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# OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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**June 1 2022**

**Kia ora koutou/Greetings**

**Upcoming events**

**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

**Principal's Award:** left Puti Goodwin, Van Gray & Maioha Wallace-McLeod

## **Principal's Message**

What makes our school special - our tamariki, our team and the rich opportunities in learning! Week 4 was certainly an example of this with a wide range of exciting learning programmes and celebrations that were occurring in and around our school, and all this, despite disruptions to staffing with Covid.

It feels timely that we have a long weekend coming up as many people are feeling fatigued so we hope you have time to relax and recharge over the weekend - remember the school is closed on **Monday 6 June** for Queen's Birthday.

## **Learning Conversations**

3-way conferences are coming up next week and these are very important conversations to support your child's learning journey. These will be held on **Thursday 9 June** and again on **Tuesday 17 June**. We will be using the Skool Loop app for you to create your own booking. This portal on the Skool Loop app is now **open**. We are required to report to parents twice a year and this year, as we are using the Taonga books, no written report will be sent home for this mid-year report back on learning.

## **Celebrations**

Hosting our special NZ Snow Sports stars was a highlight and Jess, Zoi, Adam and Corey were greeted with a powhiri from our Kapa Haka group and a warm welcome from the wider school at a special assembly. It was inspiring for our learners to hear about how each of these amazing individuals overcame challenges to get to where they are today.

Yeti also made a surprise appearance and thank you RAL for dropping off some goodies which we will share with our kids. Thank you also to some of our boys who farewelled the team with an emotional spontaneous haka.



## Learning Opportunities

Our Ambassadors headed to Palmerston North last week to participate in the [National Young Leaders Day](#). What a fabulous learning opportunity! Again our leaders were inspired by some fantastic presenters Sam Johnson - founder of the Student Volunteer Army, Riley Hathaway - Ocean educator and founder of Young Ocean Explorers, Georgina Lines - singer/songwriter and Georgia Latu - CEO of Pōtiki Poi at age 15. All presenters shared similar messages around being resilient, the importance of remembering the why, gathering a good team around you, finding the good and speaking positively to ourselves as we work to overcome challenges and solve problems. Our kids certainly need this as we face an ever changing world.

Thank you to Miss Martin and Mrs Phillips for transporting our kids.

**Life Education** lessons had begun and Mr Keelty and Harold shared their messages across the school starting with our junior classes and what makes a good friend. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, lessons have been postponed until Term 4. We look forward to seeing Mr Keelty and Harold back then. Our juniors have been also receiving the messages of safe play as we have had a few small incidents of a social media game surface in the playground. Lessons continue until the end of this week for the rest of the school.

Classes are also utilising the [House of Science](#) learning kits and there have been multiple experiences initiated in classes to help support the development of curious minds.

Our senior school head to [Venture Lodge](#) supported by Auckland Grammar School and their Year 12 leaders. We have a great relationship with AGS and we appreciate the opportunity for learning with them outdoors.

## Tough Guy and Gal Challenge

Our Year 8 learners also went to Palmerston North on Monday for the Tough Guy/Gal challenge - the wet and miserable day did not dampen their spirits and enthusiasm in this challenging event. Mud, mud, glorious mud and a fantastic water slide, coupled with a challenging course full of obstacles were all conquered by a fun and supportive group of learners, some of whom surprised themselves at how well they did! Thanks to Miss Murphy for getting out there on the course and competing alongside our akonga!



## Targa Fun

A massive thank you to Donna and Ken Summerhays, Nicki Flower, Miss Martin, Brian and Fletcher Mason, Miss Duncan, Mr Allen, Jason Clark and Mrs Whale for supporting the senior school in the early hours of Saturday morning - these wonderful people have raised \$800 towards the senior school camp through marshalling at the Targa Rally.

## Waihohonu Hut Tramp

Room 1 and 2 in Senior Block were lucky enough to find a break in the weather on Thursday last week to get out into the amazing outdoors that surround us. Supported by whanau we were able to gain a different perspective on our maunga tramping in from the Desert Road to this scenic hut, seeing some of the volcanic geography and geology as we walked. Thank you to everyone who supported this to happen for our learners.



## Lost Property

We again have an accumulation of lost property forming – please can you check your child's clothing is named clearly so we can return it easily.

## William Pike Challenge Team

The Pikelets' are very grateful to everyone at school who supported their “Juicies and Moosie” Fundraiser- all proceeds go towards their next exciting adventure! Thank you all very much!

