



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Upcoming events

March 2nd 2023. #3
Kia ora koutou/Greetings

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. 5pm-6.30
Tuesday 14 March: Middle/senior school: Enviro
Tuesday 14 March: Years 4-6 Interschool Swimming. Whanganui
Tuesday 21 March: Immunisations. Years 7 & 8
Monday 27 March: Board Meeting. 5.30 School Library
Tuesday 28 March: Ripa Rugby. Whanganui
Friday 31 March: Tough Kids (hosted by Ohakune Primary) at Raetihi
Thursday 6 April: End of Term One
Wednesday 26 April: Term Two begins.

Principal's message

Summer has finally made an appearance and it is hard to believe we are halfway through the term! We are thankful to have some nice days outside. Just the right time for our Swimming Celebrations!

We welcome Deziah-Jay, El-Jahro and Reale Richards, Orli Athukoralage Don and Mohi Hern and JJ Nugent to our school. Have a great time making new friends and starting your learning journey in your new classes.

Supporting Learning

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting your child(ren) and making the time to meet with our teachers through our goal setting 3-way conferences last week. Not only was it a great way to start the year to have time to touch base but work together to prioritise any needs for your child in learning and beyond. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher and missed last week, please let us know.

Swimming Celebrations

Congratulations to everyone for persevering with swimming this season, celebrations for this will start on Friday with the juniors sharing their learning and confidence in the water. It is great to finish what has been a very fractured season on a positive note. Thank you to everyone who was involved in the coaching, particularly our teachers and pool staff supporting our very small window of opportunity in swimming. These events conclude school swimming.

Moosies and juices will be available on Friday at the junior celebration and at the middle senior swimming sports on Tuesday 7 March, along with sausages. We are also hopeful that our Family Fun night at the pools will go ahead on Thursday 9 March starting at 5pm - until 6.30pm. Please join us for this free whānau time at the pools.



There is no local inter school event this year due to the Waiouru pools unavailability, so we will be taking our top swimmers through to Whanganui to participate in those events.

Social Media

Recently we have had to deal with some very negative behaviour from children as a result of poor personal choices on social media platforms such as Tik Tok, Snapchat and Instagram. Our board has also decided that our policy on children bringing cellphones to school will be changed and no phones are to be brought to school by young people. This will take effect next week. We have a landline and school mobile phone for communicating with you for any required information.

We are also coordinating with the police and Netsafe to make sure our learners are clear and have up-to-date knowledge. We will share our learning with whanau as well. Please take the time to ensure you know what your child is doing online - mobile phones can be used in a positive way but safety online is paramount to keeping all of our kids safe from harm. Netsafe has some fabulous resources <https://netsafe.org.nz/advice/parenting/> We intend to host a whanau information evening in the near future.

Behaviour

Here at OPS we are a PB4L school. Our teachers explicitly teach learners about the values here at OPS- **Participation, Respect, Integrity, Determination** and care for the **Environment (PRIDE)**. Each fortnight in our newsletter, we share the focus value for the week and include a definition of what that is.

Our children are responding well to the tokens that they can earn when they are caught doing the right thing, these tokens accumulate for their house and there is a termly reward earned for the winning house.

To support this important and positive part of Ohakune Primary School, we encourage you to discuss the values at home. We have a fantastic school that we are very proud of and we have worked hard to develop a positive family-like environment. With that comes ups and downs but, if we work together, we will develop wonderful young people with a sense of belonging and service to others.

Kind kids win hearts and we can all contribute to this. Our goal is for everyone to be treated well, treat others well and become resilient self-managing learners in a safe, happy and inclusive school environment.

