



Ōwhata Primary School

Te Kura o Ōwhata

Respect Excellence Inquiry Integrity
Manaakitanga Kairangatira Patapātai Mana Tangata

School Newsletter, Week 4, Term 4, 2019

Important Dates:

28th October - Labour Day (school closed on this day)
31st October - Halloween Disco (during the day)
5th November - World Cup Rugby League (year 3, 4, 5, 6)
6th November - School Athletics for 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 year olds)
7th November - Maths Night, Pāngarau ki te Ao! 4.30pm, Owhata Marae, all whānau welcome!
14th November - Open ECE Day - Welcome!
19th November - Rural/Central Cluster Athletics
20th November - End of Year Reports home today
21st November - Junior Athletics for 5, 6 and 7 year olds)
26th November - Ahurei Kapahaka (evening performance)
3rd December - Whakanuia! Whānau encouraged to attend!
9th December - End of Year Prize-giving
12th December (Thursday) - **LAST DAY OF TERM 4**
School reopens for instruction on January 28th 2020

School Learning Context Term 3:

Koha

Hauora - Health and Physical Education

“Ko au te Kura, ko te Kura ko au!”

Key Question:

What can I gift to the environment?

Why is hauora important for the environment and ME?

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Tēnā koutou katoa! Kia ora!

It has been a wonderful term so far and we are very pleased with all of our tamariki who continue to show our school values. We also extend a huge thank you to all our whānau who support our many initiatives to provide our tamariki with wonderful opportunities all year round. This term brings many celebrations with our annual Whakanuia taking place towards the end of the term and our end of year prizegiving. We are getting excited as we prepare for these events and look forward to seeing our whānau in and around our kura and Marae.

*2020 brings some exciting initiatives and I think this is one worth mentioning. Our school has been selected to have a **FREE LUNCH for all** initiative every day funded by our current Government, starting 3rd of February 2020. This means that all students at Owhata School do not have to bring morning tea OR lunch to school from 3rd February 2020. The company providing our kai is, CHAMPION TUCKSHOPS and we are lucky to have Whaea Renee Ngatai leading our kitchen team. We are looking to have 2 more whānau members join our kitchen time in a part-time capacity so if you are interested please contact callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz for more information.*

Bob Stiles.



OUR AWESOME TEACHING STAFF 2020!

Senior Management Team:		
Matua Bob Stiles	Principal (Tumuaki)	bob.stiles@owhata.school.nz
Whaea Robyn Hurliman	Associate Principal/Senior Team Leader (Tumuaki Tuarua)	robyn.hurliman@owhata.school.nz
Whaea Callie Raureti	Associate Principal/SENCo/Iriirikapua Team Leader (Tumuaki Tuarua)	callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz
Senior School - Year 5/6:		
Whaea Robyn Hurliman Team Leader	Room 8	Year 5 - 6 robyn.hurliman@owhata.school.nz
Matua Jared Grace	Room 10	Year 5 - 6
Whaea Jan Tumata	Room 7	Year 5 - 6
Whaea Tricia Dender Specialist Teacher - Science	Room 14	Okahukura (Mainstream) Release Teacher
Iriirikapua Rūmaki Reo Māori - Year 0 - 6:		
Whaea Callie Raureti Team Leader	Room 1	Year 3 - 6 callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz
Matua Tihi Kura Pitau	Room 3	Year 3 - 6
Whaea Lorraine Pukepuke Sports Coordinator	Room 2	Year 0 - 2
Whaea Joanne Winiata Specialist Teacher - Digital Tech.	Room 13	Iriirikapua/Okahukura Release Teacher
Middle School - Year 3/4:		
Whaea Celia Grace-Stiles Team Leader	Room 5	Year 4 celia.stiles@owhata.school.nz
Whaea Carole Pearce	Room 6	Year 3 - 4
Whaea Kumiko Hammersley	Room 4	Year 3
Junior School - Year 0 - 2:		
Whaea Emma Coleman Team Leader	Hub 2	Year 0 - 1 emma.coleman@owhata.school.nz
Matua Jeremy Armstrong	Hub 1	Year 1
Whaea Debra Gould	Room 9	Year 2

TEACHING STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND FAREWELLS:

At the end of 2019, we farewell two of our teaching colleagues who have both made an outstanding contribution to our school. Mr Dave Christoffersen will be retiring after 42 years of teaching, having spent 23 of those years at Owhata School as an inspirational teacher, mentor, leader and friend. 'Sir', will certainly leave a lasting imprint on us all - we admire his wisdom and commitment to our school and the teaching profession. We look forward to seeing 'Sir' in and around our school as a relief teacher next year. All the best, Dave. Arohanui!



