



# Ōwhata Primary School

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## School Newsletter, Week 2, Term 1

7th February 2019

### Important Dates:

**14th Feb - Meet the Teacher 11am and 6pm**  
**7th March - House Day (dress in house colours)**  
**1st -5th April - Noho Marae Week (in teams)**  
**10th April - Interschool Swimming Sports**  
**12th April - Last day of Term 1, 2.55pm finish**

### School Focus - Term 1

**Kaupapa Matua:** Te Taiao - The Environment

**Term Value:** Respect - Manaakitanga

**Key Competency:** Relating to others

**Emphasis on:** Local history and the changes in our environment over time; through a Māori perspective with a science/social science focus.

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### Korero from Mr. Stiles (Principal / Tumuaki)

Ténā Koutou Katoa,

A warm Ōwhata welcome to our new and returning tamariki and whānau! We hope you have found the beginning of the school year as exciting as we have here at Ōwhata School. The vibrancy and tenacity of our tamariki and teaching staff is certainly setting the tone for our year ahead. Once again, I would like to extend a huge thank you to our whānau who continue to support us as a kura and contribute to keeping Ōwhata School a great place to be! As you will see in the dates above, we have two **'Meet the Teacher'** sessions coming up. We have decided to do two sessions to cater for any whānau who have a preferred time to visit, morning or evening. Our teachers are excited to meet the lovely whānau of our tamariki, as to get to know more about your child/children and your aspirations for their learning and general school goals. More information below. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to email or visit our classroom teachers, our leadership team or myself [bob.stiles@owhata.school.nz](mailto:bob.stiles@owhata.school.nz) - Ngā mihi nui, ngā mihi mahana!

**Bob Stiles.**

Principal (Tumuaki).

### Celebrating Our Tamariki - Students of the Week!





## Our Exceptional Team 2019:

### **Classroom teachers:**

#### **Senior Team - Year 5 & 6:**

R5 Mr. Dave Christoffersen (Team Leader) [dave.christoffersen@owhata.school.nz](mailto:dave.christoffersen@owhata.school.nz)

R7 Whaea Jan Tumata

R13 Matua Jared Grace

#### **Middle Team - Year 3 & 4:**

R8 Whaea Robyn Hurliman (AP/Team Leader) [robyn.hurliman@owhata.school.nz](mailto:robyn.hurliman@owhata.school.nz)

R6 Whaea Celia Grace-Stiles

R10 Whaea Carole Pearce

R14 Whaea Tricia Dender (Classroom release teacher/Science)

#### **Junior Team - Year 0 - 2 / ECE Transition:**

Hub 2 Whaea Katie Murray and Whaea Callie Raureti (Team Leader, SENCo, Across-Cluster Kāhui Ako Teacher) [callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz](mailto:callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz)

Hub 1 Matua Jeremy Armstrong

R4 Whaea Kumiko Hammersley

R9 Whaea Debra Gould and Whaea Emma Coleman (MST/Leadership team/Within School Kāhui Ako Teacher) [emma.coleman@owhata.school.nz](mailto:emma.coleman@owhata.school.nz)

#### **Te Whānau ā Iriirikapua (Rumaki) - Year 0 - 6:**

R1 Matua Shaun Douglas (AP/Team Leader) - Year 5 & 6 [shaun.douglas@owhata.school.nz](mailto:shaun.douglas@owhata.school.nz)

R3 Whaea Joanne Winiata - Year 3 & 4

R2 Whaea Lorraine Pukepuke (Sports Coordinator) - Year 0 - 2

#### **Support Staff:**

Whaea Sue Walls and Sheryll Strickett - Admin / Office

Mr. Peter Garthwaite - Maintenance

Matua Peter Courtney - Sport / Breakfast Club / Maintenance support

#### **Classroom Support Staff:**

Whaea Kelly Mikaere

Whaea Maxina Karaka

Matua Tyler Pitau

Whaea Kiri Albert

Whaea Brolene Pirika

Whaea Joy Mowry

Whaea Glenis Jacobs

Whaea Keiha Pukepuke

Whaea Miriama Walker

Whaea Renee Ngatai

Matua Trevaan Sydney

## Reporting Cycle - Progress and Achievement

This table outlines when you can expect Learning Stories or Reports about your child's learning.

