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School Newsletter, Week 7, Term 1

22nd February 2019

Important Dates:	School Focus - Term 1
<p>20th March - UNION MEETING FOR TEACHERS, 1pm at Mokoia Intermediate</p> <p>1st -5th April - Noho Marae Week (in teams)</p> <p>10th April - Interschool Swimming Sports</p> <p>12th April - Last day of Term 1, 2.55pm finish</p> <p>Fundraisers to support Noho Marae:</p> <p>15th March - MUFTI DAY, Gold coin koha</p> <p>29th March - MUFTI DAY Gold coin koha</p>	<p>Kaupapa Matua: Te Taiao - The Environment</p> <p>Term Value: Respect - Manaakitanga</p> <p>Key Competency: Relating to others</p> <p>Emphasis on: Local history and the changes in our environment over time; through a Māori perspective with a science/social science focus.</p>

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Korero from Mr. Stiles (Principal / Tumuaki)

Tēnā Koutou Katoa,

A warm Ōwhata welcome to our new tamariki and whānau. It has been a wonderful few weeks and we have had many awesome events take place. I wanted to say a big thank you to our whānau, tamariki and staff for all the mahi and tautoko at 'Meet the Teacher', and House Day. Everyone had a blast, especially our tamariki!

Our next focus is our upcoming Noho Marae for all students. We have sent home notices and dates and tried hard to keep this as a free learning experience. We have asked for a koha (donation) of no more than \$5 if you are in a position to do so. This can be handed in to Whaea Sue or Whaea Sheryll in the office. We have also had some of our awesome whānau offer to bake cakes, biscuits and bread - this is also much appreciated! See below for more detailed information.

Please also be aware that next Wednesday 20th March, we have a union meeting at 1.30pm. School will remain open, however, if you are able to collect your tamariki from school early - 12.30pm that would be appreciated as there will be limited staff at school after 1pm. We understand that some whānau can't pick tamariki up early, and those students will remain at school and can be picked up as normal. We will be in the hall and our bus will run as normal. Thank you for your support!

Bob Stiles.

Celebrating Our Tamariki - Students of the Week!





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Whānau Support Available

We now have several support services we can offer whānau in a range of areas, particularly health and wellbeing. It is important to us that we do our best to provide extra support for our Ōwhata whānau. If you need support in these areas, please contact us, or pop in and have a chat with Matua Bob, or any of our staff for more information.

- **Nurse in school** EVERY TUESDAY 10am - 1pm. This is a drop-in service so no appointment necessary! Leesa King and Paekiri Vercoe are the lovely Nurses can support with: **Dental, Eczema, Skin Infections, Asthma, Allergies, Wetting, Soiling, Vision and hearing problems, Mental illness and Immunisation.** Children learn best when they are healthy and feel good about themselves.
- **Social worker** available on a Wednesday afternoon, 1.30pm - 3pm. Again, this is a drop-in service, come and meet Paula!
- **Full Puku = Full Potential** - helping to REDUCE the number of tamariki at school with no kai. If you need support of this kind, please do not hesitate to contact Kahira on (027) 739 3959
- **Across-Cluster Teacher** - Readiness to Learn. Whaea Callie is working with our partnering schools to support whānau and student engagement. If you are having any difficulties with attendance or general school engagement, including transition to school, please do not hesitate to contact callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz to arrange a chat

Reporting System - from 2019!

	Anniversary Reporting					Calendar Reporting							
Year level	Year 0 - 1			Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6	
Weeks at school	6 -8 weeks	20 weeks	40 weeks	60 weeks	End of the school year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Months	After 1 ½ months at school	After 6 months at school	After 1 year at school	After 1 ½ years at school	After 2 years at school (ish)	Mid school year	End of school year	Mid school year	End of school year	Mid school year	End of school year	Mid school year	End of school year
Years at school													
Report type	Beginning Report	Learning profile	Anniversary Learning profile	Learning Profile	EOY Report	Progress Report	EOY Report	Progress Report	EOY Report	Progress Report	EOY Report	Progress Report	EOY Report

This table outlines when you can expect Learning Stories or Reports about your child's learning. For some of our junior tamariki, Year 0 - 2, there are reporting times coming up. Our teachers will request a meeting time with you to discuss Kete Mātauranga (Learning Profiles), reports and a current Learning Story.



House Day Celebration

We had an awesome House Day last week to kick-start the 'house spirit' for 2019. Our houses worked together to revise their house chants and we all gathered in the hall for an amazing 'chant-off'. All of our tamariki worked hard to represent their respective house group and the participation and leadership was fantastic to see. A huge thanks to our guest judges, Whaea Marie and Whaea Tahnz, who had the very hard task of choosing 1st and 2nd place. Congratulations to **HINEMARU HOUSE** for taking out 1st and **RANGIURU HOUSE** was close behind in 2nd. Hinemaru house members received a juicy ice-block on Monday for their efforts!



Attendance 2019

We are currently looking at attendance for all tamariki to ensure good attendance is maintained. It is very important that tamariki are at school every day to keep up with their learning and engagement. We excuse justified absences ie, whānau matters, tangi etc however, regular absences and lateness will be followed up. We want to support whānau in this area, so let us know if there are ways we can help ensure regular attendance.



