



## 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 6 Term 2, 2026

Kia ora e te whānau, welcome to Week 6!

More sun, and while we are not complaining, it does make one wonder what on earth is to come! The children are still enjoying a multitude of outdoor activities and sports and making the most of the sunshine.

I hope that you are all having success with your child gathering sponsors for the Bike-A-Thon. This is the PTA's strongest fundraiser and a big reason why we can provide the yearly skiing experiences.

I would like to acknowledge this year's sponsors of the Duffy Book programme. Thank you so much to *Ōwhango Motors, Awa Rere Hideaway, Doyle Valuations, and Bill and Carol O'Donnell*. Because of these wonderful sponsors, we are able to reward our tamariki with books - sending hundreds of books home a year.

With the increase of our school roll, we are on the lookout for next year's sponsors - any amount is appreciated. If you are interested in sponsoring our Duffy Books programme, please let Annelies or Maree know.

I am in Auckland this week to further my learning and connect with Rural Principals from all over New Zealand. This is a beneficial and worthwhile opportunity for me as we navigate an incredible amount of change in this sector. A huge thank you to our Ōwhango School BoT for supporting my Professional Development.

**Board of Trustees Elections** - thank you for those of you who have already voted. It is important that you have your say and get your vote in by **4 pm Wednesday, 10th June 2026**

### Uniform

We are noticing students increasingly wearing non-uniform items. Please ensure your child is in the correct uniform each day. Black or navy blue pants/shorts/skorts are ok but must not have branding on them. Contact Mrs. Erni in the school office if you need new uniform items.

Annelies

### **Dates to Remember:**

<b>Wk 6</b>	<b>Tue-Fri</b> - Annelies away @ conference. Emma acting principal <b>Wed 27</b> - Sports prizegiving 2:30 pm (Hockey / Basketball)
<b>Wk 7</b>	<b>Mon. 1</b> - King's Birthday ( <b>School Closed</b> ) <b>Mon. 2</b> - Visit from Echo - Avalanche Rescue Dog
<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>Matariki House Challen</b> <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 - 3 July <b>Term 3</b> 20 July - 25 September <b>Term 4</b> 12 Oct - 18 December

## Classroom Korero - Rimu

This term Rimu students have been involved in so many things that it has been rare to find them all in the one space for long periods of time. The school production took centre stage for the first few weeks of term and this was quickly followed by a focus on mid year assessments. Kapa Haka practices have also begun in earnest and are now fully underway, with participants working with deep commitment, focus, and seriousness. It perfectly captures the build-up to the exciting and high-intensity kapa haka competitions to be held later in the year. The progress and achievement of all students is encouraging to see and their efforts are something they should all be very proud of.



You may hear your child/ren talk about a new online writing tool that is being introduced to the senior classrooms

this term called **Scribo**. Funded by the Ministry of Education, this platform acts like a digital writing buddy to help students build confidence and boost their literacy skills. However, it is still teacher-facilitated and specifically designed for students. It saves on waiting time for students to speak with the teacher and it encourages students to independently self review and improve their work.

We believe it will benefit all of our students in years 5 to 8. You can learn more about the platform's capabilities on the Scribo Learning website or explore how it fits into the broader curriculum on the [New Zealand Curriculum \(Tāhūrangi\)](#) website.

We look forward to seeing more of our students grow into proud, independent writers with this new support!

## Year 8 Whānau

### **Information from Ruapehu College:**

Connecting future Year 9s and their whānau! Transitioning to college is an exciting next step. If you are in Year 8 and plan to be at Ruapehu College in 2027, come and get a feel for your new school at our Open Evening on Tuesday 2 June (5:30pm - 7:30pm).

What's on offer:

- Interactive learning spaces to explore
  - Insights from our older students
  - Guided site tours
  - Fun challenges to help prepare for college life
- Plus, get your enrollment sorted online before or on the night, and you could win a \$100 New World voucher to help with the household shopping!

<https://ruapehu.school.kiwi/enrolment>

### **Ōwhango Kaitiaki Crew Update**

On Thursday, we rescued 200 tōtara seedlings from the memorial garden along State Highway 4. This was a huge team effort, achieved alongside our friends Sally, Mark & Kim from Ōwhango Alive. We had disinfected over 120 pots in advance. We brought the seedlings back to school and potted them up, ready to add to our native nursery.

