



# Ōwhata te Kura

Whanaungatanga Whakapapa Wairuatanga Manaakitanga

**Ōwhata School Newsletter**  
**2024 - Week: 4 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,

Matua Bob has been away for a couple of days a bit under the weather - we hope for a speedy recovery and we will see Matua Bob next week!

I am extremely proud of our tamariki, staff, and whānau for a wonderful 4 weeks of the final term. We have lots of exciting things happening in sports, Kapa Haka, Marae, athletics, Road Patrol training, coding club, swimming, and of course, our year 6's who are preparing for intermediate.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Classic Builders, who again, have sponsored our stationery for 2025 - this means our stationery will only cost \$20 for all tamariki next year! We appreciate the support from our local businesses and community groups who constantly have our tamariki in mind and offer to help where possible. It takes a village! You can place orders for stationery at the office anytime with Whaea Sheryll or Whaea Carolina.

He mihi mahana kia tātou katoa, kāre e roa ka eke mai te wā o te Raumatī!

Please remember to bring sunhats and a water bottle, and togs and a towel on swimming days!

Nā, Whaea Callie.

Deputy Principal.

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

### Whakatau Welcome:

On Week 2 we had an awesome Whakatau welcome for new staff, tamariki, and whānau who have joined the Ōwhata School whānau in recent months. We officially welcomed new staff members, Carolina Bruno (Admin Exec), Tairua Timu (Whare Haumarū), Leandri Venter (Whare Haumarū), and Jahnte Walker (Iriirikapua). He mihi maioha kia Matua Tihikura mō ngā whakaritenga me ngā kōrero o te pae hei whakamana i ngā tikanga o Te Roro o Te Rangi.

Nau mai, haere mai, whakatau mai!



### Noho Marae for Ahurei Kapahaka:

We had an awesome Noho Marae for our Ahurei Kapa Haka team last week. Our tamariki were amazing and we got through lots of mahi.

Information about tickets has been sent home to whānau.

I take this opportunity to thank our whānau for the ongoing support and our lead tutors, Matua Tihikura and Whaea Stevee for all the efforts that go into a kaupapa such as this one.

E mihi ana kia koe e taku tungāne, a, ko taku tēina hoki. Ngā manaakitanga ki runga ia kōrua!

### Sports Corner/Collage of Greatness!:



Whaea Lorraine is updating Sports info on Class DOJO weekly.

[lorraine.pukepuke@owhata.school.nz](mailto:lorraine.pukepuke@owhata.school.nz) (TIC Sports)

### Baywide Baypride Rippa Rugby Finals - Tuesday 5 November 2024

**Congratulations** to our Senior Y5 and Y6 mixed team who came 3rd in the Central Rotorua schools rippa rugby tournament held at Waikite Rugby club.

Our team will now travel to Fergusson Park, Tilby Drive, Matua, Otumoetai.

If you have a sports uniform that needs to be returned please do so as soon as possible so that we can share them out for other sports and events.



☀️ Our neighbors at Mokoia Intermediate are hosting a Food and Fun Fair next week.  
Great opportunity for the whānau to enjoy a fun filled evening together ☀️

**FOOD AND FUN FAIR**  
**FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**  
**4PM - 7PM**

BAKE SALE - SAUSAGE SIZZLE - AMERICAN HOT DOGS - HOT CHIPS - QUICK FIRE RAFFLES - CLASS STALLS - CANDY FLOSS - SEEDLINGS - SPONGE THE TEACHER - BOOK STALL - WOODEN TOYS - POI - SURPRISE PRIZE - MYSTERY ENVELOPES

TICKETS AVAILABLE TO PRE - ORDER FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE OR YOU CAN PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT.  
\$1 FOR 1 MOKOIA TICKET, CAN BE PURCHASED IN BUNDLES OF 10.

### 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](mailto:leah.mackay@owhata.school.nz) or [callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz](mailto: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 awhi 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.

**Awhi Educare for 2-6yrs olds:**

Awhi 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](#)

