



“Ko au ko te kura, ko te kura ko au”

I am the school and the school is me!

This vision statement expresses the importance of how we all contribute to the success of our kura.

Tumuaki, Matua Bob:

Kia ora koutou,

Matua Bob is away from school this week but is keeping in touch with us and is very proud of the recent pōhiri we had to welcome new staff, whānau, and tamariki. Nau mai haere mai!

Matua Bob was also very busy over the holidays organising a few big property jobs, you will notice that we have a new basketball court turf area, fresh paint in some places (thank you to Chevarni's whānau) and a fresh coat of paint in our school hall.

Whaea Callie is looking after things while Matua Bob is away. Feel free to get in touch if you need anything, I will do my best to help out if I can.

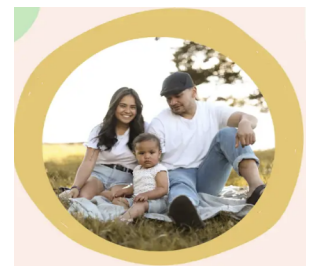
My message this week and every week is to spread kindness. I am and continue to be very proud of our tamariki.

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Welcome to Ōwhata:



We would like to welcome both Kate Barron and Jahnte Walker who have joined our team as Classroom Release Teachers and will be making themselves known across the school over the next couple of weeks. Kate has lots of



teaching and relieving experience and has worked at various primary schools in Rotorua. Jahnte brings with her ECE experience and is new to primary teaching. Jahnte enjoys sports and working with youth with past experience as a youth council voice for Rotorua. We look forward to working with you both as you settle in at Ōwhata School.

[Jahnte's All About Me Information Link](#)

[Kate's All About Me Information Link](#)

Sports Corner/Collage of Greatness!



Whaea Lorraine is updating Sports info on Class DOJO weekly.

lorraine.pukepuke@owhata.school.nz (TIC Sports)

✨ Miniball bounces off this week!

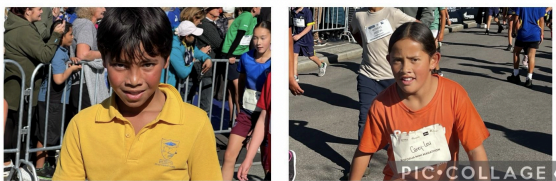
✨ League 9's team is gearing up with Matua Zac

✨ Marathon was amazing

✨ Cross Country coming up

✨ Tackle 5's happening soon

If you have a sports uniform that needs to be returned please do so as soon as possible so that we can share them out for other sports and events.



Feijoa Jam - Manawa Whā:

Here is Manawa Whā making feijoa jam. We had a conundrum when cooking, and had to learn what that meant. Today we tried our jam, and took some home. Not everybody enjoyed the *different* taste.

Here is a sample of the awesome writing created after our tastings: "Today we tried a feijoa jam sandwich. It was weird because it was yuck and yum. I rate it 5/10." - Brailey

"Today I tried a feijoa jam with my whole class and I liked the feijoa jam and I rated it a 10/10." - Henare

"Today I tried feijoa jam. It tastes so bad. It looked weird to me. It smelled weird to me. I rate it 3/10." - Hineteariki



"Today I ate feijoa jam and it was delicious." - Shyrome

Cohort Entry:

At Ōwhata we are deeply committed to ensuring children have the best possible start to school life and experience a positive and comfortable transition to school, from Early Childhood Education or home. The early years at school are so important and for this reason, we are trying a cohort entry approach that welcomes small groups of transitioning tamariki at scheduled points through term time. Up until this point of entry, our tamariki will continue doing weekly transition visits as they build the confidence and ready-to-learn skills needed for a great start to learning and playing at Ōwhata School.

We also understand that this structure may not fit the needs of all whānau in which case, you are most welcome to visit our leadership team to potentially tailor a pathway into Ōwhata that is more suitable for you and your tamaiti.

