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OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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**June 15 2022**

**Kia ora koutou/Greetings**

**Upcoming events**

**Friday 17 June Hot Chocolate Fundraiser. \$2 per Cup**

**Friday 24 June: Matariki Holiday. School closed**

Friday 8 July: End of Term Two

Monday 25 July: Term Three begins

**Principal's Award:** Laykin Horne, Bella Drayton, Owen de Joux & Matai Deadman

## **Principal's Message**

### **Welcome to our new learners**

The fabulous Harlow Robinson, Rocco Bradman and Jade and Macy Bergman have joined us at OPS along with their families. Welcome to you all and have a great time making new friends while enjoying the fabulous learning opportunities our school has to offer.

### **Brrrr winter is here**

The winter months are certainly here as we have had a very mixed bag of weather. We are very thankful for our new school heating. It is a timely reminder to everyone to layer up and make sure that all clothing is named. Winter illnesses are here also - if your child is unwell, can you please either use the Skool Loop app, text or ring the office. We are required to track our attendance and it assists us greatly when reporting back to the Ministry Education. Our school wide goal is for all learners to attend 85% or more. We appreciate that everyone is doing their best. Also if your child is late to school, can they please be reminded to grab a late card from the office.

### **Thank you for your support**

Thank you to everyone who has supported the 3 way learning conversations for our tamariki. We appreciate the feedback for these whānau hui as we are using the taonga books to show your child's progress in learning. These taonga books are treasures that will be continued to be used throughout the years and will serve as a cumulative record of learning. A mid-year report only gives a snapshot in time where ongoing formative assessment provides rich feedback for your child's next steps in learning and identifies areas of improvement. We will be following up at the end of the year with a formal written report. If you missed these valuable conversations, your child's teacher has been asked to make contact with you.

### **Puanga Celebrations**

This term has flown by and there are still so many learning opportunities to come over the next few weeks. Despite being stuck inside we have a very positive learning environment and our learners are making great progress. We are super excited about the Puanga celebrations that we have planned. Yesterday we started with Manu and his wife, author Kirsty Bennett, sharing a wonderful storytelling event showcasing Manu's incredible sand art. A massive thank you to Mandy Hagley from REAP for the organisation of this for our tamariki.

Puanga and the nationwide celebration of Matariki gives us all the opportunity to share time and kai with each other and reflect on the year, thinking of those who we have lost and looking forward to the future. We do hope you enjoy the long weekend next week. A reminder that our school is closed for Matariki Day on [Friday 24 June](#).

### **Support Staff Week**

We are so fortunate to be supported by such a capable, caring team of adults who sincerely value our tamariki and our kura. We celebrated this wonderful team last week with morning tea - Thank you to Donna, Steve, Michelle, Amy L, Amy H, Leanne, Wayne, Jane, Kristi, Sunita, Gary, Bidy, Ebony, Kim, Kate and Ros for all you do.



## Planning ahead

Next term we have the annual winter tournament for Year 5-8 hosted by Taihape Area School. The date for this is **Friday 19 August**. If you would like to support or coach a team in preparation for this please contact us as the more people that get involved supporting our kids, the better and it is always a great day.

## Swimming Champs

Congratulations to Mackenzie and Araceli Marsh who recently represented Whanganui at the Kiwi West junior championships. More than 12 swim clubs from the Central Districts area competed, including swimmers from the Hawkes Bay and Manawatu. Both of these fine athletes secured personal bests with Araceli taking a whopping 7 seconds off her breaststroke and Mackenzie shaving 4 seconds off his 100m Freestyle.

Looking at this haul of medals, these two have a bright future ahead, amassing 2 golds and 2 silvers for Mackenzie in U11 boys and Araceli with 2 golds, 1 silver and 2 bronze in U9 girls. Congratulations to you both!!



## Head Lice

Head lice seem to be featuring in some of our classes again. If required, we can assist with head lice treatments as we are supported by Kidscan with products. Please call into the office, if we can be of any assistance as we would like to get on top of this

### Morning Tea with the Principal Week 7

<b>Room 5:</b> Luca Mickleson	<b>Room 8:</b> Eva Petrickova	<b>Room 11:</b> Cade Crossfiled	<b>S. Block</b> Maddison Hika-Wright Paige Drinkwater Jaeziah Waerea-Brown
<b>Room 6:</b> Charlie Gilbert	<b>Room 9:</b> Mila Williams	<b>Room 12:</b> Kaeden Trow	
<b>Room 7:</b> Leya Horn-Christensen	<b>Room 10:</b> Ruby Burnett	<b>Room 14:</b> Cooper Graham	

### Celebrating Children's Achievements

**Junior Duffy Awards:** Troy Rhodes, Ngairoa Wallace-McLeod, Maliah McLeod, Bella Cranston, Riley Jones & Hamish Drummond

**Middle & Senior Duffy Awards:** Carmen Armstrong, Holly Vincent, Tohumairangi Te Riaki, Zephaniah Paynter, Kane Edmonds, Vin Garner, Phoenix Warnock, Elise Drinkwater & Christina Macrae

**Middle and Senior Awards:** Bonnie Seymour, Laykin Horne, Maddison Whitehead, Travis Hobdey, Tristan Rutland, Sofia Westbury, Emma Church-Zweibruck, Hazel Terry & Jaylyn Hern



**Junior Awards:** from back left Jasper Deadman, Eva Petrickova, Reef Thompson, Lachlan Gilberd, Colton Deadman, Indee Crossfield, Hannah Playle, Rangitaiki Terry, Hana Pilbrow, Jacob Young and Luke de Joux

**Ambassador's Award (far right)**  
Everly-Rose Kristiansen



### S Block Venturelodge Experience



### Hot Chocolate Fundraiser This Friday

### The SKOOL LOOP App

**Hot Chocolate Day!**

On June 17  
Price: \$2 Per Cup  
Where: At The Tech Centre  
Come get your Hot Chocolate!!

Brought to you by your Amazing Ambassadors!



### Value of the Week Environment

This week we are exploring the school value of 'environment'. We are showing manaakitanga towards our environment by picking up rubbish and making environmentally friendly choices in our school lunch box-reusable containers and wax wraps.

Ngā mihi  
Lisa Clark  
Principal