



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

Thursday 27 February
Friday 28 February
Monday 2 March
Tuesday 3 March
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Wednesday 4 March
Tuesday 10 March
Thursday 12 March
Tuesday 17 March
Wednesday 18 March
Thursday 19 March

Senior Sports postponement day
Junior Swimming Celebrations
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River Safety Walk. Rooms 7,10,11
Meet the Teacher. Open Classrooms
River Safety Walk. Rooms 8-9
Marae Visit (10am) Junior School
Interschool Swimming. Waiouru
Whole School Athletics
Weetbix Triathlon
Athletics Postponement day

Principal's Message

ERO

At the end of 2019 we had our school evaluation review completed by the Education Review Office (ERO). I am pleased to let you know that the report is now available on the ERO website. The review is pleasing and we can celebrate as a school community the efforts and hard work that has gone in to make our school a successful place for our tamariki. We know our work will not stop here and as we continue to improve, our school will be moving further forward to provide equity and excellence to all of our learners. The link to the review can be found as follows:

<https://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/ohakune-school-04-02-2020/>

Swimming

We have almost reached the middle of the term and with this comes the end of our swimming lessons at the pools. We conclude this week with our senior swimming sports tomorrow and our junior celebration on Friday. It is quite remarkable the improvement of our tamariki as they have enjoyed their swimming lessons. We are hopeful that you are able to join us at either(or both) of these events to celebrate the efforts in learning. Thursday will be a free swim day so all classes need to bring their togs and towel.

Thank you to our PTA, who are running a sausage sizzle and moosies/ juices fundraiser. This fundraiser will be running from the start of the event and throughout the day. I also wish to thank those parents who have volunteered time to support our learners at the pool.

Goal setting evening

Next week on Tuesday 2 March each class will be holding an open classroom for you to be able to come in and meet our teachers if you have not been able to already. We will be running this slightly differently this year with

Junior Classes (Room 7-11) open from 3pm - 4pm.

Senior classes (Room 12,14 and S Block) will be taking bookings for goal setting meetings starting at 3.00-5.30pm. We see it as an important time for you to meet briefly with the teacher and discuss your child's learning goals. A booking form will come home for the middle and senior classes.

Straw-bale house (pictured below)

Our senior students made the most of an opportunity to see a unique house in Kowhai St last Friday. We thank Evan for making this opportunity happen and know our children asked some highly investigative questions. Next week the

Morning Tea with the Principal Week 4

Bodie Deadman, Bear Soverel, Shay Church-Zweibruck, Hayley Moore, Charlie Whitehead, Simeon Taura-Hawira, Wilson Chambers, Aria Ashby, Colton Deadman





junior classes are heading out on their river safety walk. It is great to see our classes take opportunities to learn in our special environment.

Buses

Due to high bus roll numbers for Ohakune School and Ruapehu College, the Ministry of Education is currently reviewing the Go Bus service in our Ruapehu area. We have a large number of children who are accessing the bus service that are not eligible to travel on a Go Bus. These buses are funded by the Ministry of Education. As more information comes to light, we will let you know of any changes. This may have an impact on some families that may cause some inconvenience beyond our control.

Uniform

As we start to feel the temperature dip, can you please ensure that your child continues to wear our school uniform with PRIDE. Non-school uniform items such as hoodies and sweatshirts are not part of what is worn to school. The children are to wear a school polar fleece and Kidscan jackets in the cooler months. We appreciate your support with this as our children look great in their uniforms.

Morning Tea with the Principal- Week 5

Room 7: Unique Walkley
Room 8: Troy Rhodes
Room 9: Jessie Harding

Room 10: Serenity Thompson
Room 11: Kaeden Trow
Room 12: Maddie Demchy

Room 14: Rangiiunga Kingi-Mareikura
S Block: Yoko Story, Isla Thompson
and Ankita Sajwan

Celebrating Children's Achievements

Ambassadors Award

From left: Bodie Deadman, Makita Boon & JJ Sirrett



Middle & Senior Awards

From back left: Izybel Graham, Fletcher Mason, Azlian Wall, Manaia Setiu, Nate Holloway, Jack MacLean, Jahkaiah Reid-Anderson, Mali Chester-Freeman and Hihirangi Mareikura-Graham



Principals Award

Left: Amorangi Mareikura-Graham



Ohakune Primary School Motocross Team

For any students keen on motocross and interested in participating in 2 Primary School events coming up in March. There are a range of age and bike categories to suit all abilities.

Events:

King of the Schools - 6th March @ North King Country Motocross Club, enter online at www.nkcmcc.co.nz.

Rotorua MCC Primary School Challenge – 21st March, entry forms available on the Rotorua Motorcycle Club Facebook page.

If you have any questions or need any help to enter contact Andy Bennett on 0274 385 030

Junior Swimming Carnival

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY

10:30am - 2:00pm

We will be leaving school at 10:20am.

It would be great to have some whānau helpers meet us for the walk down to the pools.



SHOWCASES !

11.00am - Room 6/7

11.15am - Room 8

11.30am - Room 9

11.45am - Room 10

12.00pm - Room 11

PTA BBQ!
SAUSAGES,
MOOSIES &
JUICIES - \$2 EACH

Young Leaders at Ohakune Primary School Introducing the House Captains for **Kahikatea House**



Connor Anderson (left)

I reckon my role is to help the little kids when they need it and show them what to do.

I'm interested in helping people and in Tabloids.

I like reading fantasy novels like; David Gemmel and Raymond Feist and I like running. I'm good at cross country.

Jordi Demchy (right)

I like helping little kids when they need it and being a role model.

I enjoy sports, especially running and I like art, a lot! I look forward to seeing all of our house members wearing their hats and participating in everything!



Straw Bale House- Noticing's from S Block Learners

- It was smaller than I thought it would be!
- It was a really cool way of building- environmentally friendly and it was interesting to find out how to do it.
- It is cheap and resourceful and it has really good insulation- it might only drop one degree inside overnight on a cold night. A wooden house doesn't do that!
- It's great in earthquakes! It doesn't burn so it's really safe!
- We learned a lot about the building technique and I reckon we could probably build one now!
- The oldest straw bale house that Evan knows of that is still lived in to this day is in France. It is 130 years old!
- It takes on average 25+ years to grow a pine tree. It takes 6 months to grow wheat or barley and straw is a by-product of these. They burn tonnes of barley straw to dispose of it. Evan thinks it would be better to use this by product to build houses as well as being more environmentally friendly.

Netball Coaching with Irene

A big thank you to Irene and Netball Central and to Pub Charity Limited for the grant of \$3995.10 for Netball Uniforms and equipment. The logo can be found

here <https://www.pubcharitylimited.org.nz/donations/download-our-logo/>

Leba Phillips



Value for the week Respect

This week we are focusing on the school value of RESPECT. We are supporting our learners to show this to each other and staff, their learning and our wonderful environment.

Lisa Clark
Principal