



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

Tuesday 20 February: William Pike initial walk and meeting. 4pm
Tuesday 27 February: 3WC Goal setting
Friday 1st March: Junior swimming celebration
Tuesday 5 March: Senior Swimming sports
Thursday 7 March: Family fun at the pool. 5pm
Thursday 14 March: Interschool swimming. Waiouru
Friday 29 March- Tuesday 2 April: Easter. School closed
Friday 5 April: Tough Kids
Monday 8 April Whanau Breakfast
Friday 12 April: Celebration Assembly
Friday 12 April: End of Term One
Monday 29 April: Term Two Begins. Powhiri.

Morning Tea with the Principal Week 3

Principal's Message

We hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the start of the new school year, it is hard to believe we are in Week 3. We have welcomed many new learners into our school this year. These young people have already settled well into their new classroom environments.

Welcome to Bow Black, Madeline Olsen, Orinn Spooner, Lyrion Dyckes-Waring, Idah McLeman, Teuila Treanor-Hall, Tayte Mate, Daniel Petricek, Danaya Rippon, Moo Bartlett, Romey Gilberd, Rowland Tehuia-Webb, Ethlan Buchanan, Jack Robbie & Samuel Berry.

We have had three fantastic weeks filled with exciting learning activities and celebrations. Some of our learners enjoyed a delightful morning tea with the principal, where they had the opportunity to connect with their peers and discuss their positive start to the year. This is a well loved weekly event so watch out for your child's name for this celebration. We have also had two fun assemblies that have already showcased learner success and accomplishments. We are proud of all our students' hard work. Assemblies are hosted every second week starting with the awesome Room 1 in Week 4. Your support and involvement are crucial in creating a positive and enriching learning environment for our tamariki and we are grateful for the trust you place in us to support our precious taonga. We don't take this lightly and look forward to another successful school year together at OPS. We warmly invite you to our first Whanau engagement opportunities with Family Fun Night at the Pools Week 6 (7 March), and of course, our goal setting 3 Way Conferences in week 5 (27 February). Our 3 way goal setting conversations are an opportune time to connect with your child's teacher. Please watch out on Skool Loop to set a time with your child's teacher. Booking times will go live next week.

Our school day starts at 8.50 and concludes at 3pm. The first part of the day is for our learners to settle into the day but by 9am we expect all learning programmes to have started. If your child is late, please get them to sign in at the office. We have a schoolwide attendance goal of 90% that we can all achieve together. Please remember to notify the school if your child is going to be absent. We value regular attendance as it plays a significant role in academic success. You can call our school office, use our Skool Loop app or text if your child will not be attending school on a particular day.



Values

At our school we have values of PRIDE – these values are taught on a daily basis. Our values are Participation, Respect, Integrity, Determination and Environment. This week, our focus is on respect and we strongly believe in fostering this in the culture in all areas of our school. We teach our students the importance of respecting themselves, each other, and their environment. We encourage you to reinforce this value at home by having conversations about kindness, empathy, and treating others with respect.

Communication

We have high expectations for all our students and are committed to supporting their academic and personal growth. If you have any concerns or questions about your child's progress or well-being, please do not hesitate to reach out to their teacher as the first point of contact. Our school is a whānau-like environment and with that comes natural ups and downs as our young learners navigate life, of course with our support. We are always there and just a message away.

Our school works really hard to provide effective communication between school and home. To stay connected with us, we encourage you to utilise the following communication channels:

- School Loop: Our online platform where you can access information about your child's upcoming events, permission forms and the school newsletter.
- Email: You can reach out to your child's teacher or our school administration via email. Please allow for up to 24 hours for a response.
- TXT: For urgent matters, you can also send a text message to our principal.
- Facebook: Follow our school's Facebook page for updates, important announcements, and to see photos of our students in action.
- Phone- our office is staffed all day, 8:00-3:30 and someone is available to answer questions, to share information or make contact with your child via their classroom.

Sunsmart School

We would like to congratulate all our students for presenting themselves well in our school uniform. Just a reminder that with the sun filled days, it is important for students to wear sun hats during outdoor activities to protect themselves from the sun. On our count at assembly, we had only a small handful of learners without hats at all and another handful who didn't have them at school. We ask that you please reinforce the importance of wearing our school hat.

