



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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Kia ora e te whānau,

What beautiful frosty mornings we are having - cold, but pretty! Great to be having so many more jumpers named so we can reunite them with their owners!

A big warm welcome to our wonderful Kim, who is back working alongside the teachers from 9 am - 12.30 am each day. We are so happy to have her back!

Our PTA ran hot lunches on Thursday which was a huge success, and the children loved their kai! Thank you Nicole for running this. Just a reminder that the PTA has asked for this to be a cash only payment.

I am super proud to include in this pānui lots of incredible achievements sporting wise for some of our tamariki. Well done team, so impressed! (photo's below).

Skiing is going ahead (I will email if that changes - mountain weather is sometimes hard to track!). It will be COLD up there, so please make sure your tamariki has plenty of layers on. I will also email everyone early on Friday morning when I do the final check in with Whakapapa.

That's all from me - as always, if you would like to catch up, just flick me an email or pop in. I am still getting to know some of our whānau community

Annelies

Dates to Remember:

Wk 2	Mud Run (whānau led) 31 July (postponed) Y4-8 Ski Day - Friday 31 July Y5/6 and Y7/8 afterschool Basketball starts
Wk 3	BoT hui - all welcome. 6 pm Thursday 6 Aug Y4-8 Ski Day - Friday 7 Aug
Wk 4	Taumarunui High School Open-Enrolment evening Thurs 13 Aug Y4-8 Ski Day - Friday 14 Aug
Wk 5	Spelling Bee Competition Thurs 20 Aug Y4-8 Ski Day - Friday 21 Aug
Wk 6	Mountain School's Cross Country (at Kaitieke School) Thurs 27th Aug Y4-8 Ski Day - Friday 28 Aug Te Whakakōtahitanga ō Ngā Kura ō Taumarunui - Sat 29 Aug
Wk 7	Whole school tree planting event Thurs 3 Sept I/S Cross Country (Ongarue School) Fri 4 Sept Y0-3 Ski Day - Friday Fri 4 Sept
Wk 8	WFPSA Cross Country Thur 10 Sept Y0-3 Ski Day - Friday 11 Sept
Wk 9	Ngāti Tūwharetoa Taiopenga (bracket scheduled at 12.40 - 1 pm) Tues 15 Sept Y0-3 Ski Day - Friday 18 Sept
Wk 10	Tōtara Assembly 2pm Wed 23 Sept Whole School Ski Day - Friday (last day of term) 25 Sept
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

So much to celebrate! Well done to the following students 🏆

Under 13s Most Outstanding Female
Mana Wahine Cup
Kaelyis-Rae Te Ahuru-Watson



U9 Overall Best Forward
Waituhi Landprep Cup
Patrick Murtagh



U8s Midlands Best Back
Eric Graham



U13 Girls North King Country
Kaelyis-Rae TeAhuru-Watson & Hayzin TeAhuru-Mahu



U12s Boys North King Country
Monty Hoban, Lachlan Tomlinson, Jonny Marshall & Mason Wheeler



TAUMARUNUI SQUASH CLUB
JUNIOR PROGRAM



THUS | 6 | AUG

\$30PP, MEMBERS FREE, 6 WEEKS
BEGINNERS 4:30, INTERMEDIATES 5:15
CONTACT SERA CONTE

Bikeathon results are in, and hold on to your hats ladies and gentlemen!!!!

A whopping \$7409 has been raised in our 2026 Bikeathon ❤️

List below of boy and girl from each class with the most money raised:

Rimu - Jack \$743.50, Poppy \$225

Kahikatea - Brodie \$305, Haylee \$244

Totara - Ben \$205, Molly \$708

Kowhai - Blake \$400, Mila \$200

Can you believe it!!! A new record. Thank you to everyone who took part in the day. And a huge thank you to whaea Maree who has been doing A LOT of counting and adding up!

KAHIKATEA CLASSROOM KŌRERO

To begin this term, Kahikatea has been learning about the legendary Battle of the Mountains, especially since we will be spending so much time on the maunga. We have been incredibly fortunate to study the retelling of this important Ngāti Tūwharetoa legend by local artist and author Te Maari Gardiner—who is also Te Hana's Nana!—which is featured in one of our School Journals.

As writers, we closely examined how Te Maari used emotive language and personification to bring each maunga to life, giving them their own personalities, thoughts, and feelings. Inspired by her writing, we challenged ourselves to retell the legend by sequencing the events correctly, using sequencing words to organise our ideas, writing in clear paragraphs, and including personification and emotive language to create engaging and powerful retellings.

We then extended our learning through visual arts. After studying an article in the School Journal that explained Te Maari's illustration process, we used her techniques as inspiration to create our own expressive artworks. Each student selected one of the maunga from the legend—Pihanga, Tauhara, Pūtauaki, Tongariro, or Taranaki—and used pastels, vivid, and dye to create a portrait that captured the mountain's

unique personality and emotions. By incorporating Māori design elements, bold colours, and expressive facial features, the students produced striking artworks that beautifully reflected both the legend and their own creativity.

