

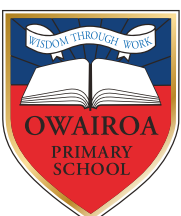
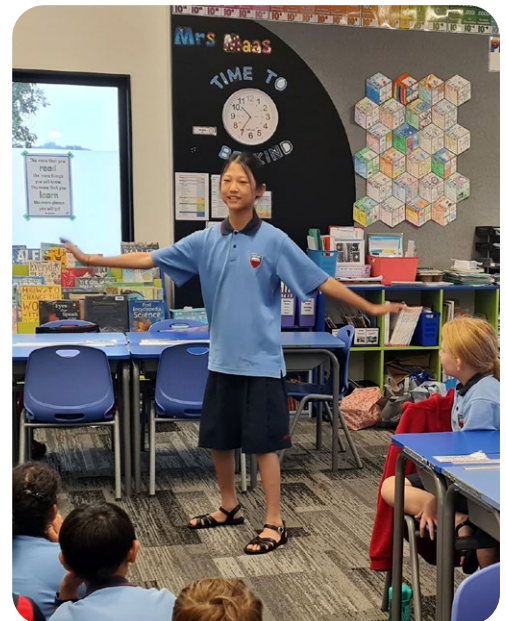
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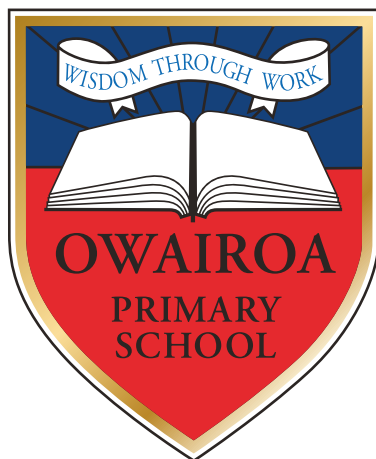
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Dear Parents and Caregivers

As we pass the halfway point of Term Four, it continues to be a busy time in our classrooms with the final push of learning, wrapping up what has been an eventful 2023. The past few weeks have been filled with a range of activities both inside and outside the classroom in this traditionally busy school term leading up to Christmas.

The countdown to the end of the academic year has begun, and as we approach Wednesday 20th December, there's still much to look forward to. Our school calendar is full of concerts and prizegivings scheduled for the coming weeks, providing many opportunities for us to proudly celebrate the learning successes of our staff and students.

We extend a warm invitation to all parents to join us in these celebrations whenever possible. Your support and presence add a special touch to these key events, making the achievements of our students even more meaningful.



WELCOME to our Owairoa "family"

- Neo Zita
- Eric Sun
- Jayden Murillo
- Janan Haydarzadeh
- Curla Rajarathne
- Kimika Eloff
- Te Ihingaarangi Hawkins
- John Malicdem
- Pengshuo Bian
- Mana Omura
- Lizehe Roodt
- Theo Lau
- Lacey LeeHenry Stratton
- Adam Wang
- Adyah Singh
- Manya Singh
- Hayden Bai
- Milan Bristowe
- Sejal Ahuja
- Ananya Singh
- Kimi Lyu
- Zainab Fatima
- Kyrah Fatamaka Ngamu
- Oliver Fu
- William Drugan
- Aarian Sethna
- Barad Farnia
- Clayton Fu
- Mana'a Sujau
- Liza Steenkamp
- Aiden Guo
- Elliot Fu
- Finn Mendoza
- Shesharini Vijayakumara
- Ishanvi Gopal
- Medy Yan
- Abby Prakash
- Luka Brealey
- Troy Plaza
- Celia Chen
- Somya Wadhwa
- Ethan Murillo
- Jennifer Li
- Jamie Sha

Te Tai o Rehia - Kapa Haka Festival

Enthusiasm was high on Tuesday 17th October as our Owairoa Kapa Haka group attended their most anticipated public performance of the year, joining some of the other local schools at the Te Tai o Rehia - Kapa Haka Festival. This year the event was held at Bucklands Beach Intermediate School.

The day started with a loud powhiri welcome from the Bucklands Beach Kapa Haka group as all of the performing schools and other guests entered the dome.

Owairoa Primary School was the first visiting school to perform and after months of rehearsals, our students proudly took the stage. After each waiata the students grew in confidence and by our last song, it was evident that many practises had definitely paid off. Following our performance we were able to watch the other school groups perform. The action-packed day was a wonderful celebration of Māori culture.

