

# OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter



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#### **Upcoming events**

October 26 2023. #15 Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Friday 27 October: Hunterville Cross Country Wednesday 1 November: Agricultural Day

Thursday 9 November: Cultural Festival at Raetihi School

Friday 14 November Athletics day Thursday 16 November: Team photos

Friday 17 November: Year 8 transition day at Ruapehu College

Wednesday 22 November Dance off

Friday 24 November: Teacher Only Day. School closed

Wednesday 29 November: Year 8 BIG Day out

**Principal's Award:** Olivia Lloyd, Hana Allen & Tcecayis Hagley

Morning Tea with the Principal

#### **Principal's Message**

Hopefully everyone had the chance to re energise over the long weekend- hasn't it been fabulous to see the sun shining and spring blossoms looking stunning. It has been an incredibly busy start to the term with the moving of our office. Our admin and staff room spaces awaiting a refurbishment - this project has been delayed due to illness and will start next week.

A reminder that this afternoon at 5.30pm we have our Relationship and Sexuality Education consultation evening. This will be in our new classroom space Heke Taumata. Our juniors have started the Keeping Ourselves Safe programme. All whanau will have received communication about the proposed teaching and learning programme in the different age groups. We look forward to seeing you at the information evening.



We have had much to celebrate since our last newsletter including two long awaited socials with a summery beach theme! These socials were well attended by our tamariki. There was loads of fun to be had and very cool dance moves shared. A huge thank you to our Ambassador team for the planning and preparation of these events.

Our Mathex teams headed to Whanganui to compete in the regional inter school event - their mathematical problem solving was put to the test in what I considered to be very hard papers. Thank you to Miss Heffernan for the preparation work over the preceding weeks and to our enthusiastic supporters.

#### **Smash Cricket**

Last week we saw the reignition of cricket in the Ruapehu with our inaugural Smash Cricket events. A massive thank you to Joel Clark with the support of Jason, for running these sessions on behalf of Whanganui Cricket. Joel has just returned from Canada, playing and coaching in the Ontario Club so brings a wealth of knowledge to our

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tamariki. Our kids had loads of learning & fun. There are Friday night Smash Cricket lessons now being run at Ruapehu College from 3.30-4.30 starting this Friday 27 October. Head along and join in the fun!!

#### "Black Out" Mufti Day

This Friday we will be having a 'Black Out' mufti day in support of our national rugby team - the All Blacks who are heading to the World Cup Final vs South Africa this weekend. There is no gold coin required but if your child can wear black we can send some photos off to the All Black team to show our support. Go the ABs!!

#### **Agriculture Day**

With spring comes our Lamb and Calf Day and school-wide Agriculture Day!

There are a range of opportunities for all learners to be involved in the day which supports and celebrates our awesome rural roots, even if you don't have a Lamb or Calf to compete with!

See information elsewhere in the Newsletter for details!

#### **Cultural Festival**

The Ruapehu Cultural Festival is coming up in Week 5 and our Kapa Haka group has been working super hard in preparation for this. Our Kapa Haka group has been supported by Mandy Hagley, Mrs Lucas, Mr Allen, Wayne TeHuia and Stephanie Waerea. Thanks also to Brenda Akapita who has also supported over the weeks. There will be an increase in practices as they get closer to this celebration. More details about the day and timing of our performance will be shared shortly.

#### **Interschool Cross Country - Orautoha**

Last week ended with our annual Waimarino cross country hosted by Orautoha on a simply stunning day. We had incredible results and the determination and grit shown by our competitors was something to be proud of. The top ten from Year 4- 8 will now head to Hunterville on Friday.



