



# OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter



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**Kia ora koutou/Greetings**

## Upcoming events

Thursday 14 March: Interschool swimming. Waiouru

Thursday 21 March: Paid Union Meeting: School closed for instruction from 12.15

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 6

### Principal's Message

The term is flying by! It is hard to believe there are only four weeks to go until the end of the term.

The progress being made by our learners has been pleasing and our tamariki are very excited to show off their progress. Our learning programme focus continues to be on Literacy and Mathematics to ensure the academic success of all our students. The importance of working well with others and building positive relationships in and out of the classroom are also certainly on top. As swimming is concluded, our new routines have been established and we will move into team sports during tabloids and through class Physical Education. Our students have shown incredible dedication and talent in the pool during swimming competitions. We are proud of their achievements and look forward to celebrating together at the end of the term.

The middle school is heading out to camp next week on Thursday and Friday. We can feel the excitement building for this overnight stay at Ruatiti Domain! We wish the middle school the very best time and thank the teachers for planning the fun filled learning activities and the many parents who have volunteered to support our kids. Last week we welcomed Nyveh-Leigh Enoka to our school - have a wonderful time in your learning and enjoy making new friends.

### Paid Union Meeting

Please note that there will be a Paid Union Meeting for NZEI staff on Thursday 21 March. The school will be closed for instruction from 12.15pm as all of our teachers are NZEI members. The school will remain open with very limited supervision so if you are able to collect your children at 12.15pm, that would be appreciated. Please email [principal@ohakune.school.nz](mailto:principal@ohakune.school.nz) if you require your child to remain at school by this Friday. Buses will run at 3pm for those unable to be collected. The middle school camp will proceed as normal with no effect on staffing.

### Swimming Sports

We are thrilled that so many of our students have excelled in our recent swimming sports. Our team is now heading to Waiouru to compete in the Ruapehu Schools event on Thursday. Good luck to our team - race hard! Thanks to Whaea Tash for the organisation and support of our ākonga



## Karakia for New Administration and Staffroom

We have had a special karakia held to bless the new administration areas and staffroom. A huge thank you to Korty Wilson for supporting us in this. We anticipate the office space will be open as soon as the project managers have the sign off. With this project nearing completion we will then move onto the next redevelopment project of the Learning Support Coordinator space - currently the home of the temporary office. Our school has been very fortunate to maintain our programme of much needed updates to our learning spaces, unlike many other schools who have lost property money - at this stage, all future works are full steam ahead.

## Lost Property

If your child has misplaced any items, please check our lost property area located at the office. We seem to have an accumulation of towels and items left at swimming and plenty of unnamed items that need a good home. Please also think about making sure your child has a school fleece ready for the Autumn and Winter terms ahead of us! They can be purchased from the office either brand new or second-hand.

## Morning Tea With The Principal Week 6

<b>Room 5:</b> Art King	<b>Room 8:</b> Te Atawhai Bishop	<b>Room 11:</b> Rosie Donald	<b>S Block:</b> Brooklyn Hovelle, Lucas Senekal, Te Rangimarie Hagley, Levi Demchy
<b>Room 6:</b> Diego Chapman Mora	<b>Room 9:</b> Chase Haitana	<b>Room 12:</b> Hennessy McLeod	
<b>Room 7:</b> Danaya Rippon	<b>Room 10:</b> Indee Crossfield	<b>Room 14:</b> Paige Lloyd	

## Celebrating Children's Achievements

<p><b>Senior School Awards</b> Si' Kyla Wall, Sofia Westbury, Olivia Lloyd, Jordan McManaway, Christina Macrae, Eva Hovelle &amp; Selena Macrae</p>	<p><b>Middle School Awards</b> Brody Mabbott, Thomas Sherrit, Mihirangi Hansen, Millie Senekal, Flynn McLeod, Kyani Ririnui, Makaia Hansen, Rocco Bradnam, Mila Berry &amp; Zhuolun Cui</p>	<p><b>Ambassador Award</b> Hana Pilbrow</p>
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## Junior Awards

Orrin Spooner, Charlotte Williamson, Jahvarn Anderson, Tuliam Bond, Hannah Nation, Madeline Olsen, Reeann Baker & Harper Turner



## Principal's Award

Selena Macrae





## 2024 Great Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science Competitions

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the Great KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand Curriculum.

The competitions are open to all Year 5-8 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects.

The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2. All participating students will receive a certificate and prizes will be awarded to top students.

Each exam costs \$9.90 to enter.

Students will have bought the notice home in the last few days. If you require a form or more information, please contact Rose Martin.

Entries need to be returned with the entry fee by Wednesday 8 May. (Week 2, Term 2)

**No late entries can be accepted.**

Please talk to your child's classroom teacher if this is something you'd like your child to do or alternately contact me to discuss!

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Please note: Kiwi Exams for Spelling run later in the year



### 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