

Shaun Gossett Douglas

11/09/1968 - 29/04/2019



*Ka titiro aku kanohi ki te tihi i piki ake ai a Ihenga-Tapatapa-
Whenua.*

*Nānā te kauae Moa i titi iho ki te take o Ngongotaha.
He kapua kei runga, he kōhu kei raro, e kō te pouri e ngau kino nei i
āhau.*

Aue ka whakapou atu taku ngākau i tō ngarohanga!

*My eyes look toward the summit ascended by Ihenga-The-Name-Giver.
It was he who embedded the jaw of the Moa into the foothills of
Ngongotaha.*

*'Tis capped with cloud, 'tis shrouded in mist, oh sadness consumes me.
Alas my heart is exhausted from its loss of you!*

*On Friday the 10th of May, Owhata Primary School and our hāpori
(community) paid tribute to our late teacher, mentor and friend -
Matua Shaun Douglas. Matua Shaun had taught at Owhata Primary
School since 2014 as an Associate Principal and head of our Te Reo
Māori immersion unit (Rumaki) - Iriirikapua.*

*Matua Shaun had previously taught within our hāpori at Rotorua
Lakes High School and Mokoia Intermediate School where many of his
former pupils had now become parents of his most recent pia (learners).*

*Our hāpori joined in celebrating a man whose positive influence and
aroha within our community transcended the boundaries of classroom
walls and school gates. His presence is felt within the homes, minds and
hearts of all those whom he encountered and indeed loved. We thank
you, Matua Shaun, for the tools with which our learners are now
equipped to reach beyond what they thought would be their measure.*

*Our world is all the poorer for the loss of your standing, but our hearts
are the more enriched for the value you added by being in our lives.*

*E te hoa, e te rangatira, e te tipua, kia au tō moe.
Friend, leader, paladin, may you rest in peace.*



School Newsletter, Week 4, Term 2, 2019

Important Dates:

23rd May - Whānau Hui for Room 1 only (Iriirikapua) - 5.30pm
24th May - Sausage sizzle fundraiser to support Mokoia Intermediate - MANA netball team \$2
27th May - School Cross Country - Senior and Middle school R1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13
29th May - **STRIKE ACTION - School closed**
3rd June - **Queen's Birthday - School closed**
5th June - CBOP Rippa Rugby Ray Boord Park 9am-2.30pm
11th June - Central School Cluster Cross Country - Whakarewarewa School
12th June - Summaries home with Interview notices
20th June - Junior Cross Country (Year 1 & 2's) Hub 1, Hub 2, R2, R4 & R9
25th June - BOP Interschool Cross Country Championships Kaharoa School
5th July - Last day of Term 2 - School finish 2.55pm

School Focus - Term 2

Kaupapa Matua: Ngā Atua

Key Understanding: "A T U A are with us - they will nourish us if we do the same in return..." **P.Pirika.**

Focus: Investigate predictions based on ensuring a nourished environment (Lake, Wetlands, Predators and pests) **Matariki** ☀

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Korero from Mr. Stiles (Principal / Tumuaki)

Ténā Koutou Katoa,

Ōwhata endured a very sad, tough start to Term 2. Infact, we are still in a phase of working through Matua Shaun's passing and pulling together ensure the wellbeing of our staff and tamariki. I want to thank all of our staff, whānau and tamariki for their huge support and manaakitanga over this time. Our thoughts continue to be with Aunty Di and Shaun's whānau.

We have made some changes to our staffing. I would like to inform you that Whaea Callie Raureti will now be taking on the role as Team Leader for Iriirikapua (rumaki unit) and will continue in the role of Acting Associate Principal. Whaea Callie continues in the role of SENCo and Across-Cluster Teacher for the Eastern Rotorua Kāhui Ako. Whaea Emma Coleman is taking over the role of Junior Team Leader and will also continue in her roles of Maths Specialist Teacher, Within-School Teacher for the Eastern Rotorua Kāhui Ako and Data Literacy Coordinator.

Ka kite anō, Arohanui!

Bob Stiles.



Teacher Strike - Wednesday 29th May

*We have received confirmation that teachers will be taking part in a national strike on **Wednesday 29th May**. This strike includes teachers from primary and secondary sectors. **Ōwhata School will be CLOSED on this day** so that our teachers are able to participate in this.*

We apologise for the inconvenience - however, we are wanting a better deal for your/our tamariki and our colleagues.

Thank you for your support.



Supporting Mokoia Intermediate - MANA Netball Team



This Friday there is a sausage sizzle taking place at Mokoia Intermediate to support the MANA netball team. This team recently won the Pita Pit tournament (year 7 & 8 grade) which is a huge achievement, and are fundraising to go to AIMS Games in September.

The sausage sizzle is available for our Ōwhata tamariki to order. Order before school at the office, see Whaea Sue or Whaea Sheryll - cost is \$2 each. Sausage sizzles will be delivered to classes by members of the MANA netball team.



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Three of these netballers attended Ōwhata School!

Sports Information from Whaea Lorraine

Senior and Middle school Cross Country will be held on Monday 27 May 2019, here using both Owhata and Mokoia School grounds. We will be running the event in age groups; 8, 9, 10 and 11 year old girls and then boys.

Junior School Cross Country will be on the Thursday 20 June 2019, and this event will be run here at Owhata and using our school grounds.

Netball - season has begun and we have two teams this year. Please if haven't paid already, our netball fees is \$35, we would appreciate payment as soon as possible.

Miniball - we have had a delay in miniball as the Rotorua Sportsdrome has being used for other events. Draws will be out this coming week as courts are available from 20 May 2019. This year Owhata has 3 teams, Juniors, Middies and Seniors.