### Morning Tea with the Principal Week 6

<b>Room 5:</b> Lachan Sefton	<b>Room 8:</b> Cooper Burnett	<b>Room 11:</b> Tohumairangi Te Riaki	<b>S. Block</b> Paoroa Kumeroa James Flower Lily Taylor
<b>Room 6:</b> Angus Worth	<b>Room 9:</b> Kataleya -Jaye Taylor-Condon	<b>Room 12:</b> Elise Drinkwater	
<b>Room 7:</b> Arabella Olson	<b>Room 10:</b> Mackenzie Phillips	<b>Room 14:</b> Jahkaiah Reid-Anderson	

### Celebrating Children's Achievements

**Duffy Awards:** back row Haylie Edmonds, Matthew Markenstein, Ben Lee, Nette Bussell, Thamdi Rogers-Gerbault, Selena Macrae, Lennox Durina, Rya Baker, Madison Lee, Amelia Warnock, Tiaki Lorimer-Awa & Alexis Fredricksen.

**Junior Awards from back row** (with Harold), Unique Walkley, Matai Deaman, Ngairoa Wallace-McLeod, Joaquin Buan, Maliah McLeod, Bodie Deaman, Kaia Hansen, Luca Mickleson and Chethula Koparahewa

**Middle & Senior Awards** (with Harold) from back row: Felicity Moraes, Chase Tutemahurangi, Wilson Chambers, Jessie Harding, Thomas Sherrit, Hazel Terry, Maiterangi Wihare-Gray, Dulcie Gunnell, Holly Vincent & Sophia Young.



**Above** Tough guys, gals challenge.

**Below middle :** National Young Leaders

**Below right.** Ohakune Primary Years 5-6 rugby team took part in the contributing schools rugby taking out 5th place.



## BABY & INFANT FIRST AID - RAETIHI 🇳🇿👶

Kiaora To all our Ece/primary School Whanau,  
Ruapehu REAP are fortunate to have Sandra from Meditrain back to deliver one of her popular Baby and Infant first aid sessions.

This session is very important if you're a parent or caregiver of an under 5yr old, or even if you are around tamariki! 👣

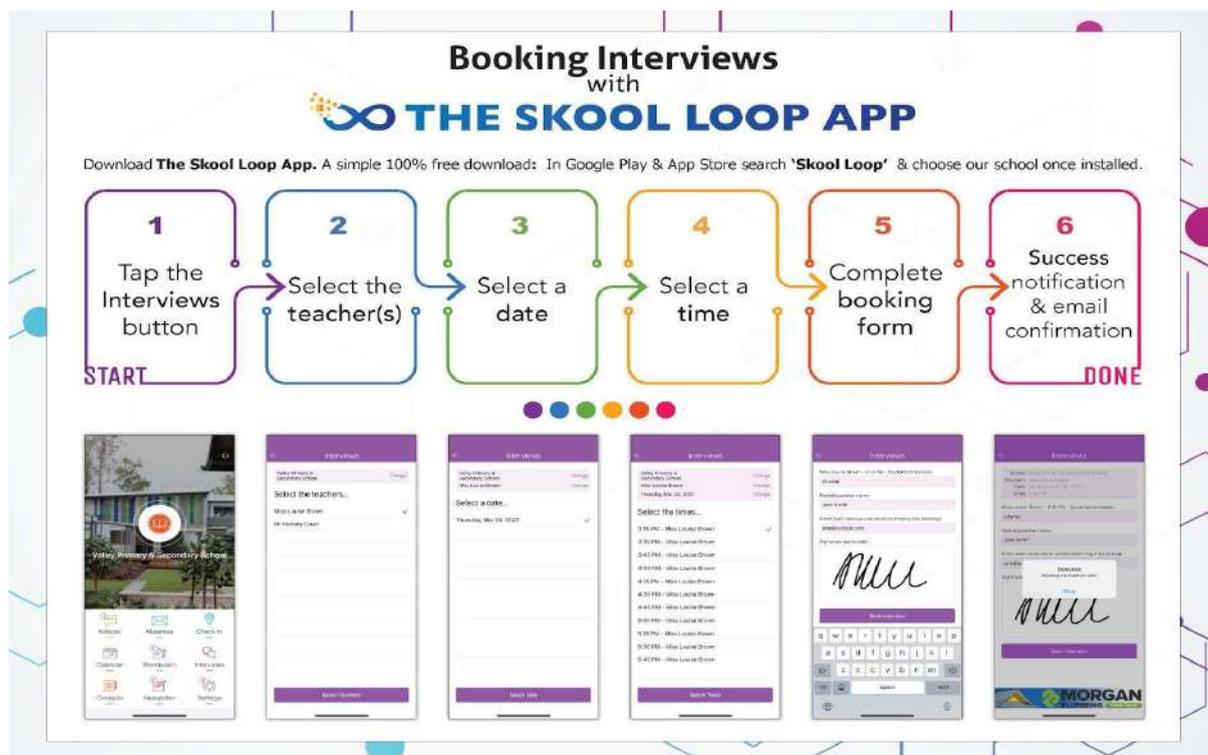
Call our Waimarino office on (06)3858199 and get in touch with Mandy or Stephanie to register for the session - don't miss out! 📞

## IMPORTANT

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

## 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*



## 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