



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter



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**September 12 2024. #11**  
**Kia ora koutou/Greetings**

## Upcoming events

Friday 13 September: Snowsports Rooms 5.8  
Monday 16 September: Board Meeting 5.30pm  
Tuesday 17 September: Ripa Rugby. Whanganui  
Wednesday 25 September: Inter School Speech night. Hosted by OPS  
Monday 23 September: Celebration Assembly  
Friday 27 September: Waimarino Art Awards. 7pm Raetihi Theatre  
Friday 27 September: End of term Three  
Monday 14 October: Term Four begins. Powhiri 9.15am  
Wednesday 23 October: Mathex. Whanganui. Years 5-8  
Wednesday 23 October: Grandparents day  
Friday 25 October: Orautoha Cross Country  
Monday 28 October: Labour Day. School closed  
Tuesday 29 October: Teacher Only Day. School closed  
Wednesday 30 October: Orautoha Cross Country postponement day  
Thursday 31 October: Athletics Day  
Friday 1 November: Athletics Postponement day  
Monday 4 November: Board Meeting. 5.30pm  
Wednesday 6 November: Agricultural day  
Thursday 7 November: Team Photos  
Friday 8 November: Hunterville Cross Country

## Principals' Message

I want to express on behalf of our team our aroha and care to all whānau in our community who have been impacted by the mill closures. With the devastating news, we are here to support our tamariki and families as we navigate these uncertain times. It has been difficult news to process and it is important that our tamariki are supported to look after their physical and mental health. Our school culture is about creating positive outcomes for our kids so they can enjoy their learning and their friends. Please reach out to us if you need, our community is stronger together!

As we enter Week 8 of the term, I am excited to share the wonderful accomplishments within our school community. Term 3 has been a time of growth, celebration, and outstanding achievement for everyone. I am so proud of the incredible efforts of our students over the past few weeks. The speeches we heard and the perseverance shown during the school cross country reflected the character and talent of our tamariki. These events are not just about being competitive —they are about building confidence, resilience, and a sense of community. Well done to everyone!

**Staff changes** - In preparation for next term we welcome back Miss Rose Martin and Rose will be stepping into Room 10 for the remainder of the year when Miss Olivia McIntyre heads off for maternity leave. We wish Olivia and Hamish all the very best in the safe arrival of their new bundle of joy.

As we edge closer to the end of the term, I encourage everyone to keep up the fantastic work. We have got a couple more busy weeks ahead, but I'm confident that we'll finish the term strong. We will be ending the term with a celebration assembly on Monday 23 September starting at 1.45pm so please join us if you can.

## Speeches

Our learners have been working hard on their speeches, and last night we celebrated our OPS speech night. The level of confidence and creativity displayed by our tamariki crafting and presenting their speeches has been inspiring.

## Morning Tea with the Principal



Congratulations to everyone who participated last night and also in class - you have all made us proud! We also extend a huge thank you to our teachers and parents for their guidance and support throughout the speech preparation process. The feedback from our judges was overwhelmingly positive, noting the quality of delivery and thoughtful topics. Best of luck to our students moving on to represent our school in the upcoming Inter school Speech Competition on Wednesday 25 September hosted by our school and a massive thank you to the Taumaurunui Toastmaster for supporting our school in both events. The results are as follows:

Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8
1st - Zhulon Cui 2nd - Bailey Robinson 3rd - Ngahere Wihare-Gray	1st - Harper Gunnell 2nd - Owen de Joux 3rd - Jane Macrae	1st - Tiana Grossart 2nd - Luca Boslem 3rd - Ruby Burnett	1st - Casey Shields 2nd - Jack Whitehead 3rd - Fontane Kayes	1st - Heleyna Hammond 2nd - Isla Paynter 3rd - Carmen Armstrong