Special thanks to Nathan Taka for his wonderful ongoing support of our Kapa Haka group through his leadership and guitar playing!



The Great NZ Shake Out

On Thursday the 19th October at 9.30am, the whole school participated in the 'New Zealand ShakeOut' Whakahaumaru Aotearoa. New Zealand ShakeOut is our national earthquake drill and tsunami hīkoi.

Twice a year, schools are required to hold practice drills, so students know what to do if there is an emergency such as an earthquake. ShakeOut takes place remind people of the right action to take during an earthquake. The process is Drop, Cover and Hold.

Drop, Cover and Hold for 30–60 seconds:

DROP down on your hands and knees. This protects you from falling but lets you move if you need to.

COVER your head and neck (or your entire body if possible) under a sturdy table or desk (if it is within a few steps of you). If there is no shelter nearby, cover your head and neck with your arms and hands.

HOLD on to your shelter (or your position to protect your head and neck) until the shaking stops. If the shaking shifts your shelter around, move with it.

While you are doing the drill, take note of what might be happening around you in a real earthquake. Think about what you might need to do to prepare for a real earthquake. You might like to discuss with your children what to do if an earthquake strikes while you are at home. It is good to be prepared.



Welcoming our School Kaumatua

It is with excitement and pleasure that we announce that Mr Hemi Raukura has agreed to be our School Kaumatua. A kaumātua is a respected tribal elder in the Māori community who is appointed for the capacity to teach, guide and support both current and future generations.

Hemi Joseph Raukura was a foundation pupil, attending Owairoa Primary School from 1964 – 1966. Continuing his education locally, he attended Howick Intermediate then moved on to Pakuranga College.

Hemi has been part of the Owairoa community for many years. He works with many schools in the East Auckland area as a Kapahaka tutor, assisting Kapahaka Tutors, designing Kapahaka costumes and making poi.

During the school term he volunteers at the local O Wairoa Marae on Uxbridge Road in Howick as Kaumatua-Whaikorero speaker for powhiri/welcomings. In his spare time, Hemi takes care of the bush walk in Emilia Maud Nixon's Garden of Memories in Howick.

Hemi is a taonga, a treasure to the Howick community. By joining our Owairoa Family in this role, Hemi will continue to offer support to our school going forward. We welcome him and look forward to continuing this positive relationship with him.



Mathex Competition

On Tuesday 17th October, Miss Findley and a team of four senior students from Room M13: Luka, Arthur, Alexander and Ryan proudly represented our school at the 2023 Inter School Mathex Competition.

Hosted by Sunnyhills Primary School this year, our team joined with 22 other local Primary Schools in this challenging and fast-paced mathematics contest, involving answering 25 maths word problems in 30 minutes; so, speed and accuracy were important. Our students had plenty of practice leading up to the competition, using their Prime books, our participation in the Otago University Problem Solving Competition and practice sessions using previous Mathex questions.

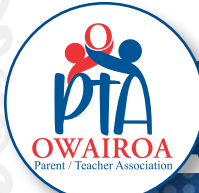
Our Owairoa mathematicians had a notable performance and were focused team players, showing great perseverance answering the questions. Although they did not place this year, we congratulate Cockle Bay who came first place with a perfect score. It was a nail biter finish for second place and there was a tie breaker question for Baverstock and Bucklands Beach Intermediate, which Baverstock Oaks won.





Conference Success

What a great turnout we had at our recent Parent Teacher Student Conferences. This was such a positive experience for the 96% of families who took advantage of this opportunity to discuss, view, interact and enjoying hearing about student achievements with their learning. You certainly empowered the students by supporting and celebrating their learning and giving them a voice as they discussed their educational journey with you.



PTA UPDATE

Saturday
24th Feb
2024



**GIVE IT
A GO!**
AT
OWAIROA



Book fundraiser - only 8 days left! These are books by the award-winning author, James Russell, including the Dragon Hunters trilogy, the Dragon Defenders series, and the new Children of the Rush books.

For every book sold, the Owaïroa PTA will receive \$5. Orders via Kindo close on Friday 30th November, for delivery prior to the end of term. More details on Kindo, or <https://dragonbrothersbooks.com/>

Christmas Tree fundraiser - if you are purchasing a real Christmas tree this year, please consider ordering from www.misachristmastrees.co.nz, using the code OWAIROA20 .

