



Ōwhata Primary School

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School Newsletter, Week 7, Term 3, 2019

Important Dates:

4th September - Interschool sports for year 5 & 6 students vs Rotorua Primary at Ōwhata
 5th September - ECE Day - Ōwhata welcomes our local ECE and 4yo at 11am
 9th September - Māori Language Week begins - Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori, kia kaha!
 13th September - Room 10 School Assembly, 2pm, whānau welcome!
 16th September - Conservation Week begins - tiakina te taiao!
 18th September - Room 1 to Rotorua Library
 20th September - SCHOOL DISCO - during the day, 11am - 12.30pm
 24th September - Winter Field Days - Seniors
 25th September - Iriirikapua Art Auction - Whānau Evening - Ngā Mahi a Toi!
 26th September – LOUD SHIRT DAY – Gold coin
 27th September - Room 4 School Assembly, 2pm, whānau welcome!
Friday 27th September - Last day of Term 3

School Learning Context Term 3:

Pepeha

The Arts (Ngā Toi)

“Everyone knows the importance of your awa, it locates you (hapū/iwi) and is a reflection of who we are as a people - it is a reflection of us!”
R. King-Mosen.

Key Question: How does my Pepeha locate me and why is this important?

Kōrero o te Tumuaki, Mr Stiles:

Tēnā koutou katoa! Kia ora!

Nau mai haere mai ki te wīki tuawhitu o te wāhanga! It's week 7 already and the beginning of spring! Where has the year gone... Thanks to the staff who allowed me to take 2 weeks away on my sabbatical earlier in the term – I continue to work on my mahi in the area of whānau engagement and want to acknowledge all of our whānau who make Ōwhata School a great place to be. Huge thanks to our newly elected BoT and our OFOTS team who continue to show their ongoing support. I also want to acknowledge the tamariki and staff for their mahi and contributions to our kura. Ngā mihi aroha! A huge shout out to Marie Hodge for all of her mahi on the BoT - sadly Marie's time is required elsewhere for now, but we wish her well! We continue to think of all our loved ones who have passed on this year and remember them. Our thoughts are also with Willow Lewis who continues her recovery in hospital following a car accident in the school holidays. We hear from her whānau regularly and the most recent update was very positive – she's certainly on the mend. Kia kaha, Willow!

Bob Stiles.





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OFOTS DISCO – Friday 20th September

Our OFOTS Team are running a school disco in week 9, Friday 20th September from 11am – 12.30pm. There will be kai for sale at the disco and our junior students from Hub 1, Hub 2, R2, R4 and R9 will be able to pre-order their packs at the office. A separate notice will come home for those classes. The theme for the disco is HOUSE COLOURS – we want to keep the enthusiasm with our house groups going so, the challenge has been set! There will be prizes for best dressed in house colours.

Life Education

Life Education visits with Berni and Harold have started. Each class has 2 visits to learn about very important concepts to help them with their understanding of personal development and social thinking skills. Thank you to our whānau who have paid \$3.50 to the office, if you have not yet done so, please do this week.

Loud Shirt Day

We have decided to have a Loud Shirt Day on **Thursday 26th September** to make a donation to the DEAF/Hearing foundation. Students may wear MUFTI, hopefully a LOUD SHIRT, and bring a gold coin donation to support the cause.

ECE Day – Open Day

We are inviting our Early Child Education Centres and our Whānau to come to Open Day on Thursday 5th September starting at 11am. We will have a welcome in the hall and activities set up for our visitors to enjoy. If you have a 4 year old at home or in ECE, please think about coming to check out Owhata School and what we have to offer. RSVP: emma.coleman@owhata.school.nz

Iriirikapua – Pō Whānau / Mahi Toi

In conjunction with our Kaupapa Ako, Ngā Toi, inspired by Robyn Kahukiwa, Our Rūmaki Unit, Iriirikapua (Room(s), 1, 2 and 3) are hosting an Art Auction, Whānau Evening on Wednesday 25th September starting at 5.30pm – 6.30pm. We will have a sausage sizzle at 5.30pm, \$1 each, followed by a Kapahaka performance by our tamariki. You will then be able to purchase your tamaiti's art for \$3 or \$5. Proceeds will go towards the sausage sizzle and art supplies. We welcome all whānau from **Room(s) 1, 2 and 3.**





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Staff Carpark

Please do not use the staff park to drop off and pick up your tamariki. Lately we have had some damage to staff vehicles and we don't want to resort to a chain across the entrance. Thank you for your understanding.

Social Media

We have had some issues over the past 2 weeks with students using social media to bully, intimidate and provoke inappropriate behaviour. Videos and posts are usually done at home but cause big issues at school. Please make sure you are in the know when it comes to online platforms such as Instagram, Tik Tok, Snapchat and Facebook. We are informing parents as issues arise. We do not allow cell phones at school.

A Moment to Celebrate our Sports

Congratulations to all of our tamariki who have been involved in Winter Sports. We witnessed so much progress, development and fun over the past season! Huge thanks to our teachers and whānau who support as coaches, managers, organisers, first aid, transport and side line support. Whaea Lorraine will update us soon as to what sporting opportunities we have coming up for tamariki. lorraine.pukepuke@owhata.school.nz TIC Sport.

Old Kitchen Supplies Needed

Our juniors are wanting to build a mud kitchen area – if you are able to help with wood, building the kitchen or providing an old sink/shelving please contact emma.coleman@owhata.school.nz - We are also wanting old pots, pans and utensils. Please drop into the Hub or office. Thank you for your support!

Review of our Rūmaki - Iriirikapua

*We are undertaking a review of our Rūmaki Unit, Iriirikapua. We have been operating as a level 2 (50 - 80% Te Reo Instruction) for the past 5 years. Our Rūmaki has made some great progress over the years however, we think it's timely to review our status and ensure we are meeting whānau aspirations. We invite you to attend a whānau hui on **Thursday 12th September** at 4pm in the school staffroom to have your say and share your whakaaro. We want to ask questions such as:*

- What do you know already about our Rūmaki Unit, Iriirikapua?*
- What do you think is working well?*
- What do you think we can improve on?*



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- When deciding or considering Iriirikapua as an option for your tamaiti, what are your hopes and expectations?
- Do you have an expectation of 50 - 80% Te Reo Māori in your child's learning pathway?
- Do you want to see less or more emphasis on Te Reo Māori?
- What are the MAIN things you think are important for our Rūmaki to grow?
- What do you consider to be your tamaiti's pathway after year 6? Rūmaki or Mainstream learning?

We will send surveys home soon!



We also need whānau volunteers to help lead this review. You do not have to have a student in Rūmaki to participate - the more ideas and feedback the better. Please contact callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz if you have any pātai.

Measles Awareness:

We need to update our vaccination records, our office will be making contact with whānau who do not have updated vaccine information.

Link: Ministry of Health - Information

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