



## 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 8 Term 2, 2026

Kia ora e te whānau, welcome to Week 8!

We hope you are keeping well amongst all the bugs and winter chill's creeping their way in. Best of luck to all our tamariki as they race around getting sponsors for the Bike-a-Thon next week! This event will go ahead rain or shine (other than extreme weather conditions). Please ensure that Bike-a-Thon forms are returned asap.

The hum from the classrooms that I hear from my office, or as I walk around our kura, are so productive and heartwarming. With assessment largely completed, children are fully immersed in a diverse range of learning. Listening to their rich conversations, laughter, singing, and excitement makes my job one of the best in the world!

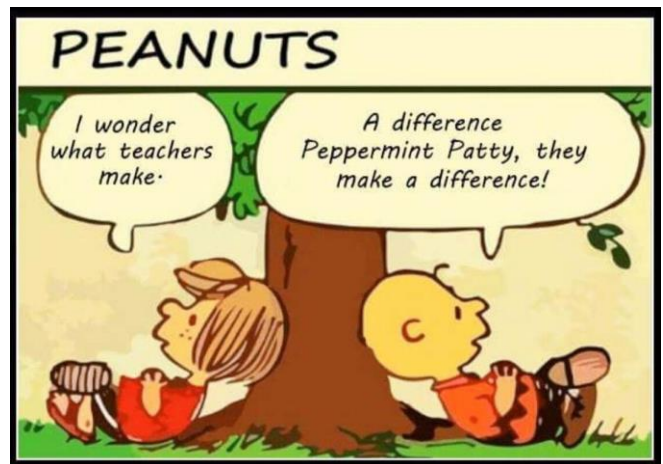
Correction from last week's pānui - a slip of paper will come home from Karen with your child/ren's reports to book a time for a Parent Teacher Interview. These will come home with reports on Friday 26th - slips must be returned on Monday 29th in the morning for an interview on Tuesday 30th).

Recently you would have received an email from our office about ski passes. These are not needed for our school ski days (day passes are covered in what school/PTA pays for our school Ski Days). This rohe pass is something offered to local school children for personal use outside of school hours.

Another friendly reminder about uniforms please - layers are fine under school uniform shirts - such

as plain navy and black thermals. It is always lovely to be able to reunite an owner with their clothing items when whānau have made sure items are named.

Have a lovely week, Annelies



### Dates to Remember:

<b>Wk 8</b>	<b>Wed. 10</b> - B.o.T. Hui (all welcome) <b>Fri. 12</b> - Interschools Soccer Y1-4
<b>Wk 9</b>	<b>Wed. 17</b> - Bike-a-thon! <b>Fri. 19</b> - Interschools Soccer Y5-8
<b>Wk 10</b>	<b>Fri. 26</b> - Reports go home.
<b>Wk 11</b>	<b>Tue. 30th</b> - Parent-Teacher Interviews <b>Thur. 2</b> - Last day of term: 1.15 pm Assembly 2 pm <a href="#">Matariki House Challenge</a> <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



**Welcome to our newest Kōwhai friend Reese!** Lovely to have you join us, Reese! It feels like you have been here a lot longer than a couple of days with how well you've settled in!

### CLASSROOM KŌRERO - TŌTARA

Tōtara have been working hard, as usual, across a range of topics. We zapped through an introduction to energy and electricity in science; and have been working on information reports in writing; multiplication, division and fractions in maths; and soccer skills in P.E. In reading, we try to link our guided texts to topics that we are learning in science and/or our spelling patterns we are learning.

We have also been doing a novel study on the classic story Matilda. This will link into our next writing unit, narrative writing. Hopefully I will have some of these to share next time it is our turn for Classroom Kōrero.

On Friday we started learning about *"How we see the world"* in a science unit on light. Our tuakana from Rimu gave some mini lessons that spanned topics from laser beams to printer ink.



Lachlan and Jonny demonstrate how light reflects off surfaces like a whiteboard and water droplets with a laser to an eager group of Tōtara students



Monty shows how Cyan, Magenta and Yellow layer to make realistic colours

Whaea Regan took us for a special project on Monday, creating clay flowers to add to the developing sensory garden. The patience, creativity and skill shown in these are outstanding and I can't wait to see them once they are out in the garden!



Some beautiful flowers

We have also been taking a closer look at our school values of Participation, Achievement, and Respect and what they look like in and out of the classroom to support the students to be positive learners and friends.

As I have been writing their mid-year reports, I also asked the students to reflect on their own achievements and goals. It was lovely to see the honesty and positivity of these ideas, from goals in reading, writing and maths to kapa haka, art, science, P.E or general social or learning goals.