#### Year 2-3 girls

1st Bella Cranston 3rd Hana Pilbrow 8th Pippa McCoubrie 9th Sarina Marumaru

#### Year 2-3 boys

3rd Hunter Shields 4th Mason Kristiansen 7th Alexander Kumeroa- Ruhi 9th Leqiel Hiroti 10th Luke de Joux

#### Year 4-5 girls

2nd Ariella Tuck 5th Paige Lloyd 6th Everly-Rose Kristiansen 9th Makinli Nation 10th Raukura Hansen

Year 4-5 boys

6th Thomas Sherrit 7th Lachlan Gilberd 9th Owen de Joux

#### Year 6-7 girls

1st Jaylyn Hern 2nd Araceli Marsh 3rd Hana Harding 4th Lila Doolan 8th Amelia Warnock 9th Brooklyn Hovelle 10th Grace Sherrit

#### Year 6-7 boys

7th Jayden Varley 8th Lucas Senekal 9th Matiu Tihema

#### Year 8 girls

1st Maddie Demchy 2nd Maddie Whitehead 3rd Vanessa Ashford-Wallis 4th Paige Drinkwater 5th Maioha Wallace-Mcleod 6th Milla Smith-Horne

#### Year 8 boys

1st Ezekiel Paynter 2nd Mackenzie Marsh 3rd Jack Maclean 7th Jaeziah Waerea 8th Tate Mott



#### **Morning Tea with the Principal Week 3**

**Room 5:** Cullum Playle, Mason

Kristiansen

Room 6: Neiva Mcleman, Rocco

Bradnam

Room 7: Stasia-Indy Ponga, Leo Senekal

Room 8: Taylor Williamson, Tiaki

Lorimer-Awa

Room 9: Sarina Marumaru, Emma-Jean

Room 10: Mairere Wihare-Gray, Izaac Wu

Room 11: Tiana Grossart, Casey Kleinpaste

Room 12: Phoenix Warnock, Eva Hovelle

Room 14: Thomas Sherrit, Emmy Mott S Block: Rangiirunga Kingi-Mareikura, and Hana Harding, Claire Deadman, Violet Soverel



Coming home in your child's bag this week is the \$5 Duffy Book offer! There are some great titles in the offer and they will make fabulous Christmas gifts!

Please return your order to your child's classroom teacher or alternately to the school office by 3 November.

The books will be delivered to school early December. Any queries to Miss Martin: rmartin@ohakune.school.nz

#### **Celebrating Childrens' Achievements**

#### **Junior Awards**

Hunter Shields, Cullum Playle, Anahera Kohu, Leo Senekal, Lennox Durina, Kian Russel, Keelah Kohiti, Taiwiri Bishop, Charlotte Williamson, Reef Thompson, Hunter Gilberd, Diego Chapman Mora, Chelsea Mclauchlan, Rya Baker & Zhuolun Cui

### Middle/ Senior Awards

Paige Lloyd, Claire Deadman, Mali Chester-Freeman, Isla Paynter, Te Mihi Taylor, Maiterangi Wihare-Gray, Fontane Kayes, Mairere Wihare-Gray, Paige Drinkwater, Vanessa Ashford-Wallis, Mila Smith-Horne, lachlan Gilberd, PeehiPakoro King- Mareikura, Harper Evans & Te Rangamarie Hagley

#### **Ambassador's Award**

Paige Lloyd







#### **Mathex Awards**



# Year 8 (Left) Paige Drinkwater, Vanessa Ashford-Wallis, Molly Aitken & Maioha Wallace-Mcleod

Year 7 Grace Sherrit, Hana Harding, Heleyna Hammond & Dulcie





**School Socials** 



# Hooray!-It's that time again!

# Agriculture Day 2023!

Wednesday 1 November 2023

# **Junior School Competitions and Activities**

- Sand saucer
- Vegetable Sculpture
- Decorated cupcake- spring theme
  - Pet rock

## Middle and Senior School Competitions and Activities

- Pet Photography
- Best scone- sweet or savoury pinwheel
- Young Farmer of the Year Competition

**School-wide Competitions** 

Lamb and Calf Day!

**Best Dressed Farmer Competition** 

PTA BBQ will be running on the day!



**New Learning Challenges with "Smash Cricket"** 











Ruapehu Cricket Club



Value of the week

**Everyones wants to be treated well and with kindness.** 

Ngā mihi Lisa Clark Principal