



# OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter



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**Kia ora koutou/Greetings**

## Upcoming events

Thursday 26 May to 3 June: Life Education  
 Friday 27 May: William Pike Fundraiser: Juicies/moosies \$2 each  
**Monday 6 June: Queens Birthday: School closed**  
 Wednesday 8 June: Venture Lodge. S Block  
 Thursday 9 June: 3 Way Conferences  
 Tuesday 14 June: 3 Way Conferences  
**Friday 24 June: Matariki Holiday. School closed**  
 Friday 8 July: End of Term Two  
 Monday 25 July: Term Three begins

Right: Morning Tea with the Principal on Pink Tee Shirt day

## Principal's message

Thank you to everyone for their support as we are navigating our most tricky week of Covid for our staff. As a school we are doing all we can to support our learners - we certainly appreciate the small pool of relief staff we have in challenging times. We continue to follow all the health and safety guidelines recommended by the Ministry of Health including mask wearing, which is highly recommended. Staff who have not yet tested positive are testing as part of their daily routine. If your family requires Rapid Antigen tests - please let us know as we have a plentiful supply.

Our kitchen will be back up and running next Monday for delicious lunches - a huge thank you to Ebony Wood who has been here to support those learners who needed lunch.

## Snowsport stars visit us

(right pictured Cory Peters and Charlie Gilbert)

On Tuesday we were very lucky to have some very special visitors to our school - our world champion snow sport stars Jess Hotter, Adam Hall, Corey Peters, Zoi Sadowski-Synnott and Nico Porteous. We are thankful that NZ Snowsports were able to bring these fabulous NZ role models to our school for our kids to meet. Thank you also to RAL as we had a special appearance from Yeti.

## Life Education

We welcome Mr Mark Keelty and Harold to our school - our children really enjoy the learning experiences Mark has to share. There will be multiple lessons shared across the school which are relevant to the learning needs of the age group. Some examples of this are learning about friendship and safety online to name a few.



## Senior school life

Our Ambassadors headed to National Young Leaders yesterday in Palmerston North and intend to share all their fabulous learning from this experience next week.

The entire Year 8 group are also heading down to Palmerston North on Monday next week to participate in the Tough Girl/Guy Challenge. Enjoy the challenge of this everyone and don't forget to show that grit and determination you have.

We are also very fortunate to be able to reconnect with Auckland Grammar School and our senior school will be heading to Venture Lodge on Wednesday 8 June to participate in their leadership and outdoor education programme.

## Assessment and reporting to parents

Across the school, teachers have been continuing ongoing monitoring of your child's learning through relevant assessment and evidence of your child learning. We will be following up with through 3 way conferences after school on Thursday 9 June and Tuesday 14 June. We have reactivated Taonga Books which are an ongoing record of learning for your child. Please lock either of these dates in your calendar as there will be no written report for mid year. The interview booking will be on the Skool Loop app next week for you to book a time.

<b>Morning Tea with the Principal Week 5 (Tuesday)</b>			
<b>Room 5:</b> Taiwiri Bishop	<b>Room 8:</b> Hunter Shields	<b>Room 11:</b> Aryia Davies	<b>S. Block</b> Casey Pearson, Fletcher Mason Maioha Wallace-McLeod
<b>Room 6:</b> Maliah McLeod	<b>Room 9:</b> Mairere Wihare-Gray	<b>Room 12:</b> Sebastian Paul- Te Huia	
<b>Room 7:</b> Ricco-Lee Hawira	<b>Room 10:</b> Lucas Mareikura	<b>Room 14:</b> Claire Deadman	

## Board News

<b>Term 2 Week 3</b>
<p>Welcome back everyone to Term 2!</p> <p>Twice a term the Board would like to share with you some of the tasks we do as a school Board.</p> <p>One of our primary roles and focus is to ensure that every student at our school can reach their highest possible standard in educational achievement. To do this, in collaboration with our staff, students and community, at the beginning of each year we approve a Strategic and Annual Plan which outlines the direction, long term goals and all the steps being taken to achieve these. It is a fantastic document that outlines the long-term direction and goals of our school and all the amazing steps our teachers, students, parents and community are taking to achieve these. It is available for anyone to view on the Ohakune School website under Parent Information/School Documents.</p> <p>Elections are coming up in September and if being on a school board is something you have considered getting involved with, it is really a great way to be involved in the long term achievement of our school! Any enquiries are welcome and you can email Sarah on <a href="mailto:chair@ohakune.school.nz">chair@ohakune.school.nz</a> for more information.</p>

## **IMPORTANT**

**Please contact the office if any of your contact or address details have changed.  
Thank you.**



**Hey kids – need extra pocket money?**

The Ruapehu Bulletin requires Wednesday morning deliverers in Ohakune.  
Phone Robert on 06-385-8532.

## Cleaner Wanted

Ohakune Primary is seeking an enthusiastic person to work in our fabulous school, 2.5 hours per day (12.5 hours per week) Monday to Friday.

If this sounds like you please contact the Principal Lisa Clark on 0273887581 for further information.

## Snowsports

If your child is interested in competitive snowsports during term Three, please visit Skool loop for more information or contact the office. *Whaea Tash*



Bushy Park near Whanganui is a great place to visit and has no entry fee. It is peaceful, restful and beautiful, Tarapurui Bushy Park is one of Whanganui's most popular tourist destinations and is well loved by locals.

Rākau o te tau / Tree of the year Aotearoa is a competition for all New Zealanders. An interactive celebration of the special trees that are part of our lives and communities.

**visit [treeoftheyear.co.nz](http://treeoftheyear.co.nz) and vote for RATANUI**  
**Voting closes 31 May 2022.**

Pictured: Bushy Park's Keith Beautrais from Forest and Bird, with Rya Baker, Hamish Drummond, Troy Rhodes and Cooper Burnett



## Value of the Week

### Determination

This value is based around persevering in new learning, new relationships and taking on new experiences. We support our learners by giving them the opportunity to develop the skills through targeted experiences and classroom learning and they are amazing.

Ngā mihi  
Lisa Clark  
Principal