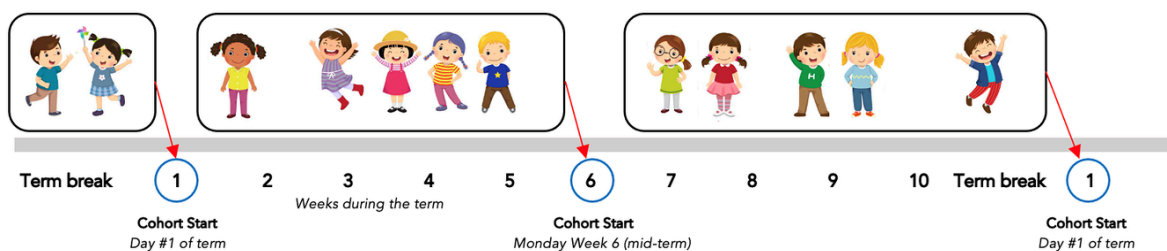
We look forward to supporting your tamaiti and whānau on your Ōwhata School journey!

What is cohort entry?

Cohort entry is when new entrant children start school in groups throughout the year rather than on their fifth birthday. The Ministry of Education and Education Review Office encourages schools to take this approach. New entrants start school in cohorts but only after they have turned five. There are two entry points per term, one on the first day of term, and one at a mid-point during a term (usually the Monday of the 6th week).

The image below shows how children turning 5 become a Cohort group and start school together:

How does cohort entry work?



What are the 2024 Cohort Entry Dates?

Term	Start of Term Date	Mid-Term Entry Date	End of Term
2	N/A	05/06/2024 - Cohort 1	05/07/24
3	22/07/2024 - Cohort 1	26/08/2024 - Cohort 2	27/09/2024
4	14/10/2024 - Cohort 1	18/11/2024 - Cohort 2	13/12/2024

Transition visits are scheduled before a child starts school and we encourage weekly attendance for a smooth transition time.

Our transition days remain on Wednesdays starting at 1:30pm

Whānau collect their tamaiti from Manawa Tahi at 2:55pm

Please contact the office at admin@owhata.school.nz if you have any queries.

[Frequently asked questions](#) here.

Kapa Haka - Te Arawa Regional Competition:

We are excited to be taking 42 year 4-6 tamariki to the Te Arawa Regional Competition in November to compete for the first time. We are having our first 'muster' this Friday 10th May at 12pm for tamariki who are interested in coming along to express interest or gauge whether they would like to commit to this kaupapa nui.

Our head tutors are Matua Tihikura Pitau and Whaea Stevee Raureti-Reweti who bring a depth of knowledge, skill and experience.

We would love to take all tamariki on this journey, however, we appreciate that you can understand there will be a mana-enhancing selection process based on school values, showing up, learning material, and overall commitment and attitude.

We will start with Friday practices which over time will be more often. We also try to have 1 - 2 Noho Marae Wānanga as we get closer to the performance date for whakawhanaunga and whakaharatau mahi.

Piripoho Shout Out! PHN Shout Out!

We would like to acknowledge the ongoing support we receive from our Piripoho team, Leesa, Tairua, and Claudia.

Tairua is currently supporting our community by ensuring safe crossing on Brent Road before school starts. Leesa continues to offer medical and healthcare.

Claudia is working with various whānau and community members to assist with social matters as a friendly and helpful navigator.

Paekiri and Mandy also support our tamariki and whānau with healthcare as our super Public Health Nurses.

If you would like support to refer to any of these services, feel free to contact us.

SWiS - Social Worker in School:

Greer Rutledge is based at Ōwhata School Mon-Wed and can offer her support for tamariki and whānau who may need some extra awahi or guidance.

We know this can be a sensitive kaupapa to approach, however, we encourage looking into this if you are feeling challenged by past or current circumstances.

Greer can offer a toolbox, a 'talk space', a listening ear and a friendly moment for whoever may need this.

There is a simple referral process and this is done confidentially with Greer or our leadership team. You can approach us at any time to kōrero about this.

Nā, Whaea Callie.



Building Awesome Whānau:

Friendly reminder that we anticipate running this parenting/whānau program very soon, week 3! There is NO cost to Ōwhata whānau. Come along, add to your kete, gain some skills and knowledge, and enjoy like-minded whānau in a friendly environment.

We intend to run this for 8 weeks, 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm on Tuesday afternoons.

[Link to expression of interest form here](#)

Te Whānau ā Iriirikapua - TWAI (Rūmaki):

We are excited to start our Kōwhiringa next week, for 2 afternoons. Kōwhiringa is a passion learning pathway that we offer all tamariki who can choose their learning during this time. We are offering:

Guitar / Band - Matua Tihikura

Fashion, sewing and soft materials - Whaea Stevee

Tirākau and Tititōrea - Aunty Kenia & Whaea Lia

Winter sports and umpiring - Whaea Ren

We also celebrate our tamariki who received recognition at this week's hui-ā-Iriirikapua.



