



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 3, 2026

Kia ora e te whānau,

It has been so neat to see our wonderful new sports equipment being so widely enjoyed by so many tamariki. The volleyball net is even back out!

Due to Mountain Schools Cross Country this Thursday, we will not be running PTA hot lunches (this may change if Cross Country is cancelled due to bad weather). Remember that Kaitieke School will be selling Sausages (\$3) and Juices (\$2). This is a neat chance for a small rural school to do a fundraiser, so please support them if you can. Transport is listed at the end of this pānui. It is VERY important that you let me know when you are leaving with your child, so that I can tick everyone off the roll. Another reminder about children's drinks for all school days and school events - **we are a Water Only school**. This means that even on EOTC trips, children are only permitted to bring water in their bottles. We do not permit juice/Poweraide/etc.

The illnesses are letting up a tad, but some children are getting round 2! And we are not having much luck keeping on top of head lice. We have lice-shampoo here if you need. Please check your child/ren's hair frequently.

Absences: Please note that you are required to contact the school as close to 9 am as possible if your child is absent, along with a reason for the absence. We know those of you using the HERO app to do this are finding it convenient, which is great news!



I hope lots of your tamariki have their Pet Day seed potato under soil and doing its thing! Won't be long before we have information

out regarding Pet Day and what it will look like this year. Always a highlight in every Rural School's calendar!

Please note that Senior Skiing is cancelled this week due to poor weather. If children have their Green Bibs with them still, could they please be returned this week.

Other than that, there is nothing else to report - just keep an eye on the school calendar (in the pānui, but also on HERO). There is a particularly large amount of permission slips/trip details in this pānui. Please make note of the ones that apply to your child/ren. Hard copies of these can be obtained from Karen in the office, as always.

Annelies

Vote Nz is using our school during election time for local voters. They are after casual workers who can help (and get paid) on the day! Click on the link below for more information!



work.elections.nz

Dates to Remember:

Wk 6	Mountain School's Cross Country (at Kaitieke School) Thurs 27th Aug
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	Y4-8 Ski Day - Friday 28 Aug- cancelled Whakakōtahitanga - Sat 29 Aug -11am
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

Netball

We are so thankful to Manunui School for another sporting invite this term! Earlier this term we had a VERY successful day taking out the winning cup! A message from Jahbon, who managed to wrangle our very fabulous whānau team!

"Manunui School hosted its annual Whānau Netball Series a few weeks back, bringing together their two senior teams, staff, and invited teams. We were thrilled to be invited to participate! A team of parents from our school formed and put on an absolutely stellar performance. They played six games throughout the day, went undefeated, and went on to take home the victory in the final! A massive shout-out to all the parents who played; it was a blast. Unfortunately, our senior team had to pull out because many of them were sick that week, but it was awesome having Poppy jump in with the parent team. Big thanks to Scott for putting on such a great event for everyone. Jahbon"



Tree Planting Day at the Petersen's, next Tuesday 3rd September

We need your help with transport for this epic day! Please see the form at the end of this pānui, or email Annelies directly if you can help.

Located at Kim and Owen's property is a section of wetland that has been fenced off. NZ Landcare Trust, Whanganui Region Catchment Collective and Enviroschools are the organisers of what will be a great opportunity for us to give back locally and look after our environment.

Tackle 7s

We are taking 8 of our seniors to compete next week in a Tackle Rugby day. Should be an exciting day and a neat opportunity for our seniors to continue to get to know other children in our town.

Manunui School Tackle 7s Rugby 2026
Monday August 31st 11:20am - 2:15pm
on the Manunui School Field

Come along and support our amazing Year 7-8 teams as they battle it out in tackle Rugby 7s!



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KAHIKATEA CLASSROOM KŌRERO

A very warm welcome to our new friend Legacy, who has settled into Kahikatea wonderfully. Legacy is kind, caring and gentle, and it has been lovely to see her quickly becoming part of our classroom whānau. We are so pleased to have you with us, Legacy, and your brother Legion in Tōtara!



This term, Kahikatea has been getting right to the heart of science! We have been learning all about the human heart and discovering just how incredible this hardworking muscle is. The heart beats continuously throughout our lifetime, pumping blood around our body – but how does it keep working without getting tired? And what can we do to keep our hearts healthy? We have explored the size, shape, weight and structure of the heart and learned how the heart connects to blood vessels to circulate blood throughout our bodies. Students have listened carefully to their own heartbeats, learned how to find their pulse and measured their heart rates and blood pressure.

