



# OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter



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**October 31 2024. #14**  
**Kia ora koutou/Greetings**

## Upcoming events

Saturday 2nd November: William Pike Challenge Trek. Mt Tauhara  
Monday 4 November: Athletics Day  
Monday 4 November: Board Meeting. 5.30pm  
Monday 4 November: PTA Meeting 3.15. School Library  
Wednesday 6 November: Agricultural Day  
Thursday 7 November: Team Photos  
Friday 8 November: Tough Kids (Whanganui)  
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  
Wednesday 27 November: Fun Run  
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

A huge thank you to everyone for supporting our teachers as we work through the upcoming changes to the curriculum. Your flexibility with supporting our teacher only day was much appreciated as we adapt to ensure the best learning experience for all students.

It was also nice to have the long weekend so hopefully you got to spend some time with whānau and made the most of a rest before the busy weeks ahead.

It was a very special time at OPS last week as we celebrated Grandparents day on Wednesday - stories, poems, kai and memories were shared across the school to celebrate these special people in our children's lives.

Renovations in the senior school are progressing and the junior spaces have a fresh look with fabulous new carpet—thank you for your patience as we worked through this!

## Weather and Sporting Events

Unpredictable weather has really affected some of our scheduled sports events including our athletics days. Our running track and large parts of our field have struggled to dry out with the recent wet weather. We have made the decision to postpone the Year 3-8 day to Monday 4 November.

The day will run as previously scheduled and we look forward to seeing you there -it's always a great day for our school. Junior Athletics date will change and we will advise you of this via facebook and skool loop.

We had a large team head to Orautoha today which was also another event affected by weather. We look forward to sharing the results and photos!

Agriculture Day is on Wednesday next week, after our athletics and we look forward to the learning opportunities of this fun event where we celebrate the rural aspect of our community. There is plenty on offer on this day with the Lamb and Calf competition, hall exhibits and one of our favourites, 'the Young Farmer of the Year'.

It will be a very busy week with team photos on Thursday and our Kapa Haka rōpū working hard on their bracket for the upcoming Cultural Festival in Week 6.

**Mathex Success**

Our Mathex teams made us proud! They competed with enthusiasm, mathematical skill, and teamwork, representing our school brilliantly. Well done to everyone who was involved and thank you to our enthusiastic parent supporters.

**Safety at the Front Car Park**

For everyone’s safety, please be extra vigilant in the front car park and watch out for our children at the end of the day. The buses have left by 2.55pm and this enables a pick up area. Thank you for helping us ensure a safe environment and looking out for our little ones.

**Planning for End of Year and 2025**

We are preparing for the end of the year and planning for 2025 classes. If your family will be moving out of the area, please let us know as soon as possible. Later this term, we’ll be sharing class lists for next year, keeping each learner’s needs in mind and working to ensure our tamariki achieve their best educational outcomes.

Morning Tea with the Principal		
Room 3: Hana Allen Room 5: Justin- Thomas-Fredricksen Room 6: Winter Collett Room 7: Hetty Stuckey Room 8: Ricco-Lee Hawira	Room 9: Rocco Bradnam Room 10: Bailey Robinson Room 11: Bodie Deadman Room 12: Bella Cranston	Room 14: Te Awa Richards-Wall S Block: Madison Lee, Si’Kylah Wall

**Celebrating Children's Achievements**

**2024 Mathex Participants**



Above- Year 8 Students: From left Grace Sherrit, Hana Harding, Heleyna Hammond, Dulcie Gunnell (reserve Isla Paynter at rear)  
Top right- Year 7: Elise Drinkwater, Madison Lee, Jayden Varley & Julius Kumeroa-Ruri  
Middle- Year 6: Ruby Burnett, Harper Evans, Calum Coutts, Thomas Sherrit & Zephaniah Paynter  
Bottom- Year 5: Ariella Tuck, Caitlin Drinkwater, Owen de Joux, & Hamish Drummond



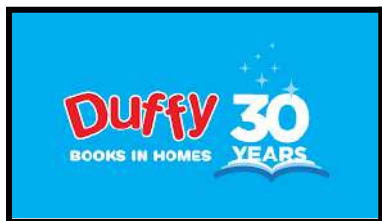
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Kia ora everyone,

Coming home today in your child's bag is the Duffy Books in Homes \$5 Parent offer! These are great titles and would make wonderful Christmas gifts! Yes it's that time of the year!

If you would like to order from this brochure, please return the form and money to your child's classroom teacher by Thursday 7 November so

ordering can be completed and books arrive before the end of term! *Rose Martin*

### Fun Assembly Hosted by Room 12



### Classroom Awards

#### Principal's Award

Isla Belle Lucas, Sophia Young, Taylor Williamson & Lucas Senekal



#### Ambassador's Award

Kyuss Chester-Freeman & Ricco-Lee Hawira



#### Junior School



#### Middle & Senior School



# Athletics Day Monday 4 November (Note date Change)

## Ohakune Primary School Athletics Day 2024

Thursday 31st October

### - General information for the day as follows:

#### Bells will run as normal so ignore the morning tea one

9:00 - 9:10 Short Break – toilet, sun smart, snack

9:10 - Gather on asphalt (in rotation groups) ready for instructions for the day (where we meet for tabloids). Children bring sunhats, + school bags with water bottle and morning tea in them.

9.20 - First event begins at 9.15am sharp.

