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OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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**Kia ora koutou/Greetings**

## Upcoming events

Wednesday 2 March: 3 Way Goal Setting  
Wednesday 2 March: Swimming Celebrations  
Thursday 3 March: Swimming Celebrations  
Tuesday 8 March: 3 Way Goal Setting  
Tuesday 8 March: Vision and hearing testing  
Monday 28 March: Board Meeting. 5.30.Staffroom  
Tuesday 22 March: Whanganui Interschool swimming (Years 4-6) TBC  
Thursday 24 March:Whanganui Interschool swimming (Years 7-8) TBC  
Tuesday 29 March: School photos  
Friday: 1 April: Tough Kids. TBC  
Wednesday 6 April: Duffy Theatre  
Thursday 7 April: Science Roadshow (Years 4-8)  
Friday 15 April: End of Term One  
Monday 2 May: Term Two begins. Powhiri TBC

## November Numeracy Challenge Results

Congratulations to our 2021 Year 5s, who finished 1st place in New Zealand and 66th in the World (out of over 1600 schools from 57 different countries) in the November Numeracy Challenge last year. Mathletics (the organisers of the challenge) sent them some goodies and a certificate each for their accomplishments.

### Principal message

It's our first official newsletter for the 2022 school year and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new learners and whanau. It has not taken long for all classes to be well established with their routines, there are plenty of smiling children and learning opportunities happening across the school. I hope our new tamariki and their families have settled into our wonderful school. Remember we are all here to help and have an open door policy for anything you may need to know.

A huge welcome to Laura Baker (pictured right) who is teaching in Room 9, Kristi Nation (pictured left) who joins our support staff and Gary Griffin-Chappel and Bridget MacLean who are our lunch team. We also welcome Vanessa Murphy and her family back from Samoa.

### Covid - Omicron

We are again finding ourselves navigating uncharted territory as the Omicron variant has taken hold in Aotearoa - unlike in previous years the Ministry of Education has made it clear that schools will remain open for learning - this may be offsite with home learning and on site at school.



The key message from us is; we are taking every measure to ensure OPS is a Covid preventative environment and the culture of our school is to keep everyone safe while keeping great teaching and learning happening.

The things we can do to mitigate risks for our learners and staff are the following:

wearing masks, regular hand washing and sanitising of spaces, physical distancing and trying to keep our spaces ventilated (challenging in the heat).

If we do have any alerts to Covid positive case(s), we will work with the Ministries of Education and Health to support our children, staff and whanau. Our best methods of communication are via email and txt so please ensure your details are up to date.

### **Some friendly reminders:**

Our school day starts at **8.50am** and the day ends at **3pm**. Buses have departed by 3pm so please feel free to drive in but be considerate of others and watch out for our kids. The road patrol crossing is where we cross the road. You will also notice there is a parking bay by the kindergarten, please feel free to use this.

Please remember if your child is unwell, keep them home and call the office to let us know of their absence.

If you are coming on site to school at any time of the day, please sign in at the office and wear a mask. We especially need this for our contact tracing.

### **Lunches**

Our lunches will start next week on Monday 21 February. We appreciate everyone's patience while we have had our kitchen renovated and we know the kids are looking forward to having yummy lunches. View our first week's menu on page 3.

### **Swimming**

Due to the Red setting we will be running our end of season swimming celebrations in a different way in Week 5. We are unable to have large groups at the pool so will be swimming in arranged groups. Information for this will be sent home next week to let you know how we will live stream or record the class. We will be running our championship and non championship races in the normal way but without large spectator groups and on separate days. There will be a PTA fundraising BBQ on Wednesday 2 March where there will be sausages and moosies available.

## **Celebrating Children's Achievements**



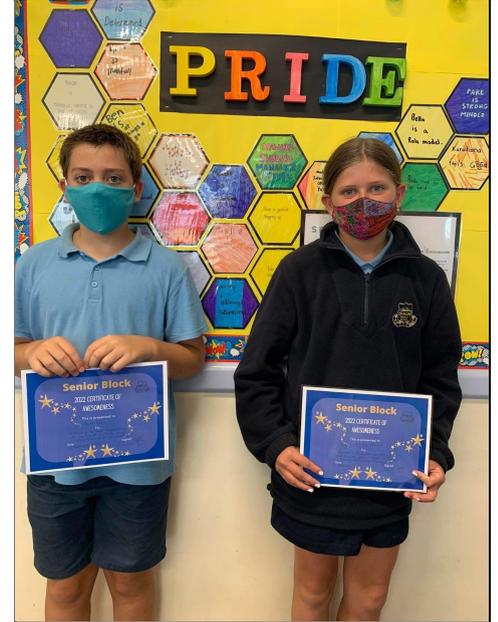
**Junior Awards:** from left Pippa McCoubrie, Kaia Hansen, Ariki Paul-Te Huia & Harvey Rowe

**Junior Awards:** from left Tiaki Lorimer-Awa & Grace Rutland

**Junior Awards:** from left Berlyn Edwards & Te Kehu Chadwick-Edwards



**Senior Awards:** above from left Matiu Tihema, Isla Paynter & Hana Harding.  
**Right** from left Ben Lee & Leah Lochhead.