We have carried out investigations to show how hard the heart works. Did you know that the human heart, at rest, pumps 5L of blood every minute and a total of 7,600L every day? The heart muscle never gets tired or cramps because it is made up of special cells that are different from those that make up the muscles in your arms and legs. These experiences have helped us understand how efficiently the heart works as a pump and how important it is to look after this amazing organ.

Alongside our investigations, students have completed hands-on craft activities and an independent research project, sharing what they

have discovered about the heart and how to keep it healthy.

It has been wonderful to see so much curiosity, thoughtful questioning and excitement as we discover what is happening inside our own bodies.



Daithí Óg and Brodie explore the structure of the heart with playdough.



Te Hana listens closely to Olive's heart



Haylee exploring how a stethoscope works

The Year 5-8 Tauamrunui Rippa Carnival is just a few weeks away. The Carnival is to be held on Wednesday 9th September at the Taumarunui Domain. At this stage, games are scheduled to begin at 10am, however I will confirm further information when it becomes available. Please complete the attached permission and transport list and return to the office asap so transport and team management can be organised.



The above Ski Club Junior Race Day is open for whānau to register their tamariki. Registration details in the flyer.

Kaitiaki Crew Update

Our Kaitiaki Crew delivered new paper/card recycling bins to all classrooms and work spaces in an effort to improve our waste management systems around kura. Ngaa mihi nui to 'Paper 4 Trees', who will reward our recycling mahi with native trees.

We will pause our lunchtime litter collections whilst we ramp up and prioritise our Kapa Haka practices over the next few weeks. Thank you to our community members who have offered to

participate in our village clean ups, we will be in touch as soon as they are back in action!



The Kaitiaki Crew hard at work delivering bins

On the 1st of September, the Kaitiaki Crew will travel into the Taumarunui Reuse Centre by bus, please ensure your tamariki return their permission slips this week. I am so proud of the mahi this crew are doing around school and the wider community in order to protect and enhance Pāpātūānuku. Whaea Siobhān.

N.I.P.S 2026 - Canceled

Sadly the North Island Primary Schools Ski Champs have been canceled due to a lack of snow on the race courses. I'd like to acknowledge the seven tamariki who put their hands up to give this opportunity a go. It is disappointing that it has been canceled but keep working hard and practicing for next year! Thank you to Nicole Hosking (Team manager), Regan Hoban and Dave Murphy for volunteering to support these athletes.

Mountain Schools Cross Country Transport

DATE: Thursday 27 August, 2026

SITUATION: Kaitieke School/Domain

TEACHER ORGANISING THE ACTIVITY: Annelies Resink & Theresa Owen

TRANSPORT ARRANGEMENTS: Departing School by 9.00am, Briefing at 9:30, Races start at 10.15am

Food will be for sale

Driver	Can take	Students (73)
Annelies	4	(Gazebo, First Aid Kit) Legacy, Legion, Alfie, Aria
Theresa O	6	Nico, Te Hana, Charlotte, Stan, Millie, Elliot
Alan	3	Kotuku, Noa
Emma T	4 (2 boosters)	Harrison, Grace, Ataahua, Kim (TA)
Siobhan	4	Daithi Ōg, Brodie, Billy Eric
Maree	4-6	Haylee, Lily, Rose, Jack O, Sheeran
Nicole	4	Soren, Zurich, Juan, Beau
Regan	5	Monty, Mason, Tahu
Sarah	3	Harper, Leo, Briarni
Aimee	3	Jolene, Reese
Kaaryn	3	Quinn, Olive, Remy
Aimee	3	Jolene, Reese
Permission slip to come		Briarni, Ataahua, Noa, Kotuku,
Marshalls Staff Support	Nicole, Aimee, Carly, Regan Annelies, Alan, Theresa, Emma, Siobhan, Maree, Kim	
MEETING THERE	Janeen - Jackson, Conner Mandy - Blake Katie - Ainsley, Jordie Kirsty - Ben Erin - Libby, Corbin Jahbon - Kaelyis-Rae, Kyston, Kruza, Azalea, Haven, Alaia Haylie - Poppy, Patrick Danielle - Lucy, Harley-John Wai - Romana, Janey Hannah - Jack, Molly Grace - Elli, Leiki Carly - Jonny Lakeen - Hayzin, Hunter Maddy - Levi, Mila Karen - Lachlan, Lennox Di - Ngakuru, Taimana	

