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**August 9 2023. #11**  
**Kia ora koutou/Greetings**

## Upcoming events

Monday 14 August: Room 10 Snowsports  
Monday 14 August: Board Meeting, 5.30  
Tuesday 22 August: Room 12 Snowsports  
Wednesday 23 August: Venture Lodge  
Thursday 24 August: Room 14 Snowsports  
Friday 25 August: Daffodil Day. Gold Coin donation  
Friday 25 August: Room 11 Snowsports  
Monday 28 August: School Closed. Staff Professional Development Day (Health)  
Wednesday 30 August: OPS Speech night  
Thursday 31 August: OPS Got Talent  
Monday 4 September: Duffy Theatre  
Monday 18 September: Celebration Assembly  
Monday 4 September: Duffy Theatre  
Tuesday 5 September: Years 4-6 Rugby. Whanganui.  
Thursday 7 September: OPS Cross Country  
Friday 8 September: Cross Country postponement day  
Wednesday 13 September: Junior Social  
Thursday 14 September: Senior Social  
Wednesday 20 September: Interschool Speeches  
Wednesday 20 September: Vision and Hearing  
Friday 22 September: End of Term Three  
Monday 9 October: Term Four begins.

## Morning Tea with the Principal Weeks 3 & 4

**Tumuaki/Principal Award:** Mihirangi Hansen, Bailey Robinson & Selena Macrae

## Principal's Message

Term 3 is moving along and, looking ahead on the calendar once again, it's a busy one!

We welcome Fletcher Deadman and Scout Scarf and their families into our new entrant space - enjoy your time at OPS and enjoy the wonderful learning and fun with friends.

We have held our first Whānau contact week this week. The purpose of Whānau contact week is to maintain positive and proactive contact with you. Our focus is on building relationships to support learners to achieve their learning goals and the goals and aspirations of you, their whanau. Teachers have enjoyed the opportunity to make contact with you and value the time you have given to support these learning based conversations

## Upcoming school closure for PLD

Our school will be closed on **Monday 28 August** for staff professional development in Health. We thank you for your support in this.

## Sport

We had a fabulous group of Year 4-6 footballers head to Whanganui last week. Miss Murphy reported that our teams played with determination, fair play and resilience right throughout the day. They had some wins, some losses but what stood out was the sense of teamwork and fun. An enormous thank you to the positive whānau support and special mention to Ezekial Paynter for his coaching.



## Snowsports

Our 2023 snowsports programmes have started and it has been super positive to see the volume of snow on the mountain. Our programme has been modified this year to encourage our learners who may not have the opportunity to go to the mountain, especially if cost has been a barrier. Booking times and instructors have been at a premium so we are doing what we can. Our commitment as a school has been to engage as many of our children in a mountain experience as possible at least once. If extra bookings are available and work with our school programme, then we will make sure extra lessons happen.

## Opportunities in learning at OPS

There has been a buzz of excitement in our school over the last few weeks as all of our learners are working towards our evening to celebrate the performing arts with OPS Got Talent which will be held for one night only on Thursday 31 August. Not only that, they have been working hard crafting their speeches to present to their classes. Classroom learning has been focused on both oral language and the process of planning, writing and presenting a persuasive piece of writing. We love this time of year as learner's confidence soars and they are able to stand in front of their peers to share their ideas. Our school speech night will be held on 6 September.

Cross country training has also started for all classes and we will be holding these events later in the term in preparation for our local interschool and the Whanganui events. It's such a pleasure to offer the range of opportunities that we do, so that every learner can experience success and challenge.

## Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct (named) uniform. Hoodies, sweatshirts and jeans are not part of our uniform. If for any reason your child needs to wear a mufti item please send a note for that day. We take real pride in our school uniform. Thank you to our learners who wear it so well. There is a good amount of clean secondhand clothing available at the front office.

## Attendance

We currently have an attendance rate of 85% which is a great achievement in comparison to the New Zealand average. We understand if you are keeping your child home due to illness. However, please let us know- any medical reason is a justified absence. Thank you to everyone using the Skool Loop app. If you cannot use this app, then please call the office to let us know and leave a message

## Checking in on Learning

Often we hear stories about caregivers asking how their child's day was at school only to receive a blank response of 'dunno' or 'it was ok'. Here are some possible ideas you might like to ask when you see your child after school:

- What was challenging or fun about their day?
- Ask them about a moment in their day when they felt proud of themselves