Congratulations to Tama Nuku who won our double pass to Madagascar over the holidays.



Help us support Pink Shirt Day - Week 3 - 17th May:



ŌWHATA SCHOOL SUPPORTS PINK SHIRT DAY



Come dressed in pink or as a superhero.

Koha to the office so we can support the Mental Health Foundation

We will be doing lots of learning around this prior to Pink Shirt Day, thanks to the fabulous resources provided for us. This is something we try to work on every day in our kura, but it is good to put a spotlight on it. This aligns with our school value teaching that is an important part of our curriculum.

Our school value this term is Whanaungatanga - Building Relationships.

See our Whanaungatanga value statements below.

WHANAUNGATANGA

Building Relationships



- ★ I can be a good friend and classmate by being kind.
- ★ I can show aroha when I notice someone needs it.
- ★ I remind myself to smile at others because it can make a difference.
- ★ Honesty is important because it shows trust and responsibility.
- ★ Everyone in our school whānau can feel safe.

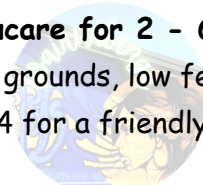
[Click this link if you would like to check out the Pink Shirt Day website & resources](#)

Nā,
Whaea Robyn.



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.



🌟 Celebrating 95 - 100% Attendance for Term 1 2024 🌟

Congratulations to our tamariki:

Iirikapua 1	Whiringa 5
ShylayKa Henry	Alani Barton
Izayah Harrison	Cohen Borthwick
Jayzahrn Harrison	Kaiah Cherrington
Carey Lou Te Moana	Ayva Halbert Leigh

	Moa Te Rangi Taurua
Iriikapua 2	Sophie Peters
Charley Johnson	Rythmleigh Paku
Mareikura Rangirangi	Isla Oldnall
Nikora Tutua	
Tivini Johnson	Whiringa 6
	Nixon Firman
Iriikapua 3	Jessica Natusch
Rina Iraia Walker	Francois van Staden
Atawhai Tutua	
Amaiah Harrison	Whiringa 7
Hinemihhi Reid	Lucky Yorke
Wikitoria Rangirangi	Chardane Venter
Retimana Ngatai	
	Ōkahukura 8
Manawa Tahī	Zeppelkin Che Whareaitu
Taika Revill	Titus Reihana
	Bella Aroha Wall
Manawa Rua	Leonadis Williams Rangirangi
Kingston Heretaunga King	Dalls Riritahi
Michael Paku	
	Ōkahukura 9
Manawa Toru	Emelios Redaelli
Waylon Venter	Darius Tupara Tonihi
Sophie Thompson	Rio Sutherland
Manawa Wha	Hector Reihana
Greyson Corlett	Chloe Natusch
	Joshua Peters
	Mason Feck
	Ōkahukura 10
	Arnav Chandra
	Rafe Baldwin
	Taylor Whata
	Charlie Duncan
	Saffron Corlett
	Charlotte Peters

	Eva Cooper Stephens
	Orson Barton
	Emily Thompson
	Julian Cobb

TERM 2 2024 DATES

OWHATA SCHOOL



TERM 2 2024: (April 29th - July 5th - 10 weeks)

- 2nd May - Pōhiri for new students, staff, and whānau 9.45am
- 14th May - Building Awesome Whānau 3.30pm - 5.30pm (8 weeks)
- 17th May - PINK SHIRT DAY 🎀 SUPERHERO DAY (gold coin donation)
- 29th May - Cross Country for 8 - 12yr olds times TBC
- 29th May - Tackle 5's (TBA if your child is involved with this)
- 31st May - Cross Country Postponement Date
- 3rd June - KING'S BIRTHDAY - Public Holiday School Closed
- 4th June - TEACHER ONLY DAY - School Closed
- 11th June - School Central Cluster Cross Country
- 19th June - Midyear Progress Reports Home
- 24th June - Midyear Interview Week
- 27th June - School MATARIKI CELEBRATION DAY ✨
- 28th June - MATARIKI PUBLIC HOLIDAY - School Closed

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