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# OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

## Upcoming events

Tuesday 2nd August: PTA AGM 7pm. School staffroom  
Tuesday 9 August: Central School's Netball  
Monday 15 August: Board meeting. 5.30 Staffroom  
Friday 19 August: Winter Tournament  
Friday 26 August: Daffodil Day. Gold coin donation  
Monday 29 August: Dance commences  
Monday 29 August:-Thursday 1 September: Junior NIPPS year 1-6  
Wednesday 31 August: Whole school speech night  
Monday 5 September: Round the Lake Relay. Wanganui  
Wednesday 7 September: Venture Lodge  
Friday 9 September: Cross Country  
Monday 12-15 September: NIPPS Year 7-8  
Wednesday 14-16 September: Senior school camp. Tukino

Morning Tea with the Principal

### Principal's message

Welcome back everyone to the start of what will be a very busy and productive term. We welcome to our school the following learners and their whānau: Orewa Hiroti, Baeley Trow, Belle Beijeman, Meila Eves, Lucinda and Elise Howard, Emma, Mia and Sienna Meikle, Oskar Weinstein, Kuini Allen, and welcome back Shay Church-Zweibruck, Dallas Williamson and Sienna Robertson.

We also welcome Claire Williamson and Danielle Peffer both of whom are on their final teaching practicums. They join Room 6 and Room 9 respectively. Ben Olsen and Olivia McIntrye also join us part time in our support staff team.

Term 2 concluded with a celebration assembly and it was wonderful to see so many families join us as we celebrated the announcement of our new Ambassadors and our learners receiving their Duffy Books - thank you to Westpac and WPI for your valued ongoing support, you are helping to develop life-long readers!

Term 3 is traditionally a busy time where our children are involved in multiple activities - our goal for our learners to be included, participate and be the best they can be - our school wide theme of Kotahitanga is around unity and working in teams. Our learning goal for this is to help learners with developing a deep understanding of how when we are working effectively together (in unity with others) we can come up with new approaches, ideas and new ways of thinking to benefit ourselves, our families, our community and our world.

Snowsports have not quite started due to mother nature having a big say and we hope our programmes will go ahead - please everyone, start your snow dancing!

At the start of term it is always great to have a few reminders - school starts at 8.50 and concludes at 3pm. Whānau are always welcome on site but we ask you to wear a mask and sign in. School lunches are provided daily and we are fortunate to have such a fabulous team working hard to make this happen.

### Masks

Winter illnesses are greatly impacting whānau and our learners and we are strongly recommending masks to be worn indoors for Year 4-8 and staff especially for the first four weeks of the term.



These recommendations and advice are from the Ministries of Education and Health as the country sees a second wave of viruses sweeping through. Masks are available at school for our staff and learners.

### School board elections

School Board elections are coming and nomination forms have been sent out via post. If you have not received one please let our office know. Every three years school communities elect their parent and staff representative to help govern the school. These elections will take place throughout August & September and our school is calling for nominations.

If you've been thinking about how you can make a difference to our school and want to know more about what's involved, please have a chat with any of our current board. You are also welcome to attend a meeting when these are held. Our next meeting is on Monday 15 August at 5.30pm

### Our current board is:

Sarah Drinkwater - Presiding member

Felicia Wilson

Nicola Bennett

Mel Evans

Willie Aitken

Simon Barlow

Suzi Couch - Staff Rep

Lisa Clark - Principal

Morning Tea with the Principal Week 1			
<b>Room 5:</b> Chethula Koparahewa	<b>Room 8:</b> Etuate Sukabula-Davison	<b>Room 11:</b> Thammatai Rogers-Gerbault	<b>S. Block</b> Hone Buckingham Charley-Jean Maclean Olivia Gray
<b>Room 6:</b> Flynn MacLeod	<b>Room 9:</b> Rangitaiki Terry	<b>Room 12:</b> Ana Lisa Marumaruru	
<b>Room 7:</b> Mila Berry	<b>Room 10:</b> Hazel Terry	<b>Room 14:</b> Aileen Khan	

### New Ambassadors

 <p>Hi. My name is Te Atawhaitia. As an ambassador I would like to include more sports to play.</p>	 <p>Hi. My name is Laykin and I would like to achieve as an ambassador reducing bullying and harm of others. I would like to help the little kids as much as possible and be a role model.</p>	 <p>My name is Travis and my passion is sport, mainly rugby. I like going on hikes and skiing up the mountain. As an ambassador I want to inspire and motivate my fellow students to love sports and enjoy the outdoors.</p>	 <p>Hi, my name is Jamie. I am excited to fundraise, plan new events and activities for others to take part in and enjoy.</p>	 <p>Hi my name is Charley - Jean. As an ambassador I'm hoping to help prevent bullying at school. I'm also hoping to make sure our new students are welcomed and looked after.</p>
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**Duffy Awards**  
 From left Maioha Wallace McLeod, Xaviah Marumaru, Ezekiel Paynter, Si'Kylah Wall, Hennessy McLeod & James Flower

**Kaitiakitanga Awards**  
 Nette Bussel (left) & Jahzelle Tamatea

**Principal's Award**  
 from left Paoroa Kumeroa, Izaac Wu and Hana Pilbrow

**Board Elections 2022**

Elections are coming up in September and if being on a school board is something you have considered getting involved with, it is a really great way to be involved in the long term achievement of our school!

Ohakune School has 5 elected Parent Representatives as well as a Staff Representative, a Ngati Rangi Iwi Representative and our Principal and meets twice a term – usually in Week 3 and Week 8. 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. We also, in collaboration with our amazing staff, oversee the management of property, finances, school policies and administration.

For the board to be the best it can be we need a range of skills and expertise but most importantly if you have a genuine interest in our school and its students, time and commitment and a willingness to learn, the board is a team environment with lots of opportunities for ongoing support and further learning.

**Nominations open Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July and close Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August.** Any enquiries are welcome and you can email Sarah on [chair@ohakune.school.nz](mailto:chair@ohakune.school.nz) for more information.



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2022 Kiwi Exam

# Spelling Bee



Online competition for  
Primary and Intermediate  
students (Year 5-8)



**Includes:**

Spelling  
Vocabulary  
Grammar

Designed by NZ teachers for students  
based on NZ curriculum.



**Entries Close 3 August**

## Lamb and Calf Day 2022



Yes, it's that time of the year again!

If you are thinking about entering a lamb or calf OR BOTH a Lamb and a Calf!

then drop by the office next term and pick up your diary! Your lamb or calf (or both) must have been born on or after the 1st of August and you must complete the diary as

part of your entry! Lamb and Calf Day will be run as part of our awesome Agriculture Day on 10 November!

**DIARIES \$2.00 from the front Office.**



**Value of the Week**

**Participation**

When we take part in our learning, it means we are listening, completing tasks and helping others to learn too.

Ngā mihi  
Lisa Clark  
Principal