The Owaïroa PTA will receive 20% of the value of your order - please share with friends and family.

Fruju Friday - Grab your Fruju or Lemonade ice-block each Friday until the end of term from out the Hall, in front of Room 4 or by the Alan McIntyre Centre classrooms.

New School Banner



We were excited to unveil a new school banner that was kindly sponsored by our PTA. Nick Roberts, Co Leader of the PTA has arranged the new banner which will be used at the upcoming Howick Christmas Santa Parade, along with other school wide events going forward.



Christine Bull's Retirement



After a long career in the education sector, Mrs Christine Bull has resigned from her position as Deputy Principal/Senco at Owairoa Primary as from the end of term this year.

Mrs Bull has watched this school shrink in size as the area changed and families grew up and moved, and then it has grown again to a larger size as the area has developed and changed. Mrs Bull's three children are all past pupils of this school, and three of her five granddaughters attended here also.

Mrs Bull was a dedicated classroom teacher and has been overjoyed to see so many ex-pupils returning from overseas enrolling their children at Owairoa, it was with great reluctance that she moved from classroom teaching to management, and to this day she misses the ongoing relationship with the children. She was well known for the different groups and activities she started including turning her classroom into a castle, the mediators, starting the school magazine, collating two time capsules of children's work, and being part of the 50th Jubilee celebrations.

She has enjoyed working with Mr McIntyre over the years, and she has always admired and appreciated his ability to pull together some amazing school events which children still remember long after they depart such as the Red Balloon day, the Medieval week which included horses and riders in full gear jousting on the field; the Guinness book of records for the longest snake in the world; the tower where BOT members spent the night, the Eagle helicopter landing on the field, the Operettas, Big Boys Toys days, the arrival of the "Queen" in her Rolls Royce, to name a few!

Mrs Bull has been the Staff Representative on the School Board of Trustees since the Board of Trustees system first started in schools and she has enjoyed the opportunity of representing the Staff over that time. She was also Staff Representative on the PTA for many years and helped to coordinate the school Galas and organize all the Staff and school side.

Her main highlight of all the years was running the week long school camps at Snells Beach, and Camp Raglan, these were always a wonderful opportunity to get to know all Year 5/6 children and their parents who came as helpers. Some of the students later became qualified teachers and members of our Staff.

"I am so grateful for the richness which being associated to this school has brought to my life. I have always felt that teaching was a calling and I am privileged to have been 'called and served'.

I would like to thank all my friends and colleagues over the years for their willingness to 'follow', and my supportive husband and children for all the extra things they have done for this school. Supporting this school together as a family has brought a cohesion and enjoyment to our lives and we all wish everyone all the best for the future."

Christine Bull
Deputy Principal

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CHRISTMAS ACCESSORY DAY FOOD BANK DONATION

Monday 27th November 2023

Dear Parents / Guardians,

On Thursday 7th December we will celebrate "Christmas Accessory Day". All students have the option of wearing some form of Christmas Accessory together with their normal school uniform. Examples could be a Christmas hat, necklace, lights, brooch etc.

For the privilege of wearing the Christmas Accessory all students are asked to bring along one **food item** (canned or sealed packet) which will be donated to the Community Food Bank.

Alternatively, if you would like to make a family donation to purchase food items for the Foodbank, you can easily make your contribution through our Kindo online School Shop on the following link <http://shop.tgcl.co.nz/app/shop?shop=Owairoa%20Primary%20School>

Merry Christmas
Kind regards


Alan McIntyre
PRINCIPAL



School Board Update

In my Property portfolio I have over the last few years enjoyed the developments in school property and with the final term now underway the Board awaits news from the Ministry of Education that we can finally proceed with the upgrade of classrooms 10 to 13. This will bring the last of the original school classrooms up to a modern learning environment standard.

To date the project has not been without its challenges in terms of delays, high costs etc but with Board and Ministry of Education support, we have found a way to fund the development and look forward to work on the ground commencing in the near future.

Whilst the students and staff vacated the classrooms at the start of term in anticipation of a prompt start, we still await the formal process of approval and we then need to negotiate with the preferred contractor as to when they can start the work. We anticipate we will be able to take advantage of the Christmas break and complete the project by the end of Term One 2024.

