



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

Tuesday 4 August: Duffy Theatre. 11am
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 22 September: End of term Three
Monday 14 October: Term Four begins.

Principal's Message

Kia ora everyone

What a wonderful start to the term - it has taken no time to see our kids get back into fabulous learning routines. We welcomed on the first day back a great group of learners who have settled quickly into life at OPS! A huge thank you to Korty Wilson for supporting us in this.

We welcome new staff - Kuini Cooper and Karee Cadman to our support staff team and both these lovely ladies have become an instant hit with our kids. Welcome back also to Brenda Akapita who is our wonderful Kapa Haka tutor.

Last term I was fortunate to be awarded a sabbatical and had a wonderful opportunity to visit schools across New Zealand looking at trauma informed practice in education. I am thrilled to be back as I missed our tamariki and our team of highly dedicated staff. A huge thank you to our board for supporting this time and to Miss Rose Martin for ably managing the school with our team in my absence.

It has been incredible to watch and celebrate the determination and perseverance of our Olympic athletes - across the school many of our classes have been learning about different countries and their cultures. Room 2 hosted a wonderful assembly with the theme of what makes a good friend, the friendship bracelets were a hit!

Snowsports

This term brings our snowsports programme and this week we are hopeful that our maunga will be packed with new snow. Our middle and senior classes have had a positive start with their first sessions and our junior school is set to start in Week 5. We have tried to streamline our communication with any cancellation through Facebook, txt and Skool Loop. We aim for any messaging to come through before 7am.

Our ski race and development team are also in full swing and a huge thank you to Campbell Harding for coordinating this with our team of parents.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is critical to learners making progress. In our last reporting from the Ministry of Education we only had 35% of our learners attending regularly. Attending regularly is for a learner to have 90% attendance (missing fewer than 5 days across the term). I do understand that from time to time there is illness and

OPS Ski Team






what is appreciated is a message to school to let us know the reason for your child's absence. You can do this either through Skool Loop, txt or a call.

Our school day starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3pm. Sometimes our bells are slightly out by a minute or so when we have power surges. It is really important that if your child is running late that they call in to our friendly office to let us know they are here as we have a duty of care to make sure all children are accounted for.

Celebrating Children's Achievements

		
Ambassador Awards	Middle & Senior Awards	Junior School Awards

		
Principal's Award	House Banners	

Morning Tea with the Principal Week 2

<p>Room 5: Hannah Nation Room 6: Astrid Paynter Room 7: Tom Berry Room 8: Philip Proude</p>	<p>Room 9: Berlyn Edwards Room 10: Jemma Pearson Room 11: Simon Young Room 12: Taylor Williamson</p>	<p>Room 14: Meia Deadman S Block: Jaylyn Hern, Carmen Armstrong</p>
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Enviro Leaders

Enviro Leaders were presented with their badges at the celebration assembly at the end of term 3. What a fantastic group of Environmental warriors this year.

Our middle team has set up a litter club, twice a week they hand out buckets and gloves to other students who want to pick up litter in our school grounds. Each student that picks up litter has the opportunity to put their name in a draw for a prize handed out in our assemblies. Congratulations to Indica-Belle and Puti who won a seed pot and seeds on Monday.

Our vegie garden has garlic planted under wool mats which is starting to pop through.

Our main focus this year has been our Ngahere, all the trees seem to be coping with our cold frosty mornings, thanks to the lovely wool mats and sleeves helping to protect them.

Last week Liz from Project Tongariro joined us, she taught us about predators and helped students to make tracking tunnels. We have found lots of mice footprints and one rat so far.



This week we had Rochelle (enviro facilitator) and Piet come and look at our Ngahere. We learnt about different trees, pest plants in our Ngahere and what our next steps might look like.



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Value of the Week Participation

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

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

Ngā mihi
Lisa and the OPS team