps us keep your child/ren safe.

That's all from me! How amazing was our production! So many talented actors and actresses in one school! My cheeks hurt from smiling the whole evening - I was super proud.

Keep warm and well,  
Annelies

### **Welcome to this week's 2-Minute Tuesdays - Parenting Tips and Tricks!**

by Rob Cope

#### *Dealing with Boy Energy!!!!*

Dealing with boy energy can be a challenge, but it's also an opportunity to guide their natural strengths.

My boys have a lot of energy, and while wrestling and testing their strength is a healthy part of learning to control their bodies and tempers, I'm here to help them channel that energy.

By looking into who they truly are, I can help them discover their unique abilities and guide them on the path to becoming gorgeous young

men who are full of life, purpose and wonder.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BlzJ5Me\\_gG2c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BlzJ5Me_gG2c)

Find us here <https://www.ourkidsonline.info>



#### Dates to Remember:

<b>Wk 5</b>	<b>Wed. 19</b> - D.o.C. Bat Mobile! <b>Fri. 22</b> - I.S. Orienteering Y5-8 <b>Sun. 24</b> - Native Nursery working bee (10am)
<b>Wk 6</b>	<b>Mon-Fri</b> - Annelies away @ conference Emma acting principal
<b>Wk 7</b>	<b>Mon. 1</b> - King's Birthday ( <b>School Closed</b> )
<b>Wk 8</b>	<b>Wed. 10</b> - B.o.T. Hui (all welcome) <b>Fri. 12</b> - IS Soccer Y1-4
<b>Wk 9</b>	<b>Wed. 17</b> - Bike-a-thon! <b>Fri. 19</b> - IS Soccer Y5-8
<b>Wk 10</b>	<b>Fri. 26</b> - Reports go home
<b>Wk 11</b>	<b>Thur. 2</b> - Last day of term <b>Fri. 3</b> - Teacher Only Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b> for tamariki
<b>School Term Dates</b>	<b>Term 1</b> 9 Feb - 2 April <b>Term 2</b> 20 April - 2 July <b>Term 3</b> 20 July - 25 September <b>Term 4</b> 12 Oct - 18 December

#### Production

Thank you so much for the wonderful support of our show last week. It was a huge amount of work, not only learning lines, songs and dances but also lots about our history. We have most of the borrowed costume items back already, but if you have anything still at home that belongs to Mrs Tylee, please drop it back to her class.

Here are a few thoughts from Tōtara about the show:

*The Great Aotearoa History Show*

*We had two shows. We practised for weeks. We say hello. We watched the people, and they loved the start of the show. - Corbin*

*Last night, Ōwhango was at the hall. When we got there, there were lots of parents. When I got there, I was feeling scared, and when I was on the stage, it was kinda scary. The parents laughed most at the juniors' song, and the song was called Tahi, Rua, Toru, Wha, because they went faster and faster and they were enjoying it. I loved it too. It*



Conner, Mila, Romana, Lucy, Ngakuru, Beau and Haven-Skye - what a team!

*was so funny. What I learnt was we are a happy family. My favourite part was when the Juniors' part because it was catchy. What I learnt about Captain Cook was kinda good but sometimes bad. I don't like that. - Janey*

*After lunch, Ōwhango School performed the show at the hall. We did singing, dancing and kids were talking. My favourite thing was the martians when they were talking martian style. I learnt about history. - Ben*



### **CLASSROOM KŌRERO - KAHIKATEA**

This term Kahikatea has begun the Pause Breathe Smile programme — a nationwide mindfulness initiative supported by the Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand. The programme helps children develop emotional wellbeing, self-awareness, resilience and kindness through simple mindfulness practices that can be used in everyday life.

Pause Breathe Smile is strongly linked to the New Zealand Curriculum, particularly Health and Physical Education through Hauora and Te Whare Tapa Whā, as well as Social Sciences through building positive relationships, empathy and understanding of ourselves and others.

So far, we have explored “Straight Back, Soft Belly” mindful breathing, mindful eating (the chocolate chips caused great excitement!), a variety of mindful movement activities, and regular reflection through our journals. These activities encourage calmness, focus, emotional regulation and compassion for both self and others.

It has been wonderful to see everyone engaging positively with the programme and beginning to apply these skills throughout their school day.



Patrick and Kruza making the most of our mindfulness session.



Te Hana and Hunter enjoy some buddy reading.



Daithí Óg and Blake

Stan and Romana

Observing Kahikatea working alongside Kōwhai highlights the value of tuakana-teina relationships and the positive impact these connections have across all aspects of our classroom culture — supporting wellbeing, learning, and teaching for everyone.



Kahikatea and Rimu really enjoy their weekly fitness and touch rugby sessions with Matt Lord.

We're very lucky that he gives his time to share his expertise and knowledge with us.

### TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL

Wednesday 20th May

4.30pm Manunui Falcon vs Ōwhango Rimu C1

4.30pm Turaki Koura vs Ōwhango Kahikatea C2

4.30pm St Pats Saints vs Ōwhango Totara C4

### YEAR 5-8 INTERSCHOOL ORIENTEERING

Interschool Orienteering is this Friday 22nd May at the Manunui Reserve – Polocrosse Showgrounds. This is a fun day focusing on developing map reading, navigation, teamwork, resilience, problem-solving, and decision-making skills in a supportive environment. Students will work through the natural elements and terrain of the Manunui Reserve while navigating their way around checkpoints using their individual maps. Along the way, they will be encouraged to think critically, communicate effectively, and support one another to achieve the best possible result for their team.