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Bell Times:	School Uniform:
<p>8.55am - 10.30am: Morning learning block (milk bell at 10.15am) 10.30am - 11am: Morning tea 11am - 12.45pm: Middle learning block 12.45pm - 1.30pm: Lunchtime 1.30pm - 2.55pm: Afternoon learning block</p> <p>If students are going to be absent or late please notify the school office (07) 345 6051. If students are collected from school early for any reason please sign them out at the office. These are safety measures.</p>	<p>The Warehouse Rotorua stock our school uniform. At times we have second hand stock available at school. OFOTS (Whānau Support Group) have introduced school hoodies and quick-dry t-shirts which can be personalised with a printed name. We accept tamariki wearing these items at school. WINZ quotes also accepted. Come in and chat with Sue Walls (office) or Maxina Karaka (OFOTS Chairperson). Terms 1 and 4 are our SUNSMART terms and all students are required to wear a sunhat - we do not restrict this to school brimmed hats, however a brimmed hat is preferred.</p>

Important Message!

SPORTS UNIFORMS

Kia ora Whanau, we have quite a few outstanding sports uniforms that need to brought back to school. If you have netball dresses, touch uniforms, sports shorts etc, please can we have them returned immediately. Fast 15 whānau!! If you are the fast 15 whānau who bring sports uniforms in, your name will go into the draw to win a steam pudding! Bring the sports uniforms into the school office. Whanau if you know ex students and whanau, please get the word out to them also.

Sports	Lunches	Swimming
<p>TOUCH RUGBY WEDNESDAY EVENINGS We would like all players to have their touch fees paid by the end of this week please. If your child needs transport please let our staff know. Nau mai haere mai and come and see Whaea Keiha, Whaea Renee, Matua Trevaan and Matua Peter.</p> <p>GEYSER GIRLS QUAD SERIES CRICKET Friday afternoons 4 - 6pm \$2 per game at Warwick Drive Reserve, Lynmore (Next to the Bowling club. Mr Christoffersen has given out</p>	<p>We have Ka Pai Kai available Mon - Thursday. On the occasional Friday we also do sausage sizzle orders - our teachers will keep you posted if there is a sausage sizzle coming up! Lunch orders can be made at the office before the morning bell and will be delivered to classes at 12.45pm. We provide Kidscan lunches for tamariki who need lunch - just ask the teacher if we can help you.</p>  <p>REMINDER: Kia ora - Whaea Ngāhuia (Freedom's mum Rm 1) is doing healthy option kai fundraiser for her son. She prepares all kai at</p>	<p>It has been wonderful to see many of our tamariki utilising our swimming pool, particularly with the recent weather! We are committed to teaching the basic skills of swimming as we believe it is important to feel confident in and around the water. Please encourage your tamariki to bring their togs and a towel (named) for swimming days - usually every 2nd day. At times our pool is closed for maintenance and repairs but our teachers will keep you posted.</p>



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notices for this initiative to some Year 5 and 6 girls. If you have are an expert of cricket and wish to support please come in and see Mr C.

Whaea Lorraine.
lorraine.pukepuke@owhata.school.nz

school ready for lunchtime **every FRIDAY** until the end of the term.

The proceeds go towards Freedoms trip to USA to compete in the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu World Championships. Feel free to come and purchase kai or send some coins with your tamariki on a Friday 😊

Rārangi Kai – Menu:

\$4 Nourish Bowl – Mixed berries, Greek yoghurt, water, homemade Granola, Organic Maple Syrup, Dates, Cranberries, chia seeds and banana.

\$3 Raw Snickers Slice – Coconut Oil, Almonds, Cocoa, Dates, Peanut butter

\$2 Grilled Sausage Sizzle – bread, onion and tomato sauce

\$50c Muffins - (all sorts)



School Notices

OFOTS

Ōwhata Friends of the School

Our friendly OFOTS team are meeting in the hall lounge this Thursday, 2pm. We welcome any new whānau to come along, we need your support! Come and meet the team! Kaua e whakamā :)

Any questions, see Whaea Renee!



MUFTI DAY

Friday 15th March

We are having a MUFTI DAY on Friday to help raise money for Noho Marae to reduce costs for whānau. Students can bring a gold coin to the office on Friday morning - this will be much appreciated!

Noho Marae 2019 - Notices coming home this week!

Our students will be participating in a Noho Marae this year as we do each year. We value this experience for our tamariki as we are able to experience learning outside the classroom and use this time to build relationships with our peers and teachers. Our learning this year is very much centred around our local environment and our pepeha so this visit will be an opportunity to capitalise on our learning. We do require whānau help during this Marae stay so if you think you may be interested in coming along and spending time with us please have a chat with your child's class teacher. This year we will be going in team groups: Junior, Middle, Senior, Iriirikapua (Rumaki). Dates below:

April 1st - 2nd: Iriirikapua (Rooms 1, 2 and 3)

April 2nd - 3rd: Senior school (Rooms 5 and 13)

April 3rd - 4th: Junior school (Hub 1, Hub 2, Rooms 4 and 9)

April 4th - 5th: Middle school (Rooms 6, 8 and 10)

Our teams will send out more detailed information specific to your child's Noho Marae. If you have any questions or concerns come in and see our friendly staff! Please note - **there is no charge for Noho Marae however, we do ask for a packet of biscuits or tinned fruit/spaghetti to help with supplies and we welcome a GOLD COIN KOHA - no more than \$5 which can be brought to the office** to help with cost of hiring the Marae.



