



School Newsletter, Week 10, Term 1

4th April 2019

Important Dates:	School Focus - Term 1
10th April - Interschool Swimming Sports 12th April - Last day of Term 1, 2.55pm finish Fundraisers to support Noho Marae: 11th April - Easter Raffle - on sale now, \$1 11th April - Easter Disco (during school time)	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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NOHO MARAE:

We thank you all for your understanding with the recent changes to our Noho Marae - we had planned to be doing visits this week. We will now be rescheduling for the junior, middle, and senior tamariki. The Noho Marae will take place in week 3 of Term 2 - 13th - 17th May. Teachers will send home more specific information for your tamaiti (child).

Korero from Mr. Stiles (Principal / Tumuaki)

Ténā Koutou Katoa,

Thank you again to our whānau for understanding the changes made to Noho Marae. The circumstances are very sad and all of our aroha is with the whānau in mourning. Our awesome teachers will send new dates out for week 3, Term 2 - 13th - 17th May.

This is the final newsletter for this term, and I wanted to take the time to acknowledge our tamariki, whānau, staff and our Ōwhata community (BoT, OFOTS, Hapū, Horizon, Kāhui Ako, Tatau Pounamu and our wider community) for the ongoing support and positive partnerships focused on providing our ākonga (learners) with great learning experiences, health support, and general overall wellbeing. Ōwhata is a place of 'connectedness' and 'belonging', so it is important that our tamariki feel their best, in order to achieve their best; to be connected to the whenua (land), the people, and their own identity and strengths. It takes a village (community) to 'step up' and put our tamariki at the centre, creating great futures and positive pathways.

Tomorrow (Friday) marks the end of a term for me as I prepare to head off on a 14 week sabbatical to research education initiatives around whānau engagement. This sabbatical is



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allowing me to travel overseas and locally, to look at different communities and schools that are coming together to make a difference in student outcomes in different contexts. I am excited and privileged to be embarking on this opportunity.

Matua Shaun Douglas will be working in the role of Acting Principal over this time. Matua Shaun has been in the role of Associate Principal and leader of Iriirikapua for the past 7 years. Our awesome team of teachers and tamariki will certainly continue to achieve great successes over the term and I look forward to keeping updated. If you have any kōrero, questions or concerns feel free to pop in or make an appointment to see Matua Shaun. Alternatively, feel free to email shaun.douglas@owhata.school.nz - Thanks again Ōwhata staff for your support!

Ka kite anō, Arohanui!

Bob Stiles.

Principal.

Celebrating Our Tamariki - Students of the Week!



Every day, we are lucky to witness many successes and achievements accomplished by many of our tamariki. This group have stood out to their class teachers in recent weeks for showing school values. Ka rawe koutou, thank you for your leadership.



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Noho Marae - Postponed

Due to unforeseen circumstances (tangihanga/funeral), we were asked by Ōwhata Marae to reschedule our planned stay at the Marae. After much thought and discussion, we have decided to postpone this until next term, week 3, between 13th - 17th May. Our teams will send out notices early next term confirming these dates. Thank you for your understanding.

OFOTS - Owhata Friends of the School (support group)

Our wonderful OFOTS team are currently planning a day DISCO and an Easter Raffle. Both of these are on the 11th April. Raffle tickets are currently on sale at the office before school and at the gate before and after school. Thank you for your support - any questions, see Whaea Renee or Matua Peter.





Request from the Office

Please check to make sure we have your current address and phone contact correct. Oftentimes, we have tried to contact whānau with no success. Our Board of Trustees election information will also be mailed out shortly and we need you to have your say.

Board of Trustees Elections

Very shortly, you can expect to receive information about our 2019 Board of Trustees elections. The role of the Board of Trustees is to govern and make important decisions about the direction of our school, and to monitor quality performance. We are very lucky to have such a supportive BoT however, we look forward to new nominations as we grow our Ōwhata whānau. Please make sure address details are correct. If you are interested in becoming a Board of Trustees member or finding out more information, please contact or visit our returning officer, Sheryll Strickett sheryll.strickett@owhata.school.nz - You can also visit Whaea Sheryll in the office on a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.

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Te Aka Mauri

We are promoting Code Club at Te Aka Mauri. It is for school aged youth from 7 years old up. No experience is necessary and the cost is a gold coin donation each week. We'd love to see some of our students there.



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- 3.30-4.30pm
- 4.30-5.30pm

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Reporting System - from 2019!

	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

This table outlines when you can expect Learning Stories or Reports about your child's learning. For some of our junior tamariki, Year 0 - 2, there are reporting times coming up. Our teachers will request a meeting time with you to discuss Kete Mātauranga (Learning Profiles), reports and a current Learning Story.