The proposal is to upgrade the classrooms on the same basis as the upgrades of the other two original blocks, with four standard classrooms opening onto a shared space, ancillary rooms, along with upgraded toilets.

Once we are able to move into the remodelled block, the Board will then turn its attention to the relocatable classrooms that remain on our playing fields and will focus on our next projects which will be shared in upcoming school newsletters.

Barry Maxwell
School Board Member
Owairoa Primary School Board



Keeping our Community Safe on the Road

ROAD SAFETY

Thank you to those parents who continue to follow the road safety rules around our school. Our morning and afternoon road patrol teams have seen some great improvements with road etiquette in the past month, however there are still some people who continue to put our staff, students and community at risk.

Please remember some road safety basics:

- **Stopping on yellow lines is against the law**
- **Parking across driveways at any time is illegal**
- **Performing 3 point turns on/close to the crossing is dangerous**

These road safety rules are in place to keep our students, parents and school community safe. Please help to play your part!

Please also remind your children about the safety around bring sports balls to school. By carrying their sports balls in a bag, students reduce the risk of accidents that may occur if they were to bounce/kick them while walking to and from school. Carrying the balls also teaches students to be responsible and considerate of their own safety and the safety of others, contributing to a safer environment on the footpaths around our school.

Share a Hobby Day



On Friday, 3rd November, Owairoa Primary School held a “Share a Hobby or Skill Day”. This was an opportunity for students to showcase their talents, interests, and hobbies with their peers. The aim of this special day was to celebrate the diverse talents and interests of our students, fostering a sense of community and appreciation for one another.

Junior School:

In the Junior School, students spent the day sharing hobbies and skills they had been learning in their spare time. From rock climbing and drawing to karate and origami, they did it all.

Each learner had the opportunity to send videos and pictures to share with their class or perform on the day. The students enjoyed learning new activities and sharing their experiences, getting each other excited to try new things. Teachers also got involved on the day and taught their learners new sports, art, craft, and science skills. Mrs. Pieterse even dressed up in her beekeeping suit to teach her class about caring for the bees!

The learners absolutely loved Hobby Day and look forward to trying some of the new hobbies and skills they learned from their peers.

Middle School:

Students in the Middle School came together to celebrate Hobby Day, showcasing a range of interests and skills. Some Year 3 learners practised the art of baking and learned various techniques of piping using buttercream icing. They created Owairoa Primary School-themed cupcakes using fondant icing.

Some Year 4 learners took on the role of chefs and made delicious pizzas. Artistic learners across the middle school shared their talent for drawing, painting, and sketching. Floristry enthusiasts demonstrated their techniques of arranging flowers to create beautiful bouquets. There was excitement all around, especially when it came to sharing their personal collections.

The final part of the day involved a team rotation with different hobby stations. From learning about the art of origami to delicious cooking and exploring the exhilarating world of sports, there was something for everyone to enjoy! It was great to see learners exploring new hobbies and pushing themselves to try new things.

Senior School:

Hobby Day was a wonderful way to discover the hidden talents of Senior School students. Senior students enthusiastically showcased their hobbies in various ways, including presentations, demonstrations, and posters. The students were excited to share what they do in their free time, which ranged from playing musical instruments, knitting, gymnastics, to martial arts.

The atmosphere was lively as students not only displayed their skills but also shared the stories behind their passions. Some students organised interactive sessions, allowing their peers to experience a snippet of their hobbies firsthand. From live music performances to knitting demonstrations, the Senior School truly embraced the spirit of sharing and learning.

All students participated and shared something they are passionate about. The event left a lasting impact, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation for the diverse talents that make up the Senior School students.



JUNIOR POETRY COMPETITION



You're off to great places, today is your day,
The Junior School poets had a lot to say!

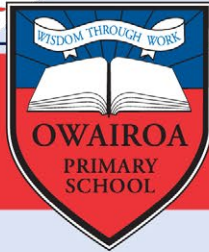
With great enthusiasm, the Junior School Poetry competition took place on Thursday morning in the school hall. All 18 poetry finalists delivered outstanding poems that captivated the audience.

Congratulations to all the finalists for their courage and bravery in front of their teachers, peers, and families. Although it was the first time for many of the learners to speak in public, they captivated their audience with their clear, confident voices and entertaining gestures.

We want to give a big thank you to our judges, Mr McIntyre and Mrs Rice for their hard work in judging our talented learners. While they were making the most important decision of the day, the parents were treated to a couple of songs sung enthusiastically by the Junior School.

