



OHAKUNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter



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**Kia ora koutou/Greetings**

## Upcoming events

Thursday 9 November: Cultural Festival at Raetihi School  
Tuesday 14 November Athletics day  
Thursday 16 November: Athletics-300 and 1500 events  
Friday 17 November: Year 8 transition day at Ruapehu College  
Monday 20 November: Team Photos. NOTE Change of date  
Wednesday 22 November Dance off  
Friday 24 November: Teacher Only Day. School closed  
Wednesday 29 November: Year 8 BIG Day out

## Morning Tea with the Principal

### Principal's Message

Here we are halfway through the term and with only five weeks to go - there is no slowing down for us as we start the final learning tasks and assessments with end of year reporting only weeks away. Reports will be sent home on the 1 December followed up with 3 way conferences for those who require.

We have an upcoming teacher only day on **Friday 24 November** - please note this in your calendars as the school will be closed on this day for teacher training.

### Cultural Festival

We are so proud of our Kapa Haka roopu in the incredible work and effort they have given to their performance. Today they perform at the Cultural Festival hosted by Raetihi School. A massive thanks to Whaea Mandy, Stephanie Waerea, Brenda Akapita, Mrs Lucas, Mrs Allen and the team supporting our tamariki.

### Agricultural Day

A huge thank you to everyone involved in last week's Agriculture Day - hooray everyone won on the day with the weather. The school was abuzz 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! A massive thank you also to our sponsors PG Wrightson, Raetihi Vets and FMG, Heidi and Campbell for judging.

The seniors organised an excellent Young Farmer comp and this was well received by our learners. It is always a highlight to test the skills and knowledge of all our kids in a farming way.

There were plenty of great displays in the hall from sand saucers, photography, baking, pet rocks to name a few. It made for very hard judging for myself and Miss Wilson. Well done to everyone for their fabulous, creative efforts. A special mention also to our PTA for the yumming bbq and sales of moosies.

### Cross Country

Our fantastic running team made a monumental effort at the recent Hunterville interschool cross country. This course is grueling and our kids made us very proud. A huge thank you to Mr Clark and Amy Lee for their support of this team and the whanau who helped with transport!

We now move focus to the athletics component of our school year with our school- wide athletics day on **Tuesday 14 November** and longer running events on Thursday.

### PCT - Nationals

All the best to Ezekial Paynter, Vanessa Ashford- Wallis and Mackenzie Marsh who are heading to Auckland this weekend for the NZ National PCT competition. This is a great opportunity for our kids who excel at what they do.



## William Pike Challenge Update!

The 'Pikelets' have been out and about completing Community Service actions as part of the 3 strands of the William Pike Challenge. On Saturday a number of Pikelets worked on the gardens at the St John's Anglican Church under the support and guidance of Luke and Amilie Paynter, the WPC school co-ordinators and some great parents. They all enjoyed the sunny day, completing the mahi and the tasty kai Luke and Amilie rewarded them with!

Next up for the WPC kids is our BIG walk. We are completing the 'Tussock Traverse' (part of the Northern Circuit track) from the Desert Road through to the Chateau Tongariro grounds at Whakapapa.

Our Final big challenge event for the year is climbing Mt Tauhara and taking kayaking lessons in Taupo.

If you or your learner are interested in pursuing this for next year, please keep an eye out for information early in 2024!

## Planning for 2024

Although we are in the throes of the 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 2024 - please give them a nudge as classroom placements and organisation will be 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.

Another part of our planning into 2024 is our strategic planning from the board 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.

## Morning Tea with the Principal Weeks 4-5

<b>Room 5:</b> Mila Berry, Reale Richards <b>Room 6:</b> Jasper Deadman, Harvey Rowe <b>Room 7:</b> Lorenzo Bond, Stasia-Indy Ponga <b>Room 8:</b> Hannah Nation, Alexander Young	<b>Room 9:</b> Ngahere Wihare-Gray, Lachlan Sefton <b>Room 10:</b> Unique Walkley, <b>Room 11:</b> Tiana Grossart, Maiterangi Wihare-Gray <b>Room 12:</b> Madison Lee and Calum Coutts	<b>Room 14:</b> <b>S Block:</b> Lila Doolan, Hana Harding Cooper Graham, TeMihi Taylor
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## Celebrating Childrens' Achievements

<b>Junior Awards</b> Orli Athukoralage Don, Ryan Boslem, Matai Deadman, Antonia Moon, Indica-Belle Christensen, Puti Goodwin, Mohi Hern, Rya Baker, Mila Williams, Chase Haitana, Hannah Eley, Tyrese McLeod, Mason Kristiansen, Justin Thomas-Fredricksen	<b>Middle/ Senior Awards</b> Jaziah Davison, Quest Rapana-Tamatea, Wilson Chambers, Ezekiel Paynter, Elise Drinkwater, Ocean Thompson, Sarah Alvarez, Thomas Sherrit, Phoenix Warnock, Maiterangi Wihare-Gray, Empress Sullivan, Jahkaiah Reid-Anderson, Molly Aitken, Violet Soverel, Heleyna Hammond	<b>Principal's Award</b> Orli Athukoralage Don, Hannah Playle, Ben Lee, Shay Church-Zweibruck
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## Agriculture Day 2023!