|                 | Anniversary Reporting      |                          |                              |                           |                               | Calendar Reporting |                    |                 |                    |                 |                    |                 |                    |
|-----------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Year level      | Year 0 - 1                 |                          |                              | Year 2                    |                               | Year 3             |                    | Year 4          |                    | Year 5          |                    | Year 6          |                    |
| Weeks at school | 6 - 8 weeks                | 20 weeks                 | 40 weeks                     | 60 weeks                  | End of the school year        | -                  | -                  | -               | -                  | -               | -                  | -               | -                  |
| Months          | After 1 ½ months at school | After 6 months at school | After 1 year at school       | After 1 ½ years at school | After 2 years at school (ish) | Mid school year    | End of school year | Mid school year | End of school year | Mid school year | End of school year | Mid school year | End of school year |
| Years at school |                            |                          |                              |                           |                               |                    |                    |                 |                    |                 |                    |                 |                    |
| Report type     | Beginning Report           | Learning profile         | Anniversary Learning profile | Learning Profile          | EOY Report                    | Progress Report    | EOY Report         | Progress Report | EOY Report         | Progress Report | EOY Report         | Progress Report | EOY Report         |



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## Bell Times:

**8.55am - 10.30am: Morning learning block (milk bell at 10.15am)**

**10.30am - 11am: Morning tea**

**11am - 12.45pm: Middle learning block**

**12.45pm - 1.30pm: Lunchtime**

**1.30pm - 2.55pm: Afternoon learning block**

**If students are going to be absent or late please notify the school office (07) 345 6051. If students are collected from school early for any reason please sign them out at the office. These are safety measures.**

## School Uniform:

The Warehouse Rotorua stock our school uniform. At times we have second hand stock available at school. OFOTS (Whānau Support Group) have introduced school hoodies and quick-dry t-shirts which can be personalised with a printed name. We accept tamariki wearing these items at school. WINZ quotes also accepted. Come in and chat with Sue Walls (office) or Maxina Karaka (OFOTS Chairperson). Terms 1 and 4 are our SUNSMART terms and all students are required to wear a sunhat - we do not restrict this to school brimmed hats, however a brimmed hat is preferred.

## School Goals and Aspirations - Where are we at?

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### Students' Engagement and wellbeing

We provide tamariki and whānau with a strong sense of belonging through Manaakitanga, providing a rich curriculum that celebrates their language, culture and identity



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### Students' Learning

We provide our tamariki with a strong foundation for academic achievement and place emphasis on acceleration of all students



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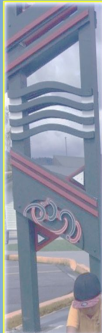


### School-Whanau partnerships

Our whānau and community have a strong collaborative partnership with our school to develop learning pathways



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### Kahui Ako

Be active in ensuring there is an alignment across our community to support our tamariki from birth onwards



*We have recently been working to revise our strategic aims - we have consulted with tamariki, whānau, staff and hapū to develop these aims. This in a broad sense is what we value as a school community and hope to foster daily.*







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| Sports   | Lunches  | Swimming  |
|--|--|---|
| <p><b><u>TOUCH RUGBY:</u></b><br/>Touch rugby is starting in a few weeks and we would like whānau who would like to come and coach or manage a team - would be very much appreciated.<br/>Please come in and see Whaea Lorraine (our Sports Coordinator).<br/>Fee this year is \$20.</p> <p><b><u>NETBALL:</u></b><br/>Netball season begins next term however we would like to build our netball skills and begin selecting teams.<br/>Fee is \$45 and netball games will be played on Saturdays. If you are interested to come and coach and manage a team please let us know.</p> <p>Whaea Lorraine.<br/><a href="mailto:lorraine.pukepuke@owhata.school.nz">lorraine.pukepuke@owhata.school.nz</a></p> | <p>We have Ka Pai Kai available Mon - Thursday. A full lunch list with prices will be included with this newsletter - see the following pages.</p> <p>On the occasional Friday we also do sausage sizzle orders - our teachers will keep you posted if there is a sausage sizzle coming up!</p> <p>Lunch orders can be made at the office before the morning bell and will be delivered to classes at 12.45pm.</p> <p>We provide Kidscan lunches for tamariki who need lunch - just ask the teacher if we can help you.</p>  | <p>It has been wonderful to see many of our tamariki utilising our swimming pool, particularly with the recent weather! We are committed to teaching the basic skills of swimming as we believe it is important to feel confident in and around the water. Please encourage your tamariki to bring their togs and a towel (named) for swimming days - usually every 2nd day.</p> <p>At times our pool is closed for maintenance and repairs but our teachers will keep you posted.</p>  |

## Meet the Teacher Sessions 2019

This year, we will have two 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on the same day - **14th February**. The times for these sessions are 11am and 6pm. This is to ensure we are available at a time that suits you.