Congratulations to all the learners who worked hard to learn and present their poems in front of their classmates. We are amazed by their growth of confidence to present in front of their peers. This has been a great opportunity for our learners to show their R.I.S.E values by encouraging each other to do the best that they can while striving for Excellence.





Student Voice



At our recent School Board Meeting, some of our senior students were given the opportunity to address the School Board and share their insights into school life here at Owairoa, under the theme 'Student Voice'. These are some of the thoughts they shared...

Hi my name is Samantha Dixon and I'm a year 6 student in Miss Findley's class. I've been a student at Owairoa Primary School since 2017. I love getting up every day and going to school because I love my teachers and all my friends.

I have been involved in lots of wonderful activities and events over my time me at this school, however a few things stand out in my mind. I remember assisting Mrs Gresham to open the Gresham block. At the time I was a student in her super start class, and my job was to help cut the red ribbon. I have absolutely loved being a part of our Kaitiaki for the past 3 years and have thoroughly enjoyed our tree planting excursions.

A very special highlight for me personally was being voted in as a House Leader for Tainui. This was a long-term goal that I set for myself back at the end of Year 4, and I'm so happy that I've been able to achieve this. Recently I had the opportunity to show Simeon Brown around our school. This was a completely different experience for me, and I felt honoured to be chosen to do this alongside Jack Mills.

I think the school grounds look beautiful thanks to our property team. Our facilities are good however I would like to make some recommendations. I think the school should put in a heated swimming pool, as I love to swim but often find it too cold to be able to stay in the water for the entire swimming lesson. I also think building a Kaitiaki room would be wonderful for Mrs Maas and her future Kaitiaki students. That way we wouldn't make such a mess of her classroom when we are working on messy tasks such as making bird feeders. Another love of mine is music, and I think the school needs to have a dedicated music room and music teacher. My time as a Librarian also highlighted that our Library desperately needs expansion to cope with the growing number of students and that would also allow us to purchase even more books for the library!

I have to say that all the students love the new playgrounds. I especially love playing at Coles Court however, I would like to raise a safety concern with the parallel bars. Students often slide down the bars, but we can sometimes end up accidentally kicking other students in the head if they didn't look first before running under the parallel bars. Maybe you could investigate that further on our behalf.

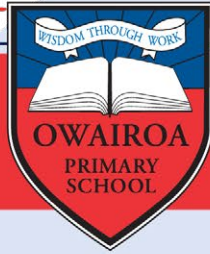
I love to play sport and have been part of many teams and competitions. I think Mr Basson and the other teachers do a wonderful job of coaching us.

Other activities and roles that I've also been part of, such as Dance group, sports fun days, mediators, Kapa Haka, Science monitor, Art monitor and Wet Day monitor, have all helped enrich my me at Owairoa.

As a student I haven't had the privilege of meeting many board members during my time at the school, so I think it would be great if students get to have a day where they meet the Board, just like we have our Meet the Teacher day.

I would say to anyone wanting to enrol at Owairoa that it's a great school with many learning opportunities, and has a safe environment for us to play and learn in. I will be sad to leave Owairoa however, I am also looking forward to taking the next step in my schooling adventure. Let's hope Intermediate lives up to the standard we have experienced here. I would like to thank Mr McIntyre, Mrs Bull and all the other staff at Owairoa who have made my time here very memorable.

- Samantha Dixon, Year 6



Student Voice



Hi, my name is Luka Bowe-Chout. I am in Year 6 and my teacher is Miss Findley. I have been a student at Owairoa since I was 5 years old in Year 0.

At Owairoa I feel settled and safe. Since I came to Owairoa I have gained confidence in speaking up and trying new things.

Some of the highlights at Owairoa have been the obstacle fun run last year, and the Epro8 Interschool competition. Some of the challenges I have faced are Interschools sport competitions such as swimming and cross country.

Two suggestions I have that would make things better for students are musical instrument lessons, like piano, guitar and drums. I also think it would be cool if we used the Epro8 kit a bit more.

I would rate the school board governance 10/10 because I think you're doing a really good job. To prospective students I would say that this school is wonderful and it's worthwhile to come here.

In conclusion, I think that the school and the way it's being run is great and I'm sure other students think the same thing.

