



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

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



Dance Award: Thamdi Rogers-Gerbault- *Most Distinguished Gentleman* with dance partner Carmen Armstrong

Principals' Message

As we come to the close of another successful term, I'd like to take this opportunity again to congratulate our tamariki for their progress in learning and acknowledge the efforts of everyone. Our celebration assembly held on Monday was indeed a clear example of our tamariki's success so check out the photos in this newsletter. I have a regular stream of children bringing work to me and they are so proud of their achievements. I am so proud of our school and you can be too!

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible staff for their ongoing dedication throughout the term. Whether it's in the classroom, on the sports field, or behind the scenes, our staff's commitment to providing the best experience for our students shines through every day. We appreciate all you do!

A big congratulations to Rimu House for coming out on top this term! Your teamwork, to getting your tokens in have earned you the reward and we are incredibly proud of you. To all the houses, thank you also for your efforts in showing our values of PRIDE, there is only one term to go and the race is on to see who the 2024 winning house will be.

Powhiri - Term 4 begins on Monday 14 October.

We will be excited to welcome everyone back for the new term with our powhiri at 9.15am. This is a special occasion to welcome new students, whānau, and staff into our school community. We encourage everyone to be part of this important celebration. We do have a teacher only day Tuesday 29 October which is the day after Labour Day so the school will be closed on both of those days.

Being Term 4 and as a Sun Smart School means we also require our children to wear their sunhats. We have these available at the office for purchase and they must be named.

The term is very busy with Orautoha cross country, athletics events, Agriculture Day (Registrations are available at the office and must be **returned by Friday 27 September**), and our Cultural Festival in Week 6.

Our Kapa Haka rōpū have been working hard on their performance and will be training in the first few weeks of school to prepare. A pānui has been sent home for holiday practices.



Planning ahead

We are in the stages of planning ahead for 2025. Classroom placements will be organised throughout the term, however we know that we do have some families moving out of the area. To support our planning ahead, if your child is not here or if you know of any children that may be coming to the area for the start of 2025, could you please let me know. One reminder for everyone: road safety has been a concern, so please ensure your child wears a helmet on their head if they are riding their bikes to school.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you all a restful and enjoyable break. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for another great term!

Celebrating Children's Achievements



Technology Art Year 7

"Y7 have finished their first woodwork project "String Art". Their task was to learn about basic woodworking tools and materials. They prepared their project base using electric sanders, stains and varnish. They used their prior knowledge to measure and mark the nails, hand-drilled them, and nailed their picture outline. Connecting the string to complete the project took a lot of patience. Well done everyone!"

William Pike Challenge- Orientation

On Saturday WPC Pikelets participated in an Orienteering Activity at Waiouru. A huge thank you to David Varley and the Waiouru Army for setting this activity up. The Pikelets had to use a compass and bearings to locate clues to form a sentence at the end of the course. Lots of teamwork and fun was had by all!

"Nothing great was ever achieved inside your comfort zone". Quoted by William Pike.



Morning Tea with the Principal

Room 3: Hana Allen
Room 5: Hunter Gilbert
Room 6: Apirana Stevenson-Hansen
Room 7: Maddie Gilbert

Room 8: Hendrix Jones
Room 9: Neiva Mclenan
Room 10: Indee Crossfield
Room 11: Rowland Te-Huia-Webb
Room 12: Ariella Tuck

Room 14: Thomas Sherrit
S Block: Si'Kylah Wall, Casey Shields, Abbie Drayton

Squash Success

Ohakune D Grade Ladies and E Grade Ladies teams competed at the Squash Nationals - Superchamps last week

The D Grade team finished runner up 2nd out of 10 teams who travelled to Methven - Coach - Emma Rowe, Team was Nic Leary, Paige Drinkwater, Grace Rowe, Hana Harding, Sarah Drinkwater, Maree Lilo and Holly Deadman (pictured right). Special Mention to Hana who won all of her matches!

The E grade team finished 4th out of 8 teams at Kawaroa Park, New Plymouth - Coach - Campbell Harding - Team was **Jessie Harding**, **Casey Shields** (pictured left) Tegan Mochan, Korty Wilson, Rosalie Dowman and Amy Mott.



Ruapehu Spring Garden Ramble- November 23 2024 Tickets \$35



FUN COLOUR RUN

FUN COLOUR RUN-Community Engagement

Wednesday 13 November PM. All family and friends are welcome More information to follow next term

In Appreciation

A BIG THANKYOU to the Grumpy Old Men from Whanganui for kindly donating money to help us with our fun run in November.

Academic Achievements

The annual CAM (Centre for Assessment & Monitoring) Kiwi English, Mathematics and Science competitions are skills-based and closely align with the New Zealand Curriculum. Students must be in years 5-10 to participate. The tests are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students.

Below are the learners who received awards.

Kiwi Exam Awards



Sporting and Design Achievements

**Aranui Cross Country Years 4-6
Left-Winning Team. 6 to Count Team Award**



TOI National Award. Top 10



Netball A Grade Winning Team



Morning Tea with the Principal



National Highly Recommended



Netball C Grade Runner Up Team



Mountain Bike Awards



Value of the Week

Environment

This week we are exploring the school value of 'environment'. We are showing manaakitanga toward our environment and making environmentally friendly choices in our school lunch box-reusable containers and wax wraps

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

Ngā mihi
Lisa and the OPS team