



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

Friday 29 March- Tuesday 2 April: Easter. School closed
Thursday 4 April: Environmental Day
Friday 5 April; Tough Kids. Hosted by Ohakune Primary
Monday 8 April Whanau Breakfast
Tuesday 9 April: Junior School farm visit. Market Gardening studies. 9.30-12 noon
Tuesday 9 April: Year 7 Immunisations
Friday 12 April: Celebration Assembly
Friday 12 April: End of Term One
Monday 29 April: Term Two Begins. Powhiri 9.15
Wednesday 1st May: School Photos including siblings
Wednesday 22nd-24th May: Senior Blue Mountain Adventure Camp. Raurimu
Tuesday 28 May: Sports Agility Day
Monday 3 June: King's Birthday. School closed
Tuesday 18 -19 June: 3 Way Conferences
Friday 28 June: Matariki Day. School Closed

Morning Tea with the Principal Week 9

Principal's Message

There are just two more weeks until Term 1 finishes! It has been filled with a wide range of quality learning experiences and our learners have really taken advantage of these opportunities!

I'd like to thank everyone for the support we have received...there is still however, a few days to go!

We do have a small break at the end of this week with the school closing this **Friday 29 March** and reopening on **Wednesday 3 April** for the Easter break. Please have a safe and restful long weekend and some beautiful family time.

As we are making preparations for Term 2 please note that I will be on sabbatical and Miss Rose Martin will be stepping up as Acting Principal in my absence. Miss Martin is an outstanding leader in our school and will ensure that the day to day running of our school will continue smoothly. She will also be supported by our fabulous senior leadership team. My sabbatical will be based locally with visits to New Zealand schools and kura with a trauma based study lens and I look forward to returning in Term 3.

Our new office space and staff room are now up and running and our staff are happy to be enjoying the new spaces. The ramp in front of Room 12-14 is awaiting hand railing so a huge thank you to everyone for supporting us during this disruptive time.

I want to thank our hard working team at OPS for being able to step up and support learning both in and out of the classroom. We have had some fine examples of this with our middle school returning from Ruatiti Domain for an overnight stay. They had a fantastic time enjoying the outdoor learning experiences and now they are unpacking some of those experiences through writing and sharing. For some of our learners it was their very first camping experience so HUGE thanks to the team of incredible parents who supported this major milestone.

Congratulation to our learners

There have also been lots of inter school swimming events lately-in Waiouru, Taihape and Whanganui, in which our tamariki represented us not only with excellence in the pool but also by showing our school values to the highest level - well done to the teams!

Last week we also had our largest ever group head to the Weetbix Try and they represented us with grit and determination. None of these activities can be attended unless supported by amazing you our amazing support crew- so a huge thank you to the staff and whānau who were there in all activities.

We have a group of learners who are heading to Napier this Easter weekend to attend Hui Aranga - Go well and travel safely- enjoy the competition and have fun! We look forward to hearing how you get on. Our basketball teams have been putting in great effort, with final games approaching. A big thank you to Justice for supporting our senior team with coaching.

Tough Kid

This event is coming up on Friday 5 April and the entries for this close this Thursday (tomorrow) - please enter your child via Skool Loop. This event is for Year 3-8 only. It is always a fun day and enjoyed by all of our participants. There will be no late entries after Thursday. Lunch will be provided for participants.

Behaviour

There have been some reports of concerning behaviour in our community and unfortunately, at times, this flows into our school with some learners struggling to manage themselves.

As a school, we work very hard to support all children with both learning and behavioural needs. Our community pantry, a student-led initiative that shares useful items and food products, has again been interfered with which is deeply disappointing, particularly when we see food being wasted and thrown on the street. If you are concerned about anything, please let us know.

We are a PB4L school and we have high expectations of our learners - please reinforce the messages of our PRIDE values at home and in the community: Participation; Respect; Integrity; Determination and the Environment.

