



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Upcoming events

October 12 2023. #14
Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Wednesday 18 October: Mathex (Whanganui)
Thursday 19 October: Senior Social
Friday 20 October: Orautoha Cross Country
Monday 23 October: Labour Day. School closed
Tuesday 24 October: Junior Social
Tuesday 24 October: Yrs 4-6 Basketball. Whanganui
Friday 27 October: Hunterville Cross Country
Wednesday 1 November: Agricultural Day
Thursday 9 November: Cultural Festival at Raetihi School
Friday 10 November Athletics day
Tuesday 14 November: Athletics postponement day
Thursday 16 November: Team photos
Friday 17 November: Year 8 transition day at Ruapehu College
Wednesday 22 November Dance off
Friday 24 November: Teacher Only Day. School closed
Wednesday 29 November: Year 8 BIG Day out

Morning Tea with the Principal Week 10

Carie King

Principal's Message

Welcome back everyone for the last term of the 2023 school year. What an incredibly productive and positive year it has been so far and loads of time for more of the same!

Starting the term is always a joy after everyone has had a small break to refresh. We started our term with a beautiful powhiri, finally seeing some sun which meant we could have the whole school outside! We are excited to

welcome Leo Senekal,

Stasia-Indy Ponga, Diego Chapman Mora and Chelsea Mclauchlan with their families to our school. We also welcome Maria Beukes to our kitchen team (pictured left) and Carie King back from maternity leave.

Celebrations of learners

We finished last term with a glorious celebration assembly! It was incredible to see how varied the successes were and how much our tamariki achieved. Well done to everyone!

We were pleased and proud to host the Ruapehu Kahui Ako inter school speech competition in our busy last week of Term 3. Our learners competed strongly and after combining individual placings our school won the overall combined cup.

We'd also like to congratulate the Room 5 tamariki who entered the Waimarino Art

Awards - Congratulations to our Chloe Kiwi Griffin team of Alexis Fredricksen, Manaia Hansen, Luca Mickleson, Antonia Moon and Hana Pilbrow.

Upcoming events

We have quite a few events coming up on the calendar starting with our Mathex teams heading to Whanganui next Wednesday and the annual Orautoha interschool Cross Country coming up on Friday 20 October. Our top 10 runners from Year 2-8 will compete in this well-loved event. We wish everyone the very best of luck!



Being Sunsmart

It is the time of year where our learners need to be wearing hats when they are outdoors. As a sunsmart school and in our harsh alpine sun, we ask that everyone finds their hat and wear it. Hats can be purchased at the office for \$12.

Socials

Senior social is going to be held on Thursday evening next week and the Junior Social will follow on Tuesday of Week 3. Look out for more information elsewhere in the newsletter!

Relationship and Sexuality Education

We will be holding a whānau hui on **Thursday 26 October at 5.30pm** to discuss the upcoming programme to support our learners.

Our school has chosen to use Family Planning's resource *Navigating the Journey: Relationships and Sexuality Education* and *Keeping Ourselves Safe* (NZ Police) to assist with their delivery of a comprehensive, age-appropriate RSE programme. These resources were created alongside educational and health promotion experts to ensure that all of the material aligns with the Ministry of Education's guidance.

RSE is an important component of the health and physical education learning area of the curriculum. While some may see the word sexuality and think that this part of the curriculum is only relevant to older students, RSE is actually a comprehensive and holistic programme that covers many topics. For younger learners, these topics include life skills, identity, respect, friendships and feelings, as well as the biological topic such as body parts and how reproduction works.

Morning Tea with the Principal

Room 5: Kuini Allen, Orewa Hiroti Room 6: Baeley Trow, Ataahua Kohu Room 7: Lorenzo Bond, Aaliyah Hiroti-Stevens Room 8: Flynn Macleod, Puti Goodwin	Room 9: Kaia Hansen, Hunter Shields Room 10: Ameera Khan, Everly-Rose Kristiansen Room 11: Cooper Burnett, Bodie Deadman Room 12: Dean- Karl Hiroti	Room 14: Jayden Varley & Selena Macrae S Block: Holly Vincent, Hoani Kayes, Vanessa Ashford-Wallis
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Room 5 Students Win 3D Art Award

In Room 5, the 'Chloe Kiwi Griffin' wearable arts team (Alexis Fredrickson, Antonia Moon, Hana Pilbrow, Luca Mickelson and Manaia Hansen) won the 3D Artist Award in the Waimarino Art Awards. Winning \$200 in prize money which they plan to split amongst themselves, receiving \$40 each.



University of Canterbury Kiwi Exams.

Excellence Achieved in Science, Maths and English

Pictured left from left: Mali Chester-Freeman, Nico Fisher, Jade Bergman, Ben Lee, Isla Paynter and Paige Drinkwater.



Ambassador: Maddison Whitehead

Kahui Maunga Basketball League Ruapehu Cricket Club



Gold Success



Left: Alex Young Gold-Tai Kwon Do
Right: Izaac Wu Gold-Skiing



S Block Learners Move to their New Learning Space- Heke Taumata



New Learners and Staff Welcomed with a Powhiri on a Perfect Day



Inter School Speech Results

It was fantastic to host the Ruapehu Kahui Ako Inter-school Speech Night in week 10 of Term Three. What fabulous speakers the audience experienced—including some brave impromptu speeches. We thank all of the learners, their whanau & especially thank the Taumarunui Toastmasters for their help and expertise in judging these great young people. The results were as follow-

Year 4

Harper Gunnell 1st
Owen de Joux 3rd

Year 5

Mackenzie Phillips 3rd

Year 6

Te Rangimarie Hagley 1st
Nico Fisher 3rd

Year 7

Heleyna Hammond 1st
Carmen Armstrong 2nd

Year 8

Maioha Wallace- McLeod 1st
Vanessa Ashford- Wallis 2ndBelow

We are also happy to announce OPS won the trophy overall. Congratulations to everyone!



Celebrating Sporting Excellence



Aranui Cross Country
Senior Girls Champion Indi Taylor (left) & Araceli Marsh
Below:
Whanganui Inter school Mountain Biking
Mackenzie & Araceli Marsh



PCT Winning Team
Jaylyn Hern, Vanessa Ashford-Wallis, Mackenzie Marsh & Ezekiel Paynter
Below: **Under 13 Central Squash Champion**
Hana Harding



Round the Lake Relay Whanganui-2nd Place
Maddison Whitehead, Jaylyn Hern, Paige Drinkwater & Hana Harding



Whanganui Yr 7 Inter school Cross Country Winners
Amelia Warnock, Jaylun Hern & Hana Harding



Value of the week **Participation**

When we take part in our learning, it means we are listening, completing tasks and helping others to learn too.

Ngā mihi
Lisa Clark
Principal