**Day session:** At **11am** we would like to whānau to meet us in the hall for a short whakatau / welcome. From there, your tamariki will take you to their class to meet their teacher(s) and show you around their learning environment. We will be holding a scavenger hunt with different challenges and activities that you can do with your tamaiti/tamariki for fun as you explore our kura! Whānau who complete the hunt will go into the draw for a meat pack! At 12.45pm (lunchtime) we will be holding a sausage sizzle for \$1 each. You are welcome to stay and enjoy lunch with us! If you decide to take your child home early after this event please ensure you sign out at the office.

**Evening session:** At **6pm** we would like whānau to meet us in the hall for a short whakatau / welcome. From there, please visit our classes and take part in our scavenger hunt. We will have sausage sizzles available from 6 - 7pm at \$1 each.

Our teachers are looking forward to meeting you and learning more about your whānau and tamariki!





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## Noho Marae 2019

*Our students will be participating in a Noho Marae this year as we do each year. We value this experience for our tamariki as we are able to experience learning outside the classroom and use this time to build relationships with our peers and teachers. Our learning this year is very much centred around our local environment and our pepeha so this visit will be an opportunity to capitalise on our learning. We do require whānau help during this Marae stay so if you think you may be interested in coming along and spending time with us please have a chat with your child's class teacher. This year we will be going in team groups: Junior, Middle, Senior, Iriirikapua (Rumaki). Dates below:*



**April 1st - 2nd:** Iriirikapua (Rooms 1, 2 and 3)

**April 2nd - 3rd:** Senior school (Rooms 5 and 13)

**April 3rd - 4th:** Junior school (Hub 1, Hub 2, Rooms 4 and 9)

**April 4th - 5th:** Middle school (Rooms 6, 8 and 10)

*Our teams will send out more detailed information specific to your child's Noho Marae. If you have any questions or concerns come in and see our friendly staff! Please note - there is no charge for Noho Marae however, we do ask for a packet of biscuits or tinned fruit/spaghetti to help with supplies.*

## Nurse in School - Coming Soon!

*Health and wellbeing is very important. We understand that our tamariki need to be fit and healthy in order to make the most of each school day. Very soon, we will have a registered nurse based in our school one morning per week. This will mean you can come in with no appointment and receive health advice and treatments for your whānau at NO COST. If at anytime you would like to make contact with our Piripoho Nurse or Public Health Nurse please email: [callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz](mailto:callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz) or pop in and see one of our staff members.*

*The ear, nose and throat Nurse comes to visit often, if you would like your child to have a hearing check, please let us know and we can send home a permission slip. This will secure your child a booking in the next visit.*

*Dental care is provided for all of our tamariki.*

*We can offer assistance with breakfast and lunches - we also do daily fruit and milk.*

## School Attendance

*We are monitoring attendance more closely this year. It is a goal of ours to have 100% attendance from all tamariki. Of course, sickness and whānau matters are an exception. Absence without reason or regular absences and lateness can have an impact on learning progress. If you are having difficulty getting to school, please let us know. Attendance = Achievement!*





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## Transition to School Information

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### Owhata Transition to School 2019

We have made some changes effective Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019.

Our transition class will now run from our New Entrant class – Hub 2 with:

Callie Raureti (Junior School Leader / Across-Cluster ECE – Primary/SENCo)  
Katie Murray (NE Class teacher)  
Miriam Walker (Programme coordinator / Teacher Aide)  
Sheryll Strickett (Teacher Aide)

We expect that our tamariki transitioning to Owhata School will spend 8 – 10 weeks (full term prior) coming to visit once per week (Wednesday). We encourage whānau to attend 1 – 2 sessions and extend that invite to our ECE Kaiako and whanau.

We continue to offer van pick-ups, however welcome whānau to bring their own tamaiti. Our van aims to collect our tamariki between 11.45 – 12.30pm.

Whānau collect their tamaiti from Hub 2 at the end of the session – 2.55pm.

