



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter



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November 27 2024. #15
Kia ora koutou/Greetings

Upcoming events

Thursday 21 November: Cultural Festival. Raetihi School
Monday 25-29: Wool in Schools
Wednesday 27 November: Fun Run
Friday 29 November: Big Day Out
Friday 29 November: Little Day Out
Friday 6 December: Leavers dinner
Monday 9 December: Board meeting. 5.30pm
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

Morning Tea with the Principal

Principals' Message

Here we are halfway through the term and with only five weeks to go! There is no slowing down for us as we continue to teach quality learning tasks and complete assessments ready for end of year reporting. Reports will be sent home on 6th December followed up with 3 way conferences for those who require them, on December 10.

You will see that there is some drainage remediation occurring by the front office. We apologise for the inconvenience with access to the property but this work needs to be done.

Last week we had a visit from the Ruapehu Mayor - Mr Weston Kirton. Weston thoroughly enjoyed his time at OPS, he was impressed by our tamariki and their intelligent questions about his work and he looks forward to visiting again.

Agricultural Day

A huge thank you to everyone involved in last week's Agriculture Day - the weather although a little damp did not impact the fun that we had. The school was buzzing with something for everyone - a massive thank you to Rita Hammond and the whānau support at the Lamb and Calf competition and to our kids who have spent so much time rearing their animals - well done! Thank you also to our sponsors - PGG, Silver Fern Farms, Ruapehu Vets and FMG. A huge thank you to judges Keith Donald - sponsored by PGG and Sam Berry also taking their time to support us.

As with previous years the Young Farmer comp was well received by our learners. It is always a highlight to test the skills and knowledge of our kids through fun activities based around farming and agriculture in our community. This year the displays in the hall exceeded expectations and we saw incredible flower saucers, photography, baking, agricultural art from individuals and class scarecrows too! It made for very hard judging for myself and Steve -those scones were tough to judge! Well done to everyone for their fabulous, creative efforts. Thanks also to Carie King and our house captains for organising the moosies and juices on behalf of the PTA. Our Ambassador's collected \$197.70 with the Mufti Day fundraiser designated to Rural Support.

Sporting events

Our fantastic running team made a monumental effort at the recent Orautoha interschool cross country. This course is grueling and our kids made us very proud. A huge thank you to Whaea Tash and her team for their support of this team and the whānau who helped with transport!

We also have two teams heading to Whanganui this week for the Year 7-8 and Year 4-6 Interschool athletics events to be held at Cooks Gardens - good luck to these talented runners, throwers and jumpers!



Junior Athletics

The junior school (Year 0-2) will be having athletics on **Monday 18th of November**. You are enthusiastically welcomed to come along and support this event.

Please note that Year 3 students from Room 5 and 8 will be split across other classrooms for the morning (as they competed in the Middle/Senior athletics), while the Year 2's from those rooms are doing their athletics.

Timetable:

9:15-10:15 Rotations (on the field)

10:15-10:45 Morning Tea (Children with parents are welcome to picnic together on the field)

10:50 Rotations

11:50 Sprints

The events should be finished by lunchtime (12:00)

Students will need a hat and drink bottle with water. Sun block is provided.

We look forward to having a wonderful day.

Planning for 2025

While we are heading into end of year preparations, we are also thinking about next year! If you know of anyone who is wishing to pre enrol their child into our school for 2025 - please encourage them to let us know as classroom placements and organisation are happening in the next few weeks. Enrolment forms can be collected from the office and if you have any special requests for your child, please make contact with me as soon as practical.

Please also let us know if your child is leaving.

Strategic planning from the board is also coming up so please be aware there will be a survey shared for you to fill in. This will help us form the strategic direction for our school and most importantly, the learning priorities for our tamariki. Please make sure to have your say.

Dogs on the property

We have noticed there have been dogs brought onto our school property mainly after school hours. We have a policy of no dogs on site unless they have permission from the principal. Recently in the Ruapehu it was reported a child was harmed by a dog at another school site and we have a responsibility to keep our children safe, this includes having dog messes on our field and playground. Your support is appreciated in this.

Morning Tea with the Principal

Room 3: Scout Scarf
Room 5: Mia-Anne McLauchlan
Room 6: Hannah Lloyd
Room 7: Danaya Rippon
Room 8: Marley Renata

Room 9: Aaron Loram
Room 10: Reale Richards
Room 11: Tcecayis Hagley
Room 12: Aarzoo Kamboj

Room 14: Mackenzie Phillips
S Block: Sebastian Paul Te Huia,
Ngaia Richards-Wall, Elise
Drinkwater

Celebrating Children's Achievements

Agricultural Awards

Olivia Lloyd
Champion Calf

Bella Cranston
Champion Lamb

Heleyna Hammond
Agricultural Art

Jackson Moody
Agricultural Art



Clever Learners Create Spectacular Vegetable Art



Celebrating Student Achievements

Ambassadors Award



Kai Fajardo

Principal's Award



El-Jahro Richards

Classroom Awards



Junior School



Middle School



Senior School

Ruapehu Mayor Weston Kirton Visits OPS

Ambassadors Heleyna Hammond, Christine Macrae & Hana Harding



Garden Ramble

Tickets on sale
from 17 August 2024
at
www.waimarinogardenramble.nz
or
Hello World Ohakune

Ruapehu

previously Waimarino

Spring Garden Ramble

23 November
2024

Inquiries to
waimarinogardenramble@gmail.com
or 0272497186 or 02108528973



Fundraiser for Hato Hone St John Waimarino Area Committee
& Ohakune Primary School PTA.

**Saturday 23 November from
9am-2pm**

The Ruapehu Garden Ramble
Committee presents

STALLS HUB

Ruapehu College,
30 Tainui Street, Ohakune.

**Everyone in the community is
invited to come along!**

Gifts for christmas, treats for yourself or
a loved one, something for the garden,
come along and support local artisans!

Follow us on facebook for regular updates:
Ruapehu Garden Ramble



2024 Ruapehu Cultural Festival November 21

Ruapehu Māori Culture Festival 2024

Thursday 21 November
at Raetihi Primary School



What's on:

- Powhiri at 8.30am
- Special Guests
- Hot food
- Jewellery
- Spot Prizes
- T-Shirts pre-orders to
021 236 8652
- \$35 Dinner 6pm
booking to 021 401 272

Ma muri Toru tekau ka mua'
Past to present of 30 years

For registrations contact
kayhenare06@gmail.com
or text 0279247252

IMPORTANT -School Dental Clinic Year 8 Students

Once Year 8 students leave primary school and move onto college, they are no longer enrolled with the school dental service.

Year 9 students are eligible for free dental treatment until their 18th birthday. To receive free dental treatment students must enrol with a dentist.

A form and list of dentists will be issued to all year 8 students. Please complete the form and return it to the school office otherwise your child will not be enrolled for ongoing dental treatment.

Babysitter Available
Contact Jude on 0274993697

FUN COLOUR RUN-Community Engagement

Wednesday 27 November
PM. All family and friends are welcome

Get along and have a go at Aotearoa's #1 summer game!

FREE TERM 4 2024

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RUAPEHU CRICKET CLUB

SMASH PLAY

EVERY TUESDAY!!!
3:30-4:30 @ Ohakune Primary School
STARTS 5th NOVEMBER
SCAN TO REGISTER NOW

Follow us:
facebook.com/RuapehuCricketClub/

QR CODE

SCAN ME

Cricket Whanganui

CENTRAL DISTRICTS CRICKET

NEW ZEALAND CRICKET

Room 9 Classroom Art
Florence Stuckey



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