



“Owhata Pride”



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Who Am I?



Years 5 and 6 from Rooms 3 and 7 visited the Museum to see the exhibition “Who Am I” yesterday.

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!

Warm greetings to you all, to our returning tamariki and whanau and to our many new tamariki and your whanau, we are looking forward to sharing an exciting and rewarding educational partnership for 2012.

We would like to welcome the following children to Owata Primary School:

- Richard Chapman, Year 1, Room 1***
- Atama Mikaere-Rikihana, Year 1, Room 1***
- Benjamin Green, Year 1, Room 1***
- Savannah Fitzell, Year 1, Room 1***
- Aryan Emile-Chhura, Year 4, Room 3***
- Saylor-Beau Green, Year 1, Room 4***
- Jasmine Emile-Chhura, Year 2, Room 4***
- Ruha Te Pania, Year 3, Room 6***
- Te Ariki Iraia, Year 3, Room 6***
- Kilani Noble-Keepa, Year 3, Room 6***
- Destiny Ngamoki, Year 3, Room 6***
- Mani Richel, Year 3, Room 6***
- Riley Collett, Year 3, Room 6***
- Natalia Collett, Year 5, Room 7***
- Neha Raj, Year 6, Room 7***
- Jake Sanderson, Year 4, Room 8***
- Andrew Logie, Year 4, Room 8***
- Awhina Te Pania, Year 4, Room 8***

P RINCIPAL AWARDS

Reiko Dickson-Oakley of Room 1 for writing his name.
 Vaydem-Rome Hamiora of Room 1 for singing the song.
 Areta Pakinga and Kaci Dittmer of Room 5 for being great thinkers.
 Jay Jay Hill, Joss Matenga, Shayne Tango and Destiny Hickey of Room 5 for great work in Science.
 Natalia Collett of Room 7 for being a great thinker.
 Nikau Brown and Kelly Malcolm of Room 8 for great work in Science.
 Richard Callaghan of Room 8 for being a great thinker.
 Maia Mihaka-Jones of Room 20 for being super focused and ready to learn all day.

V OLUNTEER OF THE WEEK

Marilyn Brightwell (Poppie's Mum) for organizing Breakfast Club.

Thank you.

Q UOTE OF THE WEEK

A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others.

Ayn Rand

B OARD OF TRUSTEES NEWS

Our Board of Trustees meeting is on the third Monday of each month at 6pm. This months meeting will be held at Owata Marae.

Congratulations to our newly re-elected Chairperson, Tony Scott. Thank you Tony for your leadership and for the hard work you do behind the scenes ensuring our tamariki have a quality education.

The role of the Board is to govern the school on behalf of the community.

W HANAU EVENING—THURSDAY 8TH MARCH, 6PM

On Thursday the 8th March at 6pm we are having a whanau information evening in the school hall. It will be a wonderful opportunity for you to meet the staff, Board of Trustees and other parents and caregivers.

Our Kapahaka group will be performing and there will be a sausage sizzle, games and raffles as well. Bring the whole whanau.

P ARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you have some spare time and think you would like to help out at school we would love to have your support, feel free to contact **your child's teacher or the Principal**.

H OUSES

The Owata School houses are proudly named after our tipuna, the parents of Hinemoa and Tutanekai, Whakaue, Umukaria, Rangiuru and Hinemaru.

Many of our school activities will be based on our houses. This gives children the opportunity to mix with children outside of their class and year group. They also get to dress up in their house colours.

We support a Smoke Free Environment





P B4L (POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING)

As part of our PB4L programme we are introducing new reward systems.

- 1) Caught Being Good Cards—these will be handed out at play-times and lunchtimes by all staff members to reward good behaviour. The children put their names in a box in the office and Mr Christoffersen will draw five names out of the box at Monday morning assembly. These children will get to choose an award.
- 2) Student of the Week—Each class teacher will choose a student of the week. This will be someone who has really tried hard at improving some aspect of their learning.

O WHATA PRIDE PROJECT

As part of developing pride in our school and community we are joining forces with Chloe and AJ from Classic Hits, Guthrie Bowron and the Council to beautify the Owhata shops. The initial part of the project is for the children to design murals. The best ones will then be selected and painted on the shops.

S WIMMING

Thanks to our caretaker, Mr Pete Garthwaite and our painter, Mr Gordon Flintoff our school pool is up and running again.

It is one of the goals set by our Board of Trustees that every child will be able to swim 250 metres by the time they finish Year 6. As a parent you can support this goal by making sure your child has their togs everyday and that they are named please.

E DUCATION REVIEW OFFICE

ERO will be reviewing our school as part of their regular 3 year review cycle on 19th March.

W ATERPOLO

Draw for today:
Nga Wahine Toa v Rotokawa Sharks Court 2 4.30pm

T OUCH RUGBY

Touch Rugby started yesterday. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who took their children down to the fields even though it

was raining. The Touch organizer said if there are any cancellations they will contact the school office.

We have Matua Patrick coaching the Year 5 and 6 team, and Matua Te Tihi and Nick coaching the Year 3 and 4 team. Big thank you for your continuing support.

Reminder to all TOUCH RUGBY PLAYERS: PLEASE WEAR COVERED IN SHOES.

Results for 15 February:
Year 5 and 6 lost to Selwyn Primary 5-8
Year 3 and 4 won against Lynmore Crusaders (won by default)

K IWI LEAGUE TAG MODULE

Upper Central Rugby League and Sport Bay of Plenty Coach Force is providing a Kiwi League Tag competition which begins on Monday 20th February at Puketawhero Park after school. Thank you to the children who have brought their notices in. If you still wish to play please come and see Whaea Lorraine as soon as possible.

Sport Bay of Plenty Coach Force are intending to provide a coaching clinic for parents/caregivers and teachers who wish to be a part of this new venture, however these are not to hand at this stage and I will follow up with a panui home.

P OHUTUKAWA PLAYGROUP

When: Wednesday mornings

Where: Under the trees by the playground
Pohutukawa Reserve
Pohutukawa Drive

Time: 10am to 11am

- Lots of fun
- Bring your children 0-5 years old
- Come and meet with other parents of young children in your neighbourhood
- Activities

Have a great week

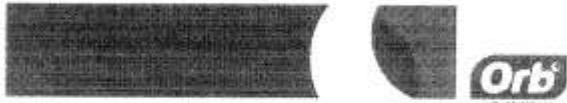
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