Ōwhango School Ski Days Years 1-3 REMINDER NOTICE (starting 4th Sept)

Kia ora koutou,

We have booked in All-Day lessons for our children (same as last year). However these now start at 9.45 am, and finish at 3.30 pm. **We will leave school by 7.30 am. Please do not be late.**

These lessons that we have purchased include:

- Gear: Skis, boots, poles, helmets
- Passes
- All day lessons with Qualified Instructors (with break times)
- School is also contributing to the cost of transportation - this will be paid to you at the end of the season.
- **NOT INCLUDED:** Food, Ski clothing (we have two boxes of ski gear which you are welcome to borrow for the duration of the programme - these must be returned end of term, washed. Goggles/Sunglasses - these are a MUST. Snow blindness is a serious concern. Please see Karen if you need to borrow a pair.
- *Any gear you need to borrow must be organised at the beginning of week one*

Parent Help: If you can be a parent helper, we will need you to support us with transport, organising children upon arrival with getting safely to Happy Valley, set up with their gear and ready for their lessons. Although they are with instructors, our younger tamariki often need extra support, so we'd love to see our whānau helpers out on the snow working with the groups. **You will also need to be at base when children are having their morning tea and lunch break**

Volunteers are more than welcome to ski when/if they are not required to be helping with the children.

If you have your own season pass, that is wonderful. Traditionally, parent volunteers who wish to ski but don't have their own pass cover the costs themselves - however this is usually only around \$40 as the cost of all the adult passes are divided between all the volunteers and made cheaper by the fact that we have the free ones too. In the past we have asked for payment prior, however this year, we will let you know exactly what you must pay the school on the Monday following the ski day. *Payment must be prompt.* Often we actually have enough free ones to go around.

Clothing & Equipment requirements: (please note, cotton is not great on the maunga)

- Ski Jacket - waterproof and windproof
- Thermals (long sleeve top and leggings)
- Ski overalls / pants
- Sunscreen
- Ski Goggles / sunglasses
- Warm socks (woolen are best)
- Neck warmer (optional but good to have)
- Ski gloves (waterproof is a must - not cotton or woolen)
- Long hair tied back in a low ponytail for under helmets
- Layers of clothing - it can go from warm to cold and back again rather fast up there!
- BIG healthy packed lunch and water only. **Same as sports days, we do not allow any other drinks other than water.**

Booked Dates:

These are all Fridays

	Ski Day 1	Ski Day 2	Ski Day 3	Ski Day full school
Y1-3	4th Sept	11 Sept	18 Sept	25th Sept

We are required to proceed or cancel a trip on the Monday before so as to not incur financial penalties from Whakapapa. This decision will be based on the forecast and we will err on the side of caution. It is common for us to have to postpone a few times each year, which is why we have booked every Friday on the Maunga, in the hopes that everyone gets a good few days up there.

Illness: If your child does not attend a ski day, we still get charged for their lesson. If you know the day prior that they will be off on the Friday due to illness, please let us know as Whakapapa sometimes allows us to change lesson numbers the day before.

It is a parents responsibility to ensure that we hold up to date medical information for their child. If you are unsure if your child's information is up to date, please contact Karen. Asthma inhalers **MUST** be provided and in your child's bag - asthma can be triggered in cold environments and we do not carry inhalers in our first aid.

Thank you for your co-operation with this. Please do give me an email or a call if you have any questions. Skiing is an activity that most schools do not get to provide. We are proud of our area and how our children give all these unique opportunities a go!

Annelies Resink

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All are welcome! Come and enjoy watching our Ōwhango School tamariki Kapa Haka group this Saturday!

