



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

Monday 28 March: Board Meeting. 5.30. Staffroom
Wednesday 6 April: Duffy Theatre
Thursday 7 April: Science Roadshow (Years 4-8)
Friday 8 April: Tough Kids. (modified)
Friday 15 April: End of Term One
Monday 2 May: Term Two begins.

Junior Duffy Awards

From left: Arabella Olson, Harvey Rowe, Puti Goodwin & Ricco-Lee Hawira

Principals' Message

Over the last two weeks we have seen an increasing impact from Omicron within the Ruapehu community. As a school community we have worked very hard together to keep our children and staff safe. We have seen a considerable impact on attendance and appreciate that some of you have kept your children home as a precautionary measure and in support of minimising the risk to others. Across the school we have had around 30 learners and 3 staff who have tested positive over the last 3 weeks and in a school of 290, it shows we are all doing what we can. We appreciate that some of you have taken time off to support your children and are picking your children up if they become unwell. We know that between now and the end of the term the school will still have some impacts but we have good plans in place to support everyone. Remember to be aware of your children and symptoms - and please test as you can. The government has announced on 25 March that there will be changes to the Red light setting so once we have further information from the Ministry of Education - we will see some welcome changes. Indoor gatherings will be increased to 200 people which means we likely resume a form of school assemblies which we will share via Facebook. We will keep you informed of any updates further to this.



Emergency Procedures - Mt Ruapehu

As you may be aware Mt Ruapehu has been shifted to Level 2. This means there is a heightened risk of volcanic unrest. In the event of an eruption our emergency procedure would be to contact families via etap or Skool Loop and ask that you pick your children up from their classroom. Doing it this way means it is manageable and safe for everyone.

Property

You will notice there are now two shipping containers at the front of the school and as a temporary measure, the buses will now be picking the bus students by Manuka St. The front parking area of the school is still available for drop off and picking up of your children. The temperature has dropped this week and we are hopeful that the boiler will be installed soon! Once completed - the containers will be removed.

William Pike Challenge 2022

Congratulations to the William Pike participants who took the time over the weekend for community service to support the Raetihi Anglican Church. You have already made a difference in our community and worked well

together. Well done for the impactful start to your challenge and we wish you well on the next aspect of your challenge, a tramp to Tama Lakes.

Skool Loop

Thank you to everyone who has downloaded the Skool Loop app. Our intent is to use it for more school communication and notices. If you have not done so already please download the [free app](#) to your smartphone. It is a very easy and useful form of communication. Once we get the app used by a majority of families we will be utilising the app to send home permission forms, notices and interview bookings, alongside the very useful, [absentee](#) button. Our newsletter is also available to read on Skool Loop.

Snowsports

RAL have informed us they will be offering the \$99 season pass this year. Snowsports is an exciting part of our school's special character and the goal will be for all our children to be able to access snowsports at least four times in the 2022 season with their class. The additional cost if they have the season pass will be \$25 per week which will include a 1 hour 50 min lesson and Rental equipment (skis, boots, poles & helmet, OR snowboard, boots & helmet) Transport will be an additional cost. Without the season pass, the same equipment and lesson and a daily pass, will cost \$55 per visit.

If you'd like to take up the \$99 season pass offer, these will be available for purchase 7th March - 10th April. Passes can be purchased either in person from RAL's Whakapapa or Taupō office, or by calling 0800 468 235.

Celebrating Childrens' Achievements

<p>Junior Duffy Awards Flynn McLeod & Ngarere Wihare-Gray</p>	<p>Junior Awards Hitaua Kingi-Mareikura, Luke de Joux & Addison Tuck</p>	<p>Junior Superstars Aria Barham and Alexander Kumeroa-Ruri</p>
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<p>Middle school Awards: below from left Cade Crossfield, Chloe Mabbott and Sarunyaphong Gerbault-Rogers</p>	<p>S. Block Awards: below from left Te Atawhaitia Richards, Amarni Thrupp, Violet Soverel and Paige Drinkwater</p>
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IMPORTANT NOTICE

So we can communicate quickly and effectively, please contact the office as soon as possible if any of your personal contact details, or email address has changed. Thank you

The William Pike Challenge. Community clean up at the Raetihi Anglian Church



MUFTI DAY!
1ST APRIL

Wear a **FUNNY,**
WACKY Costume and
earn **HOUSE POINTS!!**

**COST: Bring a can of food and
we will donate to Families
in need.**

BROUGHT TO YOU BY YOUR AMAZING
AMBASSADOR TEAM!

A cartoon illustration of a smiling girl with green hair, wearing a green costume with blue wings. Below her is a small orange carrot character with green leaves. To the right, there is a blue jacket.

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.

Nga mihi
Lisa Clark
Principal