Our school cross country event was a huge success! Well done to all the students who participated and gave their best effort on the day and thank you to those who were there to cheer the kids on. Whether you sprinted to the finish line or paced yourself steadily, your determination was fantastic to witness. A huge thank you to the Eves and Hotter families for the use of their property - it is a great course and we appreciate the support you give. With our school event complete, we now turn our attention to the upcoming Interschool Cross Country events - on Tuesday we had Year 4-6 runners at Aranui and today, it is the turn of the Year 7-8 racing at Whanganui Collegiate. The top 10 selected students from each age level will be representing our school again in Term 4 at Orautoha and Hunterville. We encourage everyone to come along and support our runners. Your cheers make all the difference! Next week we have three Rippa Rugby teams heading to Whanganui to play against other schools in the area. We wish them all the best and know they will play, reflecting our school values. A huge thank you to Wayne and Rangi for supporting the teams thus far.

**Daffodil Day** - A massive thank you from our ambassador team to everyone who supported the annual Daffodil Day appeal. This was hugely successful and we raised over \$340 dollars for the Cancer Society. The ambassadors also had a great time at the stall in town.

**Equestrian** - Last week saw Eva Hovelle, Abbie Drayton and Brooklyn Hovelle represent Ohakune Primary in the Year 7 and 8 category of the North Island Secondary Schools Equestrian Champs. Over the four days of competition the girls competed in Competitive Trail Riding (CTR), Dressage, Arena Eventing, Show Jumping and Show Hunter. The girls showed their pride values and represented the school well. All girls rode extremely well and Eva came away with a 2nd in Competitive Trail Riding, 4th in Dressage. Ohakune Primary was placed 4th overall in the Year 7 and 8 category. Well done ladies!



**Squash** - we have also seen success at Central Squash Junior Prince series with top 6 finishes for the boys - Sam Barlow 4th with the girls placing 3rd for Madison Lee, Elise Drinkwater 5th and Casey Shields 6th. Well done the Ruapehu team.

**Football** - Matiu Tihema also deserves a special mention as he has played football in Whanganui for the season and took out the Golden Boot award with 16 goals for the Whanganui City Football Club - well done Matiu!

**Reminders**

**Lost Property:** A reminder to check our lost property at the office before the end of the term. All unclaimed items will be on display in Week 10.

**Parking** - the two accessibility parks at the front of the school are to be used only by families that have tamariki with accessibility needs. Please can you be mindful that these car parks need to remain clear as do the bus parks. We appreciate your support with this.



**Morning Tea with the Principal**

**Room 3:** Jahvarn Anderson  
**Room 5:** Tyrese McLeod  
**Room 6:** Halo McLeod-Moore  
**Room 7:** Beau Jones  
**Room 8:** Marley Renata

**Room 9:** Taiwan Bishop  
**Room 10:** Unique Walkley  
**Room 11:** Kaia Thrupp & Cooper Burnett  
**Room 12:** : Harper Gunnell

**Room 14:** El-Jahro Richards  
**S Block:** Tyson Marumaru, Jahkaiah Reid-Anderson, Dulcie Gunnell, Heleyna Hammond

## William Pike Challengers Give Community Support to Anglican Church



## Years 7-8 Science Workshop Day



## Celebrating Children's Achievements

### Aranui Interschool Cross Country. Years 4-6

Pictured below supporting each other: Mila Williams, Courtney Lee, Pippa McCoubrie, Hana Pilbrow & Antonia Moon

Cruze Hawira, Ryan Boslem. Addison Tuck, Mason Kristiansen & Hunter Shields



### Principal's Award

Tyler McGiven, Phoenix Warnock & Kyuss Chester-Freeman



### Classroom Awards



### Enviro Awards

Hannah Lloyd (left) & Ngaia Richards-Wall



### "Prince" Central Squash Tournament.

From left: Casey Shields, Elise Brinkwater, Paige Drinkwater, Sam Barlow, Ben Lee and Madison Lee



### 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.

**Ruapehu Spring Garden Ramble- November 23 2024**

**Tickets \$35**



**Value of the Week**  
**Determination**

This is based around persevering in new learning, new relationships and taking on new experiences. We support our learners by giving them the opportunity to develop the skills through targeted experiences and classroom learning and they are amazing.

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

Ngā mihi  
Lisa and the OPS team