Morning Tea with the Principal Week 5		
Room 5: Alexis Fredricksen	Kotuku: Belle Beijman	Room 12: Alma Lochhead
Room 6: Neiva Mclenan	Room 9: Chase Haitana	Room 14: Fontane Kayes
Room 7: Marley-James Renata	Room 10: Michael Gorst	S. Block: Maioha Wallace-McLeod Lila Doolan
Room 8: Maliah Mcleod	Room 11: Cooper Burnett	

Junior Awards	Middle & Senior Awards
Hannah Eley, Alexis Fredricksen, Leqiel Hiroti-Stevens, Arabella Olsen, Belle Cranston, Maliah Mcleod, Taylor Williamson, Philip Proude, Harlow Robinson, Reef Thompson, Baeley Trow, and Kaea Thrupp.	Shay Church-Zweibruck, Kyuss Chester-Freeman, Christina Macrae, MacKenzie Marsh, Hamish Drummond, Cooper Goodwin, Mali Chester-Freeman, Casey Shields, Calum Coutts, Blake Rhodes, Ezekiel Paynter & Izaac Wu Principal's Award: Rangiiunga Kingi-Mareikura (left) & Ben Lee



Celebrating Children's Writing in S. Block



Whanau

The sun is slowly going down as we all burst into laughter. It's been 2 years since I've seen my dad's side of the family and now I finally get to see them. I'm crying with happiness as I see how big my little cousins have gotten over these years. I sit down looking at the sunset while the breeze flows across my face. I feel calm and relaxed while enjoying the sunset with my little cousins. We end the day with some KFC. We all will remember this time as a family reunion at the Whakatane Heads.

Alesha Neho.

Air Time

Adrenaline rushing through my arms, my hands start heavily shaking as I roll into the steep hill covered with pine needles. Keeping control of my bike as the wind strongly blows onto my face. Launch, straight off the face of the first piney jump, cicadas whistling in my ear, pumping over the long roller. As I look up I see a steep but very smooth vertical take off. Before I know it I'm flying through the air, looking at my flush landing. PERFECT, I yell aloud, as I roll down the landing smoother than ever. What an awesome day riding!



Mackenzie Marsh



Opunake Beach

The holiday park. It's full of kids running, parents talking, purple skies haunting us. The sound of the waves calls me. I escape reality and ride along the sand to the beach. Opunake Beach at its finest with waves crashing away. The sun rushing down over the horizon for a rest, salt in the air rushing through my nose. I look around, families playing cricket and walking along the waterside.

I yawn as I ride back to the caravan, the light slowly disappearing. I can't wait for the rest of this amazing holiday.

By Molly Aitken.

Fletchers Bay

Running through the waves as the sea salt air pushes in my face. Fletchers Bay amazes me with the view. My cousins are making a sand castle. I hear My voice instructing them how. Soon we walk along the beach, crunching sand between my toes. The sea is a bright blue folding into a dark blue. I can hear the waves smashing into the sand. The fluffy clouds drift off into the horizon. One last fold of the waves. We walk back to camp for a nice cold shower in the shimmering sun as it slowly fades away.



Leah Lochhead



Weetbix Kids Tryathlon Palmerston North

21 March 2023

Register online at Tryathlon.co.nz and join the Ohakune Primary School group

Room 5 Learning

We celebrated the Chinese New Year and the year of the rabbit by making some Chinese bunny lanterns. In Chinese culture, the Rabbit is a symbol of longevity, peace, and prosperity. It is predicted that 2023 will also be the year of hope. During this activity Room 5 showed our PRIDE Value determination, as the design required a lot of mahi and patience for all to complete.



Here is a snapshot of Team Kaea's current progress on their Imaginary Friend named 'Monster'. Working together as a team, they all show determination as they embark on a very time consuming and labour intensive process of tying each strand of 'fur' to their Monster's tummy. Ka pai, great mahi boys!



Room 5 has thoroughly enjoyed our swimming lessons this Term. Left here, Miss Wilson and her students take some well deserved time out from our Junior Swimming Celebration practices to have fun together in the water.



IMPORTANT Student Detail Changes

If any of your contact details, home address or child's medical information including food allergies have changed or need updating please contact the school. Thankyou in advance.

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

Junior Swimming Celebration Friday 3 March

9.30am Year 2 and 3 Learners Room 8 and 9 (48) Teachers Mr B and Miss Baker 90 minutes
11.00am Year 2 and 3 Room 5 and 6 (35) Teachers Whaea Tash and Miss Wilson 90 Minutes
12.30pm New Entrants (22) Teachers, Whaea Maree and Miss Grant 90 Minutes
15 min displays for each class and hour of free time



Value of the week

Integrity

When we stay focused, do great work, act kindly towards others, all when no one is watching, we are showing integrity

**Ngā mihi
Lisa Clark
Principal**