



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,

Thank you to those who came to our tree pruning workshop! We are now after donations of mulch (leaves, woodchip, aged sheep dags/poo, aged horse manure, old silage etc). Our fruit trees are ready for spring!

Friday up the maunga was an experience! It is hard to make the call, weather wise, but I am glad we went. We can not thank our parent drivers/volunteers enough. These days can't happen without you! The children enjoyed learning from the awesome instructors, and the snow was cold, but a neat experience. Being up the maunga on a 'less than ideal' weather day teaches our tamariki about the true power of mother nature and how we must respect the power of the weather.

Unfortunately, a few children were not kitted out in warm enough gear, meaning they didn't get the full experience. Layers are key - and hoodies and cotton jumpers are just not cut out for the mountain. Fleece, merino, thermals, and waterproof gloves, jacket and pants are the only option! Let us know if you need help with gear. Please note, the cafe up the maunga no longer accepts cash.

We are starting to train for Cross Country. It is always a fun day down at Kaitieke, and given that this is the term we are often cooped up inside with the bad weather, it is awesome for the children to get out for a run when they can. Packing them a big healthy lunch helps and a

friendly reminder we are a water only school, which means on EOTC trips also.

There is an icky tummy bug doing the rounds at school so we ask that if your child has an upset tummy, they are kept at home. If they do vomit, they are able to return to school after 24 hours from their last vomit.

We have a BoT hui at 6 pm on Thursday, you are always welcome to come and sit in - it is a good opportunity for parents who want to know how things run behind the scenes. A warm welcome to Karen Komene as this will be her first board meeting since the by-election.

On Sunday, our school playground took a bit of a hit with some damage to the grounds. Just children playing, however I would ask that if you are sending your child/ren to school for a weekend play that you accompany them as there was a big job for Paul to clean up on his weekend. Thanks Paul!

It was a great result for the Warriors this weekend! I had a house full of guests, including my son and his army friends - always a way to make a mumma happy! I hope you all had a good weekend, and that you are warm, healthy and happy. Remember my door is always open, I love continuing to get to know our community. You all have wonderful children!

Annelies

Dates to Remember:

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 Whakakōtahitanga - Sat 29 Aug
Wk 7	Tackle 7's Tournament (Y7/Y8) 31 Aug 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 (<u>last day of term</u>) 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

The PTA Thursday hot lunches are going down a treat!



Tackle 7's - 31st August

A reminder that Y7 and Y8s can choose to play a tournament of Tackle 7's. The permission slips came home on Thursday last week. Let me know if you need another form. This is all organised, we don't need coaches or refs. Annelies will be

driving the students in (Manunui School) and depending on numbers, we may require some transport help.

Manunui School Whānau Netball Series 2026
Thursday August 6th from 11am
on the Manunui School Netball Courts

The Manunui School Netball Series returns for 2026!
-WE HAVE EIGHT EPIC TEAMS ENTERED this year-
COME ALONG AND CHEER ON THE TEAMS THIS THURSDAY!

 Rata Street Preschool Staff & Whānau DEFENDING CHAMPIONS	 Manunui Staff, Board & Whānau	 Manunui School Senior Girls	 Manunui School Senior Boys
 The Manunui Dads	 Ōwhango School Senior Students	 Ōwhango Whānau	 Taumarunui Youth & Community Trust i-SPORTS

Tomorrow we are taking our senior players to compete in the annual Manunui School Netball Series! This should be a bit of fun, and a nice way for our team to finish the season, after their awesome efforts this term!



Kia ora,

The year eights are planning a school disco and for our theme we have decided on Candyland. This will be held on the 30th of October in the Ōwhango Hall. It will start at 5 pm and end at 7 pm. Students can wear whatever they want and they can dress up according to the theme if they want to. It would also be greatly appreciated if everyone could bring a plate for our usual potluck dinner. There will be prizes for best dressed!

Ngā mihi,

The year eights.

A message from one of our students who had a great idea!

Kia ora,

For this year's Ōwhango School Pet Day (date to be confirmed) we will be trying something new with a 'Spud in a Bucket' competition. Each student will be given a seed potato to take home, plant in a large/10 litre bucket and get creative in ways to make their potatoes grow.

Judging will be held on Pet Day by emptying the contents of each bucket before awarding prizes for:

- Largest potato
- Smallest potato
- Weirdest looking potato
- Most potatoes

The seed potatoes will be given out sometime soon so that there is enough time for the potatoes to grow. The students will also get to take home their potatoes to eat at the end of the day.

Ski Day #3. 7th August

TRANSPORT Ratio 17:42 = 1:2.5 (adults to children)				
Driver	Can fit	4WD	Students Coming = all/42	
Te Hau	2	Y	Tahu, Nico	
Maree	4	Y	Haylee, Te Hana	
Regan	5	Y	Monty, Jonny, Beau,	
Trudie	4	Y	Mason, Stan	
Katie	4	Y	Ainsley, Brodie, Billie, Jackson	
Nicole	4	Y	Soren, Zurich, Charlotte	
Deb	4	Y	Elliot, Juan, Natalia	
Erin	4	Y	Libby, Jack O, Millie, Aria	
Annelies	4	Y	Sheeran, Ataahua, Lucy (Theresa)	
Adults coming, not driving			Natalia, Theresa	
Meeting there			Karen K - Lachlan Kereama - Kaelyis-Rae, Kyston Lakenn - Hayzin, Azalea Melissa - Grace, Lily, Rose Hannah (or Rex/Haylie) - Poppy, Patrick, Jack, Molly Tania (and/or Sally) - Harry, Leiki Dave - Daithi O'g (maybe more, leaving from Waimarino) Kaaryn/James - Olive, Quinn	

PASSES-ADULTS		
NEED A PASS & SKIS – 1 free:6 kids	NOT SKIING	HAVE OWN SEASON PASS
Kereama	Natalia	Regan
Lakenn	Annelies	Karen K
Katie		Melissa
Erin		Nicole
Theresa		Deb
		Tania/Sally
		Kaaryn/James
		Dave