- Luka Bowe-Chout, Year 6

Hello everyone, my name is Evelyn Smith and I'm graduating from Owairoa this year, and I must say it's been an amazing journey meeting new people and learning new things. I love this school and the privilege to actually be here, because I was out of zone. My mother went here and that is the reason why I'm here today. I have been here since year zero making loads of friends all the way up to this year, 2023.

I have thoroughly enjoyed this year, especially taking part in the inter school netball competition. Which both teams did amazingly. We have had numerous sports go out to face other schools, which, I think, is an incredible opportunity for children to have a chance to play their favourite sport in school.

Swimming is also a fun thing to do in school, since I class it as sport, learning and fun all in the same thing. I have an idea that will make swimming way more enjoyable. My idea is to hold a school fundraiser event for a heated swimming pool or just a cover. I was thinking that we could do something like the Owairoa Fun Run last year as an example.

As well as sport, learning is very important when you are growing up, because if you didn't learn you wouldn't have a clue what is going on in intermediate or the world around you. Even though you might think it's boring, learning is one of the most essential parts in life, even when you're an adult.

Everyone has their likes and dislikes. And I prefer writing, not everyone will agree, but it's what I love to do in my spare time at home as well as at school during a lesson. The reason why I love writing so much is because I can display my imagination on paper. When I'm writing, I get lost in a world of my own, delving into my thoughts.

People should definitely come to this school, because everything is great. Classrooms, playgrounds, sport and the swimming pool. Most importantly an accomplished principle and leadership.

I really appreciate being here and talking in front of all of you. Thank you for listening.

-Evelyn Smith, Year 6



Programme Team Leader

Come and be part of the Bizzy Bodz team and join a fantastic company that creates a fun, safe and exciting environment for our children every day.

We are looking for a **Team Leader** for our programme at Owairoa Primary School. This role is 30 - 35 hours per week (negotiable).

As a Team Leader you will be leading a team of Programme Assistants to deliver an exceptional out of school care experience for our Bizzy Bodz children, families, and the wider school community. This rewarding role offers a good variety of responsibilities that will keep you engaged, challenged, and having fun every day:

- Planning, resourcing, and implementing activities including crafts, sports, games, baking, off-site trips etc.
- Programme structure, set up/ close down
- Team management: daily, development and training
- Programme compliance and administration
- Afternoon tea menu planning, purchasing and preparation
- Bizzy Bodz families and school community relationship management
- Positive behaviour management
- First aid

The Bizzy Bodz Team Leader Support Programme will ensure you are mentored and trained to successfully run our programmes with confidence.

You will be:

- empathetic and caring
- positive and friendly
- organised and reliable
- genuinely interested in working with children

You will have:

- great relationship building and problem-solving skills
- good attention to detail
- excellent communication skills

We are looking for someone who has experience with and genuinely loves working with children. You may have worked in an after care or holiday programme, nannying, education or sports coaching environment. Experience managing a team would be advantageous but not essential.

Preferably you would be available for both before school care: 7.00-8.30am and after school care: 2.00-6.00pm. There are additional hours for administration, planning and compliance. These hours are Monday to Friday during term time. Holiday hours are flexible to suit but not essential.

Please send your CV to Jo at jo.nash@bizzybodz.co.nz, or if you would like to discuss the role further, please call for a chat on 021678076.

As Bizzy Bodz is approved by the Ministry of Social Development (MSD) all applicants will need to meet the MSD requirements for staffing. As part of our selection process applicants will be required to undergo a Police Vet check. All applicants must have the right to work in New Zealand.

HOUSE LEADERS-**Spotlight**



Lexi Angell – Deputy House Leader of Tainui

My name is Lexi Angell and I am 10 years old. I absolutely love Gymnastics and enjoy giving any sport a go.

At Owairoa I appreciate the awesome teachers and staff we have. I love that there are students from all over the world and that we are one big whanau. There are lots of fantastic opportunities – Kapa haka, Kaitiaki, Choir, Dance, Librarian to name a few. I have also loved having the opportunity to represent our school in various sports. Some of my favourite Owairoa memories are the school trips I have been on. I especially loved rock climbing and sailing.

The advice that I would give to other students is to give everything a go, even if it is hard. Find things you love doing and make the most of all the amazing opportunities we have at Owairoa Primary School. I am grateful for the incredible support I have been given in my time at Owairoa Primary School and the great people that I have met.



