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School Newsletter 2

Week 3, Term 1

Friday 19th February 2021.



Fortnightly Feature!

This week, we take a glimpse into Room 14, Matua Trevaan's year 5 / 6 Class.

Nau Mai Haere Mai!

Kōrero o te Tumuaki:

Kia ora koutou, Ōwhata whānau - Matua Bob here. It has been an awesome 3 weeks back at school and we welcome new tamariki and whānau who have joined us. I have been to several classes and noticed how well our tamariki are settling in and enjoying rich learning experiences. Ka rawe, koutou katoa!

Thank you for your awesome support with our alert level 2 procedures - we know these times can raise some concern, that's to be expected, so I just wanted to say that we are all doing a great job of ensuring our tamariki are at the forefront of our decision making and we will continue to uphold good hygiene practices. Please, do not send your tamaiti/tamariki to school if they are sick, instead, call the Healthline for advice and/or our Piripoho Nurse on 0800 PIRIPOHO.

I would like to thank all of our staff who continue to make Ōwhata School a great place to be and learn. A special mention to our middle school for running an outstanding online assembly this week, and to Room 14 who we feature this week.

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Key Dates for Term 1:

2nd February - Staff professional development day (school closed - office open)

3rd February - Staff professional development day (school closed - office open)

4th February - First day of Term 1 - 9am - 2.55pm - Welcome back!

8th February - Waitangi Day (school closed)

12th February - Whakatau welcome for new students and staff, 11.15am (hall)

Noho Marae Trips Postponed - - - -

8th - 11th March - Parent/whānau interviews for goal setting (we need all whānau to attend)

1st April - Staff professional development day (school and office closed)

2nd April - Good Friday (school and office closed)

5th April - Easter Monday (school and office closed)

6th April - Easter Tuesday (school and office closed)

14th April - CBOP swimming sports - Aquatic Centre

15th April - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL TERM 1 FOR TAMARIKI

16th April - Staff professional development day (school and office closed)

Whakatau for New Tamariki



We welcomed our new staff and tamariki with a whakatau – informal Māori ceremony. Welcome to Ōwhata!



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Bell times:

9am - Learning Block 1 bell
10.30 - Morning tea eating bell
10.40am - Morning play bell
11am - Learning block 2 bell
12.45pm - Lunch eating bell
1pm - Lunch play bell
1.30pm - Learning block 3 bell
2.40pm - Bus bell
2.55pm - End of day bell

Please ensure that if you are taking your tamaiti from school at anytime that you sign the sign-out register in the office for safety reasons.

Whānau Goal-Setting Meetings 2021:



Over the next 2 weeks, our teachers are preparing for Goal-Setting hui with all tamariki and whānau. We encourage tamariki to attend these meetings so that they can contribute to their goals, share learning, and goals that they have worked on. We expect that all tamariki will have a whānau member present as this will help to set your tamaiti (child) up for success. Booking forms will be coming home soon, please fill it in and return a suitable day/time or DOJO/visit our class teachers to arrange a meeting time.

Community Contribution!

This year, we are having a focus on community contribution. We think it's important to teach our tamariki about their local community and ways they can contribute positively to the environment, people and places of Rotorua. This will follow an Inquiry Learning model where tamariki are actively researching and problem-solving topics that are relevant to them.

More specifically it could look like this:



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- Every Friday is dedicated to community contribution whether onsite or offsite
- Classes may have small groups go out on a Friday to work on their chosen initiative
- There may be times a whole class will venture out on a Friday
- Guest speakers coming into school/class on a Friday to talk with tamariki

Classes/teams will send out more information about specifics for how this will be implemented for your tamaiti/tamariki.

Permissions: On enrolment, we ask you to sign a blanket permission form which covers local day outings. If you do not want your tamaiti/tamariki participating in this, please talk with our class teachers as we may be able to find a solution for all.

Fortnightly Feature! 🙌

The tamariki of room 14 have been working hard to complete tasks set by Matua Trevaan both individually and while working in groups. By doing this they have made friendships and connections throughout the classroom and can complete tasks whether they are working independently or with others.



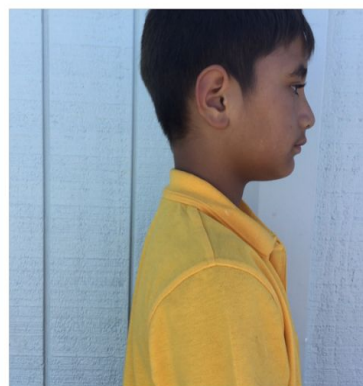
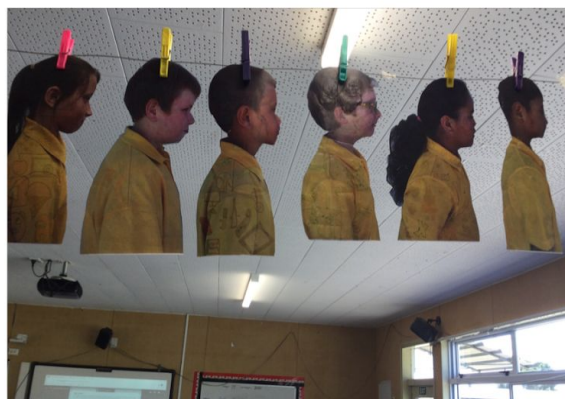
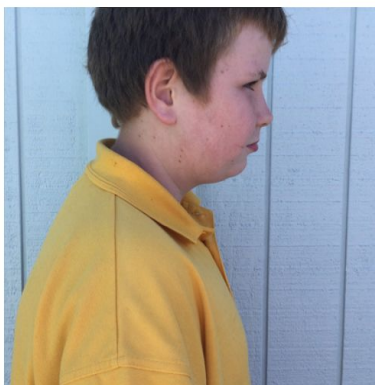


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Part of relationship building is getting to know each other and we have been doing that through our silhouette art which was also a good opportunity to bring some colour and pieces of their personalities into our classroom.



