



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



Phone: (06) 3858384

Email: principal@ohakune.school.nz

www.ohakuneprimaryschool.co.nz

Upcoming events

September 6 2023. #12
Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Friday 8 September: OPS Cross Country. Timetable below
Friday 8 September: Cross Country postponement day
Monday 18 September: Rooms 10, 11 Snowsports
Monday 18 September: Board meeting 5.30pm. School library
Friday 15 September: Celebration Assembly. 2pm
Friday 15 Karakia for Modular classroom. 5am (TBC)
Tuesday 19 September: OPS Got Talent
Tuesday 19 September: Aranui Cross Country. Whanganui
Tuesday 19 September: PCT Whanganui.
Tuesday 19 September: Yrs 7-8 Immunisations
Wednesday 20 September: Interschool Speeches
Wednesday 20 September: Town clean up
Wednesday 20 September: Vision and Hearing
Friday 22 September: End of Term Three
Monday 9 October: Term Four begins.

AIMES Games Team: Coach Jesse Wallis, Manaaki Bell-Morehu, Mackenzie Marsh, Araceli Marsh, Vanessa Ashford Wallis, Marley Evans & Xaviah Marumaru

Principal's Message

We welcome Reeann Baker to our new entrant class. Reeann, you are going to have a great time in your class. We know you are going to make loads of new friends and memories. We also welcome Luu Cooper to our support staff team.

We farewelled Wendy Culpan from our cleaning team and Melissa Kennedy from our support staff team - we appreciated both of you immensely and we will miss you both.

Our school was entertained on Monday by the Duffy Theatre crew. The message was focused on the importance and impact of reading. We are always excited by and very much enjoy this event. Thank you to the amazing team of actors and a special thanks to our sponsors, WPI, for contributing so our kids can have fabulous books and experiences.

As you read through the information below, you will see that these last few weeks of the term are very busy. We are excited to have such a wide range of learning opportunities available to our learners and appreciative of the mahi and aroha that goes into making these happen, from the learners, the teachers, and of course our whanau!

Massive Sporting Achievements

As we head into the final weeks of term three, and it is a great opportunity to look back with PRIDE on the achievements of our learners. The weekend was full of celebrations of sports with our very first 3v3 basketball team heading to Tauranga to compete in the AIMS Games - the team consisted of Manaaki Bell-Morehu, Vanessa Ashford-Wallis, Xaviah Marumaru, MacKenzie Marsh and Marley Evans. They have come away from that event with a silver medal from a competition consisting of 30 teams from across New Zealand - that is a huge accomplishment! A massive thank you to Jesse Wallis, who coached the team, Miriama Lucas and all of the wonderful parent supporters.



Molly Aitken has been down in the South Island competing in the New Zealand Slalom event and has come away with 6th place in NZ. She has been selected to attend a camp run by Snowsports NZ based on her results and her commitment to training. Congratulations Molly, we are very proud of you!

We also had two teams head to Whanganui to run in the annual Round the Lake relay held at Virginia Lake on Monday. The girls team of Hana Harding, Maddie Whitehead, Jaylyn Hern and Paige Drinkwater gained an incredible 2nd place! Our boys team of Ben Lee, Luca Boslem, Matiu Tihema and Ezekiel Paynter finished a strong 7th. Mr Clark, who coached these teams, was pretty stoked with not only the results but the effort all have given to training and the support they gave each other at the event.

We will be celebrating these results and others achievements of our learners at our Celebration Assembly on **Friday 15 September at 2pm.**

More exciting events coming up.....

You will have noticed that our much needed classroom space is nearing completion as we are awaiting some final council checks. The opening of this learning space is on **Friday 15 September** where we will be having blessing/karakia at 5am supported by our local iwi, followed by a shared morning kai. If you wish to attend this event then please rsvp dreynolds@ohakune.school.nz

We will share finalised details early next week.

Speeches

Our School-wide speech night is **tonight** in the school hall starting at **5.30pm**. Thank you to all of our learners for the effort they have given to this area of their learning. The speeches that have been presented across the entire school have been of a high level and we wish those competing tonight the very best of luck. Those who make it to the next stage of the speech competition will then compete at the inter school event- Ruapehu Kahui Ako Schools Speech Competition to be held on **Wednesday 20 September**. Thank you to the Taumarunui Toastmasters who have supported this event for more than 20 years, providing judges and helpful feedback to our learners.

Cross Country

Our school-wide event is to be held on Friday this week and the timetable for this event is in this newsletter. Please feel welcome to come and encourage and support your learners at the venues (details below)

OPS Got Talent

All across the school our tamariki have been practising their class items to share at this fun event. OPS Got Talent is going to be held on **Tuesday 19 September** so we hope you can join us. We will not be selling tickets but a donation on the evening would be appreciated.

Our Ambassadors will be selling chocolate bars at the event- they are fundraising for swing sets for our school playground! \$2 a bar!

Inter-schools Dance Competition

A group of around 30 talented and determined middle and senior school students are heading to Whanganui on Sunday 17 September to represent OPS at the annual Intershools Dance event. The learners are being supported with coaching sessions with Mark Glastonbury who teaches all middle and senior learners dance in the fourth term. Thank you Mark for helping us to polish up our dance moves and our dancing shoes! Information regarding this event will be coming home today with learners who have committed to this competition.