Skool Loop

Skool Loop is an effective way for us to communicate with you for notices but it does require you to have the app downloaded. Our newsletter continues to be uploaded each fortnight onto Skool Loop and sent via email. You can also use Skool Loop to notify absences each day.

Seasonal change and lost property

The cooler months are upon us and it is time to rug up. Polar fleeces are available to purchase from the office but it is very important that these are named for easy return if misplaced. Kidscan jackets are on order and we will let you know when they arrive.

Morning Tea with the Principal

Room 5: Justin Thomas-Fredricksen	Room 9: Aaron Loram	Room 14: Zephaniah Paynter
Room 6: Fletcher Deadman	Room 10: Joey Macrae	S Block: Elise Drinkwater,Shay Church-Zweibruck, Fenix Crossfield
Room 7: Nyveh-Leigh Enoka	Room 11: Luca Mickleson	
Room 8: Orli Athukoralage Don	Room 12: Rya Baker	

Celebrating Children’s Achievements

Taha Tinana Awards Matiu Tihema, Colton Deadman, Madison Lee & Chelsea McLaughlan	Senior Awards Clair Deadman, Selena Macrae, Jessie Harding, Kyuss Chester-Freeman, Lila Doolan, Jayden Varley & Marley Evans	Ambassador Awards Makinli Nation & Everly-Rose Kristiansen
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Middle & Junior Awards

Left: Puti Goodwin, Lorenzo Bond, Idah Mcleman, Justin Thomas-Fredricksen, Luke de Joux, Diego Chapman-Mora & Aaliyah Hiroti-Stevens.

Right: Caitlin Drinkwater, Everly-Rose Kristiansen, Lachlan Blaney, Colton Deadman, Bodie Deadman, Makinli Nation, Ocean Thompson, Deziah-Jay Richards, Emmy Mott & Hannah Eley



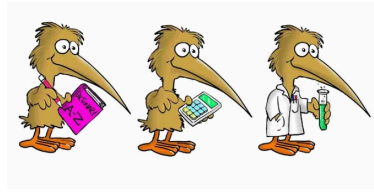
Aspiring Leadership Group



Photolife Classroom Photos.

WEDNESDAY 1st May

Classroom photos will be on Wednesday 1st May. Your children would have brought home a flyer for online ordering. If you wish your child/ren to have a sibling photo please complete the back of the flyer and return it to school BEFORE 1st May. The Photo Access Keys will be sent out after photo day.



2024 Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the Great KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum.

The competitions are open to all Year 5-8 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects.

The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2. All participating students will receive a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students.

Each exam costs \$9.90 to enter.

Students will have bought the notice home in the last few days. If you require a form or more information, please contact Rose Martin.

Entries need to be returned with the entry fee by Wednesday 8 May. (Week 2, Term 2)

No late entries can be accepted.

Please talk to your child's classroom teacher if this is something you'd like your child to do or alternately contact me to discuss! rmartin@ohakune.school.nz/ 063838384

Please note: Kiwi Exams for Spelling run later in the year

ENVIRO NEWS

Our Enviro Leaders are working on a special project this year.

We are extending our native area behind S Block and developing an outdoor classroom for our school. We have received a grant for \$2000 from Horizons and have a lot of native trees to plant! Along with this mahi, we need some native logs (any size) or big branches to help us add to the biodiversity and develop this area successfully.

If you are able to drop these off at school please contact Suzi Couch (0210526035).

We are planning a planting day on Wednesday 7th May. All classes will help with tree planting during the day (Juniors between 9:15 and 10:15, Middle School between 10:50 and 12:00, Seniors between 12:45 and 1:45). We hope you can come along and help your child plant a tree on the day.



Value of the Week Environment

This week we are exploring the school value of 'environment'. We are showing manaakitanga towards our environment by picking up rubbish and making environmentally friendly choices in our school lunch box-reusable containers and wax wraps.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

Ngā mihi

Lisa, Rose and the OPS team