



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Upcoming events

May 2 2023. #5
Kia ora koutou/Greetings

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

How fabulous it is to be back at school! We welcomed new learners to our school last week with a lovely pōwhiri followed up by an excellent performance from Taki Rua - Taku Waimarie.

We welcome Naylah Niha, Justin Thomas-Fredricksen, Mia-Anne Mclauchlan and Harper Turner and their whānau, to our school.

The end of Term 1 was action packed with many of our tamariki taking part in awesome opportunities available. Our two Year 5-6 Ripa Rugby teams had a very successful time in Whanganui and we had over one hundred participants in the Tough Kid competition! We were named the overall toughest school resulting in the trophy returning to Ohakune School- well done everyone!

A massive thank you to our PTA and all the families who supported this event and to Whaea Tash and Miss Murphy for the organisation.

We are concluding the term with a celebration assembly, a great time to acknowledge the dedication and skill of our learners. Totara House were named the Term 1 winners and enjoyed a mufti/ and wheels day. Congratulations to Totara! I wonder who will win for Term 2?

ANZAC Day

A big thank you to everyone who was able to pay their respects at our ANZAC services - thanks to Molly, Paige and Ben who represented our school at the wreath-laying service. 'Lest we forget'

Camp Fun

Our senior school is heading to Wellington next week to experience urban life and we wish them safe travels and loads of new experiences. We especially thank everyone who has supported the fundraisers to reduce the costs of camp.

Upcoming events on the calendar are Book Fair starting on Wednesday 17 May and Pink Shirt Day on Friday 19 May. School Photos have also been held and you will shortly receive a keycode for online ordering.

Winter Tournament

We have had a change of date in our calendar and the annual winter tournament hosted by Taihape Area School will be on **Friday 9 June**. This tournament is always popular with our Year 4-8 tamariki and we look forward to seeing them join in either Netball, Rugby or Soccer. Keep a lookout on Skool Loop for information and permission forms. This year we will be relying on parent transport for our teams sadly if we have to provide a bus there will be a substantial charge.



Newsletters will continue to be produced every fortnight. We are continuing to reduce our paper usage so these will continue to be emailed and shared via Skool Loop. If you would like a paper copy, please let our lovely office staff know.

William Pike Challenge



William Pike Challenge is underway with 25 students and whanau meeting for an informal get together and short walk towards the end of Term 1. Our first big event was a day walk in to Waihohonu hut on the last Sunday of the holidays. We were extremely lucky to have beautiful blue skies and warm temperatures on this walk. We enjoyed the stunning scenery, tramping through the volcanic terrain, exploring the historic Waihohonu Hut and a few brave souls tested the waters of the nearby sparkling Ohinepango Springs- by all accounts VERY refreshing!!!

Of course we must thank our wonderful whanau for supporting us with transport and excellent company! Without you these activities are very difficult to undertake and they are such amazing learning opportunities.

Our next activity is just a few weeks away so keep an eye on the Skool Loop for more details!

Morning Tea with the Principal Week 2

Room 5: Luca Mickleson	Kotuku: Baeley Trow. Orewa Hiroti	Room 12: Cairo Hawira. Te Rangimarie Hagley
Room 6: Addison Tuck. Arabella Olsen	Room 9: Jackson Moody, Taiki Terry	Room 14: Ruby Burnett. Chase Renata
Room 7: Kuini Allen. Art King	Room 10: Troy Rhodes. Macy Bergman	S. Block: Lincoln Mareikura Alesha Neho
Room 8: Taylor Williamson. Bailey Robinson	Room 11: Dallas Williamson-Hiri. Tiana Grossart	

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

Term 1 Student Achievements



Rippa Rugby, Tough Kid Champs, William Pike Challenge-Waihohonu Tramp, Room 10 Baking, S Block Workers,



BOOK FAIR 2023

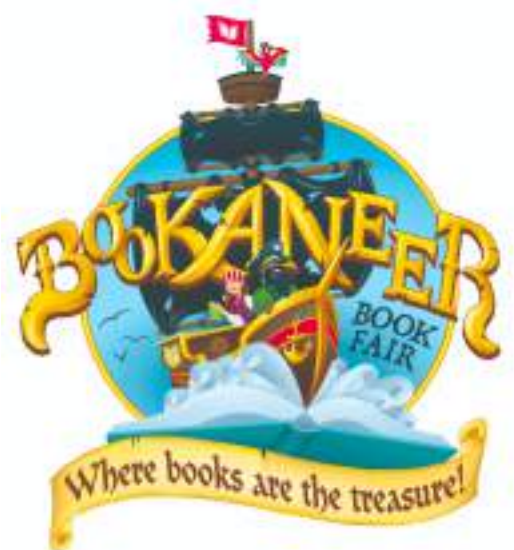
Aaarrghharr! Book Fair 2023 is sailing in from the horizon me hearties!

