



“Owhata Pride”



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Room 6



On 11.11.11 Room 6 made a people picture of the date.

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 AWARDS

Hakeke Mokomoko and Maia Mihaka-Jones of Room 1 for listening to Whaea Emma and being responsible.
Kyraleigh Morell-Morehu of Room 8 for being responsible.

K IDSCAN KID OF THE WEEK

Israel Grant of Room 5 for excellent leadership skills.

Q UOTE OF THE WEEK

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.
Ralph Waldo Emerson

C LASS FOCUS

Room 3- Space

The moon is dusty and white on both sides. One side is smooth the other is bumpy. There are craters all over the moon. I think it is slightly smaller than the earth. The furthest planet from the moon is Mercury.

Harper Akurangi

The solar system is made up of planets. I figured out that the sun is made out of gazillions of stars and gas. Space has gravity. Sometimes I wonder what it would be like walking on the moon.

EI Alion Tunui

The earth is 500 light seconds or 8 light minutes from the sun. Jupiter is so big that you could fit all other planets in the solar system inside it. The red spot of Jupiter is the biggest most violent storm in the known universe. It is also at least three times the size of earth.

Tommy Tapsell

If I was in space I would go to the moon and see what the aliens look like. When I see them I would watch them. I wonder what they sound like. I would like to know if the moon has holes. What does the satellite look like, and I wonder how big it is.

Tangaroa Yorke

Jupiter is the biggest planet in the solar system. Saturn is the next. If Earth was a basketball then the sun would be the size of a basketball court.

Nathan Ryan

We support a Smoke Free Environment

R OTORUA MUSIC SCHOOL

Rotorua Music School Enrolment day
January 24th 5.30-7.00

Western Height High School Hall

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M OKOIA ENROLMENTS

If you have not enrolled your Year 6 child yet and intend on him/her attending Mokoia Intermediate, please return the enrolment forms as soon as possible. Mrs Little is working on class placements and needs these forms in order to place children in the appropriate class and where possible with friends.

K APA HAKA AHUREI

Owhata are performing on the 30th November at the Rotorua Primary Schools Kapa Haka Festival this year. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased from school until tomorrow.

B OXING

We would like to congratulate Aaron Warren who is the head coach of Rotovegas Boxing Gym on his appointment as the coach of the New Zealand team to go to the World Championships in 2012.

E DUCATION REVIEW OFFICE

The Education Review Office will be visiting our school during the week of March 19th next year as part of their normal 3 year review cycle.

R OTOMATHS

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 children who represented Owhata at the Rotomaths Competition on Monday night.

We are very proud of your efforts. A big thank you to the staff and whanau who support them too.

N ETWORK UPGRADE

The wiring upgrade of the school is continuing with a limited amount of disruption to classes.





PARENTS OF YEARS 5 AND 6 TAMARIKI FOR 2012

If you would like your child to be considered for entrance into the bilingual unit for 2012, please contact the school and leave the following details:

Your name
Child's name
Current Class teacher
Contact phone number

You will be contacted during Week 5.

Kia ora

LEADERSHIP DAY

On Monday 21st we will be having a training day for our school leadership team. We will be developing our ability to set educational targets and improve our strategic planning.

GAIL LOAN

Our senior team are attending a reading course today at Whakarewarewa School run by reading guru Gail Loan.

FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

At Rotorua District Library on Friday

November 25th, 5.30 to 7pm

Register at the Service Desk or email

fletcher.tuatara@rdc.govt.nz

There's awesome PRIZES to be won, pizza to feed the minds and spot prizes for the best dressed team.

Come on kids—get a family team together and register NOW!

Teams: 5 members max including 2 adults max and at least 1 child aged 12 years or younger.

THREE WAY LEARNING CONVERSATIONS

Come along and celebrate your child's learning with them and their teacher. This term our "learning conversations" are on the 6th and 7th December. Our children and staff go to a lot of trouble to prepare for these sessions so please start planning now to make sure that you can be there.

DATES TO REMEMBER

30 November	Rotorua Festival
6/7 December	Three Way Learning Conversations
8 December	School prizegiving 11am at school
12 December	Senior Prizegiving/Eng of Year Concert Rotorua Convention Centre
14 December	Year six lunch
15 December	Last day of school

WHANAU FUN DAY

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Nau Mai
Haere Mai

When: Thursday 24 November

Where: Pohutukawa Reserve
Pohutukawa Drive

What time: 10:00 -1:00

*Sausage Sizzle
Activities
Lots of Fun*

Health and Education information

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FUNCTION (SAF)

Our Board of Trustees and school leadership are working with the Ministry of Education to improve student achievement. Niall Dinning from the Ministry has been appointed to Owhata as our SAF, or Student Achievement Function.

He will be working alongside us to help us, "realise and ignite the potential of all students". He will be developing a partnership with Iwi, whanau, teachers, Board and senior leadership for 26 weeks to help us accelerate student learning.

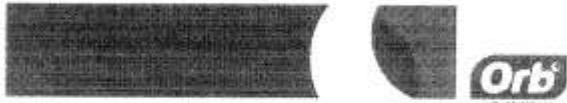
Have a great week , cheers, Bob Stiles

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