



# OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter



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## Upcoming events

**May 17 2023. #6**  
**Kia ora koutou/Greetings**

Wednesday 17-24 May: Book fair. Book sales from 3.10pm  
Friday 19 May: Pink Shirt Day. Anti Bullying  
Wednesday 24 May: National Young Leaders (Ambassadors)  
Wednesday 24 May: Vision and hearing testing  
Monday 29 May- 7 June: Life Education  
Friday 30 May: Yr 8 Tough Guy/Girl Challenge  
Monday 5 June : King's Birthday. School closed  
Tuesday 6 June: Years 4-6 Netball. Whanganui  
Friday 9 June: Winter Tournament  
Tuesday 13 June: Netball Postponement day  
Wednesday 14-15 June: 3 Way Conferences  
Friday 23 June; Winter Tournament postponement day  
Monday 26 June: Board Meeting. 5.30 School Library  
Monday 17 July. Term Three begins.  
Tuesday 5-8 September. Production

Pictured right: Morning Tea with the Principal Week 2. Below Week 3

## Principal's message

The air certainly has a nip to it as we head into the cooler months and it's been glorious seeing some fresh snow on our mountain! As the winter approaches it is time to make sure the kids are prepared with **named** polar fleeces and good warm footwear. We have an endless supply of lost property that needs to find a home before it ends up at the landfill. If you have not got good footwear for your child, we do have a limited number of Kidscan shoes. We will be putting the lost property on display in the hall on Friday for you to check.

We also will be having Pink Shirt day this Friday so if your child can please wear something pink or some form of pink to acknowledge the anti bullying message.

We will not be asking for a gold coin as our school will make a donation to the cause.

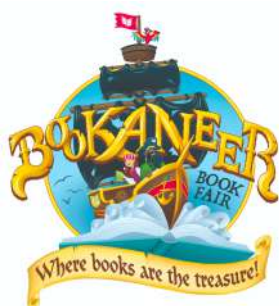
## Bookfair

This week there is plenty going on with our annual Bookfair starting on **Thursday** and running until **Tuesday 23 May**. This is one of the main fundraisers for our school where we are able to purchase more fabulous books for our library. The library will be open from 3.15 - 5pm each day and there are lots of activities and

competitions to support the love of reading and books!

## Winter Tournament

Winter tournament is fast approaching and we have started to form teams to represent us-thank you to the parents who are coaching and supporting our kids. The date for this is Friday 9 June with the backup date of Friday 23 June. We are going to need whānau for transport this year so if you are able to help please let us know on the permission form through Skool Loop. It will be a great day and our Year 4-8 learners always enjoy representing our school.



## Attendance

Education is the pathway to the future. The key to educational success relies on being **present** at school. Our school is currently showing 87% attendance for the year but we know we can do better.

Consistent routines and mileage is a big component of learning, where the neurological pathways in our brains require repetitive exposure to strengthen and cement learning and develop mastery. We also develop these neural pathways for resilience, perseverance, and discipline.

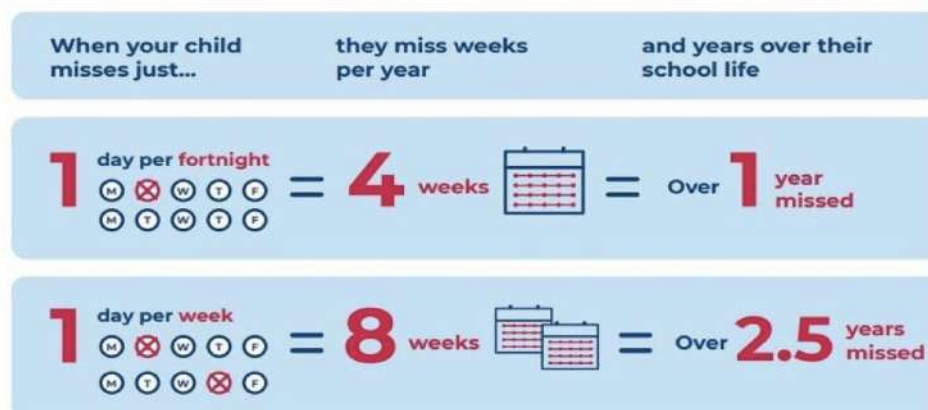
Everyone knows that a good sports team or musician requires regular practice, so we need to apply the same principles to our educational pathway at school. Please help to ensure that your child has the best opportunity for success by making sure he/she is in school every day.

