



Ōwhata Primary School

Te Kura o Ōwhata

Respect Excellence Inquiry Integrity
Manaakitanga Kairangatira Patapātai Mana Tangata

School Newsletter, Week 1, Term 1, 2020

Kōrero o te Tumuaki - Matua Bob Stiles:

*Ka tangi te titi
Ka tangi te kākā
Ka tangi hoki ahau
Tihei mauri ora!
E ngā manuhiri
E ngā mātua, kaiako mā, tamariki mā
Tēnā koutou katoa!*

A warm Owhata welcome to our new and returning whānau. We are so excited to be back at school with our tamariki. This week, our focus has been building positive relationships in our new classes and making connections with our peers and kaiako.

We would also like to welcome our new support staff who have joined our awesome team this year; Sarah (Hera) Fraser, Carla Margon and Chris Courtney. Nau mai haere mai ki te kura o Owhata!

We have lots of exciting events and initiatives coming up this term, and we look forward to involving our whānau as much as possible. Please connect to your child's DOJO (online platform to share learning and messages) in order to share in your child's learning journey. We expect that ALL tamariki will have a whānau member connected to our DOJO.

Another exciting initiative for us is our FREE LUNCH SCHEME. Starting from Monday of next week, 3rd February, we are providing healthy lunches for all tamariki. This means that our tamariki will have a choice of 2 lunch options for the week. Our classroom teachers will take orders in the morning during the roll. Please make sure tamariki are at school on time to place an order. Late orders will need to go through the office.

Some things to think about:

- *If your child has allergies to certain foods, please make sure this information is updated with Whaea Sue at the office*

- We do not provide morning tea, but will continue to do milk and fruit. If you want to pack extra kai that is your choice
- All lunch options have the heart foundation tick!
- We understand that some children will take time to adjust to the new kai but we are in full support of healthier choices
- Below is the menu for next week - this will give you an idea of the kai options
- There is always a gluten free, vegetarian option every day

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MEAL OPTION ONE	BBQ Pulled Pork Bao Pulled pork cooked in a light BBQ seasoning with rainbow coleslaw in a soft steamed bao bun. <i>Snack:</i> Popcorn, veggie sticks	Teriyaki Chicken on Rice Chicken, chopped cauliflower and teriyaki sauce served over rice with a side of slaw and a sprinkle of sesame seeds. <i>Snack:</i> Banana bran muffin, cheese & rice cracker.	Hickory BBQ Veggies Wrap Falafel bites, BBQ sauce, grated carrot and shredded lettuce all wrapped in a beetroot wrap. <i>Snack:</i> Corn chips, carrot sticks.	Classic Beef Sandwich Roast beef sandwich with BBQ sauce and rainbow slaw in 2 slices of wholegrain bread. <i>Snack:</i> Veggie sticks, savoury soone.	Aioli Fish Roll Baked fish fillet with aioli, a slice of cheese and rainbow slaw in a soft Oatlicious long roll. <i>Snack:</i> Cheese sticks, banana bread.
MEAL OPTION TWO	Mexican Pulled Pork Bao Pulled pork cooked in a chilli bean sauce with rainbow coleslaw in a soft steamed bao bun. <i>Snack:</i> Popcorn, veggie sticks.	Butter Chicken on Rice Chicken, chopped cauliflower and butter chicken sauce served over rice with a side of slaw and a sprinkle of sesame seeds. <i>Snack:</i> Banana bran muffin, cheese & rice cracker.	Greek Wrap Falafel bites, tzatziki sauce, grated carrot and shredded lettuce all wrapped in a beetroot wrap. <i>Snack:</i> Corn chips, carrot sticks.	Aioli Beef Sandwich Roast beef sandwich with aioli and rainbow slaw in 2 slices of wholegrain bread. <i>Snack:</i> Veggie sticks, savoury soone.	Classic Fish Roll Baked fish fillet with mayo, a slice of cheese and rainbow slaw in a soft Oatlicious long roll. <i>Snack:</i> Cheese sticks, banana bread.
DIETARY REQUIREMENTS	Vegetarian: Chilli bean with rainbow slaw in a steamed bao bun). Gluten Free: Pulled pork cooked in a light BBQ seasoning with rainbow coleslaw, wrapped in a GF wrap with a GF snack.	Vegetarian: Teriyaki sauce, asian vegetables served on rice with a side of slaw and a sprinkle of sesame seeds. Gluten Free: Teriyaki chicken on rice with a GF snack.	Vegetarian: (as above) Gluten Free: GF hickory BBQ veggies wrap with a GF snack.	Vegetarian: Rainbow slaw, aioli, cheese and cucumber in 2 slices of wholegrain bread Gluten Free: Roast beef, rainbow slaw, aioli in 2 slices of GF bread with a GF snack.	Vegetarian: GF baked kumara rosti, mayo a slice of cheese and rainbow slaw in an Oatlicious long roll Gluten Free: GF baked kumara rosti, mayo, a slice of cheese and rainbow slaw in a GF roll with a GF snack.
	• Meals will be prepared to cater for children with specific allergies or cultural requirements. Meals are prepared in a non-allergen controlled environment. If you have low tolerance towards certain allergens please notify the school immediately.				