With a docking date of Wednesday 17 May and thousands of brilliant books, loads of opportunities to be involved and chances to win book prizes on board, this is going to be a grrrrreat Book Fair!

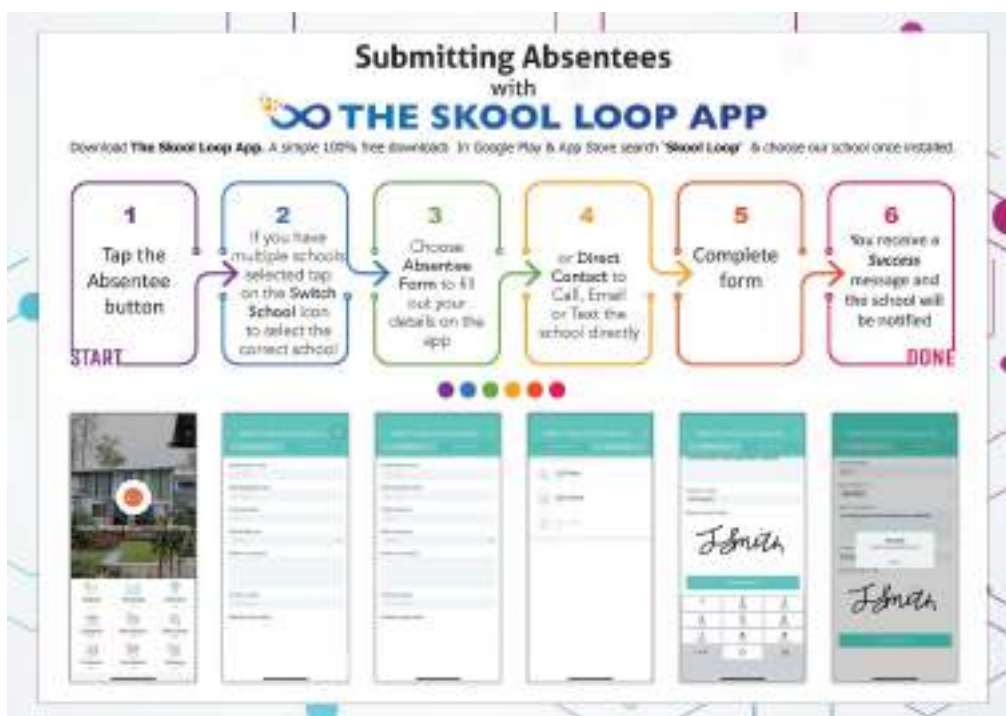
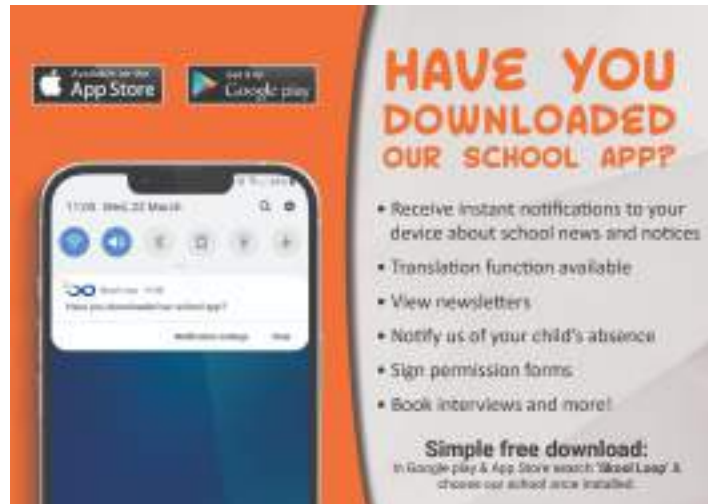
Book fair is open from 3.10- 4.00 each day (17-23 May)

Come along and unearth some brilliant booty

Avast ye me maties! and a Yo ho ho!!!



SKOOL LOOP APP UPDATE



DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A HEALTH COACH?

At Ruapehu Health, the Health Improvement Practitioner and Health Coach are here to help you with your physical, emotional, or social challenges. It's FREE. Get seen the same day you call No referral needed. You may need help with

- Lifestyle Choice
- Nutrition or exercise goals
- Anxiety or depression
- Coping with stress at work or home
- Stopping smoking
- Sleep problems
- Coping with pain and distress
- Whanau relationship problems or challenges
- Understanding your health problems or long-term health conditions
- Navigating or connecting with other health services.

Phone Ruapehu Health on 06 385 4211. Book a FREE 30-minute appointment with a Health Improvement Practitioner or Health Coach. We will have a chat, put our heads together and come up with a plan to make a difference. Helping you take steps in the direction of what matters to you/your HAUORA



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