



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

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. Years 4-6
Wednesday 4 September: OPS Cross Country postponement day
Thursday 5 September: Snowsports Room 6,7
Friday 6 September: Snowsports Rooms 5.8
Tuesday 10 September: Aranui Cross Country. Whanganui
Wednesday 11 September: OPS Speech Night
Thursday 12 September: Snowsports Rooms 6,7
Friday 13 September: Snowsports Rooms 5.8
Monday 16 September: Board Meeting 5.30pm
Tuesday 17 September: Rippa Rugby. Whanganui
Wednesday 25 September: Inter School Speech night. Hosted by OPS
Monday 23 September: Celebration Assembly
Friday 27 September: End of term Three
Monday 14 October: Term Four begins.
Wednesday 23 October: Mathex. Whanganui. Years 5-8



Principal's Award

Heleyna Hammond, Van Gray & Emma Church-Zweibruck

Principals' Message

It is hard to believe we are halfway through the term and sadly it has been a very difficult time in our community. I want to extend from our team our love and positive thoughts to all families affected by any potential closure of the mills. We understand the impact may be widespread especially on our whānau and community so please know we are here to support one another during this time. I do know we are a very resilient community but if there is any way that support can be provided, please let me know. We appreciate all WPI has done to support our school through multiple sponsorship- we need to support them.

As we do each year, we will be supporting the Cancer Society **this Friday** with the annual Daffodil Day. **This is a green, yellow mufti day** so if your child can come in those colours to show their support. We are asking for a **gold coin donation only** if you can, to raise funds to support cancer research and support the incredible work the Cancer Society does. Our ambassadors are also supporting the stall outside the New World on Friday.

I want to congratulate our learners that come to school each day wanting to do their very best. We have incredible young people in our school and it has been wonderful to see the growth and development throughout the term. Our peer mediators are an example of this and have been working hard on their training with Miss Heffernan. They hope to be in the playground supporting their peers before the end of the term.

Our school is continuing to have property refurbishments. The next work on the schedule is a teacher workroom and resource centre, refurbishment of our senior school and then our long awaited junior toilets.

Congratulations - There was much to celebrate over the weekend for our tamariki and the winter season sports concluding. Some special mentions are to the Ruapehu netball team coached by Mandy Hagley who won the A grade final in the Whanganui competition in a nail biter! Congratulations to Grace Sherrit, Lila Doolan, Heleyna Hammond and Brooklyn Hovelle who were part of this team playing against Rutherford Junior High winning 27-25.



Another special mention to the girls in the C grade final who equally had a tough game and lost out only by one point. This team comprised Marley Evans, Amelia Warnock, Eva Hovelle, Fenix Crossfied, Casey Shields and Jessie Harding.

Ruapehu netball is looking strong into the future for sure. With any team also a huge congratulations to the parents and support crew – a success for all! We also want to mention Hana and Jessie Harding who recently competed at the Whanganui Mountain Biking Champs – placing 2nd and 3rd respectively. Well done to you both!

Sports Ability Day – We had a fantastic sports ability day supported by Sport Whanganui and the Halberg Trust. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this day possible- the smiles were epic and our learners gained a great deal from the day.



Snowsports – Our middle and senior school snowsport season has concluded and we are proud of their hard work and commitment! It is now the turn for our junior school and we are ever hopeful for them to be able to get up for some fun and learning in the snow. The conditions are not looking as good as they did a week ago with the recent rain and warmer temperatures. Everyone, please do some snow dances! If we are all good to go the communication will be around 6.45am via Facebook and Skool Loop.

Cross Country – Our annual cross country event is set for next Monday, 2nd September. Please note that there is a postponement day Wednesday, 4th September for us to fall back on. A special thank you to the Eves and Hotter family for allowing us to use their property. Times

for this event are in the newsletter. This event will also be followed up with the annual Orautoha, Aranui (Years 3-6) and Whanganui Year 7-8 events.

