



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 1, Term 4, 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

Well, we are straight back into the swing of things and it is wonderful to see all our children back with smiling faces. We have another jam packed term full of learning and end of year activities planned. Please run your eye over the calendar in each pānui in case of changes - however we try not to change things where possible.

Monday the sun was out, and loads of children had their hats already in their bags! Please make sure that your child has a hat that can stay at school, as (unless it's raining obviously) hats are compulsory at play times in Term's 1 & 4.

Our Community Survey that we sent home at the end of Term 3 was due back this week. Can we have them by this Friday at the latest - you can email them, post them, or drop them into the Green Box outside Karen's office. However you return it, the main thing is that we get your voice and your values and thoughts so the Board can head into developing our Strategic Goals for the future. This means so much to us.

Athletics is going ahead next Friday - but we need your help! There is a form on the bottom of this pānui for parents to fill out if they can help. Please have this returned asap so we can finalise our planning.

We are excited about Pet Day - but we have not received any registrations yet for students bringing pets. I will reattach that form here too.

Please note that the school will be closed for instruction on December the 3rd for a Teacher Only Day.

I hope you all have a wonderful week and head safely into the weekend,

Annelies

Dates to Remember:

Wk 1	Friday 16th Oct - Y7&Y8 Fire Recovery trip - cancelled
Wk 2	Wed 21st Oct - KCRU Final Taupō Friday 23rd - MS Athletics
Wk 3	Mon 26th - Labour Day / no school Tues 27th - PET DAY! Wed 28th - Y5-Y8 Lines Co. visit Friday 30th - Candyland Disco evening (Ōwhango Hall)
Wk 4	Tues 3rd Nov- Whole School Duffy Show 11 am Tues 3rd - BoT Hui 6 pm - all welcome Friday 6th IS Athletics
Wk 5	
Wk 6	
Wk 7	
Wk 8	Mon 30th Nov - St Johns full day student workshops Wed 2nd Dec - Ōwhango's Got Talent 1.30 pm Hall Thurs 3rd Dec - Teacher Only Day - school closed Fri 4th Dec - IS Touch
Wk 9	Mon 7th Dec - Kapa Haka Hangi Thurs 10th - Dress up day (whole school) Fri 11th Dec - Brocks Farm Annual Trip
Wk 10	Thurs 19th - Break Up 5 pm / Reports home Fri 18th - last day T4 (mufti)
School Term Dates	Term 4 12 Oct - 18 December Term 1 2027 3 Feb - 9 April



Congratulations Kyston Te Ahuru-Watson! Top point scorer for Ōwhango Blaze and chosen for the Dream Team.



A very big congratulations to Libby and Corbin Wind who competed in the National Motocross Championships during the holidays. Libby came 3rd place in the girls section, and Corbin placed 2nd in 6-8yrs 50cc and 8th in the 7-8yrs 65cc. What an outstanding achievement!



Well done Ōwhango Blaze - 6th Place in last term's Taumarunui Junior Basketball Competition.

KCRU RIPPA CARNIVAL FINALS

Congratulations to our five senior girls who will be travelling to Taupō next Wednesday to compete in the KCRU Wide Rippa Carnival Finals, after qualifying in the Taumarunui Carnival last term. Information and transport lists will be sent home to these families this week.

27 October, 2026

OWHANGO SCHOOL

PET DAY & SPRING FESTIVAL ACTIVITIES

Our Pet Day and Spring Festival will be held on Tuesday 27th October, 2026. On this day whānau and our community can come along from 12:00 pm to view the creations and watch the animals being judged.

Students may make a **minimum of two** and a **maximum of four** individual activities below:

A GIFT

- A gift for a grandparent.

COOKING

- Baking decorated like an animal or in a spring theme
- Homemade Sweets

GROWING

- A growing container garden, e.g., tub of veggies, hanging basket
- A decorative sand saucer or miniature garden

CONSTRUCTING

- A Lego creation- in either a spring theme or pet theme

GROUP ACTIVITIES

These two activities may be a group or an individual activity:

- A large raft – judging criteria: that will support at least one person and can paddle the length of the school pool, bonus points for engineering skills and decorative skill.
- A small boat - judging criteria: that it will stay afloat while all of the rafts are paddled the length of the pool; bonus points for engineering skills and decorative skill.

ALL CHILDREN

- Their Jersey Benne Spud in a Bucket (all children encouraged to participate - not included in the maximum activities. Separate judge and prizes!)

PRESCHOOL

- There is a table for pre-schoolers to make something that fits any of the above categories.

RULES

- These are all to be **prepared at home**.
- Creations must be **made by the students themselves**.
- Please **do not** name your work; we will give you stickers with your special anonymous code on it.
- Students will be doing additional activities at school that will be on display.
- You may make a **minimum of two** and a **maximum of four** individual activities

House Points

The children win points for their house group in every event, as follows-

First= 3 points Second= 2 points Third= 1 point

ŌWHANGO SCHOOL PET DAY 2026 PET REGISTRATION

Each child may enter one pet.

Any pet is welcome.

Pets are to arrive at school at or just after 12:00. If the weather is unsuitable an email will be sent out by 11 am to inform parents that we have cancelled the pet section.

All pets must be contained or restrained, not roaming free.

All pets must have a water container.

Pets must be able to be controlled by the child.

No aggressive dogs.

Children must stay with their pets during judging time.

There will be areas for each type of pet to be tied, or for their cage to sit, please look for the signs or ask if you are unsure where to put them.

There will be a time for the judges to interview the pet owner and judge them for an appropriate award.

After this, pets that can be, will be led by their owner around an agility course and show their leading skills.

The focus on this is fun, rather than competition.

PET REGISTRATION FORM

Please return this Pet Registration form to school by 16th October

CHILD'S NAME: _____ **TYPE OF PET:** _____ **PET'S NAME:** _____

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I will deliver these pets to school at or just after 12.00 on the day

Pets cannot be left at school in the morning

I will ensure that the pet/s are adequately secured and have water.

We agree to abide by the above conditions.

Signed by parent / caregiver _____

Mountain School's Athletics Day 2026

Friday 23 October

9.45 am start

I am able to support the school on the day by being allocated a task (such as
time-keeping / marshaling / other)

Yes - the whole day ☐

Yes - part of the day ☐

No - not this year sorry ☐

Parent / Caregiver / Helper name: _____