New Entrant teachers will make 2 visits to each centre to see tamariki in their own environment.

We can arrange visits to our rumaki class – Māori immersion, if that is your child's pathway.

If you have any questions, contact Callie – 021 99 22 58  
[Callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz](mailto:Callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz)

## Magic Moments





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## Contact us - Keep updated!

### **Ways we like to keep in touch:**

#### **School Newsletter (fortnightly):**

We are now sending this home digitally and will upload to our Facebook Page. Paper copies are often lost or misplaced. With a strong focus on the environment this year, it is also a good opportunity for us as a school to monitor our use of paper materials and encourage recycling! **Please make sure your email address is up to date at the school office.**

#### **Class DOJO:**

Our teachers upload photos and videos of daily learning and activities. Please connect with your child's class DOJO!

#### **Owhata Primary School Facebook Page:**

Please like our page to receive quick updates. We also upload photos, videos and reminders about events.

#### **Our Website:**

This is where we keep our general information and contact information. Feel free to visit [www.owhata.school.co.nz](http://www.owhata.school.co.nz)

#### **Do you need help getting the internet at home?**

Over the past two years we have connected many of our whānau to the internet with the support of Ngā Pūmanawa e Waru. We are able to source a prepaid modem that will allow you to check our DOJO, Facebook and School Newsletters.



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### **2019 Term Dates**

Term 1: 29th Jan - 12th April  
Waitangi Day 6th Feb (school closed)

Term 2: 29th April - 5th July  
Queen's Birthday 3rd June (school closed)

Term 3: 22nd July - 27th Sept

Term 4: 14th Oct - 12th Dec  
Labour Day 28th October (school closed)

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**Ads and Lunch list to follow -**





## LUNCH PRICE LIST

### Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursday

|                 |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Lasagne         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4.00 |
| Lunch bag       | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4.00 |
| Mini lunch bag  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3.00 |
| Cottage Pie     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4.00 |
| Soup and Bread  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2.50 |
| Cookie          | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.50 |
| Juicies         | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.00 |
| Flavoured water | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.50 |

### Fridays

|                        |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |      |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Pie                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2.50 |
| Pizza                  | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2.50 |
| Sausage Roll           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.50 |
| Cookie                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.50 |
| Muffin                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2.00 |
| Juicies                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.00 |
| Flavoured water        | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1.50 |
| Nourish Bowl           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4.00 |
| Raw Snickers Slice     | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3.00 |
| Grilled Sausage Sizzle | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2.00 |
| Muffins                | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0.50 |

**Please support our student, Freedom (Room 1)**

***“Kohikohi Pūtea”***

***BJJ Fundraiser***

***Freedom has been given the opportunity to attend the 2019 World Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Championship, held at Long Beach Arena in America. The Competition dates are 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> of November.***





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***Since mid-year of 2017, Paki Tu-Wirihana the owner and coach of HT (Hori Thai) BJJ Gym, located in Rotorua, has been teaching and training Freedom and other whānau in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.***

***Money raised will go towards Freedom's Flights and accommodation, a sincere thank you to everybody who is able to tautoko Freedom.***

***Look forward to seeing you, 8<sup>th</sup> Friday, Lunch Time at the School Canteen.***

## ***Rārangi Kai – Menu***

***\$4 Nourish Bowl – Mixed berries, Greek yoghurt, water, homemade Granola, Organic Maple Syrup, Dates, Cranberries, chia seeds and banana.***

***\$3 Raw Snickers Slice – Coconut Oil, Almonds, Cocoa, Dates, Peanut butter***

***\$2 Grilled Sausage Sizzle – bread, onion and tomato sauce***

***\$50c Muffins - (all sorts)***

***Ko tēnei te mihi ki a Mātua Bob Stiles, te tumuaki o te kura, nāna i tīno whakaae i tēnei kaupapa, “Kohikohi Pūtea” mā Freedom mō te whakataetae.***

***Ngā manaakitanga Ngahuia.***



***Do you know a girl who would like to have fun and learn new skills as part of an up to date organisation in your local area?***

***If so, GirlGuiding NZ is here:***

***Pippins: 5 & 6 year olds***

***Brownies: 7 – 9 ½ years old***

***Guides: 9 – 12 ½ years old***

***Rangers: 12 – 17 years old***

***For further information please contact: GirlGuiding New Zealand***

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