Huge mihi to Whaea Sue Pene - Sue Pene from Rotorua Basketball Association who is in this week to take basketball sessions with all of our classes. Sue brought 10 free basketballs for the school. How cool is that?!



Sue Pene.

Email Whaea Lorraine: lorraine.pukepuke@owhata.school.nz (sports-coordinator)



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Board of Trustees

URGENT!!!

We only have 2 parent nomination forms! If you are interested in becoming a trustee for our school to ensure quality teaching and learning and to have your say, please have your nomination form in by FRIDAY 24th May - 12 noon. Come and see Whaea Sheryll Strickett if you have any questions.

Ph: 07 345 6051

Email: office@owhata.school.nz

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Quiz Night

If you are interested in attending this please email tania@gillions.com

Mokoia Intermediate Quiz Night
Thursday 20th June 7.30pm
Max 6 people per team \$10 per person
BYO drinks and nibbles
Tea and coffee provided
Fantastic quiz master Glenn Law

Dress Up Optional 😊

JOYE ANDY SHIVANI STEVE

Report Summaries - Term 2 (mid-year)

On 12th June you can expect to receive mid-year summaries for your child with a notice inviting you to an interview with the teacher. We expect that all students have a whānau member willing to attend an interview to discuss learning and progress. It is known that learning supported at home makes a big difference to student achievement and success!

This is slightly different for our year 0 - 2 tamariki who run on an anniversary schedule for reporting. Junior teachers will contact you at an anniversary time.



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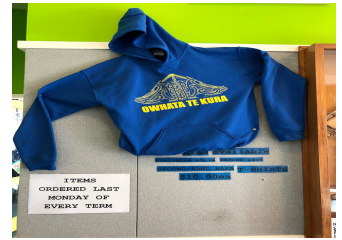
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School Hoodies – Last day to order is Monday 1st July

If you would like to order a school hoodie or t-shirt, please do so by Monday 1st July. Next orders will be at the end of next term.

Please see Whaea Sheryll in the office to place an order. It's awesome to see our tamariki and staff wearing their hoodies! Given that these are also NAMED, losing it is almost impossible!



Kindness – Manaakitanga

We had a great turnout for Pink Shirt Day last Friday. Our tamariki enjoyed learning about kindness and manaakitanga. We do not tolerate bullying at Ōwhata School and if your tamariki expresses concerns please:

- Visit your child's classroom teacher for a kōrero and see if the issue can be resolved
- Arrange a meeting with the team leader if you feel you need extra support
- Feel free to contact Mr. Stiles, Whaea Robyn or Whaea Callie if there is an ongoing matter

We foster a sense of belonging in our school and all tamariki deserve to feel safe and valued.



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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MATTERS



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Social Media



It has come to our attention that several of our students are using social media platforms such as Facebook, Snapchat, Messenger and other apps that connects them with other students and in some cases, strangers. For some of these apps, there are age restrictions. In our experience, social media apps can be somewhat misused and can cause some issues around bullying. PLEASE monitor your child/ren closely when it comes to social media. Check restrictions on devices and PLEASE talk with your child/ren about their everlasting digital footprint. Keep our tamariki safe!



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><i>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.</i></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 Sheryll Strickett.</p> <p>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>



Lunches

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.



REMINDER:

Kia ora - Whaea Ngāhuia (Freedom's mum Rm 1) is doing healthy option kai fundraiser for her son. She prepares all kai at school ready for lunchtime **every FRIDAY** until the end of the term.

The proceeds go towards Freedom's 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 - order at the office before the morning bell 😊

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)

Transition to School – Preschoolers

Ōwhata School runs a Transition to School Programme each week, Wednesday afternoons, 12.30pm - 2.55pm. We offer a pick-up from ECE or home if local. We welcome 4 ½ year olds to attend and can also offer mainstream or rumaki reo (Te Reo Māori immersion). Please come and see our friendly coordinator, Whaea Miriama Walker or Junior Team Leader, Emma Coleman.

Parking and Drop-off Zones

As a courtesy, **please do not use the staff car park** for dropping tamariki at school and picking up at the end of the day. There is roadside parking available at the top end of Brent Road and on Scott Ave. There is a drop-off zone at the front of our school. Please avoid using Mokoia's drop-off zone.

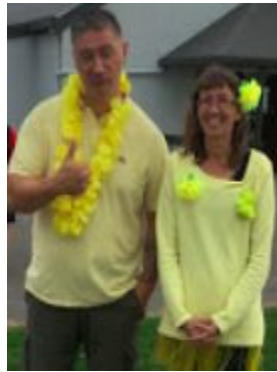


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Magic Moments



Matua Shaun Douglas

Wellbeing Services We Offer

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!



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- **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



Tots to Teens Magazine!

In case you don't know us, Tots to Teens magazine is a free community parenting resource for Kiwi families. We focus on positive, well-researched parenting advice to support children's reading, learning, behaviour, nutrition, health, well-being, and resilience. We have distributed 550,000 free magazines nationwide each year to families through schools, preschools, libraries, and Plunket for over 17 years. To help support more New Zealand families, we are now producing Tots to Teens as a free digital

magazine, using new technology that ensures an easy-to-read experience for parents, particularly for those parents who read emails using their phone. We want to make it easier for parents to read our helpful articles, and we're doing this by making it simple to share the Tots to Teens digital magazine in your school newsletters and emails to parents. Link: <http://issue1904n.totstoteens.co.nz/18/>

Contact us - Keep updated!

Ways we like to keep in touch:

School Newsletter:

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.**





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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.

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)



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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?

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