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School Hoodies - Last day to order is Monday 8th April

If you would like to order a school hoodie or t-shirt, please do so by Monday 8th April. Next orders will be at the end of next term. Please see Whaea Sheryll in the office.



Attendance 2019

We are currently looking at attendance for all tamariki to ensure good attendance is maintained. It is very important that tamariki are at school every day to keep up with their learning and engagement. We excuse justified absences ie, whānau matters, tangi etc however, regular absences and lateness will be followed up. We want to support whānau in this area, so let us know if there are ways we can help ensure regular attendance.




Bell Times:	School Uniform:
<p>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</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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 Sheryll Strickett.</p> <p>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.</p>



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Sports	Lunches	Swimming
<p>A reminder to tamariki who are participating in the Mini Marathon next term to keep up the good running practice and please pay \$5 to the office. We will be taking a bus there and back. Kia kaha koutou!</p> <p>Huge pakipaki to our whanau who allowed our tamariki at such short notice to prepare for Interschool Swimming Sports next week. Rotorua Swim team gave their time yesterday to give final awahi for all swimmers. Ka Rawe!</p>  <p>Swimmers are: Emmanuel Allen-Tarei Jahzelle Davies Connor Dempsey Kashen Epapara Ariana Fitzell Mana-Ariki Fleming Charlie Kendrick Eunique Kereopa Zhaphyre Larsen Heretaunga Mikaere Hailee-Jae Polkinghorne Pareamio Pukepuke-Taurua Alyssa Tawhara Benuakai Teboko Merehira Tukiri Emery Lim Whaea Lorraine. lorraine.pukepuke@owhata.school.nz</p>	<p>We have Ka Pai Kai available Mon - Thursday. On the occasional Friday we also do sausage sizzle orders - our teachers will keep you posted if there is a sausage sizzle coming up! 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>REMINDER:</p> <p>Kia ora - Whaea Ngāhuia (Freedom's mum Rm 1) is doing healthy option kai fundraiser for her son. She prepares all kai at school ready for lunchtime every FRIDAY until the end of the term. The proceeds go towards Freedom's trip to USA to compete in the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu World Championships. Feel free to come and purchase kai or send some coins with your tamariki on a Friday 😊</p> <p>Rārangi Kai – Menu:</p> <p>\$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</p> <p>\$2 Grilled Sausage Sizzle – bread, onion and tomato sauce</p> <p>\$50c Muffins - (all sorts)</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> 



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Magic Moments



Iriirikapua, Room 1, 2 and 3 at Ōwhata Marae this week! Ka pai tamariki mā!



inter-school swimmers!

Some of our awesome



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Ruaumoko Pukepuke representing New Zealand at the SPECIAL OLYMPICS 2019! Thank you to our Ōwhata community whānau who supported our ex-student, Ruaumoko Pukepuke who travelled to Abu Dhabi to compete in the 2019 World Special Olympics Games - He's returned safe and has many highlights. His most memorable and privileged experience was leading the NZ Special Olympics athletes and management onto the stage and for the hīkoi (walk) at the opening ceremony. His pic shows that he wore a korowai (Māori cloak) to represent his country and culture.



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Wellbeing Services We Offer

We now have several support services we can offer whānau in a range of areas, particularly health and wellbeing. It is important to us that we do our best to provide extra support for our Ōwhata whānau. If you need support in these areas, please contact us, or pop in and have a chat with Matua Bob, or any of our staff for more information.

- **Nurse in school** EVERY TUESDAY 10am - 1pm. This is a drop-in service so no appointment necessary! Leesa King and Paekiri Vercoe are the lovely Nurses can support with: **Dental, Eczema, Skin Infections, Asthma, Allergies, Wetting, Soiling, Vision and hearing problems, Mental illness and**



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Immunisation. Children learn best when they are healthy and feel good about themselves.

- **Social worker** available on a Wednesday afternoon, 1.30pm - 3pm. Again, this is a drop-in service, come and meet Paula!
- **Full Puku = Full Potential** - helping to REDUCE the number of tamariki at school with no kai. If you need support of this kind, please do not hesitate to contact Kahira on (027) 739 3959
- **Across-Cluster Teacher** - Readiness to Learn. Whaea Callie is working with our partnering schools to support whānau and student engagement. If you are having any difficulties with attendance or general school engagement, including transition to school, please do not hesitate to contact callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz to arrange a chat

Contact us - Keep updated!

Ways we like to keep in touch:

School Newsletter:

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 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

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.

Transition to school for 4 year old tamariki: If you have a 4 year old and you think Ōwhata might be the place for them please contact Callie Raureti callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz





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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)



Junior resources: If you have any spare tools, hammers, screws, box wood, plywood that our tamariki can use to build and create with, can you please drop off at the office or come and see Whaea Callie - would be so appreciated!



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

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For further information please contact: GirlGuiding New Zealand

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