

“Owhata Pride”

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World Spelling Day



We had a great day last Thursday with children and staff dressing up as their favourite letters. We had spelling and wordstudy activities running in the hall and at playtime we had mini quizzes around the school where the prizes were biscuits and muffins iced with letters. A big thanks to our icing volunteers and for everyone at Owhata becoming involved in the day with such enthusiasm.

VISION STATEMENT

At Owhata School we will be independent, inquiring, life long learners, able to communicate and participate effectively.

MISSION STATEMENT

Owhata School provides a strong foundation for learning and living. We empower, inspire, respect and challenge.



Tena koutou katoa
Nga mihi nui kia koutou katoa!

P RINCIPAL'S AWARDS

Nathaneil Pirika of Room 1 for excellence in singing during the National Anthem.

K IDSCAN KID OF THE WEEK

EMILY LODGE of Room 5.

V OLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

Terisa Hohepa, Leanne Dittmer and Alison Scott for spending many hours icing yummy muffins and biscuits for spelling day last week. We really APPRECIATE YOUR HELP.

S TAR CLASS OF THE WEEK

Room 19 have been learning about our School Core Values. These are what we say about showing RESPECT and EXCELLENCE.

Respect

I am learning to share while playing. Melaki
We are learning to care about our gardens. Jahkaya
I play nicely with my friends. O'Shay
We are learning to work together. Jai
We are learning teamwork playing netball. Te Amohia
We are learning to look after our environment. Matariki
I like making friends with everybody at school. Darryl
We are learning sharing while playing games. Shane
My friends and I look after each other. Ariana

Excellence

I try hard at my reading. Raureti
I like learning my maths. Jayden
I try and do my best work at my table. Riley
I like learning my ball skills. Shayna
I try my best in all my learning. Amelia
I am trying hard in my learning. Skyla

Q UOTE OF THE WEEK

Learning is a result of listening, which in turn leads to even better listening and attentiveness to the other person. In other words, to learn from the child, we must have empathy, and empathy grows

as we learn.

Emma Thompson

J UNIOR ATHLETICS

Junior School Athletics
Year 0—3
Friday 11th March 11—12.45pm
On bottom field

Parents/caregivers you are most welcome to come and watch or join in.

R IPPA RUGBY

Due to minimal entries Rippa Rugby will not go ahead.

For those that have paid their fees please bring a note from your parents to the office requesting a refund.

D YNAMIC DYNAMO'S/DOMINO'S 2011

Congratulations to our 2011 School Dynamo/Domino team. Last Thursday we took 10 students across to Omanu School in Mt Maunganui for a Dynamo training day with Sport Bay of Plenty. Our students spent the day training alongside students from Te Kura Kaupapa O Matapihi and Omanu School. The purpose of the day was to train students to run lunchtime activities for other students. This is an excellent way to develop our students confidence and give them a greater sense of responsibility. They will start organising lunchtime activities next Tuesday.

This years Dynamo's are:

Riley Borthwick of Room 8, Hauata Mikaere-Rikihana of Room 8, Hunter Ericsson of Room 7, Jai Gorman of Room 7, Matalena Rapana of Room 7, Paige Harrison of Room 5, Hayzl Ututaonga of Room 3, Dikisha Dahya of Room 5, Elsie Paul of Room 5 and Marina Fleming of Room 3.

The students have decided to call themselves Domino's.

W ATERPOLO

Congratulations to Nga Wahine Toa, they beat Westbrook 5-0 and Lynmore 10-0 last week.

Draw for tonight:
V WB Sea Monsters

3.45pm Court 1





PADDY IN THE PADDOCK

Saturday 19th March
4pm—8pm

Venue: At the top of Kaska Road, off Hamurana Road before
golf course

All profits will be sent to the people of Christchurch via the Red Cross.

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LIFE EDUCATION

Thank you to those people who have paid for their children to attend or who have contacted the school. We are aware that times are tough at the moment and there isn't much money to go around, however we are also getting less money as a school and we try and keep costs to whanau down to a minimum. Life Education is a wonderful programme that is already subsidised. The cost for this is \$3.50 per pupil, which can be paid to the classroom teacher.

There is a Parent Session if you wish to go through the van and hear about the sorts of programmes Bernie and Harold run with the children. This is on today 9 March at 2.30pm.

On this same day, at 1.30pm our transition class will have a half hour session with Harold to give them the experience of being in the van.

PICNIC DAY

We are having a house picnic day on the 23rd March at Holdens Bay. All Welcome.

TOUCH

Owhata Years 3/4 v Malfroy Marvels	3.45pm	F6
Owhata Years 5/6 v Kawaha Pt 1	4.20pm	F4

CHILDREN'S AND FAMILY FUN DAY

Children's and Family Fun Day at the Redwoods Sunday March 13, 2011 Free fun activities for toddlers, children and youth. Storytelling, music, zumba, Mountain biking, Police display, Origami, Paintball, cake decorating, face painting, Army display

and activities, sack races and much more. The Bunnings Great Go-Cart Race, \$5 entry fee with proceeds going to the Rotorua Hospital Children's Unit. Food vendors on site or bring a picnic!

Note: This was postponed until this weekend due to the weather last weekend.

MOKOIA INTERMEDIATE FOOD AND FUN FAIR

THURSDAY, 31 MARCH 2011 -
5.30 P.M. – 7.00 P.M

We will be having Food Stalls, Cake & Sweet Stalls, Children's Craft & Activity Stalls and Quick Fire Raffles.

SCIENCE IN THE PARK

Saturday 12th March 9—3pm

49 Sala Street near Whakarewarewa Forest
Cost: FREE

For the little scientists, there will be a variety of fun, interactive and educational activities such as making paper, 'what plant is that?', build-a-bug, and tearing into rotten logs. You can also find out what rockets and icecream have in common.

Science projects will be on display across Scion's diverse research themes, and you'll get the chance to ask scientists directly how this research can benefit you and your community.

Go along and see our very own Tricia Dender making bugs.

TRANSITION CLASS

Remember that Owhata Primary School runs a transition class for pre-schoolers on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30—3pm.

If you would like your preschooler to attend phone the office to find out how to enrol. This is a great opportunity to prepare your child for school.

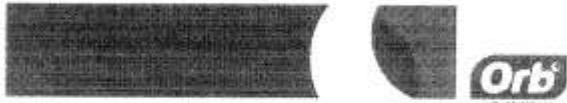
Have a great week, cheers, Bob Stiles

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