

Ōwhata School Newsletter

2025 - Week 2 Term 2



"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's Kōrero:

Kia ora koutou, our awesome Ōwhata whānau!

It has been a great start to Term 2. We welcome new tamariki and whānau who have joined our kura recently - we look forward to getting to know you all and sharing your 'Ōwhata journey' with you. We have had an excellent display of school values by all of our tamariki - already a few celebrations, and many getting involved in school and club sports. Ka rawe, koutou, I am a very proud Tumuaiki.

We announced recently on our DOJO that we have an upcoming farewell for one of our longstanding kaiako, Whaea Lorraine Pukepuke. Whaea Lorraine has been at Ōwhata School for 25+ years and has made an incredible impact during her time, touching the lives and hearts of many with her Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga. Whaea Lorraine is embarking on a new journey at Rotorua Girls High School (Rautāwhiri) alongside her daughter, Whaea Te Urukeiha (and mokopuna). We are excited for Whaea Lorraine, but we are going to miss her. We know that she will continue to do amazing things! Haere pai atu e hoā!

I want to send a huge thank you to Dave, Steve, and the team at Classic Builders for their ongoing support for our tamariki of Ōwhata School. Dave, Steve, and the team have made several donations to our kura, including our house t-shirts and stationery. We are incredibly grateful for this support and look forward to working alongside Classic Builders in partnership for our community.

This term is a reporting term, so you will be finding out how your tamariki are doing with their learning. You can expect mid-year report summaries to come home near the end of term and have a chance to kōrero with our awesome kaiako. I am promoting good rest for a good learning day - try to put the devices down early and get the rest you need.



Please see our important dates and regular updates on our school Facebook Page/DOJO



Te Mana, Atawhai, Te Whaiti, Amaiah, and Ruawāhia showing off their house t-shirts!
Thanks, Classic Builders!



RANGIORU - Winning House Group Term 1

Sports Corner/Collage of Greatness!:



Whaea Lorraine is updating Sports info on Class DOJO weekly.

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

Photo - Tamariki who went to the Rotorua Mini Mararthon.



PINK SHIRT DAY

This Friday, 16th May, we are having a Pink Shirt Day to promote kindness. We have been reinforcing our school values and promoting a happy and safe Ōwhata School. Tamariki can come wearing a PINK shirt or a superhero costume to show their support.

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



We are proud to support the
Mental Health Foundation of New Zealand
by celebrating Pink Shirt Day.

Speak UP
**STAND TOGETHER
STOP BULLYING**

KŌRERO MAI, KŌRERO ATU, MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA

FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025

JOIN THE MOVEMENT:
WWW.PINKSHIRTDAY.ORG.NZ



New Shade Sails

You may have noticed our new shade sails at the front of the school. They look amazing as you walk through the entrance, and we have noticed tamariki enjoying time under the shade, creating another space where our tamariki can play and chill whilst staying out of the sun. We have been waiting a while for these, and although they have been more like umbrellas over the last couple of weeks, we know they will also provide shade on the warmer days.

We thank Lions Club Rotorua for helping us to fund these.



TERM 2 2025 DATES

OWHATA SCHOOL



TERM 2 2025: (28th April - 27th June - 9 weeks)

May 2nd - Rotorua Mini Marathon

May 6th - NED Show

May 16th - Pink Shirt Day (dress up in pink or as a superhero)

May 16th - Whaea Lorraine's celebration

Jun 2nd - KING'S BIRTHDAY (school closed public holiday)

Jun 16, 17, 18, 19 - Interview week

Jun 20th - MATARIKI (school closed public holiday)

Jun 24th - Noho Marae Iriirikapua (overnight)

Jun 25th - Noho Marae Ōkahukura (overnight)

Jun 26th - Noho Marae Whiringa (overnight)

Jun 27th - Noho Marae Manawa (day-trip)

Jun 27th - LAST DAY OF THE TERM

HOLIDAY BREAK (2 weeks)

Monday 14th July is a Teacher Only Day

School opens again on TUESDAY 15th JULY for Term 3.

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