



# Owhata School

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## School Newsletter - Week 3, Term 1 2018

### Important Dates:

**30 Jan - School starts 2018**  
**6 Feb - Waitangi Day (school closed)**  
**15 Feb - Warriors visit! Wear black clothes!**  
**27 Feb - Oral language evening 4.30pm**  
**5 - 9 Feb - Noho Marae week: More info coming**  
**22 Mar - Report summaries home**  
**26 Mar - Reporting week starts (interviews)**  
**30 Mar - Good Friday (school closed)**  
**2 / 3 Apr - Easter Mon / Tues (school closed)**

### School Values:

Inquiry - Patapātai  
Respect - Manaakitanga  
Integrity - Mana Tangata  
Excellence - Kairangatira

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### **Ngā mihi nui ki a Koutou,**

A warm Ōwhata welcome to our new and returning whānau. It has been a great start to 2018 and we are very excited about the many great events and learning experiences ahead. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our Board of Trustees for ensuring we have a heated pool this year. We are encouraging all tamariki to take part in swimming this year.

**Bob Stiles.**  
**Tumuaki.**

### **Welcome!**

Tēna tātou katoa,  
We are excited to welcome new staff members to our Ōwhata team this year. **Matua Jared Grace** joins our senior team in Room 13. **Whaea Stevee Raureti** joins us as a part-time release teacher across various levels. We also welcome **Glenis Jacobs and Mere Panapa** to our support staff. A warm welcome to you all, we are very lucky to have you all on board. Please say a big kia ora to our new friendly faces, whānau!

"No mātou te honore nui!"

### **Oral Language:**

Our learning focus this year will be oral language and communication skills. We are lucky to have Annette Stock (Speech Language Specialist) working alongside our staff to further develop our oral language curriculum and skill base. We recognise that language and communication plays a vital role in being able to access the wider curriculum, therefore, we are excited about this learning journey ahead. We have an oral language evening on **27<sup>th</sup> Feb** at 4.30pm, which is also an opportunity to meet our staff! All welcome!  
Whaea Callie.

### **Incredible Years Parenting:**

We are excited to bring Incredible Years Parenting to Ōwhata School. This programme is designed to develop positive family relationships and empower parents/caregivers to make change and manage behavior positively. This programme is designed for parents who have children aged 3 - 8 years. We have 16 spots available for our day courses which will run on a Thursday, 10am - 12.30pm (14 x 2.5hr sessions in total). If you are interested in attending please phone Iwi Te Whau (07) 343 1349 or see Mr. Stiles at Ōwhata School.

Kia kaha tātou!

### **Library Books:**

Please return any outstanding library OR reading books if they are at home. We still have some outstanding from 2017.

### **Sports Uniforms:**

Please return any sports uniforms if they are at home.

### **OFOTS:**

Ōwhata Friends of the School (OFOTS) are our friendly parent support group. If you are interested in joining or finding out more, please visit Whaea Maxina or email:  
maxina.karaka@owhata.school.nz

### **Mini Marathon:**

Some of our tamariki are participating in the Mini Marathon on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May (Term 2). If your child is participating, the cost is \$5 which includes the bus. Permission slips will be coming home for the children who have shown an interest.

### **Touch Rugby:**

We have 3 teams for 2018:  
Ōwhata Chiefs: Yr 0-2  
Ōwhata Blue: Yr 3-4  
Ōwhata Gold Yr 5-6  
Fees are \$15 this year, please pay at the office if your child is in one of our teams.  
Whaea Lorraine.





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The Warriors are coming to Rotorua!

If you want to see the Vodafone Warriors, they will be at the Night Market in town this Thursday evening to meet and greet!



## **Ka Pai Kai – Tuesday and Thursday Lunch Menu!**

Hidden Vegetable Lasagne - \$4

Standard Lunch Bag - \$4 (Chicken salad sandwich, yoghurt, mini muffin & fruit)

Mini Lunch Bag - \$3 (half size sandwich)

Chicken and Coleslaw - \$2.50 small OR \$4 regular

These lunch options are available every Tuesday and Thursday for Term 4 – order at the office.

**Normal lunch orders can be made at the office on Mon, Wed and Fri – list attached.**

★ Congratulations! ★

Well done to our tamariki who are showing our school values!



Student of the Week Awards

### **Reading Adults:**

If you are interested in spending some time reading with children, please visit Whaea Callie or email: [callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz](mailto:callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz)

### **Parking:**

**Just a friendly reminder there is NO PARKING in the staff carpark. Please use the drop-off zone at the front of the school.**



### **Online pages:**

We have a school website:

[owhata.school.nz](http://owhata.school.nz)

And a Facebook page:

**Owhata Primary School**

Our classes are also using Class Dojo to share learning and information.

### **Piripoho Nurse:**

The Piripoho Nurse at Ōwhata Medical Centre in conjunction with the Eastside Community Collective is currently organising to have a community hauora day.

**Venue:** Puketāwhero Park – 482 Te Ngae Road, Ōwhata

**Date:** Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup> 2018 – this date coinciding with 'Parks week'

**Time:** 10:30am – 1pm

This is **FREE** so please make sure you head down for all your health checks!

Leesa King

Piripoho Nurse

Owhata Medical Centre

027 345 9699



### **A huge thanks:**

We would like to acknowledge Mr. Barry White who has kindly donated 2 large boxes of stationery for our tamariki to use! We appreciate the kind gesture and will ensure all items are put to good use! Thanks for being a community super hero, Mr. White!

### **Key Contacts:**

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Please note: Information will be coming home soon about our NOHO MARAE – watch this space, whānau!

