



# Ōwhata te Kura

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## School Newsletter 1 Term 1 2024 - 14/2/24

### Tumuaki: Matua Bob.

We acknowledge our connection with Mana Whenua, Te Roro o Te Rangi and it is always a pleasure when we are working with our whānau in many aspects of school life. Ōwhata School proudly embraces our localised curriculum which is centred around our school pepeha and our environment. Have a happy school year and don't hesitate to reach out if you need anything.

### BMX Experience - Year 4's:



On Friday 9th February the majority of Year 4's went to the BMX Champs out at Waipa.

We got to meet Sarah Walker and Jessie Smith who signed our free water bottles in the grandstand. We also had free sausages and watched the riders practicing for their upcoming heats. There

were eight other schools that were there as well.

We also got to meet Matua Aaron who will be coming to Ōwhata in three weeks time to teach us about riding skills on bikes (BMX and mountain biking).

### Sporting Success:

Student sporting success! During the holidays Ōwhata had 5 students represent Te Arawa at the 2024 Poitūkohu (Basketball) Māori National Tournament. All 5 of our tamariki played awesome games and were fortunate to all come away with a top 3 placing in the country!

Arikirangi Reweti and Atawhai Tutua played in the U7 mixed and came away with 2nd place!

Moa-Te Rangi Taurua played in U9 Whero and came away with 2nd place, and Ali Fraser and Nikora Tutua played in U9 Pango and came away with 3rd place! Incredible efforts by our tamariki at a national level tournament! Pai to mahi tamariki mā! Nā Whaea TererePā.

### 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)

### Tura, Ngāti Te Ngākau Science/Taiao Brilliance!



Our junior team (Te Whānau O Manawa) and Iriirikapua 1 & 2 went to the Science Fair at Ngongotaha School today. We participated in workshops providing tauira knowledge & teachings on mātai koiora - the science of the

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ecosystem. Thanks Whaea Stevee and crew, we had an amazing time.

### Pōhiri:



Huge thanks and welcome to our new students and whānau. We had a lovely pōhiri welcome. He mihi nui hoki kia Matua Paraone, Whaea Hinemoa, and Whaea Becky for your presence.

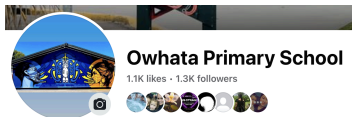
### Sports updates:

Touch Rugby updates - see DOJO. Whaea Lorraine has been a busy bee keeping this updated.

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

### Key Dates:

You can find our Term 1 key dates on our school Facebook page or DOJO.

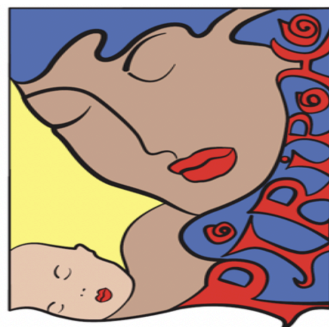


### Partners of the School:



At Ōwhata, we are really lucky to have a supportive community. We want to acknowledge Classic Builders who made a significant donation to our kura to help with stationery costs which meant reduced costs for whānau when buying from us. Classic Builders will be spending more time in and around Ōwhata School.

### Piripoho:



We are also lucky to be supported by our amazing Piripoho Team, Leesa King and Tairua Timu. There's not a lot these ladies can't

do. Reach out for medical or social support or advice.

### Sponsors:

We thank Eastside Pricecutters and Tina Rewi (R15) for making donations to our kura for stationery. Ngā mihi nui!

### Awhi Educare for 4 - 6yr olds:

Based in the Ōwhata School grounds, low fees, whānau environment, low ratios. Contact: (07) 345 6051 OR (021) 023 68324.



### Special Kaupapa:

You could win a double pass to this exciting event. 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.

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