Speeches – Our classes have been working solidly on their speeches and once the class presentations are completed some learners will participate in our much-anticipated school speech night. This will be coming up on **Wednesday, 11th September** so please save the date. The confidence in public speaking has grown right across the school so well done to our tamariki.



Middle School Awards	Senior Awards	Junior Awards

A Grade Winners Winning Netball Teams C Grade Runner Up



Morning Tea with the Principal

Room 3: Fletcher Deadman
Room 5: Cruze Hawira
Room 6: Astrid Paynter
Room 7: Danaya Rippon
Room 8: Arabella Olsen

Room 9: Tod Macrae
Room 10: Ocean Thompson
Room 11: Jane Macrae
Room 12: : Aarzo Kamboj

Room 14: Lucas Mareikura
S Block: Te Rangimarie Hagley,
 Alexis Aitkins-Wihongi, Grace
 Sherrit

Daffodil Day Friday 30 August



**Gold Coin
 Collection and
 Board donation
 to the Cancer
 Society**

OPS Cross Country- Monday 2 September Timetable

Timetable	
9:00am	Eat snacks. Ensure students have been to the toilet. Write house letters on hands.
9:30am	Middle and Senior School line up in class groups outside Heke Taumata
10:00am	Year 8 Girls
10:15am	Year 8 Boys
10:30am	Year 6-7 Girls
10:30am	Rm 5 and 8s - Years 2-3s assemble at the Nest. Michael/Kate (Carrie) to coordinate. Walk to the venue.
10:45am	Year 6-7 Boys
11:00am	Year 4-5 Girls
11:15am	Year 4-5 Boys
11:30am	Year 2-3 Girls
11:45am	Year 2-3 Boys
12:00pm	Return to school
12:20pm	Slightly late lunch back at school. All students file through the hall. Hopefully Pizza or something similar for lunch
2:15pm	Year 0-1 at school. Other year groups can watch. (Maree, Kristi, Suzi) to organise

Glastonbury Dance Studio Introduces- Inter-school DanceSport Challenge

- Sunday 22nd September 2024. 1pm
- Whanganui War Memorial Centre
- Spectators \$8
- All competitors and 15 years and under- free

Dress Code

Ladies: dress/skirt and top

Gentleman: Long sleeved white shirt, black long trousers, any colour tie

Students must be assembled on the forecourt by 12.15pm on the day



BOUNCE For Head Lice Skool Loop App



Kia Ora,
In 2016, I was awarded a scholarship to participate in the Science Teaching Leadership Programme, an opportunity that led me to collaborate with Dr. Steve Humphries at Hebe Botanicals in Okaiwi. Dr. Humphries' business specializes in creating natural and organic healthcare products. During my time there we embarked on a mission to develop a natural head lice repellent.

Together with Dr. Humphries, after extensive research and experiments with live head lice, we identified a highly effective natural repellent.

Upon returning to teaching the following year, I continued with my career until recent events presented a significant change. With the onset of COVID-19, plans to bring our head lice repellent to market were temporarily halted.

This year, I made the decision to transition from full-time teaching. It was then that Sobe and Sandie approached me with an exciting opportunity to spearhead the launch of BOUNCE, our natural head lice repellent. While Hebe Botanicals handles manufacturing, I am responsible for marketing and sales.

Our journey is just beginning, and I'm excited to announce that BOUNCE is finally here. This product represents our dedication to providing families with a safe, effective, and natural solution to the persistent problem of head lice. Together, we are poised to make a meaningful impact in homes and schools, offering peace of mind and relief from this common nuisance.

If you would like to purchase Bounce for your family, you can contact me...

Niki McLean at naturalslice@gmail.com

Scholastic Book Sales

These books are available to order through the classroom teacher and can be paid through the following means

- cash
- online banking or

from automatic payments already made into the school account. Thankyou



Ruapehu Spring Garden Ramble- November 23 Tickets \$35



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 and the OPS team