#### **12.00 - LUNCH**

12.20 - At end of lunch re gather on asphalt in groups to head over to watch House Relays

12.40 - Fifth event begins.

2.40 - End of day

Information on the running of the day:

- Please note that the timetable is very tight and children must be moved on quickly. If you do not finish your event it will be up to you to organise a time to complete the event.
- Children snack on their morning tea while they are at the different events (no break for morning tea).

### **RELAYS**

- Relays are for each year level and are HOUSE based. Each race has 4 runners, preferably 2 boys, 2 girls.
- There will be a yr 0,1,2 house relay, midget/junior relay consisting of (1 midget, 3 juniors)
- Intermediate/ senior relay consisting of (2 girls and 2 boys across year 6, 7 and 8).

### **AGES ARE BASED ON YEAR LEVELS**

Midgets	Year 3	B= 21	G= 21
Junior	Year 4-5	B= 41	G= 33
Intermediate	Year 6-7	B=	G=
Senior	Year 8	B=	G=

Years 0,1, 2 are going to run their own athletics events. Details of this will follow.

### ATHLETICS DAY ROTATIONS 2024

40 min sessions

ROTATION GROUP	1 <sup>st</sup> 9.20am 10.00am	2 <sup>nd</sup> 10.00am 10.40am	3 <sup>rd</sup> 10.40am 11.20am	4 <sup>th</sup> 11.20am 12pm	<b>L U N C H</b>		5 <sup>th</sup> 12.40pm 1.20pm	6 <sup>th</sup> 1.20pm 2.00pm	7 <sup>th</sup> 2.00pm 2.40pm
snr boys snr girls Yr 8 (28)	Discus	Smash Cricket	100m/ 200m	Vortex		House Relays	Long Jump	Shot Put	High Jump
Midget boys Yr 3 (21)	High Jump	Quoits	Smash Cricket	100m/ 50m		12.20pm			
Midget girls Yr 3(21)	Hockey ball put	High Jump	Quoits	Smash Cricket		12.40pm	Vortex	Long Jump	Hockey ball put
Int Boys Yr 6/7 (32)	Long Jump	Shot Put	High Jump	Discus Quoits			100m/ 50m	Vortex	Long Jump
Int Girls Yr 6/7 (29)	Vortex	Long Jump	Shot Put	High Jump			Smash Cricket	100m/ 200m	Vortex
Jnr girls yr 4 / 5 (33)	100m/ 200m	Vortex	Long Jump	Hockey ball put		12.00pm	Discus Quoits	Smash Cricket	100m/ 200m
Jnr boys Yr4/5 (41)	Smash Cricket	100m/ 200m	Vortex	Long Jump		12.20pm	High Jump	Discus	Smash Cricket
							Hockey ball Put	High Jump	Quoits



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## Agriculture Day- 6 November

Celebrating our local environment!



All entries in the competitions below to the hall by 9.30  
named on underside or hidden but with class identified

### Juniors

Flower Saucers- (to do at school)

Vegetable Sculpture- (do at home and bring in)

Decorated Cupcake (do at home and bring to school)

Hobby Horse Racing!

### Middle/Seniors

Rm 9-14/Heke Taumata

Home baked Scones (can be either savoury or sweet,  
please do at home and bring in)

Photography Competition- outdoors theme

Agricultural Art (use found items to create art!)

## Young Farmer of the Year Competition

Heats from 9.15- Finals at 2.00

Middle School Heats 9.15-10.30

Senior Heats 10.45- 12.00

12.45 Hobby Horse Final

10.30 Lamb and Calf Parade

Scarecrow Competition create in class- winner announced before YFC Final

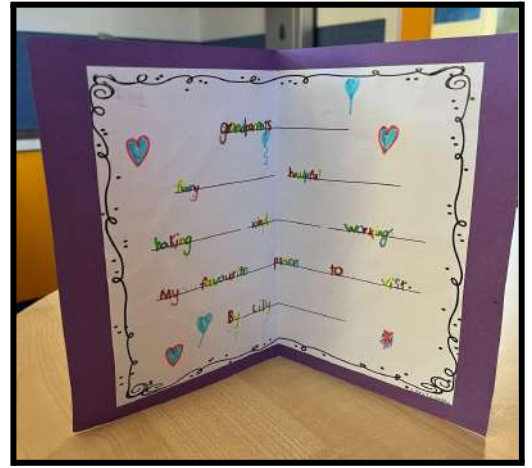
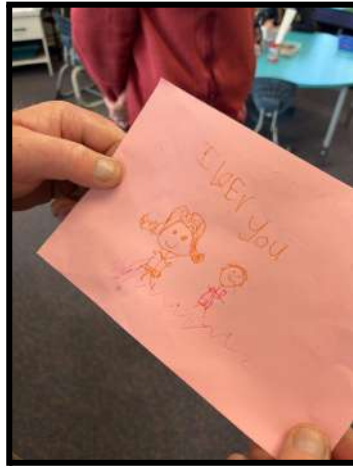
## FUN COLOUR RUN

**FUN COLOUR RUN-Community Engagement**

**Monday 27 November**

**PM. All family and friends are welcome**

## Learners Show PRIDE on Grandparents Day



## Orautoha Interschool Cross Country



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



## 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

Wishing you a wonderful week ahead!

Ngā mihi

Lisa and the OPS team