



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

## Upcoming events

Wednesday 26 February  
Thursday 27 February  
Friday 28 February  
Monday 17 February  
Tuesday 10 March  
Thursday 12 March  
Tuesday 17 March  
Wednesday 18 March  
Thursday 19 March

Senior Swimming Sports  
PP Day Senior Sports  
Junior Swimming Celebrations  
BOT Meeting 5.30 (TBC)  
Marae Visit (10am) Junior School  
Interschool Swimming. Waiouru  
Whole School Athletics  
Weetbix Triathlon  
Athletics Postponement day

## Principal's Message

What do teachers do after school? The children always ask, so to finish off the end of Week 2, our teachers hosted assembly with laughter and fun as they presented to our children the answer to that question. Who knew they all slept at school?

Our school is a very happy place but from time to time we do have young people that forget to be the best they can be. We all contribute to our positive school culture but if at any stage you have any concerns, please feel free to come in and talk to us. Our door is always open. Staff are spending time talking with and teaching our learners about showing manaakitanga to each other and developing skills to help them achieve this. We'd love it if you can also reinforce this message at home- manaakitanga is caring and kindness.

### PTA

Our hardworking PTA are a great group of teachers and parents who make it their goal to fundraise for extra things around our school. They are holding their first meeting **tomorrow afternoon at 3.15pm** in the staffroom. Please join them if you can, as many hands make light work and all of our tamariki will benefit from the effort of the team.

### PRIDE tokens

As you may be aware, we have changed our positive reward system to a token system so when the children are caught doing something good they receive an instant positive. Our children are enjoying this as we have taken the focus off the individual and put it into the team, in this case our houses. House points can be accumulated in many ways and this is one of many that will go towards becoming the winning house at the end of each term. Children have responded quickly and positively to the change by wearing their hats to earn a token.

### Snow-sports

The pricing for the upcoming season in Term 3 is as follows:

\$79 season Pass (paid at RAL office)  
\$22 per session (x4) paid at school - rental and lesson  
\$5 - snow card fee if you have lost pass from last year.

\*Please note that when purchasing a season pass, the parent/guardian needs to mention the school name, first and last name of student. If a child has an existing pass from 2019, kindly have that in hand when making the purchase so RAL staff can reload the pass. This deal closes on **30 April 2020**.

Please also note there will be no chocolate sales this year to support the schools snow-sports programme

### A and P Show

This weekend is the A and P Show at the Raetihi Showgrounds. We encourage you to go online.

<https://toicomms.wixsite.com/waimarino-show> and look at all of the surprising and fun categories that your children can enter. Ohakune Primary School will be entering the school challenge....

**Principal's Award.** From left Amelia Carter, Manaia Setiu and Talei Phillips.



## Swimming Sports

Week 5 brings the end to our swimming season - we will be holding our senior swimming competition on Wednesday 26 February and the junior swimming celebration on Friday 28 February. Details will follow in next week's newsletter with times etc. The PTA will be running a sausage sizzle and selling moosies on both days. We look forward to you joining us.

## Morning Tea with the Principal Week 3

Room 7: JJ Sirett  
Room 8: Lance Chapman  
Room 9: Raukura Hansen

Room 10: Luca Boslem  
Room 11: Suriya Kristiansen  
Room 12: Jack MacLean

Room 14: Jackson Gamble  
S Block: Makita Boon, Freddy Carter & Hone Buckingham

## Celebrating Children's Achievements



**Junior School:** From left back, Reuben Brewer, Rosie Donald, Amaris Chrystal, Te Amorangi Renata, Ezekiel Sulkabula-Davison, Norah-Darling Paoratoho, Hannah Playle, Luca Boslem, Phoenix Warnock and Aadhya Deepak-Ram



**Above. Middle and Senior School:** From left back, Karanga Taura-Hawira, James Flower, Tyrone Usmar, Amelia Carter, Kayla McNie-Haitana, Marley Evans, Amelia Warnock, Tavita Setiu, Judea Gilbert and Jackson Gamble

## Young Leaders at Ohakune Primary School 2020

Introducing the House Captains for **Maire House**



Olivia Gray and Manaia Kingi-Mareikura

Olivia's goal as a House Captain is to help people in her house.