It has been wonderful to see our literacy, local history, and visual arts learning come together, while strengthening our connection to the pūrākau and landscapes that make our rohe so special. You are always welcome to pop into Kahikatea to see our artwork and read our writing.



Te Hana's creativity shines through



Harry's depiction of Taranaki

TAUMARUNUI JUNIOR BASKETBALL

The basketball games have got off to a great start this week. Many thanks to Earl Smith who ran a lunchtime practise for the Year 7/8 team, and Whaea Siobhán who ran a lunchtime practise for the Year 5/6 team. Please note in the updated draw that both Year 5/6 teams have a game this week. A reminder that I will send an email to the basketball whānau every Monday with the week's games, rather than include them in the pānui.

Kapa Haka update

Kia ora whānau,

I hope you're all doing well.

I wanted to take a quick moment to give a massive shoutout to our kapa haka tamariki for the incredible mahi they've been putting in lately. Their practices are just getting better and better, and it's been awesome to see our student leaders really stepping up with heaps of confidence. They are doing such a brilliant job!

Because they've been working so hard, we've received a really exciting invitation.

Te Whakakōtahitanga ō Ngā Kura ō Taumarunui have asked our kura to take part in their 2026 Kapa Haka event up in Taumarunui on Saturday, 29th August.

We're hoping to treat this as a great "practice run" to help the kids build their confidence performing in front of a real crowd, rather than just their teachers and tutors. Getting out on stage will be a huge uplift for them and the perfect preparation for our bigger performance at Te Taiopenga on Tuesday, 15th September.

Of course, we know how crazy Saturdays are with kids' sports and weekend commitments, so we

completely understand that this is a big ask of your time.

We really appreciate all the juggling you already do, but we'd love for your tamariki to be part of this family friendly community event.

We haven't received all the details yet like what time we will be performing etc, but at this stage it's just a Save The Date pānui. Once registrations open, we intend to register our roopu.

A huge thank you to all of you for your ongoing support in encouraging them to practice. As their whānau, you are their biggest cheerleaders, and they truly couldn't do it without you.

Ngā mihi nui,

Waitangi Patena Mariu (Wai)



Mountain Schools Cross Country Permission Slip
Thursday 27th August 2020

Kaitieke School Domain

Information for the day:

- Depart school by **9 am**
- Arrive from **9.30 am** (set up gazebo)
- Marshals' briefing at **9.30 am**
- Teachers to take tamariki on their course walk: **9.30–10.00 am**
- First race: **10.15 am**
- Finish: approximately **1.30 pm**

Food will be able to be purchased throughout the day. This is a great way for us to help Kaitieke fundraise! Please also ensure that our Ōwhango School student's know that water is the only acceptable drink for school events. We recommend that children also have layers of clothing (thermals, Ōwhango sports shirt, school jersey and a rain jacket) as the weather can be interchangeable.

To make this day run smoothly, we ask for parent helpers for transportation and marshalling. Thank you in advance to those of you who can help.

My child / ren _____ have permission to attend the Mountain Schools Cross Country at Kaitieke School/Domain.

ADULT HELP

I can stay and support all day (we are looking for whānau happy to take on marshalling duty throughout the day - this is very much needed for safety reasons. Kaitieke School is a small school with limited whānau to help, so we hope you can pitch in!) **YES / NO (circle one)**

TRANSPORT

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 (circle one)**

Children under 7 must have a booster seat. Please provide one for your child if applicable.

Please return the below: ☐ _____

Child/ren's name: _____

Permission to attend: _____ (parent/caregiver signature)

If you are assisting with transport:

Name of driver _____ Mobile number: _____

Ski Day #2 31 July 2026

TRANSPORT Ratio 17:42 (1:2.5)				
Driver	Can fit	4WD	Students Coming = 42	
Stacey	4	N	Millie, Ataahua, Aria, Brodie,	
Regan	4 (5)	Y	Monty, Mason, Stan, Beau, Jonny,	
Te Hau	2	Y	Tahu, Nico	
Mitch	3	Y	Lucy (Danielle TBC),	
Katie	4	Y	Ainsley, Libby, Haylee, Charlotte,	
Nicole	4	Y	Soren, Zurich, Billie, Lachlan	
Deb	3	Y	Elliot, Juan, Natalia	
Annelies	4	Y	Sheeran, Jackson, Jack O, Te Hana	
Adults helping but not driving			Natalia	
Permission slip to come				
Things TBC				
Meeting us there			Hannah (or Rex/Haylie), Poppy, Patrick, Molly, Jack Tania (or Sally) & Harry, Leiki Dave (4) - Daithí Óg, Lakenn - Hayzin, Azalea, Melissa - Grace, Lily, Rose Kaaryn/James - Olive, Quinn Kereama - Kyston, Kaeylis-Rae	

PASSES-ADULTS		
NEED A PASS & SKIS – 1 free:6 kids	NOT SKIING	HAVE OWN SEASON PASS
Stacey	Annelies	Regan
Lakenn	Te Hau	Kaaryn/James
Hannah		Melissa
Katie		Tania
Kereama		Deb
		Dave