### Morning Tea with the Principal Week 3

<b>Room 5:</b> Berlyn Edwards	<b>Room 8:</b> Manaia Hansen	<b>Room 11:</b> Julius Kumeroa-Ruri	<b>S. Block</b> Maddison Hika-Wright Laykin Horne & Cody Playle
<b>Room 6:</b> Tod Macrae	<b>Room 9:</b> Makinli Nation	<b>Room 12:</b> Nhicca Buan	
<b>Room 7:</b> Addison Tuck & Tiriti Herewini-Epiha	<b>Room 10:</b> Dean-Karl Hiroti	<b>Room 14:</b> Fenix Crossfield	

# Healthy and Delicious!

## OUR WEEKLY MENU -1



### Monday

**Torpedo Roll, with roast chicken, egg and ranch slaw**

**Mini Apple**  
Hidden vegetable raspberry muffin



### Tuesday

**Caprese Sandwich with pesto**  
Pressed sandwich of pulled pork, mozzarella and edam with salad and pesto

**Orange Wedges**  
Corn chips with tomato salsa dip



### Wednesday

**Ham and Cheese sandwich**  
Molenburg bread, sliced ham, cheese, mayonnaise salad

**Bobby Banana**  
Chewy apricot muesli bar



### Thursday

**Farmhouse Roast Beef Sandwich**  
Farmhouse bread, roast beef, salad, beetroot relish and mayonnaise

**Carrots, rice crackers and guacamole**  
Low fat fruit yoghurt



### Friday

**Tuna, Cheese and Salad Wrap**  
wholemeal wrap, ranch dressing salad, grated cheese and tuna

**Fresh Pineapple wedge**  
Ginger, Oat and Pear Cake GF/LF



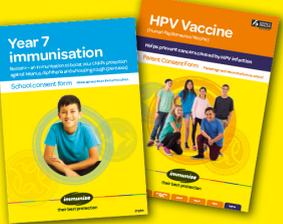
Special diets with allergens that fit within the 11 NZ recognised allergens will always be catered for and menu items adjusted accordingly.

## HPV Vaccinations Years 7-8

If your child is in **Year 7 or 8** they'll be offered important **free** immunisations at school. These will help protect them against serious diseases, and will also help protect your whānau and our wider community.

Ask your child for the consent form they've been given for you to read, sign and return to school.

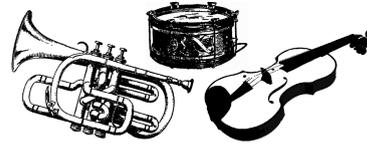
**For more information:**  
Talk to the **Public Health Nurse**  
visit [health.govt.nz/imms-older-children](http://health.govt.nz/imms-older-children)  
or call **0800 Immune**



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New Zealand Government

## Music Lessons



Miss Grant will be offering after-school music tuition on a range of instruments this year. If you are interested in learning piano/keyboard, saxophone, violin please contact me on 0272777784.



Are you looking for a challenge for the end of February???

Ironkidz is back for 2022! There are two events: The triathlon for everyone aged 7 – 15 years old, and a Splash & Dash event for 5 – 7 year olds. To complete the triathlon, competitors complete a swim, followed by a bike ride, followed by a run or you can do a team as part of a team of three, which means you swim or bike or run. you can also enter as a team of two, one of you will do two of the three legs (swim, bike, run). You will also get an event number and swim cap, Wairakei Estate Ironkidz Certificate, Wairakei Estate Ironkidz medal.

**In 2022–This will be completed virtually. this means that each leg of the race will need to be timed by yourself and then entered online at ironkidz.**

**To enter go to...**

**<https://www.ironkidz.com/entry.html>**

**Each entry costs \$25**

What are the rules of the Ironkidz Virtual Event?

The only “rules” for a virtual event is that you need to complete the entire event within 4 days of the original event date of Sunday 27 February. There is no requirement to do it as a swim-bike-run in one session, you can do it in three separate sessions. If you can't safely get a swim in or alert levels forbid it, make yours a duathlon (run-bike-run).

The safest option for the swim leg is in a pool, if possible. If you are doing your swim in open water, make sure you are visible to everyone else and have a spotter with you.

Swim Leg 300m

Your bike could be on a static bike but if you are on the road, choose the safest routes and always obey all traffic laws.

Bike leg- 8km

Your run could be on a treadmill or around your local neighbourhood, but always be safe and be seen.

Run leg- 2km

Record the time you take to complete each leg. Once you have finished all three, submit your times to Active. There are more details on the website!



**Value of the Week**

**Respect**

Everyone likes to be treated well and with kindness

Nga mihi  
Lisa Clark  
Principal

