



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

Wednesday 22 February: 3 Way Goal Settings
Friday 24 February: Longest morning tea
Wednesday 29 February: Vision and hearing testing
Friday 3 March: Junior swimming Celebrations
Monday 6 March: Junior swimming postponement day
Tuesday 7 March: Senior swimming
Wednesday 8 March: Senior swimming postponement day
Thursday 9 March: Family fun at the pool

Principal's Award: From left-Marji McCoubrie, Vanessa Ashford-Wallis & Harper Evans

Principal's Message

Over the past few days we have seen the devastating effects of Cyclone Gabrielle across the country. We are so fortunate to be safe from the destruction faced by so many. Our thoughts are with anyone that has been affected and as a school we will be thinking of how we might support others in communities that have been destroyed.

We have had a very settled start to the year with classes well into routines, apart from the odd postponement, life at OPS is productive and humming. We will continue to communicate with you through Skool Loop, Facebook, text and email as appropriate.

Our school day starts at 8.50am so if your child arrives after that time can they please report to the office for an 'arrival' card. They will be recorded as late from 9am onwards.

Whānau Fun

Our first school wide event for the year will be the Longest Morning Tea. This is an opportunity for us, learners, whanau and staff to come together, share some kai and enjoy each other's company. This will now be held on **Friday 24 February on the netball courts at 9.15am**. We look forward to seeing you and hopefully creating the Longest Morning Tea Table in the country!

Ambassadors to Blue Mountain Activity Centre

Last week the Ambassadors had their first opportunity to develop their leadership and teamwork. Alongside team building opportunities and some High Ropes work, we donned harnesses and carabinas and learned how to safely traverse part of the Meads Wall at Whakapapa. Personal goals and a strong sense of team were achieved and we thank the instructors Steve, Lisa and Richie from BMAC for the incredible

experience. A huge thank you to Ross Wallis also for helping with the transport :)

Attendance Matters

We have a major focus on attendance this year and we have a school wide goal of achieving attendance of 90% for our learners. Did you know that a day off school regularly equals one month off school? That is a lot of learning missed! At the end of the term there will be a special celebration for those learners who have attended 100%. We understand that from time to time our kids get sick but we want to have our learners here so that they can learn.



Communication of your child's absence can be made through Skool Loop, by text or by phoning our school landline and leaving a message and reason for absence. We appreciate your support of this aspirational goal!

Illness

There are a few cases of Covid and strep throat across our community so I urge you to keep testing your children if they are unwell. We have many testing kits available at school so please feel free to call in and see Donna or Michelle. Covid will be one of those illnesses that may be slow to depart! Please note, the isolation time for individuals is still 7 days.

Paid Union Meetings - Teachers

Our teachers who are NZEI union members will be attending a paid union meeting on Thursday 2 March at 1.30pm. The school will be closed for instruction from 12.30pm so we would appreciate your child to be picked up to allow our hard working teachers to attend this meeting. The school will be open with limited supervision for those learners who are unable to be picked up.

Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct (named) uniform. Hoodies, sweatshirts, jeans and Canterbury pants are not part of our uniform. If for any reason your child needs to wear a mufti item please send a note for that day.

There is a good amount of clean secondhand clothing available at the front office.

We want our learners to wear our uniform that is smart, accessible to all and definitely warm. We appreciate your support in this.

We take real pride in our school uniform so thank you to our learners who wear it so well.

Whanganui Rohe School Based Immunisation Programme- Commencing March 2023

Dear Parent/Caregiver Whānau

We are pleased to inform you of changes to the School Based Immunisation Programme for Year 7 and 8 students, these changes are being made to align the programme to immunise only year 7 students from 2024 (or any year 8 students that need a catch up).

From 2023 - All Year 7 Students will be offered both the:

- Boostrix immunisation (One dose) - to provide protection against Tetanus, Diphtheria and Whooping Cough
- HPV immunisation (Two doses - 6 months apart) - to protect against genital warts, cervical cancer, throat and mouth cancers, and other types of cancers later in life

In 2023 - All year 8 Students will be offered the:

- HPV immunisation (Two doses - 6 months apart) - to protect against genital warts, cervical cancer, throat and mouth cancers, and other types of cancers later in life

* Year 8 students had the opportunity to have their Boostrix immunisation at school in 2022

Please read and complete the enclosed consent form and return it to your child's school within the next 5 days.

For additional information about the New Zealand Vaccination Programme:

- Visit the Ministry of Health website: www.health.govt.nz/hpv
- Visit www.immune.org.nz or free phone 0800 IMMUNE
- Talk to your General Practice or Practice Nurse
- Contact your school's Public Health Nurse

Phone 06 348 1775 or Email immunise@wdhb.org.nz

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important aspect of your child's health.

Yours sincerely



Dr Patrick O'Connor
Medical Officer of Health

Morning Tea with the Principal

Room 5: Taiwiri Bishop	Kotuku: Baeley Trow	Room 11: Darryl Muru-Albert	S Block:
Room 6: Florence Stuckey	Room 9: Te Kehu Chadwick-Edwards	Room 12: Lucas Mareikura	Isla Paynter Tate Mott Ben Lee
Room 7: Finn Mastrovich	Room 10: Hannah Playle	Room 14: Hazel Terry	

Junior Netball Muster 2023

Age Groups: Year 5 & 6 and Year 7 & 8 (boys and girls)

Where: Ruapehu Rugby and Sports Club, Rochfort Park

When: Tuesday 21st February 2023

Time: 3.30-4.30

If your child wishes to play netball this year, come along and sign them up 😊

More information will be provided at the muster

Any queries please contact Fleur on 0274044605



Value of the week

Respect

Everyone wants to be treated well & with kindness

**Ngā mihi
Lisa Clark
Principal**