



Ōwhata te Kura

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Ōwhata School Newsletter
2024 - Week: 7 Term: 4



“Ko au ko te kura, ko te kura ko au”

I am the school and the school is me!

This vision statement expresses the importance of how we all contribute to the success of our kura.

Tumuaki:

Kia ora koutou e te whānau,

Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa. I would like to do a huge shout-out to all of our staff, hapu, and volunteers who provide many extra opportunities for our tamariki to participate. Without all of the goodwill and energy you give so freely, we wouldn't be able to provide half of what we do, so a big thank you to you all from our Board of Trustees.

Swimming - Please keep sending your tamaiti to school with their swimming gear, with so many lakes around us, they must be comfortable in the water and learn to swim!

The term four reports will be out soon; this is a record of the achievements our tamariki have made in their learning this year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask their kaiako. I am really looking forward to the next few weeks of school and celebrating our tamariki and their achievements.

Naku Noa Matua Bob

Please see our important dates and regular updates on our school Facebook Page/DOJO

Mokoia Island Noho:

Last week our Year 6 tamariki boarded the waka (Tieke and Kahukura) and had an awesome time camping at Te Motu-tapu-a-Tinirau (Mokoia Island). Weather was great for them! They went for a hikoi up the summit from where they enjoyed the view of our beautiful town. They had a well deserved hot soak in Hinemoa's pool and they even cooked their own perfect marshmallows. We would like to thank our Te Roro o Te Rangi/Uenukukōpako whānau and the wonderful adults who made this trip possible for us.



Ahurei Kapahaka:

We are incredibly proud of our Ahurei Kapahaka group who took the stage this week and represented Ōwhata School with pride! Huge mihi to our kaihaka, whānau, kaiako, and ringa hāpai who all helped to make this possible.



E mihi ana kia koe e taku tungāne, a, ko taku tēina hoki. Nui te aroha kia kōrua!

Sports Corner/Collage of Greatness!



Whaea Lorraine is updating Sports info on Class DOJO weekly.

lorraine.pukepuke@owhata.school.nz (TIC Sports)

*** Senior School Athletics ***

On Wednesday we had our Athletics Day and it was fantastic to see all the school whānau dressed in house colours. The rain eventually became quite heavy so we continued with the program today. We thank Whaea Lorraine for the mahi she has put once again into our school Athletics.



Transition to School:

We have a Transition to School class that runs every Wednesday afternoon 1.30pm - 2.55pm with Whaea Leah, Whaea Sheryll and Whaea Miriama.

We welcome tamariki to start doing school visits 6 - 8 weeks before they start school and we have enrolment forms at the office.

For any extra information please email: leah.mackay@owhata.school.nz or callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz

We offer transport for whānau who would like to discuss this option.

Ngā mihi, we look forward to meeting new friends!

SWiS - Social Worker in School:

Greer Rutledge is based at Ōwhata School Mon-Wed and can offer her support for tamariki and whānau who may need some extra awahi or guidance.

We know this can be a sensitive kaupapa to approach, however, we encourage looking into this if you are feeling challenged by past or current circumstances.

Greer can offer a toolbox, a 'talk space', a listening ear and a friendly moment for whoever may need this. There is a simple referral process and this is done confidentially with Greer or our leadership team. You can approach us at any time to kōrero about this.

Nā, Whaea Callie.

Awahi Educare for 2-6yrs olds:

Awahi Educare is based in the Ōwhata School grounds, low fees, whānau environment, low ratios.

Contact: (07) 345 6051 OR (021) 023 68324 for a friendly chat or to arrange a visit with us.

[Term 4 key dates linked here.](#) [you can also view this on our Class DOJO and Facebook page](#)