Agriculture Day - Lamb and Calf Rearing

Springtime is here and with that comes our planning for Agriculture Day on **1 November**. A huge thank you to Rita Hammond who will be coordinating the Lamb and Calf competition. If your child is intending to enter a lamb or calf please pre register by picking up a form at our office or complete the online form through our school loop app. This will streamline the organisation and ensure diaries are out to those learners participating. We always look forward to this event and more information will come out at a later time for other ways your children can get involved.

Asbestos removal in holidays

The final project to remove asbestos will be occurring in the school holidays - the area for removal will be well signposted and we ask that people stay off the property during the removal dates of Saturday 23 September through to Tuesday 3 October.

Morning Tea with the Principal
Term 3 Weeks 8 & 9

Room 5 Reef Thompson and Reale Richards	Room 9 Ryan Boslem	Room 14 Kyuss Chester- Freeman & Jack Whitehead
Room 6 Rocca Bradnam & Meila Eves	Room 10 Millie Senekal & Ocean Thompson	S. Block Aileen Khan, Matiu Tihema Ashton Wilson, Quest Rapana Amarni Thrupp & Blake Rhodes
Room 7 Marley-James Renata & Hendrix Jones	Room 11 Darryl Muru-Albert & Cade Crossfield	
Room 8 Puti Goodwin & Lilly Cranston	Room 12 Mackenzie Phillips & Kace Morrison	

Morning Tea With the Principal



It's Calendar Art time again!



The kids have all been busy creating artwork that can be made into affordable calendars, cards, diaries, mouse mats and sketch pads. Each product is made from your own child's art. These make unique Christmas gifts for family and friends and are perfect for posting overseas.

You will be able to view the artwork in the hall on **Tuesday 19th September at 'OPS Has Talent'**.

Follow these instructions to place your order online:

1/. Go to www.kidsartworks.com

2/. **Use the Entrance Code: KZ1687.** Enter your child's room & name when prompted

The order is open from Wednesday 30 August until Friday 22 September (last day of term).

Payment can be made over the website via credit card or account2account.



S Block Snow Experience

Lamb and Calf Day 2023



Kia ora everyone!

Just a heads up...

Are you intending to rear either a lamb or calf for showing at the Lamb and Calf section of Agriculture Day 2023?

Reminder- your animal must be born after the 1st of August!

Details, including diaries, will follow very shortly so you can be ready to undertake this rewarding and fun learning opportunity!

Please contact us if you'd like support to access a lamb or calf to raise for this rewarding opportunity!

Garden Club Flower Show.

Saturday 16 September

Children's Section.

83- 11 years and over. 84- 8, 9, 10 years. 85-up to & including 7 years

Painted Rock (palm size)

Theme: Native Flora/Fauna. Inquiries to Glenys Shepherd 0212146901



Masterchef Stickers for Technology

The technology cooking room is looking at replacing their cooking pots. If anyone has the opportunity to collect the New World Masterchef stickers and would like to donate them to the Technology Centre, it would be awesome for us./ Thank you in advance. *Jude and Liva*

Tooshi Moochi TOI Prize for Room 5



The Tooshi Moochi group received their TOI Prize today. They could decide either to keep it as a group, donate it to the sewing room, or sell it. They spent time as a group to discuss their options and decided they wanted to sell it, so we looked up the price of the sewing machine on the Bernina website and found that is currently on sale for \$239.20. They decided as a group that they will sell it to Miss Wilson. I decided that I would give them \$250 so that they can each get \$50.

Pictured from left: Mason Kristiansen, Cullum Playle, Kaea Thrupp, Keehlai Kohiti & Reale Richards

2023 OPS Cross Country

Date	Friday 8 September
Year 2-8 Venue	Jude and Luigi Hotter's paddock (entry from Shannon Street) No cars to be brought up the driveway - please park on Shannon St. No dogs to be brought to the property please.
Year 0-1 Venue	OPS School Field
Spectators	All whanau are invited to spectate and support our athletes
Clothing	Students are encouraged to dress in their house colours. Please make sure students have some warm clothing to wear after they have run and a rain jacket.
Volunteer marshals	If you are available to help marshal out on the course, please email Tash - tcarley@ohakune.school.nz
After the event	Please Note - Any parent/caregiver who wishes to take their child(ren) home after the event needs to follow standard procedure via the school office – all children need to come back to school and a parent/caregiver needs to sign them out through the office.

Cross Country Timetable

10:00am	Year 8 Girls
10:15am	Year 8 Boys
10:30am	Year 6-7 Girls
10:45am	Year 6-7 Boys
11:00am	Year 4-5 Girls
11:15am	Year 4-5 Boys
11:30am	Year 2-3 Girls
11:45am	Year 2-3 Boys
2:15pm	Year 0-1 (running at school)

Round the Lake Relay Runners

Matiu Tihema, Ezekiel Paynter, Maddie Whitehead
Paige Drinkwater, Hana Harding, Ben Lee,
Jaylyn Hern & Luca Boslem



Year 5-6 Tackle Rugby

Harper Evans, Jessie Harding, Thomas Sherrit, Kyuss Chester-
Freeman, Kace Morrison, Warrick Freeman (coach) Ana Lisa
Marumaru, PeehiPakoro Kingi-Mareikura Jack Whitehead &
Chase Renata



Value of the week
Determination

This value is based around persevering in new learning, new relationships and taking on new experiences. We support learners by giving them the opportunity to develop the skills through targeted experiences and classroom learning and they are amazing.

Ngā mihi

**Lisa Clark
Principal**