



Newsletter

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Coming events

Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Tuesday 29 January	Term One begins. Powhiri 9am
Thursday 31 January	Family Fun Night. 5.pm Free Sausage Sizzle.
Tuesday 5 February	Family Fun night postponement day
Wednesday 6 February	Waitangi day. School closed
Tuesday 19-20 February	3 Way Conferences (goal Setting)
Thursday 21 February	Hearing and Vision
Wednesday 27 February	Senior Swimming Sports
Thursday 28 February	Senior Swimming Sports Postponement
Friday 1 March	Junior Swimming Celebrations
Wednesday 6 March	Venture Lodge. S Block
Wednesday 6 March	Junior Swimming postponement day
Wednesday 13 March.	Interschool Swimming-Waiouru
Tuesday 19 March	Ohakune Primary School Athletics
Thursday 21 March	Ohakune Primary School Athletics postponement day
Thursday 28 March	Interschool Swimming. Whanganui
Friday 29 March	Ruapehu Interschool Athletics. Raetihi School
Friday 12 April	End of Term One

Principal Message

Welcome

We warmly welcome everyone back for the 2019 school year. It is going to be an exciting year of learning, adventure and development for our tamariki. I am delighted to be the principal of such an amazing school and I look forward to seeing you all.

We have experienced steady roll growth and have a dynamic team of staff to support our learners. We welcome Sarah Rowe (Room 12) and Rene Allen (S Block) to our teaching team alongside our hardworking professionals.

We start the year with strong numbers in our junior school and have added two additional classes this year both in Year 1 and Year 4/5 to alleviate the stress of large class sizes. Jenny Grey rejoins us for Term 1 teaching Year 1 in Room 6.

Family Fun Night

We start the year with our first community event this Thursday night starting at 5.pm and we invite you to join us with a picnic and the kids. There will be a free sausage sizzle and plenty of games for the children. There will also be a PTA meeting in the staff room at 6.30pm. Our fun night is a great opportunity to meet our staff.

Sun Hats

School hats are compulsory for Term 1 and we ask your support in purchasing one for your child. Any child not wearing a school hat will be required to play under the shade sails or under the 'umbrella' tree. Hats are part of our school uniform and are purchased from the office for \$10. We hope you can support us in keeping your children SunSmart.



School hours

Our school day starts at **8.50am** and finishes at 3pm. If you wish to visit the school during the school day we ask you call by the office as a courtesy. We also keep our school gates closed at all times of the school day.

Assemblies

Assemblies are held every fortnight on Friday. Each class takes a turn at hosting and we welcome you to join us for this celebration of achievements. Singing assemblies are every other week.

Communication

We are always trying to find ways to communicate with whanau and have an 'open door' policy if there are any issues that arise. We are going to be sending home newsletters every fortnight as we are aiming to cut down on paper usage this year. We also have a Facebook page and use the SkoolLopp app that can be easily downloaded on a smart phone. This app is free and a place that we share messages etc.

Enviroschool

We are an Enviroschool and this year will be working on eliminating rubbish. Your child will be bringing home their lunchbox rubbish each day.

We are also a water only school so please support us with this.

Swimming

Swimming will be starting for all classes tomorrow. We will be swimming Monday to Thursday from Week 1 to 5. We only have a small window of opportunity for this and swimming is a compulsory part of our physical education programme.

Ohakune Primary School 2019 Swimming Timetable

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
10.45- 11.30	Room 12 and Room 10	Room 12 and Room 10	Room 12 and Room 10	Room 12 and Room 10
11.30- 12.15	Room 8 and Room 14	Room 8 and Room 14	Room 8 and Room 14	Room 8 and Room 14
12.15- 1.00	Room 6/ 7 and Room 11	Room 6/ 7 and Room 11	Room 6/ 7 and Room 11	Room 6/ 7 and Room 11
1.00- 1.45	S Block-Year 6	S Block-Year 6	S Block-Year 6	S Block-Year 6
1.45- 2.30	S Block- Year 7/ 8 and Room 9	S Block- Year 7/ 8 and Room 9	S Block- Year 7/ 8 and Room 9	S Block- Year 7* and Room 9



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Nga mihi.
Lisa Clark. Principal