Katie Murray joined us as a beginner teacher in 2018, working Hub 2 as a part-time release teacher. She has since taken on four days of teaching Hub 2 and has completed part of her teacher registration work during this time. We acknowledge her contributions to our school and appreciate all the aroha and awahi she has put into our students. Whaea Katie will be working in and around Owhata School as a relief teacher, lucky us! All the best, Katie. Arohanui!



PĀNGARAU KI TE AO - WHĀNAU MATHS NIGHT AT OWHATA MARAE:

*This year our Maths Night is at **Ōwhata Marae on the 7th of November - 4:30pm - 5:15pm**. Tickets were sent home for the meat pack raffle. As well as 5 chances to win a meat pack voucher, Whaea Celia has donated 2 full packs of the Countdown word tiles. One pack comes with a magnetic board and the other comes with a carry bag. To be able to go into the draw for all of these prizes, whānau need to come to the Maths Night and join in some of the activities. If any whānau would like a ride to the Marae, let us know at the office or come and see Whaea Emma in The Hub. Remember all tamariki need to be accompanied by an adult.*

SPORTS COACHES - THANK YOU:

*We would like to extend a huge thank you to all of our whānau and kaiako who give their time to coach, support, referee, and train our tamariki in various sports teams. **We want to remind whānau that sideline support is appreciated but please keep it positive and uplifting.** Our coaches put a lot of their own time and effort into providing these sporting opportunities and fostering our school values; our sports teams and supporters are all representing our school, please do so respectfully.*

Bob Stiles.

From Whaea Lorraine:

Please ensure all touch fees are paid to the office as soon as possible. Cost is \$25.

OPEN ECE DAY - WELCOMING 4 YEAR OLDS:

We are inviting our Early Child Education Centres and our Whānau to come to Open Day on Thursday 14th November starting at 11am. We will have a welcome in the hall and activities set up for our visitors to enjoy. If you have a 4 year old at home or in ECE, please think about coming to check out Owhata School and what we have to offer. RSVP: emma.coleman@owhata.school.nz or pop in for a friendly chat and a 'KETE' of information about our wonderful school.



Ōwhata School Open

Day

14th November

MĀORI IMMERSION - TE WHĀNAU A IRIRIKAPUA:

With the new school year fast approaching we would like to offer your tamaiti the opportunity to transition to our Māori Immersion Unit, Te Whānau a Iriirikapua. We place emphasis on Te Reo Māori me ōna tikanga (whilst incorporating a strong English component) and core Māori values. We learn through Māori pūrākau (stories of our history, Te Arawa, Te Roro o Te Rangi) and explore Māori Performing Arts on an extended level. Next year, we will also incorporate a strong sense of Tuakana/Teina and we have two classes offering a year 3 - 6 option. We will also be fostering student-led learning and digital learning in our Tuakana (seniors). The teachers in these classes are Whaea Callie and Matua Tihi Kura. Whaea Lorraine continues to awhi our pépi, year 0 - 2. We are a fun, dynamic, inclusive and passionate team. If you are interested or have any pātai, please come and see us or feel free to email callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz - anytime! We welcome tamariki of all Te Reo Māori abilities.



WHAEA LORRAINE, MATUA TIHI KURA, WHAEA CALLIE AND WHAEA JOANNE

END OF YEAR REPORTING TO WHĀNAU:

We report progress and achievement twice per year. This year you will receive your child's end of year report in week 6, 20th November 2019. We invite our whānau to interviews the following week. Your child's class teacher will send home an interview invitation and will confirm a time to meet with you to discuss progress and achievement. It is important that this is a shared journey with whānau as we know from experience that when school and home work in partnership, success is more likely. We look forward to updating you!

WHAKANUIA:

On December 3rd 2019 we will be holding our Whakanuia event at school for all tamariki and whānau. Our students have been working in their year level teams for this event and are excited to showcase KAPAHAKA and WAIATA that they have been learning. Our event will begin at 11.15am on this day, more information will come home leading up to the event. We look forward to seeing you!

LIBRARY BOOKS AND JUNIOR READERS:

If you have any library books or class reading books at home please return these to school for our end of year stocktake.

STAFF CAR PARK:

Please do not use the staff car park to drop off and pick up your tamariki. Lately we have had some damage to staff vehicles and we don't want to resort to a chain across the entrance. Thank you for your understanding.

SOCIAL MEDIA:

We have had some issues over the past 2 weeks with students using social media to bully, intimidate and provoke inappropriate behaviour. Videos and posts are usually done at home but cause big issues at school. Please make sure you are in the know when it comes to online platforms such as Instagram, Tik Tok, Snapchat and Facebook. We are informing whānau as issues arise. We do not allow cell phones at school.

***We are trying to keep our newsletter brief -
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photos and updates.***