We will be leaving school at 9.45am. If you are meeting at the Polocrosse Grounds, please meet at 10am to give enough time to organise teams, hand out name tags and familiarise ourselves for the day. It is always very foggy and chilly at the beginning of the day so make sure you bring a jacket and dress warmly, in your uniform. Covered shoes are a must – sneakers, gumboots or rugby boots. Bring your packed lunch and a big drink of water. Thank you very much to everyone who is able to provide transport for this activity, it is very appreciated.

Driver	Students
Tania Bramley	Harry, Brodie, Stan
Maree Ashcroft	Haylee, Te Hana, Billie, Elliott
Stacey Graham	Millie, Libby, Olive,
Danielle Mitchell	Lucy, Azalea, Daithí Óg

Nicole Hosking	Soren, Zurich, Jack, Beau
Carly Marshall	Whaea Regan, Monty, Jonny
Annelies Resink	Gazebo (Kaelyis-Rae, Kyston home only)
Melissa Blackman	Lily, Grace
Trudie Wheeler	Mason, Lachlan, Charlotte, Hayzin
Meet there	Nico, Kyston, Kaelyis-Rae, Patrick, Ainsley, Poppy, Tahu

### INTERSCHOOL SOCCER

Interschool Soccer is fast approaching and will be held over two days -

YEAR 1-4 : Friday 12th June 2026

YEAR 5-8 : Friday 19th June 2026

Both days will be held at Cherry Grove, Taumarunui. This is a compulsory activity so please complete the attached permission and transport slip and return it to school as soon as possible. The tournaments are still a few weeks away; however, our registrations need to be entered by next week, hence the early permission slip! Thank you for your support, your offers of transport and help on the day are gratefully received.

### Ōwhango Kaitiaki Crew Update

We are one step closer to establishing our native nursery, thanks to many kind donations from our amazing community. We are off to harvest tōtara seeds and seedlings on Thursday afternoon to start planting. This Sunday (24th), our new greenhouse and potting shed will be delivered on-site. We will be holding a working bee this Sunday morning from 10am in the garden area and invite our Kaitiaki Crew and whānau along to participate. Please note, this is not compulsory! We do have a comprehensive list of jobs to get through and are hoping for 4-6 extra adults to help for a couple of hours. Please email [siobhan@owhango.school.nz](mailto:siobhan@owhango.school.nz) if you can help us and our friends from Ōwhango Alive on the day. In other news, we have been

adding little touches to the sensory garden and will be leading some pekapeka (bats) education, but over to the tamariki.....



“I am loving working in the sensory garden and being outdoors in nature. I am looking forward to our bulbs coming up in spring and the wildflowers. A big highlight for me is the batmobile coming to school!” -Jack Pierce

“I love working with everyone on the sensory garden and I am excited to find out what it will look like in the end. I am also really looking forward to learning about our pekapeka in Ōwhango.” - Charlotte Owen

“This week was fun disinfecting 120 pots and in a few days we will put baby tōtara in them to grow in our nursery. My favourite thing has been nailing little metal birds around the sensory garden with Patrick. I am looking forward to getting the greenhouse up at the working bee.” -Daithī Ōg Murphy

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**TAUMARUNUI INTERSCHOOL SEVEN-A-SIDE SOCCER TOURNAMENT PERMISSION**

**Year 1-4 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June;**

**Year 5-8 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June;**

At Cherry Grove, Taumarunui.

Departing school at **8:45am**, returning before 3:00pm.

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

**My child / ren** \_\_\_\_\_ may attend the Interschool Soccer  
Tournament.

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSPORT**

I can help on this day- **please circle**:

**Year 1-4 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**Year 5-8 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

**Please circle** your choice:

**YES**, I am able to provide smoke free, seat belted transport for \_\_\_\_\_ children (write number), 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** I will be meeting you at the venue in Taumarunui

I will be sending a booster seat for my child **YES / NO**  
(Note by law children under 7 must be in a booster seat)

I can stay and support all day as a team manager, getting teams to their game and  
subbing kids on and off **YES / NO**

**If you are assisting with transport:** Name of driver \_\_\_\_\_  
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### Interschool Sports and Local Outings Blanket Consent Form 2026

This form covers school trips such as (but not limited to) the Interschool Sporting Events that we attend as a school each year. You will still be notified of every trip as per usual, transport requests and details of the event will always be included in our newsletter communications - however by signing this, you will not have to sign a permission slip each time we have a local excursion. We have always had a blanket consent for trips around Ōwhango, and this form just extends that area to reach the events that are held in Taumarunui, and the likes, hopefully reducing the admin side of planning these excursions. This covers trips during school hours only and we will continue to maintain the high standard of Health and Safety due diligence.

Some events this will cover (but not limited to) are:

Mountain Schools Events (such as Kaitieke School for Cross Country and the High School for Swimming)

Interschool Events (such as Rippa, Soccer, Orienteering)

Class trips (such as a visit to the Library in town, the Police Station)

Please also make sure that medical / health information is updated with the office if there are any changes throughout the year with your child/ren.

If you have any concerns regarding this consent change, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself ([principal@owhango.school.nz](mailto:principal@owhango.school.nz)). We know that new systems do not always work for every family and we want to make sure that you are comfortable with any changes.

And again, please be assured that you will still be informed of each trip the same as always - the only difference will be that the line for you to sign for permission will no longer be needed.

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I give permission for my child/ren to be covered under this blanket consent form for school activities, such as, but not limited to, the ones mentioned above.

Names of child/ren: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and Signatures of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_