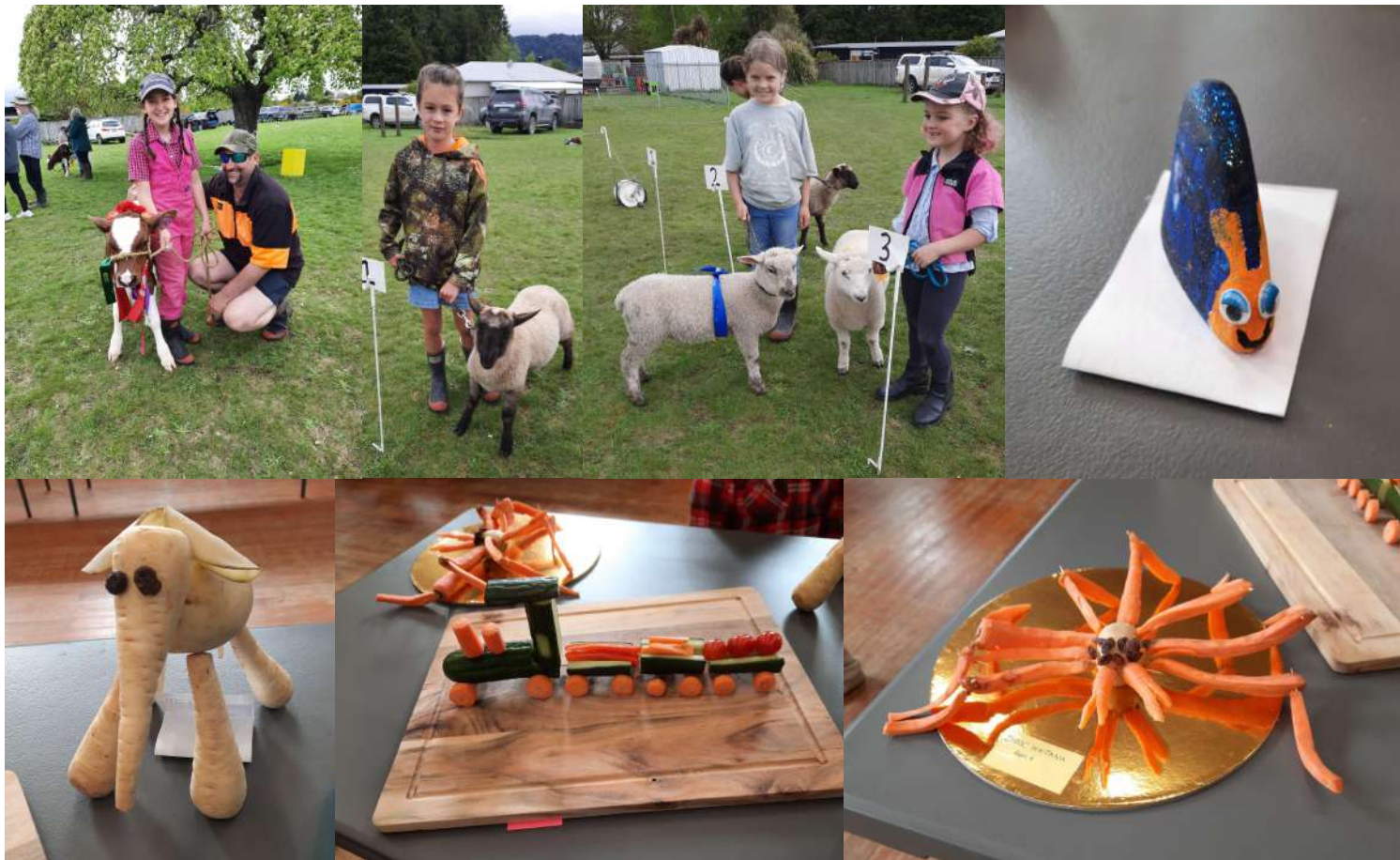


A massive **THANK YOU** to everyone involved in supporting our Agriculture Day last week, and very special **THANK YOU** to Rita Hammond for her outstanding support of the Lamb and Calf competitions, we couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks to Mrs Clark and Miss Wilson for judging the many competitions in the hall- we appreciated the enthusiasm, time and effort you gave to our learners.

Thanks to Andy Bennett for supporting the Young Farmer of the Year Challenge with equipment even though Alex has left us and gone to college! Thanks to another Alex for providing the veges and to the staff who worked hard to make this event happen! We look forward to an ever bigger and better event next year!

# Agricultural Day



## Ohakune Primary School Athletics Day 2023

Tuesday 14th November + Thursday 16th November

### Tuesday 14th November

9:05 - 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.

9.15 - First event begins at 9.15am sharp.

12.15 - LUNCH

12.45 - Fifth event begins at 12.45pm sharp.

2.15 - House Relays

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 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) and an 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= 25	G= 18
Junior	Years 4-5	B= 28	G= 32
Intermediate	Years 6-7	B= 26	G= 39
Senior	Year 8	B= 16	G= 21

Years 0,1, 2 are going to run their own athletics events alongside the rest of the school details of this will follow.

## **Thursday 16th November - Starting at 2pm - 300 and 1500 arrangements:**

2.00pm - all year 3-8 students meet on the courts in house lines. House Captains lead a short warm up with their house.

2.10pm - first race begins. Races will be in the following order:

- 300m Intermediate (Y6 & 7) Boys
- 300m Senior (Y8) Boys
- 300m Intermediate (Y6 & 7) Girls
- 300m Senior (Y8) Girls
- 300m Junior (Y4 & 5) Boys
- 300m Junior (Y4 & 5) Girls
- 300m Midget (Y3) Boys
- 300m Midget (Y3) Girls
- 1500m Intermediate and Senior Boys
- 1500m Intermediate and Senior Girls



### **Celebrating Student Achievement**

#### **Piano- Distinction Award**



**Congratulations to Grace Sherrit who received Distinction in her ABRSM Grade 1 Theory Exam. Not only did she receive the distinction, but she achieved 100% in the exam! She is an online pupil of local Nicola-Mary Geraghty**



### **Cross Country 2023**



#### **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**

**Ngā mihi  
Lisa Clark  
Principal**