Ngā mihi nui to Rex Pierce, Mandy O'Reilly, Monty Hoban, Mason Wheeler, Millie Graham, our neighbour Richard and the Ōwhango Alive crew (Kim, Sally, Mark and Owen) for joining our Kaitiaki Crew on Sunday and making our working bee a great success. We potted, planted, rehomed, replaced, upgraded, primed and painted...check out our native nursery and sensory garden sites to see the progress we are making.

Since our last pānui, we have also hosted Clodagh from D.o.C. who held a whole-school information session on pekapeka. We are being reporters for 'Wild Things'(from Forest & Bird N.Z.) magazine this term and get to host their pekapeka mascot, Peta. We also placed a bat monitoring device in

the domain and look forward to receiving our data to learn more about our local population of long tailed bats.



*Preparing the pekapeka monitoring device*

“I enjoyed pulling out old carpets from the garden to make space for our new greenhouse. I like getting to work with older kids, Jack and I pulled out heaps of tōtara together for our nursery. The best thing about being in the Kaitiaki Crew is helping my community by saving little plants and we will plant them near the river soon.”

-Eric Graham



*Busy gathering tōtara seedlings*

“I liked weeding the gardens and saving the native grasses with Molly and Mum at the working bee. We found lots of worms and added them to the worm farm. The best thing about being a kaitiaki is making our school better!”

-Blake O'Reilly

### **Avalanche Rescue Dog Visit**

On Tuesday the 2nd of June Whaea Lisa will be bringing her Avalanche Rescue Dog Echo to school. This will provide a great opportunity to teach the students not only about Echo's job but also about safety around dogs. Many of our older students will have met Echo in previous years.



### **TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL**

Wednesday 27th May

4.10pm Tarrangower Rua v Ōwhango Tōtara C3

4.50pm Ōwhango Tōtara v Ono Whitu C4

3.30pm Turaki Green v Ōwhango Kahikatea C3

4.50pm St Pats Saints v Ōwhango Kahikatea C3

4.10pm NVS Hardcore v Ōwhango Rimu C1

### **INTERSCHOOL SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

Thankyou to everyone who has returned permission and transport slips for the upcoming soccer tournament. If you haven't done so already, please ensure you return these by this Friday 29th May.

### **TERM 2 INTERSCHOOL ORIENTEERING**

#### **UPDATE** 🏁❄️

A very chilly start to the day at Orienteering, but the kids got out there and did really well! A big thank you to everyone for helping make the day such a success. The event was well supported, with over **170 children** participating throughout the day.

#### **🏆 TEAM RESULTS**

##### **YEAR 5/6**

🥇 1st – NVS Tigers

🥈 2nd – Ongarue-Matiere 5/6

##### **YEAR 7/8**

🥇 1st – St Pats Trailblazers

🥈 2nd – Turaki 7

🥉 3rd – Ōwhango Rima

## **TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR HOCKEY**

The hockey season has come to an end and we would like to extend a very big thank you to William O'Donnell for coaching our Ōwhango team again this year, despite all of his children moving on from Ōwhango School. Also, a special mention to Andrea Lethborg, who without fail has been at every game supporting William and managing our team. Your support is greatly appreciated. The following players have received a special award for the Ōwhango Team this season:

Sportsmanship: Soren and Zurich Hosking

Most Outstanding Player: Mason Wheeler

Most Dedicated Player: Nico Brewer

Most Improved: Billie Bryan

Best Attitude: Poppy Murtagh

Most Promising Player: Beau Bryan

Best Goalie: Lachlan Tomlinson

2nd = Overall: Ōwhango

A special congratulations for the following two players who were chosen from the entire Taumarunui Junior Hockey competition..

**MVP Taumarunui Junior Hockey Goalie of the Season:** Lachlan Tomlinson

**Overall Winner Most Promising Taumarunui Junior Hockey Player:** Beau Bryan

Due to the Hockey Club not being able to hold a Prizegiving this year, William will present the certificates and trophies at school and photos will be included in next week's pānui.