



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

Monday 19 August: Board Meeting. 5 30 pm
Thursday 29 August: Snowsports Rooms 6,7
Friday 30 August: Snowsports Rooms 5.8
Friday 30 August> Daffodil Day. Gold Coin Collection
Monday 2nd September: OPS Cross Country
Tuesday 3 September: Inter School Rugby
Wednesday 4 September: OPS Cross Country postponement day
Thursday 5 September: Snowsports Room 6,7
Friday 6 September: Snowsports Rooms 5.8
Wednesday 11 September: OPS Speech Night
Thursday 12 September: Snowsports Rooms 6,7
Friday 13 September: Snowsports Rooms 5.8
Friday 13 September: Orautoha Cross Country
Friday 27 September: End of term Three
Monday 14 October: Term Four begins.

Morning Tea with the Principal Principal's Award



Principal's Message

We hope this newsletter finds you well! As we move rapidly through the school year, I want to say thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's learning journey. Your involvement makes a significant difference for our school community, and I appreciate all that you do. It is hard to believe we are halfway through the term in two weeks time. Thank you for your ongoing support in helping us foster a thriving learning environment. Improvement of behaviour has been a focus and with the diverse range of learners we have, we are working very hard to ensure that our young people are happy and safe. It does however take your support to reinforce our messages in helping our learners get it right. My door is always open so if you have any concerns, please make contact.



There have been some announcements recently from the government around changes to the Mathematics curriculum. I can assure you I know how hard our teachers and teacher aides work. Our mid year assessments show that we have 71% of our learners at or above in Mathematics, 72% at or above in Reading and 69% at or above in Writing. We have no doubt by the end of the year, 80% or more of our learners will be at or above their curriculum level across the three areas of the curriculum helping us reach our school wide goal. We do however have a high number of neuro diverse learners and those with different needs and not one way of learning fits all so we continue to adapt and modify learning for all learners to ensure success. I am thankful for our dedicated team of teachers and support staff.

Last week, our students were excited to have the [Duffy Theatre](#) team perform. This is the 30th Anniversary for Duffy Books in Schools so it was great to be part of this. It was a fantastic show filled with joy, life learning and the important message of Reading. Great messages were shared across the show - including how our tamariki can choose how they respond to anything, especially if things are tough. A huge thank you to the team of Caleb, Ria and Sammy - a talented crew!

Snowsports. Next week is the last week for middle and senior students, and juniors will begin their program soon in week 6. Please ensure your child is prepared for the exciting activities ahead. We have been very fortunate with mostly fine days and our tamariki have made great gains in their lessons.

Daffodil Day Fundraiser. To support the Cancer Society and further research, we will have a green and yellow mufti day on Friday 30 August. Students are encouraged to wear these yellow and green and bring a gold coin for this fundraiser run by our ambassador team.

Attendance. Attendance has improved this week and we are pleased to report that attendance is up to 87%. A thank you to you for your support with this so we can maintain a positive trend. Also please remind your children to sign in upon arrival at school at the office and when leaving school early.

Morning Tea with the Principal Week 4

Room 3: Jeffrey Donald
Room 5: Indica-Belle Christiansen
Room 6: Lovey Kamboj
Room 7: Romey Gilbert
Room 8: Jacob Young

Room 9: Lilly Cranston
Room 10: Bailey Robinson
Room 11: Ameera Khan
Room 12: Taylor Williamson

Room 14: Mihirangi Hansen
S Block: Eva Hovelle, Tyler McGiven, Cooper Graham

Celebrating Childrens' Learning



**Education Outside the Classroom
 Classroom Snowsports**



Middle and Senior Awards



Junior Awards



Ambassador's Award





Enviro Award



Duffy Theatre: Celebrating 30 Years inspiring the love of books in Duffy children so they become adults who inspire a love of reading.

TOI National Awards Celebrated

The following Ohakune Primary School Student's garments have been recognised at a national level at the recent National Toi Show

Name: Tama / **Fenix Crossfield & Brooklyn Hovelle**

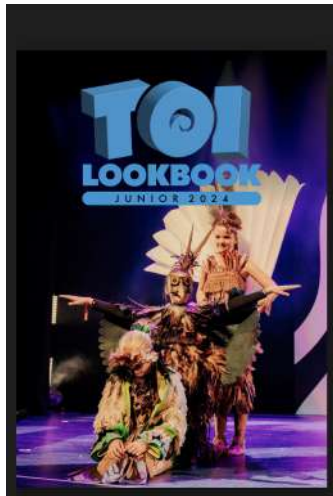
Certificate: Junior National Finalist

Prizes: WOW Prize Pack, Bernina Sewing Machine

WOW Comment: "Tama tells a story through the use of features like the ship on the sea and that large Taniwha emerging out of the waters. Well-made with great use of colours, the black and gold contrast with the watery depths of the sea."

Name: Pepeha Pouwhenua / **Eva Hovelle, Abbie Drayton, & Jessie Harding**

Certificate: Junior National Finalist, Junior Best Interpretation of Design Brief – Stories of the South



Pacific (Junior)

Prizes: WOW Prize Pack, Bernina Sewing Machine

WOW Comment: "A living pouwhenua that tells a story of connection and belonging. Beautiful symbolism is used with each bird representing part of our journey. The clever use of three birds, three outfits on three models in a strong composition is made even better by the striking art of this entry."

Name: In your Dreams / **Indi Taylor**

Certificate: Best Interpretation of Design Brief – Larger than Life (Junior)

Name: Paikea - Te kaitiaki o nga ika o te moana /

Amelia Warnock

Certificate: Junior Highly Commended

Name: Save Our World- Pull The Parachute Before It's Too Late / **Elise Drinkwater, Suriya Kristiansen, & Casey Shields**



Certificate: Junior Highly Commended



Ruapehu Spring Garden Ramble- November 23 Tickets \$35



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Value of the Week
Respect

Everyone wants to be treated well and with kindness

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

Nga mihi
Lisa and the OPS team