



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

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: Hunterville Cross Country
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: Tough Kids (Whanganui)
Monday 11 November: Fun Colour Run
Tuesday 12 November: Fastest Kid
Wednesday 13 November: Yrs 7-8 Interschool Athletics (Whanganui)
Friday 15 November: Yrs 3-6 Interschool Athletics (Whanganui)
Thursday 21 November: Cultural Festival
Friday 22 November: William Pike Challenge. Blue Duck
Monday 25-29: Wool in Schools
Friday 29 November: Big Day Out
Friday 29 November: Little Day Out
Monday 2 December: Board meeting. 5.30pm
Friday 6 December: Leavers dinner (TBC)
Tuesday 10 December: 3 way Conferences
Wednesday 11 December: Volunteers Morning Tea. 10.15am
Thursday 12 December: Final Assembly
Friday 13 December: End of Term 4

Principals' Message

Welcome back to everyone for the last term of the 2024 year. We were excited to welcome eight new learners into our new entrant class on Monday. A huge thank you to our seniors and our Kapa Haka for such a beautiful powhiri filled with aroha.

We welcome back Miss Martin who is teaching in Room 10 and Rangī McLeod who has joined our support staff team. We also welcome our new enrolments for the term, Maeve Taylor-Larsen, Kayleigh Etherington, Hetty Stuckey, Louie Eves, Santiago Cantillana, Harlan Bradnam & Isabella Blackley.

Our school is humming with learning and smiles. It is also the last term for our Year 8s and we look forward to reflecting back and celebrating with them, with several special events, the wonderful time they have had at primary school before sending them off on their next learning adventure.

We have some minor disruption next week in our junior space with new carpet being installed in Room 5-8. This will start on Monday with Room 6.

What a fun and action-packed term we have ahead of us. Here are some quick reminders for what is happening in the next two weeks.

Grandparents' Day

Next week on Wednesday we are celebrating our grandparents. Each class will be taking some time on that day to focus on and celebrate the special place that Grandparents hold in our lives. Keep an eye out for these invites.

Mathex Competition

The Whanganui interschool Mathex event also takes place next Wednesday and we wish our teams all the very best as they work together to solve tricky problems. We are proud of our learners and any opportunity they get to represent OPS. Thanks to Miss Heffernan for organising this.

Interschool Cross Country at Orautoha

We have a very large team heading down to Orautoha next Friday 25 October on what is a gut busting course. Good luck to our team and give it your all!

Labour Day

Don't forget, Labour Day is coming up on Monday 28 October and the school will be closed. Time to relax, recharge, and maybe sleep in a bit longer! Our school will also be closed for instruction on the following day for a Teacher Only Day - Tuesday 29 October. Our teachers are going to be hard at work looking deeper into the new curriculum roll out of Maths. Enjoy the extra time off, and we'll see you back at school all refreshed and ready on Wednesday 30 October.

Athletics

Get ready to bring your A-game kids because our OPS senior Athletics Day is coming up in Week 3. Time to dust off those running shoes kids, stretch those legs, and show off your athletic skills! Whether you're into sprinting, jumping, and there to cheer your friends on, it's going to be an epic day full of fun and competition. We will be following up with our junior school event on Monday 4 November.

School Hats

Although we have had our share of rain we are heading into the summer months and this means we all need to be wearing hats. For us to meet the criteria of being a SunSmart School and to keep children safe, all children need to be wearing the school hat. These can be purchased from the front office for \$12.

Interschool Speech results

Our school hosted the inter school speech night at the end of the term and we were hugely impressed by the efforts of the night from our learners and those that joined us from our Kahui Ako. A huge thank you to everyone for their efforts and support, especially the Taumarunui Toastmasters and Kory Wilson for judging and sharing their expertise.

Results from the Kahui Ako Inter School event

Year 4 - 1st - Bailey Robinson, 2nd Zhulon Cui

Year 5 - 1st Harper Gunnell, 2nd Owen de Joux

Year 6 - 2nd Luca Boslem

Year 7 - 1st Casey Shields, 2nd Jack Whitehead

Year 8 - 1st Heleyna Hammond, 2nd Isla Paynter

Pictured right: Rangji McLeod-new appointed Teacher Aide.



Waimarino Art Award Winners.

Pictured: Congratulations to: Indi Taylor, Amelia Warnock, Eva Hovelle, Antonia Moon, Pippa McCoubrie & Hana Pilbrow who won the "Fabric" section of the Waimarino Art Awards.



Speech Success

Pictured: Below Heleyna Hammond 1st yr 8, Top right Harper Gunnell 1st yr 5 & Owen de Joux 2nd yr 5 Bottom right: Isla Paynter 2nd Yr 8



Rippa Rugby Champions

Ruapehu was well represented at the recent Inter School Rippa Rugby competition held in Whanganui last term, with Ohakune Primary yr 7/8 facing Raetihi in the final. A hard fought game with great athletes. Congratulations to all the teams and thank you to Wayne Te Huia and Rangi McLeod who coached the teams on the day



School Town Clean-up



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



FUN COLOUR RUN

FUN COLOUR RUN-Community Engagement

**Monday 11 November
PM. All family and friends are welcome
More information to follow next term**



Term 4 Powhiri



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 and the OPS team