Participation In and Out of the Classroom

We believe that education is not limited to the walls of the classroom and our school believes in rich learning available in all areas of the curriculum including Reading, Writing and Maths. We encourage all our students to actively participate in activities and community events to grow themselves as contributing and connected learners. All experiences we provide, we believe, give valuable opportunities for personal growth, skill development, and building friendships. Our calendar does get super busy so make sure you look out for the week ahead and the dates for your calendar from our newsletters.

Principal's Award. Harper Gunnell



Morning Tea With The Principal Week 3

Room 5: Mia-Anne McLauchlan	Room 8: Baeley Trow	Room 11: Mason Kristiansen	S Block: Marley Evans Sam Barlow
Room 6: Jeffrey Donald	Room 9: Leqiel Hiroti-Stevens	Room 12: Bella Cranston	
Room 7: Daniel Petricek	Room 10: Maklini Nation	Room 14: Dallas Williamson	

Celebrating Children's Achievements

Senior Middle Awards

Kataleya Taylor-Condon, Isla Paynter, Grace Sherrit, Rowland Tehuia-Webb, Ana-Lisa Marmaru, Kian Russel, Tod Macrae, Casey Shields, Taylor Williamson, Mila Williams, Phoenix Warnock, Kaeden Trow & Ethan Buchanan.



Junior Awards

Romey Gilbert, Van Gray, Baeley Trow, Hana Pilgrov, Aaliyah Hiroti-Stevens Lorenzo Bond & Jack Robbie



Ambassador Award

Indee Crossfield



Middle & Senior Awards

Naylah Niha, Harper Evans, Lucas Mareikura, Colton Deadman, Owen de Joux, Ameera Khan, Charlie Gilbert, Madison Lee, Chloe Mabbott, Chase Renata, Abbie Drayton



Duffy Awards

Tawiri Bishop, Orewa Hiroti, Puti Goodwin, Hendrix Jones, Maddox Hammond, Addison Tuck, Hunter Gilbert, Jahkaiah Reid- Anderson, Lazarius Bond, Idah Mcleman & Hana Allen



School Traffic Control Safety Training Day



IMPORTANT INFORMATION REQUIRED

Please contact the office as soon as possible if any contact, details or medical conditions of your child/dren have changed

INTRODUCING OUR 2024 AMBASSADORS

Isla Paynter



Hi! I'm Isla, and I'm going to be one of your ambassador's for 2024! I moved here from Wellington around 2 years ago, and my goal for this year is to get you all some new swings sets! Some of the things that I like to do are reading, drawing, rock climbing, and going on bush walks! I hope we have a great year ahead of us!

Marley Evans



Hi, my name is Marley and my goals for this school year as an Ambassador are to help inspire younger students to be the best version of themselves, and to help spread kindness and gratitude.

Brooklyn Hovelle



Hi, my name is Brooklyn and I am excited to be one of the few Ambassadors for 2024. I am grateful to have the opportunity to be an Ambassador and help around the school for my last year of primary school. This year my goal is to become more confident talking in front of big groups. I want to make the school a better place by helping around the school and encouraging the younger students where I can.

Grace Sherrit



Hi my name is Grace. I was one of the few chosen to become an Ambassador for 2024 and I am so excited to have the opportunity to be a leader at OPS during my last year

at primary school. This year I want to help make the school a better place by encouraging others to be the best version of themselves and I also am excited to get the opportunity to organise fun activities for our school.

Carmen Armstrong



Hi my name is Carmen Armstrong. My goal for 2024, is to get a new swing set for the school, and hopefully a couple of other things too. I will strive to achieve our goals and try to spread positivity throughout the school!

2024 AMBASSADORS (continued)



Hana Harding

Hi my name is Hana, I'm looking forward to being an Ambassador in my last year at OPS. This year I want to help make the school a better place and hopefully provide a good, supportive role model for my fellow OPS students. I'm also looking forward to running fun fundraisers and activities.



Christina Macrae

Kia ora
My name is Christina and I am looking forward to the challenges as an ambassador. My goals for 2024 are to inspire the Year 7's to be the best version of themselves and to prepare for the big role of ambassador.



Heleyna Hammond

Hi my name is Heleyna. I am one of the Ambassadors chosen for 2024.

I am super excited to have the opportunity of being an Ambassador in my last year of OPS. This year I'm going to try my hardest to make the school a better place by encouraging positive and kind attitudes. To achieve this I will need to be the best Ambassador I can be and always show the PRIDE values.



Value of the Week

Respect

Everyone wants to be treated well and with kindness

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

Ngā mihi

Lisa, Rose and the OPS team