Leo Hogg – Deputy House Leader of Tainui

My name is Leo Hogg and I am in Room M17. I enjoy ISTEAM as it allows me to be creative and connect my learning in Science, Maths and Art.

I love Owairoa because it offers a wide range of opportunities such as Kaitiaki, Choir, Kapa Haka, Sports and more. My favourite memory at Owairoa is the opening of the new McIntyre building and being in my new classroom for the first time. I really enjoyed the sailing this year too. It gave everyone the chance to work together and have fun.

My advice for students at Owairoa is to take risks and be brave and try new activities. Another piece of advice would be to use your initiative to figure things out yourself before asking. Lastly, always be respectful and kind to others, and help if someone is hurt or doesn't feel good. I feel lucky that our school is the best school in New Zealand. The Number One School.



TAINUI



Can you Hear Us?

In Science, seniors have been learning all about sound. During ISTEAM they have been using this knowledge to research, design and construct a musical instrument. Things have been noisy up here, well not that loud really.

Learners are working sustainably to fashion their item. They are attempting to use only recyclable materials or end of life items. A variety of musical instruments have been constructed and then modified with the design purpose being to create variation in tone and sound. We've got maracas using leftover coconut shells, guitars made out of cardboard, paper pan pipes, newly named instruments with drum-like sounds, and novel constructions that require everyone to hush in order to hear.

Now, it's unlikely that a school band will be formed in the near future. Also, you won't hear blaring sounds from these varied instruments. What you will hear is a bunch of excited children's voices as they discuss and compare the merits of their different materials and creations. By far the most pleasing sound of it all is the chatter of these happy, senior learners.



End of Year PRIZEGIVING EVENTS

To help with your calendar logistics as the next few months get busier with the upcoming Christmas season and end of year, the dates for our end of year prizegiving and concert events have been finalised as follows:

November

27 Junior Concert A

(Rooms 1, 5, 6, 8, G3, G5)

28 Junior Concert B

(Rooms 2, 3, 9, G6, G1, 20)

29 Year 3 Concert

30 Junior Concert C

(Rooms 4, 7, G2, G4, 21 22)

December

4 Year 4 Concert

6 Team 5 Concert

8 Team 6 Concert

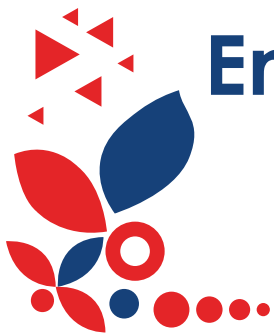
11 Senior Prizegiving 7.30pm

13 School Service Awards



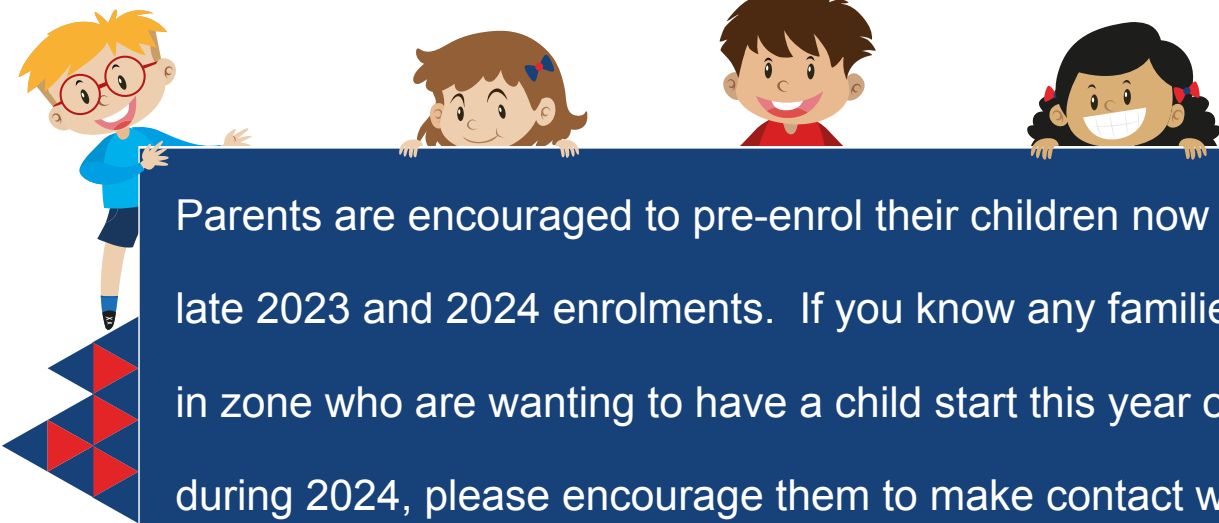
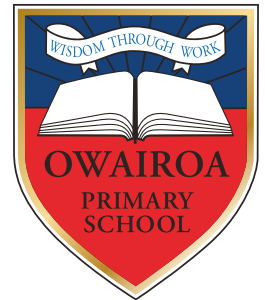
Year 4 Ice Hockey Star