Important Dates:

- 28th Jan - School starts 2020, 8.55am
- 31st Jan - Whakatau for new staff and students
- 3rd Feb - FREE LUNCHES START TODAY
- 6th Feb - Waitangi Day - SCHOOL CLOSED (Thursday)
- 24th Feb - Goal setting week with whānau
- 24th Feb - Swim school for some students
- 9th March - Noho Marae week for all tamariki (1 night stay in teams)
- 3rd April - Teacher Only Day for Eastern Cluster
- 8th April - Interschool swimming sports
- 9th April - Last day of school for the term
- 10th April - SCHOOL CLOSED (Good Friday)

	Kaupapa Matua	Key Understanding	Concept	Kawa / Tikanga	Ideas / Descriptions (Tātaiako)
Term 1 11 weeks	Diversity Ira Tangata <hr/> Social Sciences Arts/Science/DT	“Tangata Whenuatanga” <i>We are all unique and come from different whānau, hapū, iwi, and groups.</i> <i>How can we celebrate our differences and connect with others positively?</i>	RELATIONSHIPS <i>The way in which two or more people or things are connected, or the state of being connected.</i>	Relating to Others RESPECT Manaakitanga	“Tangata Whenuatanga” <i>Place-based, socio-cultural awareness and knowledge</i>

Stationery:

We do have stationery packs available at school. Please come and see Whaea Sue to purchase stationery. If you need assistance with providing stationery please contact Whaea Callie or Matua Bob.

School Uniform:

Our main uniform (yellow polo, shorts, pants) is available at the Warehouse, Rotorua. We often have second hand stock at school; phone the office or pop in for a visit.

Named Hoodies / Quick-Dry T-Shirts:

We are not taking orders for these items as yet. We are in the process of finding a new supplier as we are finding that we are waiting too long for supplies to arrive. We will let you know when you can order these items again.

Swimming at School:

Next week, we start our school swimming. We expect ALL tamariki to participate in swimming which means bringing togs/towel every day! Why do we teach this? We think it is very important to teach swimming skills, as we all know, water can pose a lot of risk without the right knowledge or skill to swim effectively. We want your tamariki to be safe in and around the water, hence we insist that all tamariki participate. For our kōhine who may be having their menstrual cycle, you will of course be excused but we would appreciate a note/message from home. DOJO is a great way to be able to message our class teachers.

Sunhats at School:

We expect ALL tamariki to wear a sunhat at school, during morning tea and lunch. It has been extremely warm and we encourage tamariki to be actively SUNSMART. As mentioned, we prefer brimmed hats, but understand that the tamariki prefer caps. We are NOT discouraging caps as that is better than nothing! Tamariki who are constantly out and about without a hat will be asked to go and play under the shaded trees. Please name hats/caps clearly to avoid loss.

Touch Rugby:

We almost have full teams, we still need year 0, 1 and 2 players if any of our little tamariki are interested - please email Whaea Lorraine Pukepuke.

lorraine.pukepuke@owhata.school.nz - 11th/12th February is the starting date for Touch. Whaea Lorraine has sent notices home. The fees are \$20 per student.

Sports uniforms - we are still missing uniforms from last year, PLEASE RETURN THESE TO THE OFFICE ASAP.



wā **T**ika wāhi tika

kia pono ngā kōrero

Kia pono øu mahi

are **A**re mai ø taringa

Noho tū

wahan **C**ü

Aro ki ngā mahi

2020 School Term Dates:

Term 1: 28th January - 9th April
Waitangi Day 6th Feb (school closed)
Teacher Only Day 3rd April (school closed)

Term 2: 28th April - 3rd July
Queen's Birthday 1st June (school closed)

Term 3: 20th July - 25th September

Term 4: 12th October - 9th December
Labour Day 26th October (school closed)

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