

# Ōwhata School Newsletter 2

## Tāite 29 O Pēpuere 2024 - Week 5

### Vision Statement/Wawatā:

*"Ko au ko te Kura, Ko te Kura ko au"  
I am the school and the school is me.*



*Last term, we farewelled Whaea Te Urukeiha Pukepuke, as she was successful in winning a new position at Rautāwhiri - RGHS. Thank you for all your mahi, Whaea Te Urukeiha and we hope you are enjoying your new kura.*

*We have welcomed Whaea Maxina Taitua to Te Whānau O Manawa and Whaea Renee Ngātai to Te Whānau-a-Iriirikapua, after completing one year as classroom release teachers, now in their own classrooms enjoying the experience and doing a wonderful job.*

*Whaea Tererepa Tutua, who we have come to know as a kaiāwhina, sports coach, classroom release teacher, and mate, has now taken her scheduled maternity leave as her and her husband prepare for the arrival of their new pēpi.*

*Ngā manaakitanga ki runga i a koutou!*

### **Tumuaki, Matua Bob:**

Tēnā koutou katoa,

It has been a great term so far. We have enjoyed meeting new tamariki, friends and whānau and settling into the 5th week of our new classrooms and kaiako 2024. Hopefully, you have made it in to school this week for Goal-Setting Hui, and had the opportunity to share in your child's learning journey. We encourage strong partnerships between home and school in order for our tamariki to thrive so please let us know if there's anything we can do to assist you.

Our school value this term is 'Whakapapa' or 'Connections'. Through this value we learn to show commitment to our learning, kindless to others, care for our environment and make positive connections with our Ōwhata whānau.

Thank you to our ākonga, whānau, staff, BOT, Mana Whenua, partners, and community for your ongoing support.

Nā, Matua Bob. Come say hi anytime!

**Term Dates: Please see our important dates on our school Facebook Page/DOJO or use this [link here](#)**



## WHAKAPAPA

### Connections & Commitment

- ★ With commitment, I can achieve my goals.
- ★ With kindness, I can make connections with others.
- ★ With good choices, I can be my best self and a role model for others.
- ★ With care, I can make a difference for the environment.
- ★ With respect, I can value my own culture and the cultures of others around me.

### Goal Setting Hui Week 5:

We have our Goal-Setting Hui running this week. Our kaiako have sent home appointment times, please do come along and share in your tamaiti's learning journey. We can show you some goals that we have set so far in relation to literacy, numeracy, Te Reo Māori, and social (people) and/or Taiao (environment). Please note, Iriirikapua classes will be running all Goal-Setting Hui together on Thursday 29th February between 4.30 - 6.30pm.

### Noho Marae Week 9:

All teams, Manawa, Whiringa, Ōkahukura and Iriirikapua, will be heading to Ōwhata Marae for a Noho Marae experience. We have a separate notice coming home regarding this with permission slips and medical forms. We are getting excited for this! Please kōrero with our kaiako if you may like to come as a whānau helper.

### Sports Corner/Collage of Greatness!:



**Celebrating our Rugby 9's teams who are heading out this Thursday with Matua Zac and Matua Tihikura:**

Unique, Carey-Lou, Ruawāhia, Shylayka, Izayah, Eria, Jayzahrn, and TJ, Compton, Paris E, and Oceanna.

**Good luck to our Waka Ama Team who will be paddling this Wednesday - Ki te hoe!**

TJ, Royale, Dallas, Kamryn, Dayne, Paris W, Tessa, Haydn-Maree, Akayshia, Rafe, and Bryan.

**Thanks to our touch coaches and teams:**

A great start to the touch season so far - thank you for your commitment and school values on and off the field.

Congratulations to our POD's!

**Netball Trials for Year 5 - 6 coming up soon:**

Whaea Lorraine will be gauging interest shortly so please keep an eye on Dojo and the daily notices (tamariki mā).

We are also looking into skill n' drill training session during lunchtimes for junior and middle school tamariki. We welcome parent/whānau helpers for this. Please email Whaea Lorraine or pop in for a visit if you are interested.

