



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

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 4

Principal's Message

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you had a fantastic week. We are excited to welcome some learners who have joined our school this year or have returned. We are thrilled to have Cairo, Cruze and Ricco Hawira back from Australia and also Tereipa, Joseph and Jyzharn Matenga-Pui.

A huge thank you to everyone who engaged with our recent 3 way goal setting conferences. These have been a great way to connect and support our learners with their goals in and out of the classroom. If you were unable to make a time, please get in touch with your child's teacher.

Our school is a huge community and from time to time there may be concerns you need to raise - if this is the case, please make contact with your child's teacher first and with the principal as required. We have started the school year in a positive way but as you will be aware, some young people need more support than others. Our school needs to be a safe and happy place. Your support in dealing with any concerns for your children is vital so we can have a team approach.

You may notice the fencing is down around the office... however this project is not quite complete! We are anticipating the opening of our office/staff room spaces around Week 8. We have planned for opening on Tuesday 12 March at 7.30am with the support of Ngati Rangī, we will open with karakia. There is currently an accessibility ramp being built in front of Rooms 11-14 so the front of these classes are now fenced off but we are hopeful there is minimal disruption.

Our students have participated well in swimming activities as part of our Physical Education program. We want to congratulate them on their achievements and commend their hard work and dedication. We now have time to enjoy their mahi with the junior swimming celebration at the pools on Friday 1 March starting at 11.15am. The senior swimming sports will be on Tuesday 5 March and a timetable for events is attached to this newsletter. Our fabulous PTA will be fundraising with a BBQ selling sausages and moosie/juices at both events. It needs to be noted that the weather for Week 6 is looking very average so if we need to postpone we will let you know.



We have many tamariki making the most of events in the region and we congratulate those who recently took part in the Iron Kidz event in Taupō. It looked like loads of fun and what a great experience for you all. Congratulations to Ryan and Luca Boslem, Maddison Lee and Izaac Wu for participating.

The William Pike Challenge are working through their selection process and will be heading off to their first challenge later in the term.

We also have had ten finalists from multiple entries across the school for the TOI wearable art coming up in term 2.

OPS is certainly a great place of opportunity for our tamariki.

We also have many learners who are training hard for Hui Aranga – being involved in this wide range of activities does tire our tamariki so, early nights are on the menu!

We will be holding a Family Fun Night at the Pools on Thursday March 7 starting at 5pm and running until 6.30pm. Please bring along a picnic dinner or grab a sausage sizzle and join together as a school community to enjoy an hour or so at the pools!

Head Lice

Again with the warmer weather, head lice seem to have featured in some of our classes. We can assist with head lice treatments as we are supported by Kidscan with products. Please call into the office for these products. We are happy to be of assistance and aim to get on top of any issues. We also have a wonderful parent who has offered to treat hair at school if you are unable to at home. Please get in touch with me if you need any assistance in getting rid of these pesky critters.

Late to school procedures

Please remember to communicate with the school if your child will be absent or arriving late to school. Regular attendance is essential for student success and we have a schoolwide goal of over 90% for each learner.

If your child is late to school, it is really important that they sign in at the office so we can track where everyone is. Absence can be reported through phone, txt or simply using our Skool Loop app.

SWIMMING SPORTS TIMETABLE

General information for the day as follows:

9.30	Short Break – toilet, sun smart, snack
9.45	Gather on asphalt outside Heke Taumata ready to head to pools. (Follow usual road crossing procedures.)
10:30	Begin racing in large pool, non championship width races.
11:15	House relays.
11:20	1 length non championship races.
11.40	1 length championship races.
1:15	Championship events continued, medley's & 2 length events.
2:00	Yr 8 vs Ambassador vs House Captains vs Adults relay.
2:15	Clear pools and head back to school.

Information on the running of the day:

Please note that there is no timetabled lunch break, PTA will be running the BBQ from approx 11:30am and students need to be aware of when their races are and when they are able to make time to eat. This will assist us with timing and making it through all of the events on time.

If parents wish to take their child/children home at the completion of their events they must be signed out with their classroom teacher before they leave the pool area. Teachers will need to take a class list to the pool with them to sign students out. Please ensure children understand this before the day.

Morning Tea With The Principal Week 5

Room 5: Tuliam Bond	Room 8: Harper Turner	Room 11: Hannah Eley	S Block: Suriya Kristiansen, Jessie Harding, Dulce Gunnell, Julius Kumeroa- Ruri
Room 6: Leo Senekal	Room 9: Alexis Fredricksen	Room 12: Lachlan Sefton	
Room 7: Romey Gilbert	Room 10: Makaia Hansen	Room 14: Thammdi Rogers-Gerbault	

Celebrating Children's Achievements

Senior Middle Awards

Sarah Alvarez, Heleyna, Hana Harding, Calum Coutts, Thamdi Rogers-Gerbault, Tyler McGiven, Bailey Robinson, Hamish Drummond, Wairere Wihare-Gray, Matai Deadman, Luca Mickelson & Berlyn Edwards



Junior Awards

Isla-Belle Lucas, Orli Athukorage Don, Daniel Petricek, Scott Scarf, Zehriah Epiha-Herewini, Riley Jones Finn Mastrovich & Danaya Rippon



Duffy Awards



Cade Crossfield, Phoenix Warnock, Kace Morrison, Ngairoa Wallace-McLeod, Chloe Mabbott, Amelia Warnock, Lila Doolan, Te Amorangi Renata, Clair Deadman, Julius Kumeroa-Ruri, Florence Stuckey, Eva Petrickova & Teccayis Hagley



Tom Berry, Van Gary, Marley Renata, Chelsea Mc Lauchlan, Leo Senekal, Matthew Williams & Cruze Hawira

IMPORTANT

Please contact the office if your child's contact and/or medical conditions have changed. Thank you

Physical Activity Leaders Leadership Course



PALs was an amazing opportunity. For developing new leadership skills my highlights were meeting and bonding with new people and using each other's skills to conquer the challenges we were given. I am so grateful for this opportunity and we will take the skills we learnt and now have new games for Ambassador Sports. A big ngā mihi to Rutherford Junior High School for letting us use their gym. A big thank you for the warm welcome and thanks to Sport Whanganui!!

Christina Macrae

Last week on Tuesday, the ambassadors went to Rutherford Junior High School in Whanganui and did a PALs leadership course. PALs stands for Physical Activity Leaders.

There were leaders from schools all around our area that were also doing the course. We met heaps of new people and learned lots of new valuable leadership skills that we will use for the rest of our lives. The ambassadors have now brought our new skills and games into our playground to share with the rest of the school, through ambassador sport.

Grace Sherit



Value of the Week

Integrity

When we stay focused, do great work, act kindly towards others, all when no one is watching, we are showing integrity.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

Ngā mihi

Lisa, Rose and the OPS team