



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

Wednesday 15 May: Venture Lodge
Wednesday 22nd-24th May: Senior Blue Mountain Adventure Camp. Raurimu
Friday 17 May: Interschool swimming
Tuesday 28 May: Sports Agility Day
Monday 3 June: King's Birthday. School closed
Tuesday 4 June: Interschool netball
Tuesday 18 -19 June: 3 Way Conferences
Tuesday 18 June: Dance off
Friday 28 June: Matariki Day. School Closed

Principal's Message

Welcome back to an action packed, learning filled Term 2!
We started the term with our whole school powhiri on Monday at 9:15, welcoming new learners into our school and re-establishing our learning relationships.
We had Whanganui Girls College visiting our Year 7 and 8 girls on Tuesday, sharing information about their school and what it is like to attend a boarding and girls only school.



School Photos were taken on Wednesday, information about ordering class photos will come home within the **next 2 weeks**.

Tabloids, with a focus on developing winter sports skills, begin this term. A great opportunity for learners to have a taste of all winter sports available and refine their skill set.
For the first time, year 4-8 learners are undertaking their Dance lessons with Mark Glastonbury in Term 2, leading to our Dance Off in Week 8 and the Inter-school Dance competition in Whanganui towards the end of term.

Next week, we are really excited to be starting our electives for 2024! Learners will have 3 afternoons learning and exploring an area of interest from Mountain biking to pottery to drama, nature rambling and cooking.
Kapa Haka will continue over the term. It was such a pleasure to see the number of passionate and keen ākonga at the first practice session last term. We look forward to watching them grow!

A quick reminder that this is a wintery term and it is really important that your child(ren) are wearing warm uniform. Our uniform includes trousers and fleeces and can be purchased at the front office. Please remember to NAME all items of uniform. We have some very good quality, clean, second-hand uniform available also.

Over the break our Teachers were at school undertaking Professional Learning Development (PLD) around the Cool Schools programme. This programme of learning will be taught school-wide and will support the development of resilient learners who can manage their own responses to disputes in the playground. All staff will support the development of this dialogue and Miss Heffernan is training Peer Mediators to assist learners

in the playground. This is a researched and well resourced programme with proven positive outcomes. If you'd like to know more about the programme please don't hesitate to chat to classroom teachers.

Coming up later in the Term...

King's Birthday- Monday 3 June

There is a scheduled Teacher Only Day for further Professional Learning on the Tuesday of Week 6
3 Way conferences are scheduled for Week 7 (Tuesday/ Wednesday) of the term and the bookings will be live on the Skool Loop app in Week 6.

We are planning to share our school-wide learnings and develop new experiences around Puanga and Matariki in Week 9 and will of course round off the term with Celebration Assembly in Week 10.

There is a great deal of learning and fun to be had over the coming term and we are all looking forward to sharing an exciting term of learning with our students, whanau and staff.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR BUS STUDENTS

**On Thursday 9 May as Ruapehu College is closing early for Senior 3WC.
Buses will be leaving from school at 1:20pm
Rangataua bus is not affected.**

Morning Tea with the Principal Week 1

Room 5: Anahera Hansen
Room 6: Lorenzo Bond
Room 7: Alexander Bell
Room 8: Puti Goodwin

Room 9: Sarina Marumaru
Room 10: Owen de Joux
Room 11: Jyzharn Matenga-Pui
Room 12: Aljarreau Hiroti

Room 14: Kaeden Trow
S Block: Naylah Niha, Casey Shields, Sebastian Paul-Tehuia



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 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! rmartin@ohakune.school.nz/ 063838384. Please note; Kiwi Exams for Spelling run later in the year



Whanau Breakfast Draw

Winners: Coutts Family Maria, Charley and Calum

Celebrating Children's Achievements



Sporting Excellence: Thomas Sherrit, Colton Deadman, Harper Evans, Rowland Tehuia-Webb & Maklini Nation



Sporting Excellence: Ryan Boslem, Luca Boslem, Coutney Lee & Indiana Taylor



Academic Awards: Florence Stuckey, Zhuolun Cui and El-Jahro Richards (**Mana Whakatipu Cup**)



Principal Award: Jayden Varley



Weetbix Tryathlon: Bodie Deadman, Cooper Burnett, Reef Thompson, Hana Pilbrow, Ocean Thompson, Zhuolun Cui, Jessie Harding, Amelia Warnock, Hana Harding & Jasper Deadman



Weetbix Tryathlon: Hanna Nation, Lilly Cranston, Hunter Gilbert, Coutney Lee, Maklini Nation, Bella Cranston, Ryan Boslem. Luca Boslem, Madison Lee, Lachlan Gilbert



Swimming Awards: Fenix Crossfield, Amelia Warnock, Grace Sherrit, Jaylyn Hern, Harper Evans, Hana Harding, Thomas Sherrit, Colton Deadman, Jessie Harding, Casey Shields, Brooklyn Hovelle, Maklini Nation, Caitlin Drinkwater, Rowland Tehuia-Webb, Chase Renata & Sam Barlow.



New Ambassadors: Luca Senekal, Olivia Lloyd, Amelia Warnock & Fenix Crossfield



Junior Awards: Owen de Joux & Isla-Belle Lucas



Value of the Week

Participation

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

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

Ngā mihi

Lisa, Rose and the OPS team