### Morning Tea with the Principal

#### Term 3 Weeks 4-5

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| <b>Room 5</b><br>Angus Worth & Keehlai Kohiti   | <b>Room 9</b><br>Mischa Aves-Nel and Kaia Hansen         | <b>Room 14</b><br>Jade Bergman & Sofia Westbury                                      |
| <b>Room 6</b><br>Belle Beijeman & Leqiel Hiroti | <b>Room 10</b><br>Owen de Joux & Caitlin Drinkwater      | <b>S. Block</b><br>Clair Deadman & Chelsea Mayhew<br>Heleyna Hammond & Maddie Demchy |
| <b>Room 7</b><br>Maddox Hammond, Ethan Eley     | <b>Room 11</b><br>Ariella Tuck & Diaz Pokaia-Kennedy     |  |
| <b>Room 8</b><br>Aaron Loram & Alexander Young  | <b>Room 12</b><br>Elise Drinkwater & Julius Kumeroa-Ruri |  |

## Garden Club Flower Show.

Saturday 16 September

### Children's Section.

83- 11 years and over. 84- 8, 9, 10 years. 85-up to & including 7 years

Painted Rock (palm size)

Theme: *Native Flora/Fauna*

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## Whanau Breakfast with Snow on the Menu



**Room 1 Snowsports.** Below from left Maioha Wallace-McLeod and Bonnie Seymour

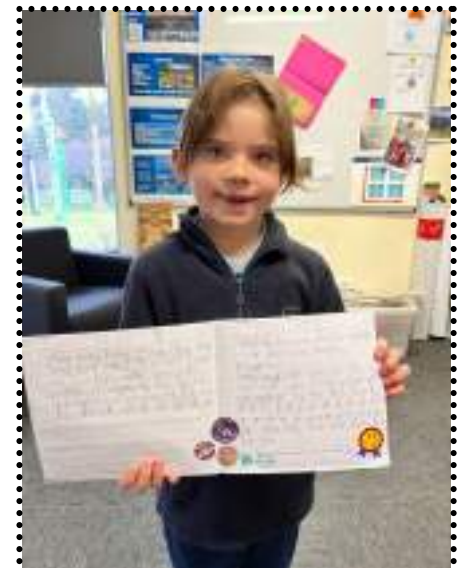
**Years 4-6 Football Team**



## Celebrating Childrens' Achievements

### Epic Writing Skills Acknowledged

From left Jemma Pearson, Bella Cranston, Ryan Boslem, Joey Macrae & Kuini Allen





**Left: Middle & Senior Awards**  
 Harper Gunnell, Jahlyius Rikihana, Jaeziah Waerea-Richards, Cooper Graham, Journey Rapana-Tamatea, Dallas Williamson, Ben Lee, Isla Paynter, Mackenzie Marsh, Luca Boslem, Mihirangi Hansen, Suriya Kristiansen, Makinli Nation

**Junior Awards**  
 Lilly Cranston, Te Rau Aroha Mareikura, Mila Williams, Hana Allen, Orewa Hiroti, Kuini Allen, Taylor Williamson, Orli Athukoralage Don, Lachlan Sefton, Jasper Deadman & Jahvarn Anderson



**William Pike Challenge Old Coach Road Walk**



**TOOSHI MOOSHI WINS NATIONAL AWARD  
 IMAGINARY FRIENDS**

**Tooshi Mooshi from Ohakune Primary School has received the Top 10 National Finalist & Best Interpretation of Design Brief – Imaginary Friends awards in the Toi Junior National Finals.**

| <b>National Awards</b>  | <b>Designers</b>   | <b>Award</b>   | <b>Feedback from WOW:</b>   |
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| National Finalist & Best Interpretation of Design Brief – Imaginary Friends | Cullum Playle, Kaea Thrupp, Keehlai Kohiti, Mason Kristiansen & Reale Richards. Pictured below | Toi Certificates, WOW Prize Pack & Bernina Sewing Machine Prize Pack | <i>This entry shows great imagination in its use of materials with innovation and originality. A strong concept, beautifully executed and with a wonderfully eccentric and fun quality.</i> |





**SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST**  
DOORS OPEN 6.45pm SHOW STARTS 7.30pm

**OHAKUNE**  
**FASHION SHOW**  
UPSTAIRS AT THE POWDERKEG

**SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST**

**Upstairs at the Powderkeg**

**DOORS OPEN 6.45pm SHOW STARTS 7.30pm**

**TICKETS \$25 or 4 for \$80**

**available from HOME, on the door  
or at POWDERHORN reception**

**PROCEEDS TO**

**St John Waimarino**

**Spot prizes and art auction.**



**Value of the week**

**Respect**

**Everyone likes to be treated well & with kindness**

**Ngā mihi**

**Lisa Clark  
Principal**