



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

Monday 27 March: Board Meeting. 5.30 School Library
Tuesday 28 March: Rippa 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.
Wednesday 3 May: School classroom photos
Monday 15 May: Board meeting. School Library 5.30
Friday 19 May: Pink Shirt Day
Monday 29 May- 7 June: Life Education
Monday 5 June : Kings Birthday. School closed
Tuesday 6 June: Years 4-6 Netball. Whanganui
Wednesday 14-15 June: 3 Way Conferences
Monday 26-30 June: Production Week

Principal's message

Thank you to everyone in our community for the support we received last week as our teachers took industrial action - we had loads of community support so thank you for the toots, waves and smiles. As a staff we work very hard for our tamariki. This year we have noticed an increase in learners with diverse needs across our school - Our staff work tirelessly and want the best for our kids, we want a safe and nurturing school where all learners feel success.

Uniform

We are feeling a nip in the air as we are heading into autumn and have noticed a number of learners wearing non uniform items. We are very proud of our uniform and if they do wear a non uniform item, they must bring a note. Canterbury pants and hoodies are not a part of our uniform at OPS. Check your learner has a fleece!

School Day routines

Our school day begins at 8.50am and we are finding that we are having a steady stream of learners arriving after the bell. If they are running late, they need to collect an arrival card from the office. If they arrive after 9am they will be marked as late. Our school wide goal is for our learners to attend school 90% or more in the school year and we are collecting information to look for trends and patterns to attendance. If your child is going to be absent from school - please either use the Skool Loop app, ring into our office or txt as we need to make sure all of our learners are accounted for. There will be recognition for those learners attending 90% or more during the year so watch this space.

Sport events

Congratulations to the teams who have recently participated in inter school events - we have a small team heading to Taihape this week to participate in the Rangitikei interschool swimming on Friday and a Year 5-6 Rippa Rugby team heading to Whanganui - good luck to you all and remember to show our values of PRIDE .

Tough Kids

A real favourite with both learners and whanau is coming up next Friday 31 March - Tough Kids



Entries for this will be closing today (Thursday) for Year 3-8. The entry is found in the Skool Loop permission app. Ohakune School is hosting the event this year and the PTA will be fundraising through a sausage sizzle and moosie/juicie sales. The Ambassadors will also be selling brownies on the day. The order for this event is rolling with the Year 3-4 boys starting at 10am followed by Year 3-4 girls. Year 5-6 boys, Year 5-6 girls, Year 7-8 boys and Year 7-8 girls with the day concluding at 2pm. There will also be a teacher/parent race for those who are keen. We wish all our competitors the best of luck.

Road Safety

Please be aware that the buses take priority for parking and depart the car park before 3pm. After that time the bus bay is a great pick up space to collect your child if you drive into the first available space. Please be aware of your speed outside our school - we are asking that you drive at less than 40kmph.

Morning Tea with the Principal Week 7		
Room 5: Stanislaus Gorst	Kotuku: Tuliam Bond	Room 12: Nico Fisher
Room 6: Jasper Deadman	Room 9: Courtney Lee	Room 14: PeehiPakoro Kingi-Mareikura
Room 7: Jahvarn Anderson	Room 10: Makinli Nation	S. Block: Manaaki Bell-Morehu Brooklyn Hovelle Ezekiel Paynter
Room 8: Zhuolun Cui	Room 11: Paige Lloyd	

School Ambassadors. *Introducing.....*



Vanessa Ashford-Wallis

Kia Ora, Im Vanessa.

I am lucky enough to be part of the 2023 OPS ambassador team.

I am a sporty hard working independent student and am excited to show my leadership skills. I love to try my best in everything I do and learn new skills.

With this leadership role I would like to bring out my kind, responsible, caring self & to make OPS an exciting place to learn and play.



Ben Lee

Hi my name is Ben.

I am glad to be an ambassador for 2023.

I hope to make our school enjoyable and safe.



Paige Drinkwater

I'm Paige Drinkwater

I would like to be a kind and caring leader in our school and I want to make OPS a better place to be, a better place to learn, and a place where everyone can be themselves.



Armani Thrupp

Hi there, my name's Amarni.

I am one of the many Ambassadors for Ohakune Primary School. My goal this year is for our school to be better at participating in our sports and also for our school to be included in the environmental side of things.



Maddie Demchy

Hi I'm Maddie

I am an Ambassador of 2023 I'm an independent worker. I follow the pride values. I'm responsible, kind and sporty. I'm looking forward to developing new skills in this role. My goal this year is to encourage kids to try their best in everything they do.



Mackenzie Marsh

Hey, I'm Mackenzie Marsh

I am passionate about sports. As an Ambassador I would love to encourage more learners to get into sports throughout the year. I want to think of some cool sports for more learners to play.



Maioha Wallace-McLeod

Hi my name is Maioha

This year I am proud to be your Ambassador. I hope to make this school fun, respectful, kind and caring.