Re: Te Kapa Haka Roopu o te Kura o Ōwhango

Date: Saturday 29th August, 2026

Where: Taumarunui Memorial Hall

Kia ora e te whānau,

You will have seen in our newsletters this past two weeks that our Kapa Haka roopu are performing this Saturday at Te Whakakōtahitanga o ngā kura o Taumarunui. This is a day of celebration and unity (kōtahitanga) bringing our community together through kapa haka. Our slot is at 11.50 am. If your child is performing, **we ask that you bring your children in by 11 am please.** This gives them time to get changed, and warm up. We are providing black boy-leg underwear for the boys - can you please make sure that they are also wearing their own underpants that won't be longer in the leg than the boy-leg briefs that we are providing. Our changing room time is 11.30 am in the Hauaroa Office. The children are given a sausage sizzle post performance!

Our Kapa Haka tutors will be there to help organise your tamariki. It would be helpful if they come with a bag to pop their clothes in, and anything else they may need.

We are so excited to take part in this kaupapa, and also using this day as a great opportunity to prepare for Ngāti Tūwharetoa Taiopenga coming up in a few weeks!

If you have any queries, please feel free to email me,
principal@owhango.school.nz

Ngā mihi mahana,
Annelies Resink

Te Whakakōtahitanga o ngā kura o Taumarunui

Saturday 29th August 2026

Starts: 11am

Taumarunui Memorial Hall

Kai stalls Fundraisers

Spot prizes

Kapa Haka Performances And more....

Te Whakakōtahitanga o Ngā Kura o Taumarunui is a way of bringing our community and whanau together to celebrate our tamariki and unity.

WĀTAKA/PROGRAMME

TE WHAKAKŌTAHITANGA Ō NGĀ KURA Ō TAUMARUNUI

RĀHOROI, 29 AKUHATA 2026
TAUMARUNUI MEMORIAL HALL

11:00 AM	NGĀ KŌHANGA REO O TE ROHE PŌTAE KI TAUMARUNUI
11:25 AM	TKKM O TAUMARUNUI KURA TEINA
11:50 AM	TE KAPA HAKA ROOPU Ō TE KURA Ō ŌWHANGO
12:15 PM	TKKM O TAUMARUNUI KURA WAENGA
12:40 PM	INTERMISSION
12:55 PM	TE POU O TAMAHINA
1:20 PM	TE KURA Ō NGĀPUKE
1:45 PM	TE PUNAWAI O HINENGĀKAU
2:10 PM	TKKM O TAUMARUNUI KURA TUAKANA

Year 5-8 KCRU Rippa Rugby Tournament Permission Slip

This is a compulsory activity, part of our physical education programme

Wednesday 9th September 2026

Taumarunui Domain 10am start, Departing School at 9am

Family name _____

My child / ren _____ may attend the Year 5-8 KCRU Rippa Rugby Tournament at Taumarunui Domain.

ADULT HELP

YES / NO I can stay and support all day, helping manage a team

YES / NO I can take the gazebo

TRANSPORT

YES / NO 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.

YES / NO I will be **meeting at the venue**

If you are assisting with transport:

Name of driver _____

ADULT BEHAVIOUR AGREEMENT

By signing this form, I acknowledge and agree to support the following expectations:

- I will uphold **Positive Sideline Behaviour** by encouraging all tamariki, showing respect to referees, coaches, and other whānau, and supporting fair play.
- I understand that **coaches coach and referees officiate**, and I will not interfere or give instructions from the sideline.
- I will ensure that my behaviour contributes to a **safe, inclusive, and respectful environment** for all participants.
- I agree with the Taumarunui Youth and Community Trust's and KCRU's **Positive Vibes Only** approach and will support their officials, staff, and volunteers in delivering sport for our tamariki.
- I understand that **poor sideline behaviour may result in myself or my child being removed** from the activity or event.

Let's work together to make school sports a positive experience for every child. By signing below, I agree to the above conditions.

Parents/Caregivers Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Petersen's Farm Tree Planting - Whole School Trip
Thursday 3rd September, 2026

Kia ora Koutou,

The permission for this trip is covered by the blanket consent form. If you have not signed the blanket consent, please email me with your child/ren's permission to attend.

We need lots of parent help for transport and planting for the day!

Please bring your gumboots and spades along. Children can dress in mufti for the day as they will no doubt get muddy!

Children (and our adult helpers) will need a big, healthy packed lunch. Remember to pack full water bottles too.

We will be leaving school at 9.15 am, returning back to school early afternoon.

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Adult helper name: _____ Mobile number: _____

I can transport _____ (number of children).

My car is fully road legal and I have the appropriate license.

Signed: _____