Please check with the office that we have the correct contact details, emergency contacts and email.



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Magic Moments



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To watch our full house chants, please visit our Facebook or DOJO!

Room 8 working on writing poems about objects they found in a tin. We are part of the Get NZ writing project which is encouraging 96,000 tamariki to write poems.



Contact us - Keep updated!

Ways we like to keep in touch:

School Newsletter (fortnightly):





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We are now sending this home digitally and will upload to to our Facebook Page. Paper copies are often lost or misplaced. With a strong focus on the environment this year, it is also a good opportunity for us a school to monitor our use of paper materials and encourage recycling! **Please make sure your email address is up to date at the school office.**

Class DOJO:

Our teachers upload photos and videos of daily learning and activities. Please connect with your child's class DOJO!

Owhata Primary School Facebook Page:

Please like our page to receive quick updates. We also upload photos, videos and reminders about events.



Our Website:

This is where we keep our general information and contact information. Feel free to visit www.owhata.school.co.nz

Do you need help getting the internet at home?

Over the past two years we have connected many of our whānau to the internet with the support of Ngā Pūmanawa e Waru. We are able to source a prepaid modem that will allow you to check our DOJO, Facebook and School Newsletters.

Transition to school for 4 year old tamariki: If you have a 4 year old and you think Ōwhata might be the place for them please contact Callie Raureti callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz

Junior resources: If you have any spare tools, hammers, screws, box wood, ply wood that our tamariki can use to build and create with, can you please drop off at the office or come and see Whaea Callie - would be so appreciated!

OUR KURA, OUR PLACE

2019 Term Dates

Term 1: 29th Jan - 12th April
Waitangi Day 6th Feb (school closed)

Term 2: 29th April - 5th July
Queen's Birthday 3rd June (school closed)

Term 3: 22nd July - 27th Sept

Term 4: 14th Oct - 12th Dec
Labour Day 28th October (school closed)



Crankworx is coming for 2019 – Be there!

Grab your specially created Crankworx Locals Guide for all of the best info on free days and activities during the Crankworx Rotorua Festival from the 15 – 24 March.

Get yours FREE from Rotorua Lakes Council customer service and Mountain Bike Rotorua Fenton Street



Kahukura JAB are holding their registration days for all current and new players who wish to play rugby this coming 2019 season at the Clubrooms on Pukuatua Street on the following dates and times:

Please note: U13 team is closed to new players

Saturday 9th March 9.00 am to 12 noon

Wednesday 13th March 4 pm to 6 pm

Saturday 16th March 9.00 am to 12 noon

*Registration fees are **\$40.00** per player*

***\$35.00** per subsequent family member*

Free mouthguard to all those who attend muster dates

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Online registration is available at www.sporty.co.nz/kahukurarsc

If you require any further information please contact Tasha Williams 0211258152

Ricky Brackfield 021469954



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Do you know a girl who would like to have fun and learn new skills as part of an up to date organisation in your local area?

If so, GirlGuiding NZ is here:

Pippins: 5 & 6 year olds

Brownies: 7 – 9 ½ years old

Guides: 9 – 12 ½ years old

Rangers: 12 – 17 years old

For further information please contact: GirlGuiding New Zealand

www.girlguidingnz.org.nz

0800 22 22 92

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<https://youth.stjohn.org.nz> or 0800785646 or craig.elpick@stjohn.org.nz

You are welcome to come along and have a look.



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New Zealand Football and its member federations are offering skills sessions for junior footballers aged 9-12 years. The NZF Skills Centre "Open" is designed to develop player ability through engaging, fun sessions and high quality coaching.

It is highly likely that the game in the future will be quicker, more technical and the demands on our younger players will be elevated. NZF Skills Centres will help develop players for the future game, ensuring that they maximise their potential.

Register now for your local NZF Skills Centre using the details provided below and we will help you be the best footballer you can be!

START/FINISH DATE:	Monday 25th February – Monday 8th April
NUMBER OF WEEKS:	7 weeks
DAY / TIME:	Mondays 4pm – 5pm (9yr Boys & 9/10yr Girls) 5pm – 6pm (10yr Boys & 11/12yr Girls) 6pm – 7pm (11-12yr Boys)
LOCATION:	Neil Hunt Park
COST:	\$75 per player for 7 weeks



To register please

[CLICK HERE](#)



To enquire about your local NZF Skills Centre please contact:

Email: rotoruaunitedskillcentre@gmail.com

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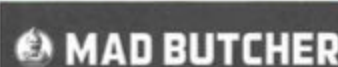
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