During the recent school holidays, Year 4 student Jayden Wang put his ice hockey skills to the test, playing into two national Ice Hockey games. In the Inline Hockey New Zealand Nationals U10, his team won third place, while in the Ice Hockey NZ U12 Nationals, his team won 2nd place. Each of the team members received a prize for the national placements, along with a medal for their participation. Congratulations Jayden for this fantastic achievement at a national level.



Enrolments are Open for

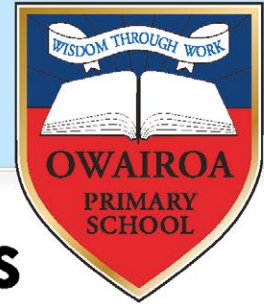
2024



Parents are encouraged to pre-enrol their children now for late 2023 and 2024 enrolments. If you know any families in zone who are wanting to have a child start this year or during 2024, please encourage them to make contact with our school, to aid in our planning for 2024.



2024 Term dates



The official term dates for the 2024 Academic Year have been set and approved by our School Board as follows:

Term One:	Wednesday 7 February 2024 – Friday 12 April 2024
Term Two:	Monday 29 April 2024 – Friday 5 July 2024
Term Three:	Monday 22 July 2024 – Friday 27 September 2024
Term Four:	Monday 14 October 2024 – Friday 20 December 2024

The school will also be closed for the following public holidays:

29 March	Good Friday	3 June	King's Birthday
1 April	Easter Monday	28 June	Matariki
2 April	Easter Tuesday	28 October	Labour Day



Lost Property Parade

As the end of the year approaches, we have a large collection of lost property that has accumulated over the course of the year. All of these lost property items will be put on display outside Room 9, on the following dates:

Monday 11th – Friday 15th December
Monday 18th December
Tuesday 19th December from 8:20am-3:10pm

Please note there will be no time to come collect any lost items on Wednesday 20th December, as that is the last day of term.

Classes will be invited to come and view the lost property collection on those dates during school hours but Parents, please mark these key dates on your calendar and the available times, so you too can come and walk past the display and collect any lost items.

Any left-over lost property will be disposed of accordingly at the end of the term and empty boxes will be put out for the start of 2024.



The school day ends at 3pm and while we appreciate that sometimes situations arise and Parents can't be here on time, we seem to have a growing number of students arriving at the office each afternoon, with their parents running late for after school pickup.

Please ring the school office on **(09) 538 0060** if you know you are held up, so we can let your child know the new pickup arrangements for that day.

Looking ahead

☺ November

- 27 Junior Concert A
(Rooms 1, 5, 6, 8, G3, G5)
- 28 Junior Concert B
(Rooms 2, 3, 9, G6, G1, 20)
- 29 Year 3 Concert
- 30 Junior Concert C
(Rooms 4, 7, G2, G4, 21, 22)
- 30 Maori Parents Hui 7pm

☺ December

- 4 Year 4 Concert
- 6 Team 5 Concert
- 8 Team 6 Concert
- 7 Food Bank Appeal
- 10 PTA Howick Santa Parade
- 11 Senior Prizegiving 7.30pm
- 12 School Board Meeting 6pm
- 13 School Service Awards
- 20 End of Term Four, school finishes 12.30pm

☺ February 2024

- 7 Start of Term One



Whakatauki

Whaia te iti Kahurangi
Ki te tuohu koe me maunga teitei
Pursue that which is precious and do not be deterred by anything less than a lofty mountain

This whakatauki encourages us to strive, to set goals, to persevere by setting our sights high and to not give up on them for anything.

With kind regards,
Alan McIntyre
PRINCIPAL





Before School Care: 7.00am - 8.30am
After School Care: 3.00pm - 6.00pm
School Holidays: 7.30am - 6.00pm

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