**Whaea Lorraine is updating Sports info on Class DOJO weekly.**

[lorraine.pukepuke@owhata.school.nz](mailto:lorraine.pukepuke@owhata.school.nz) (TIC Sports)



### **Transition to School for 4 - 6yr olds:**

We offer a weekly transition to school class on Wednesdays at 1.30 - 3pm in our Whare O Manawa - new block at the front of the school. Please contact our office or email: [leah.mackay@owhata.school.nz](mailto:leah.mackay@owhata.school.nz) or [miriama.walker@owhata.school.nz](mailto:miriama.walker@owhata.school.nz)

### **Awahi Educare for 2 - 6yr olds:**

Awahi Educare is based in the Ōwhata School grounds, low fees, whānau environment, low ratios. Contact: (07) 345 6051 OR (021) 023 68324 for a friendly chat or to arrange a visit with us.

### **School Hoodie/T-Shirt Orders:**

Whaea Sheryll is busy organising our next school hoodie order - last day to order and pay is Friday 8th March. These hoodies will arrive before the winter sets in and with a printed name, this makes it harder to lose!

**Hoodies - \$46 or \$50 for adult sizing.**

**T-Shirts (quick-dry) - \$30**

You can phone our office (07) 345 6051 or email [sheryll.strickett@owhata.school.nz](mailto:sheryll.strickett@owhata.school.nz) or [office@owhata.school.nz](mailto:office@owhata.school.nz)

One name printed in large font at the lower back area, no nicknames unfortunately, just a first, a surname, or initials. Call, visit, or email for assistance.

Nā, Whaea Sheryll.

### Special Kaupapa Giveaway

You could win a double pass to this exciting event. MADAGASCAR the MUSICAL. Kids, send a video to our school Facebook page telling us why you would love to win - we will draw this at end of term. Alternatively, you can write a story or draw a picture to win. Make sure your mahi is named and deliver to Whaea Callie and Whaea Robyn's office.



### Health / Hauora:

We have had a few illnesses around kura over recent weeks. If you need support or non-urgent medical assistance we have a lovely Piripoho Team available to assist. Please reach out if you are concerned about yourself or a whānau member. You can call Nurse Leesa on 0800 PIRIPOHO.

We also have Nurse Paekiri Vercoe visiting us regularly and can assist whānau as required with a range of medical conditions. We can refer you from school and often organise a visit at school.

[callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz](mailto:callie.raureti@owhata.school.nz)

### Head Lice Treatment:



We do try to keep on top of this at school as we know lice spread quickly and if untreated can cause irritation, rash, or infection. This issue will take a village to eliminate in our kura, please check and treat your child's hair regularly so that we can try to keep lice away. Any of the beautiful people mentioned above can provide you with free treatments as often as you require.

Ensure to wash bedding and pillows regularly as well.

### Iriirikapua 1, 2, & 4:

Nau mai haere mai! We hope to see our whānau this Thursday evening between 4.30pm - 6.30pm in the hall where we will have our whānau hui for Goal-Setting. We will have kai, prizes, crafts, and Whaea Stevee has mentioned we may have moko (kirituhi) stencils!

Your tamariki have been working hard on preparing their goals and leading their learning hui.

## TERM 1 2024 DATES

# OWHATA SCHOOL



30TH & 31ST JANUARY - TEACHER ONLY DAYS (PROFESSIONAL DEV)  
31ST JANUARY - OFFICE OPEN FOR ENROLMENTS & STATIONERY ONLY

### TERM 1 2024:

(FEBRUARY 1ST - APRIL 12TH - 11 WEEKS)

1ST FEBRUARY - SCHOOL STARTS FOR ALL TAMARIKI 🌟

6TH FEBRUARY - WAITANGI DAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

12TH FEBRUARY - PŌHIRI FOR NEW ĀKONGA & WHĀNAU 9.45AM

26TH FEBRUARY - MEET THE TEACHER / GOAL SETTING WEEK

29th FEBRUARY - IRIIRIKAPUA WHĀNAU HUI / GOAL SETTING

25th MARCH - 28th MARCH - NOHO MARAE WEEK (ALL CLASSES)

29TH MARCH - GOOD FRIDAY (SCHOOL CLOSED)

1ST & 2ND APRIL - EASTER (SCHOOL CLOSED)

12TH APRIL - LAST DAY OF TERM 1 (NORMAL SCHOOL DAY)

For regular updates visit - School Facebook / DOJO Email: [office@owhata.school.nz](mailto:office@owhata.school.nz) Ph: (07) 345 6051



Manawa Tahi ākonga enjoying our local community.



We are thanking our lovely school friend and mentor, Paige, who is moving to Tauranga to and work inside the AGC school in Tauranga.

Big thank you again e hoa for combining your sport knowledge with all our tamariki at Owhata.



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