★ **Awesome mahi - Ka pai, koutou!** ★



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School Celebrations - Student of the week / Caught being good / Player of the Day:

😊 Congratulations R6 for winning the Bay of Plenty Sumdog maths competition and Kapai R8 for coming 2nd.

😊 Student of the week names to come!

😊 CBG (Caught Being Good) Tamariki: Caden, Te Takinga, Whakaue, Eria and Connor D.

We will post pics on our Facebook Page following our Friday assemblies and include some in the newsletter.

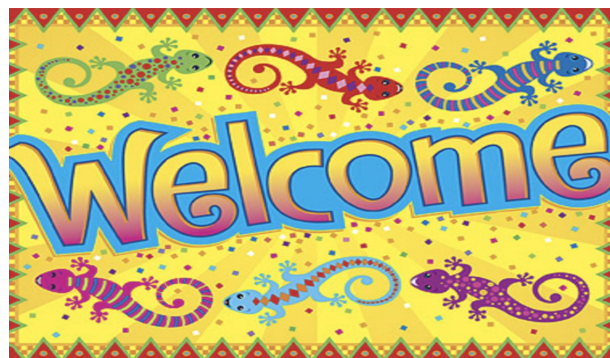
Our assemblies will now be held every Friday at 2pm.

Sports Information and Updates:

This year, we will be working closely with Sport BOP's, Kimiora Insley, who will help us to implement the Health and Physical Education Programme in our school. Along with our usual sports on offer, we will be focusing on swimming skills, biking skills and movement.

Whaea Lorraine is giving us updated information regularly through DOJO. With the recent Covid restrictions, and precautions moving forward, it's a good time to connect to DOJO for the latest developments. Need help? Contact or visit us.

School Information for 4 - 5 year olds starting school soon!



It's time to update our records to ensure we can meet our community's needs when it comes to our 5 - 6 year olds starting school for the first time! We are interested to know if our current tamariki have younger siblings heading our way. If so, we will send you a transition to school 'kete' with all the information you need to prepare for your tamaiti's schooling. We like to ensure a smooth

transition, and by having a good grasp of numbers, we can prepare accordingly. This also applies to any new whānau who may have 4 - 5 year old tamariki interested in coming to Owhata School. We welcome you! Come in and kōrero with our friendly team anytime or contact the office (07) 345 6051.



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Link to Transition to School Information:

Click here: [Specifics for Transition to School for 4 - 6yrs.](#)



When: Wednesday afternoons

Our transition class is run from our new entrant classes -Room 1 (mainstream) and Room 2 (rumaki)
with Whaea Leah or Whaea Lorraine (NE class teachers)
Whaea Miriama (programme coordinator/teacher aide)
Whaea Sheryll Strickett (teacher aide)

We expect that our tamariki transitioning to Owhata Primary School will spend 8-10 weeks coming to visit once per week (Wednesday) to ensure school readiness.

We encourage whānau to attend 1-2 sessions and extend that invite to our ECE Kaiako and Whānau
We continue to offer van pick-ups, however welcome whānau to bring their own tamaiti.

Contact or visit us for more information and an enrolment form.

Attendance is Important:

We are pleased that we are able to safely return to alert level 1 - business as usual with some considerations. For the most part, we function as normal with good hygiene and the main message being, stay home if you are sick. In saying that, we are looking closely at attendance and encouraging tamariki to be at school every day unless they are unwell. Medical absences are justified and we can even arrange health advice/care usually within a day or so. The main thing is good communication. We send a text message if your tamaiti (child) is absent and we appreciate a reply message. You can also DOJO, Facebook, or email. Truant entries will be followed up weekly, mainly to see how we can help.

If we can support you to get our tamariki to school, please contact us.





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Bus to Ōwhata:

Our bus will be running again this year, free of charge to our tamariki. The morning pick-up is from Rewarewa Street (bus stop) between 8.15 - 8.20am and drops-off at the same place in the afternoon, at 2.45pm. We will ring a bus bell at 2.40pm. We do need to keep a register of names for the bus so please come in and see us if you would like to utilise this service.

School Assembly Online:

Huge thanks to the middle school who are running school assemblies for this term. Here is a glimpse of the awesome mahi - ka rawe, koutou!





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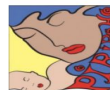
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Community Noticeboard:

Can we see plenty of sunhats this term, please! It doesn't need to be this kind in particular but something appropriate for the warmer days is good. It is a part of our school uniform. Name all of your tamariki's items clearly.



Thanks to all our volunteers who take the time to come in and help our tamariki. Ka rawe, Whaea Jaimee, and many others!



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We would love to help you with the next stage of your swimming journey, whether it is to learn new skills, increase water confidence, fitness for water polo, triathlon, swim faster or to race at local and national events.

- We now also offer sessions for adults starting in March.

Don't wait – call NOW!!!!

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GALA DAY

St. Mary's School, Rotorua

Thursday 4 March

4.00pm - 7.00pm

Rain, Hail or Shine

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Ocean Champion Challenge

Are you taking action to
help solve a problem
impacting the marine
environment?

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To take part in the challenge - make a
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Film it yourself or have someone else film you - just tell us
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