Molly Aitken

Hi I'm Molly

I am one of this year's Ambassadors. I'm an independent and hard working student. In this role I want to show my kind and caring self and make you happy to come to school every day. I want to make OPS an even better place and happy to be your 2023 ambassador.



Milla Smith-Horne

Hi my name is Milla

I am one of the 2023 Ambassadors. I am a kind, hard working girl who gives 100% commitment in all aspects of life.



Jack Maclean
Hi I'm Jack

I am a respectful nice person who is not afraid to get my hands dirty and help people in need. I am an enthusiastic football player.



Manaaki Bell-Morehu
Hi my name is Manaaki.

Some things I like to do are to play sports & do art. Something I want to do for the school is to get a better swing for the back of S. Block and I are looking forward to all the cool things to do as an Ambassador.



Tate Mott

Hi my name is Tate.
I'm a big book reader with a kind heart. I love hunting, riding my motorbike, swimming and boating\biscuiting on Lake Taupo



Hi my name is Marjie.
I am one of your 2023 Ambassadors. One of my goals this year is to be an amazing role model to everyone in the school. I would also like to help the school in many different ways.

Whanganui Interschool Swimming Results- Ohakune Primary Achievers

Eva Hovelle	Harper Evans	Jessie Harding	Araceli Marsh	Casey Shields	Thomas Sherrit	Chase Renata
9 yrs 2nd 50 freestyle 3rd 50m breaststroke 3rd backstroke	9 Yrs 3rd 50 m freestyle	10yrs 25m Freestyle	10yrs 2nd Medley Open 2nd 50m breaststroke 2nd 50m backstroke	10 yrs 2nd backstroke	7 yrs 2nd 50m breaststroke 3rd 50m freestyle	10 yrs 50m breaststroke 2nd 50m freestyle
Izaac Wu 8yrs 1st breaststroke 1st 25m backstroke & 50m freestyle	<p style="text-align: center;">Relay Placings 2nd -Girls Freestyle 2nd -Medley 3rd Boys- Freestyle 2nd- fastest 4</p>					

2023 Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the Great KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum.

The competitions are open to all Year 5-8 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects.

The supervised online tests will take place in the last 2 weeks of Term 2. All participating students will receive a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students.

Each exam costs \$9.90 to enter.

Students will have bought the notice home in the last few days. If you require a form or more information, please contact Rose Martin.

Entries need to be returned with the entry fee by Friday 5 May. (Week 2, Term 2) No late entries can be accepted.

Please talk to your child's classroom teacher if this is something you'd like your child to do or alternately contact me to discuss!

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Please note: Kiwi Exams for Spelling run later in the year

BLUE MOUNTAIN ADVENTURE CENTRE Autumn Peak: 17-21 April 2023

WHO: Kids aged 8-13 years.

WHAT: A five-day camp focused on developing teamwork, leadership and confidence. There will be tons of fun, full of challenges, and a chance to make new friends. An unforgettable opportunity to have a go at the coolest adventures around!

COST: \$295 per person GST inclusive. Cost includes four nights accommodation, four days of adventure activities, food, qualified instructors and specialist gear.

ACTIVITIES: May include: white water rafting, caving, high ropes, gorging, kayaking, mountaineering, rock climbing, abseiling, canoeing, tramping, swimming, campfire nights and more!

Application and Medical/Consent forms can be picked up from Ohakune primary School's front office if you wish to forward them. More information can be found on our website:

<https://bluemountainadventure.org.nz/join-an-adventure/>

Key messages- Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

With the recent cases of whooping cough in our community, it's a timely reminder to get ourselves and our whānau vaccinated. Children don't get their first vaccination till 6 weeks old, but we can protect them before then by being vaccinated so we don't pass on a virus to them. Pregnant women can also be vaccinated, and this also gives some protection to their babies. It is important to protect those who are most vulnerable. The whooping cough vaccination is free for the following groups

- o All children and young people aged under 18 years
- o Pregnant people from 16wks
- o All adults at 45 and 65 years of age as immunity reduces (same vaccine as the tetanus booster)
- o Some groups at higher risk of becoming very unwell if they catch whooping cough (e.g. chronic respiratory conditions, congenital heart disease or immunocompromised).

- Babies and young children should get their vaccine doses on-time at six weeks, three months and five months. Booster doses are then available at four and 11 years old.
- Immunising people who are pregnant protects babies in their first 6 weeks of life until they can receive their own immunisation.

Where can my whanau get vaccinated within the Whanganui rohe?

- ✓ Your General Practice/Medical Centre
- ✓ Central City Pharmacy, Unichem Springvale Pharmacy, Countdown Pharmacy Victoria Ave
- ✓ Te Rito Vaccination clinic on the Whanganui Hospital Campus, Gate 1. Drop-in Mon-Fri 9-5pm or Sat 9:30am-1pm
- ✓ Whanganui Regional Health Network, Whanganui Hospital Campus, Gate 3, Drop-in Tuesdays 9am-5pm or call 0800 775 001



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**