Why is it so important to attend school every day?

- Learning is a progressive activity; each day's lessons build upon those of the previous day(s).
- Reading the material and completing work independently does not compensate for the loss of insight gained during class discussions or the loss of competency acquired through explanation or supervised activities/tasks.
- Teachers use discussions, demonstrations, experiments and participation, as part of the daily learning activities, and these cannot be made up by those who are absent.
- Regular student participation in daily classroom activities plays a significant role in a student's school success.

### Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...



### Our attendance procedures:

1. Teacher marks register
2. Known absences are coded by administration staff.
3. Classes are checked to ensure students have not arrived late without signing in.
4. Message sent to whānau requesting reason for absence from class.
5. If no contact is received from whānau, then the student is marked truant at the end of the day. (If contact is received after the absence then this mark is changed to accurately reflect the reason).
6. After 5 half days of continuous absence (generally a week) the principal discusses it with the classroom teacher. Whānau contacted with offers of support (food, transport, public health nurse, or other agencies can be made). Referrals made if necessary.
7. If still no attendance then it is referred on to the principal and she will respond with a phone call, or home visit and more offers of support to encourage attendance. The truancy service may be involved at this point.

### Wellington Camp!

Senior students have returned from an epic camp experience in Wellington City. Three days and two nights were jampacked with learning and experiences ranging from Parliamentary visits, viewing the Treaty of Waitangi and Suffragette Scroll at the National Library, to experiences at the Zoo and riding the Cable Car. Learners braved the first bout of wintery weather, kept their smiles on, their minds open and enjoyed their time in the city.

Teaching staff and students are very grateful for the support of whanau at the camp, colleagues back at school, and the wider community who contributed via our fundraising efforts. We appreciate you all and thank you!

### Morning Tea with the Principal Weeks 4-5

<b>Room 5:</b> Luca Mickleson, Kaea Thrupp	<b>Kotuku:</b> Anahera Kohu, Elsie Sharp	<b>Room 12:</b> Skylia Coxen, Javana-Lee Hiroti
<b>Room 6:</b> Mia-Anne McLauchlan, Deziah-Jay Richards	<b>Room 9:</b> Ryan Boslem, Ngairoa Wallace-Mcleod	<b>Room 14:</b> Casey Shields, Abbie Drayton
<b>Room 7:</b> Tyrese McLeod and Zehriah Epiha-Herewini	<b>Room 10:</b> Makinli Nation, Charley Coutts	<b>S. Block:</b> Hunter Edwards, Jack Maclean, Manaaki Bell-Morehu
<b>Room 8:</b> Berlyn Edwards, Maliah McLeod	<b>Room 11:</b> Maiterangi Wihare-Gray, Madeleine Edwards	

### Celebrating Children's Achievements

<p><b>Middle and Senior Awards</b> Marley Evans, Vanessa Ashford-Wallis, Hana Harding, Ana Lisa Marumaru, Jordan McManaway, Angus Worth, Aileen Khan, Blake Rhodes, Rosanna Donald &amp; Jade Bergman</p>	<p><b>Junior Wards</b> Emma Herewini, Joaquin Buan, Charlotte Williamson, Isla-Belle Lucas, Cullum Playle Baeley Trow, Owen de Joux, Luca Mickleson, Alexander Young, Hannah Nation &amp; Sarina Marumaru</p>	<p><b>Principal's Award</b> Levi Demchy, Dulcie Gunnell, Ariki Paul-TeHuia &amp; Kaia Hansen</p>
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### Rooms 6, 7 and Kotuku Inquiry- Water testing



## Book Fair 2023

Aaarrghharr! Book Fair 2023 is sailing in from the horizon me hearties!  
With a docking date of [Thursday 18th 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!!!

### S Block Camp



### 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

**Respect**

Everybody likes to be treated well and with kindness

Ngā mihi  
Lisa Clark  
Principal