"I like sports like rugby, athletics and cross country so I can help with those and I enjoy working with our teina!"

Manaia's goal is to be a leader and a role model.

"I enjoy working with the teina and I also enjoy sports, especially touch as I like being part of a team and working together to achieve more. I work hard to be the best I can be!"



## 3 Km Fun Run Saturday 22 Feb

It's a great FREE event for the local kids to experience what a race feels like and to cross a big finish line, this would also be a great practice event for those kids who are going to participate in the Iron Kid or Weetbix Tri in coming months.



**HOW TO ENTER:** Just turn up and enter on the day, sign your name. Note that Parents or Caregivers must sign on behalf of their children if 12 years or below on the day of the event.

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**Introducing the 2020 Camelbak Ruapehu Express 'FUN RUN'.**

This is a short distance fun event open to anyone to run or walk. The trail winds through beautiful native bush alongside the crystal clear Mangawhero river. It is safe, fun, achievable and you get to be part of the big event, so why not give it a go?

**DATE:** Saturday 22 February 2020.  
**TIMES:** 11:30am Race Briefing.  
12:00pm Race Start.

**LOCATION:** Please gather at outside the Powderkeg, Thames St, Ohakune at 11:30 for a briefing then a short walk to the start line on Ohakune Mountain Road opposite Ngāti Rangi offices.

**COURSE:** Mangawhero Forest Trail loop track. Start and finish at the Junction, Ohakune right outside the Powderkeg. Note that we have traffic management set up on the Ohakune Mountain Road that ensures the safety of runners.

**OPEN TO:** Anyone who can run or walk. Children 8 years or under on the event day must be accompanied by an adult.

**COST:** Free of charge.

**WHAT YOU GET:** A safe run or walk, race number, official race time, be part of the big event.

**WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING:** Appropriate footwear.

## Introducing Mia Foskin and Jess Douglas



Ohakune School welcomes Mia Foskin and Jess Douglas to our staff.

Mia (left) comes from Auckland and is teaching in Room 10. She is very excited to be part of our school and has a great love of the outdoors.

Jess (right) is from the Bay of Islands and will be teaching in Room 9. Jess is mum to one-year old Charlie and is very excited to be part of our team.

## Introducing School Leaders- Ambassadors 2020 Azlian Wall



I wanted to be an Ambassador because I wanted to help teachers out and I wanted this year to be a year where there are no kids being mean to other kids. I support and role model Manaakitanga and I think this is really important.

Already this year Finn and I have started running Ambassador sport and Capture the Flag has been really popular! Being positive role models for our kids is easier this year because we have a good group of Ambassadors who support and guide each other and challenge ourselves to be awesome.

## Netball 2020

### Term 1

**Day:** Wednesday

**Time:** 3-3.45pm

**Where:** At school

**Starts:** Wednesday 04 March 2019

**How long:** 6 sessions. Last one on 08 April 2020.

**How to sign up:** Add your name to the list in the office.

**PARENTS:** We would appreciate parent help due to the number of children who have expressed interest. All info will be provided. Coaching workshop with Irene Van Dyke is scheduled for end of February 2020 for parents who will be involved. Please contact Leba on 0211787228 for info.

## MusicRoom

Music lessons start again this Friday 14 February at Ohakune Primary School. As many of you may know already, I am starting a program at Ruapehu College this term, and so some of my students may be better suited to have their lessons there. This will also provide more opportunities to develop our community band program. Could you please make sure your child has their instrument (as appropriate) and their music and tutor books on Friday and we will do our best to see everyone. I will send invoices out on Thursday. Please note that I have updated our terms and conditions. If you have any questions please get in touch. Shannah and I are looking forward to another great year at Ohakune Primary School. *Kathy*



### Value for the week Participation

When we take part in our learning, it means we are listening, sharing our ideas, completing tasks and helping others to learn too!

Lisa Clark  
Principal