



School Newsletter, Week 2, Term 3, 2019

Important Dates:

22nd July - Whakatau for new students

August 2nd - MATARIKI CELEBRATION, 11am, all whānau welcome!

7th August - Year 6's visit Mokoia Intermediate, 9.15am - 12.30pm

16th August - Duffy Theatre, 11am

16th August - Room 6 School Assembly, 2pm, whānau welcome!

26th August - Hub 1 going to Rotorua Library

28th August - Room(s) 4 and 9 going to Rotorua Library

29th August - Hub 2 going to Rotorua Library

30th August - Room 5 School Assembly, 2pm, whānau welcome!

30th August - Life Education with Harold begins - please pay \$3.50 to the office

3rd September - LOUD SHIRT DAY, wear a choice, colourful shirt and bring a gold coin

5th September - ECE Day - Ōwhata welcomes our local ECE at 11.15am

9th September - Māori Language Week begins - Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, kia kaha!

13th September - Room 10 School Assembly, 2pm, whānau welcome!

16th September - Conservation Week begins - tiaki te taiao!

18th September - Room 1 to Rotorua Library

24th September - Winter Field Days - Seniors

25th September - Iriirikapua Art Auction - Whānau Evening - Ngā Mahi a Toi!

27th September - Room 4 School Assembly, 2pm, whānau welcome!

Friday 27th September - Last day of Term 3

School Focus - Term 3

Kaupapa Matua: Te Taiao

Kaupapa Ako: Pepeha / The Arts / Ngā Toi

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Korero from Mr. Stiles (Principal / Tumuaki)

Ténā Koutou Katoa,

A warm Ōwhata hello and welcome to our new whānau and tamariki! It has been an awesome start to Term 3 and we have exciting learning adventures ahead!

I am currently taking 2 weeks sabbatical time which means I am spending time working away from school. There are also times I am working at school for various meetings. Whaea Robyn Hurliman is working in the office over this time and is available to support whānau and tamariki as the Acting Principal.

Ka kite anō, Arohanui!

Bob Stiles - Principal.

Ōwhata te Kura!



Life Education Term 3 Week 6 & 7

We are lucky to be having the Life Education Van with Bernie and Harold in our school helping us with our Health Programmes in Week 6 and 7 of Term 3. All children attend the programme and have 2 visits to the Life Education Classroom. They do work before the visits and then do follow up work afterwards.

The cost is \$3.50 per child. Please pay this to the classroom teacher or at the school office. (When the mini marathon was cancelled at the beginning of last term, some transferred their money to Life Ed. If you are unsure, check with Whaea Sue or Whaea Sheryll at the office.)

The benefits your child will receive through the Life Education Programme:

- The programme helps children develop life skills.
- It encourages children to make healthy choices.
- Children gain knowledge about health and their bodies.
- Children develop a sense of self-esteem and a positive understanding of themselves.
- Children develop strategies for relating to others.

The Life Education Programmes:

The Life Education programme covers a wide range of health topics:

- Food and Nutrition
- Body Systems
- Self Esteem
- Social Relationships



If you want to know more check out their website

<http://www.lifeeducation.org.nz/>

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Matariki Celebration

Owhata Primary School Matariki Celebration 2019



Friday 2nd August 2019

As the time of Matariki draws to an end, so too does our learning in and around this kaupapa. This Friday, we are having a special Matariki Celebration Assembly at 11am to celebrate our learning and remember our loved ones, thus connecting us to Pōhutukawa - the star of the Matariki cluster which guides us through the loss of loved ones during the time of Matariki. We would like to offer whānau and tamariki the opportunity to celebrate a loved one(s) who has/have passed since last Matariki. This can be done by bringing a photo of the departed to kura (by this Thursday 1 August) so we may acknowledge and celebrate their lives and connection to their tamaiti and the Whānau of Owhata Primary School. We know this will be well received by Whānau and the wider community as a means of healing and working through grief shared by many.

Please join us in the hall this Friday 2nd August at 11am. We will have soup and refreshments available after the celebration for our whānau. At lunchtime, you are welcome to go out and about in our kura to enjoy the lunchtime fun.

We look forward to seeing you all!

School Hoodies

If you would like to order a school hoodie or t-shirt, please do so by Monday 23rd September. 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!



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Kindness - Manaakitanga

We are a PB4L school (Positive Behaviour for Learning) - Te Manaakitanga!

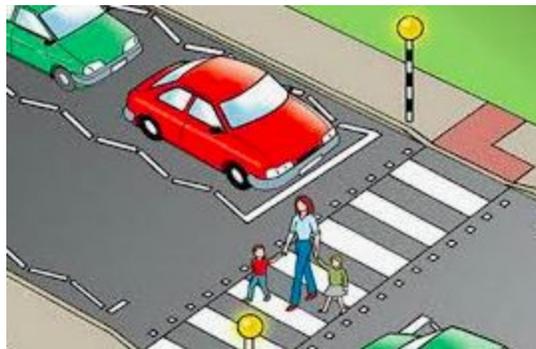
We do not tolerate bullying of any kind - If you are concerned about your child please follow these steps:

- Visit your child's classroom teacher for a kōrero and see if the issue can be resolved first
- Arrange a meeting with the team leader if you feel you need extra support
- See our Associate Principals or Principal - 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.

Walking to School - Crossing the Road

We had a few phone calls last week from concerned members of the public who saw Owhata School tamariki crossing Te Ngae Road unsafely. If your tamaiti uses the crossing on Te Ngae please talk to them about doing so carefully. It is a busy road and before and after school are peak traffic times. We care about the safety of all of our awesome tamariki and would be very sad if there was an accident. Kia tūpato!



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, illness etc however, regular absences and lateness will be followed

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up. We want to support whānau in this area, so let us know if there are ways we can help ensure regular attendance.

Social Media



Please remember to talk with your tamariki about the apps and sites they are using online. We want all of our tamariki to be safe when using the internet!



Bell Times:

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

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.

School Uniform:

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.

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.

Sports Photos!

Our sports photos are now on display in the office. Come in and visit Whaea Sue or Whaea Sheryll to place an order.





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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. Reminder that we have a **FREE** school bus from Pōhutukawa Drive area - see Mr. Stiles or Matua Peter if you are interested in utilising this service for your tamariki.



Magic Moments & Celebrations!



Week 2 - Student of the Week recipients.

Wellbeing Services We Offer

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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



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/>

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Contact us - Keep updated!

Ways we like to keep in touch:

School Newsletter:

We are now sending this home digitally and will upload 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

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