Emma Tylee

### TAUMARUNUI PRIMARY NETBALL

Wednesday 10th June

3.30pm Ōwhango Kahikatea vs TPS Riaka C1

4.10pm Ōwhango Rimu vs Turaki Gold C1

4.50pm Ōwhango Kahikatea vs Te Pihanga C3

4.50pm Ōwhango Tōtara vs Manunui Kiwi C4

5.30pm Ōwhango Rimu vs Te Mahuri C1

### YEAR 1-4 INTERSCHOOLS SOCCER

The Year 1-4 Interschools Soccer Tournament is this Friday 12th June at Cherry Grove. We will be leaving school at 8.45am for the 9.10am delegate meeting, games begin at 9.30am. If you are meeting at Cherry Grove, please make sure you are there no later than 9.15am. Make sure you wear your new Ōwhango sports t-shirts with your uniform hoodie or polar fleece, and either sneakers/rugby or soccer boots with plastic moulded studs. Barefeet / crocs / gumboots / metal sprigs are not allowed. Pack a big lunch and a drink of water. There is usually a bbq for sale as well.

Driver	Students
Melissa Blackman	Rose, Leiki, Jack, Jackson, Connor
Kaaryn Ward	Quinn, Eric, Lennox
Erin Wind	Corbin, Jordie, Remy, Sheeran
Emma Tylee	Whaea Siobhán, Harrison, Harley-John, Ben, gazebo
Meeting there	Molly, Janey, Romana, Harper, Leo, Levi, Mila, Kotuku, Noa, Hunter, Blake, Ata, Briarni, Kruza, Reese, Aria, Alfie, Ngakuru, Taimana, Haven-Skye, Jolene

### Whānau Helpers Needed

If any whānau are passionate artists and have some free time to support myself and a small group of tamariki with an ambitious art project for our sensory garden, please get in touch - pop in or

email. [siobhan@owhango.school.nz](mailto:siobhan@owhango.school.nz). Ngā mihi. Whaea Siobhān

### Thank You!

Kōwhai class would like to extend a huge thank you to Hannah Lord for gifting enough pallets to build our bug hotel as part of our science and technology learning, and to Katie Parkinson for helping us unload them. Another thank you Emily at the RDC reuse centre and to our whānau who supplied hay, pine cones and other resources. Our bug hotel is almost complete...watch this space, we just need to build our roof next!



### Kōwhai Kiwi House Trip

Please check bookbags tonight for information on this trip including permission and transport slips.

### Kaitiaki Crew Update



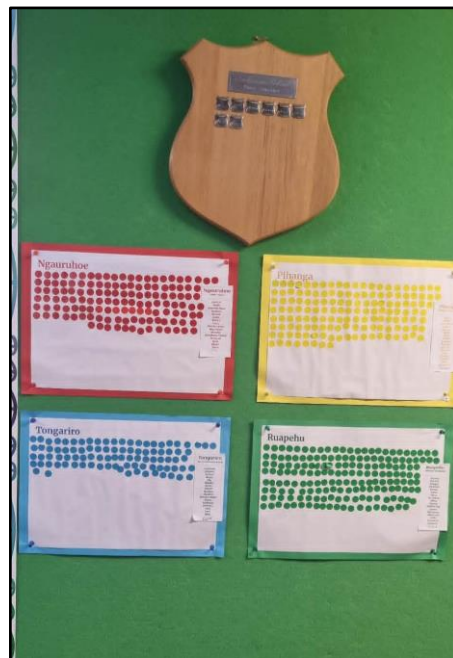
This week, we are getting to work on planting the native seeds that have been donated by Horizons Regional Council. We will start by disinfecting our seed cells, filling them with quality seed raising mix and making space for them in our new greenhouse. From there we will develop a regular schedule of maintenance of the seeds, until they are strong enough to be planted locally as young plants or trees to support our unique local ecology.

Our senior room Kaitiaki Crew, with help from Zurich and Mason, have been supporting Kōwhai class with their science learning about ecosystems and helping to build a bug hotel in the sensory garden site. They have been invaluable in this experience, searching for resources, seeking out and identifying bugs with their little friends and helping with some heavy lifting. Ka rawe, Crew!

The Ōwhango School Kaitiaki Crew would like to thank Ōwhango Alive and our kura for collaboratively purchasing these very effective safety vests. These will keep us visible and safe when we do mahi in the community. An extra special thank you goes to Kim Petersen for organizing the design and purchase of the vests. We love them!!!



We are loving our four new house groups! It is fantastic to see the children wanting to earn house points to collectively support their house mates. The last day of term is Thursday 2 July - we invite whānau in for a 1.15 pm Assembly, and you are then more than welcome to stay to watch and support our first House Challenge day from 2pm (weather dependent).



### Book Amnesty - Special House Mission

If all tamariki could have a huge search at home for library books and class readers at home, it could pay off for their house! Every book that is returned to school in the next week will earn one house point. We are missing a large number of readers that form parts of sets, which means we sometimes do not have enough books for group reading sessions. Your help with this special mission would be hugely appreciated. Ngā mihi.