



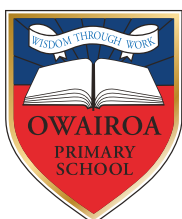
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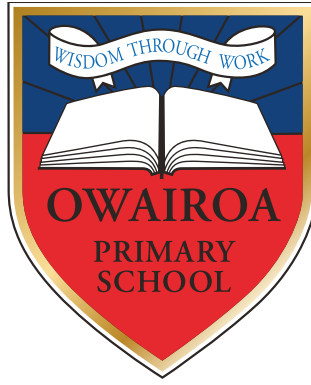


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Dear Parents and Caregivers

With Term 3 already well underway, this is an important time for our students as they consolidate their learning for Semester Two.

During these Winter months, a focus is on ensuring that our students remain healthy, enabling them to maximize their learning time in the classroom. We appreciate parental support and encouragement in getting your children to school every day wherever possible. The government promotes a minimum attendance rate of 90%, so your continued efforts are essential in helping us achieve this goal. Together, we can ensure that our students make the most of their educational opportunities during the winter season.

We are excited about what lies ahead for our students during Term Three and are looking forward to making this term another successful and productive one.



WELCOME

to our Owairoa "family"

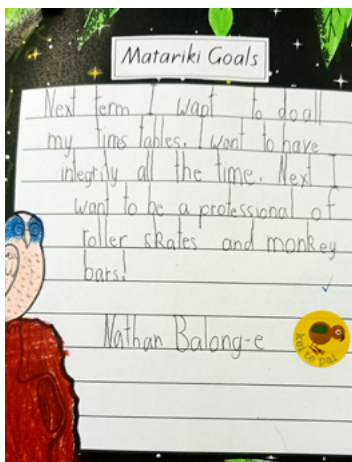


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- Aarohe Gowdra
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- Jinmo Yoo
- Ayra Bijilesh
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- Jonathan Eldho Danjo
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- Eric Zheng
- Fiona Zhou
- Jenny Wang
- Jason Chen
- Ai Ya Hung
- Echo Lai

Matariki at Owairoa



Matariki is the new year and the stars told us this is the best new and it a good Matariki.



Our learners and staff enjoyed learning about and celebrating Matariki during the last weeks of June and first week of July. Our wonderful teachers planned interesting and exciting related learning activities across many curriculum areas.

Many of the classrooms have beautiful Art on display and lots of writing from the children in relation to the Māori New Year. We heard endless stories about how different families celebrated with some even getting up in the dark to find the Matariki cluster in the night sky.

This is a great opportunity to start and continue family traditions, observing the importance of the event and at the same time enjoying quality time with family and friends. Here are just a few of the wonderful pieces of work and creations of Art that our learners worked on during Matariki.



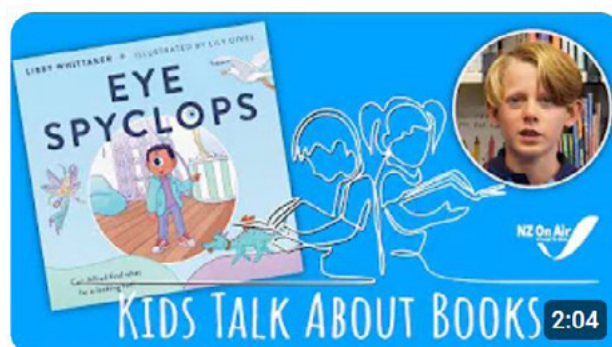
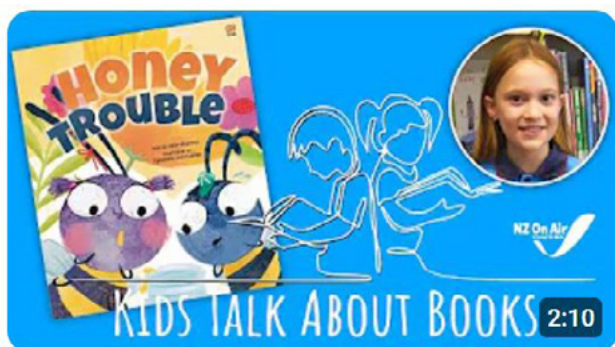
Some of our Senior Students were invited by work with Suzy Cato and share some online Book Reviews which have been uploaded to her YouTube channel – Kids Talk About Books.

“Ever read a good book and want to share the best bits about it with your friends, so they know how good the book is? That’s what this channel is for! Kids talking about books they’ve just read and think you’ll enjoy reading them too!”

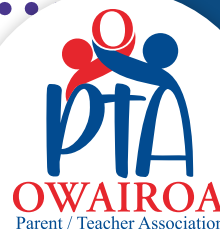
Watch the first two Book Reviews by our amazing young Owairoa Primary School readers here:

Esme’s book review of Honey Trouble: <https://youtu.be/5B3AOV2ieM8>

Freddie’s book review of Eye Spyclops: https://youtu.be/o3T8_AvxTnQ



Beats by Bingo Success



At the end of Term 2 our PTA had an amazing fundraiser at the Pakuranga united Rugby Club.

In collaboration with 'Beats by Bingo - Disco Dad', the PTA hosted an adult musical event taking us back to our younger days including 80's Madonna's, Rodeo cowboys, ABBA, Neon nostalgia, and a little bit of Dolly and Kenny.

The night was a great opportunity for parents and friends of the school to have a night away from the kids, get to meet new parents, have a laugh with company and boogie on the dance floor until late into the night.

We received some amazing feedback from those who attended....

"Beats by Bingo was super entertaining, bringing people together and sharing lots of laughs! These school events are a fun way to meet new friends and get to know the school community" - Gemma Wheat.

"What a Night! We had a blast at the fundraiser! The bingo competition was a hit, with parents dressing up and competing for prizes. Then, the DJ took over and got everyone dancing. It was amazing to see everyone let loose and have so much fun together. Can't wait for the next event!" - Claudine Roberts.

The PTA would like to thank all parents who came along to support our school. We would especially like to thank Mahran Sujau for donating a beautiful doll house and Kate Wark for her family photography voucher that we raffled off as prizes on the night.

Thank you to the PTA Committee for making this event such an enjoyable one and we hope those who attended had a great night.

Nick Roberts, PTA Chairperson



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Middle School Poetry Competition

The Middle School Poetry Competition was nothing short of spectacular! The event was made even more special by the incredible support from so many parents, who came out to cheer on our young poets. The parental presence and encouragement truly elevated the experience for all involved.

Our Year 3 students put in a superb effort, bravely reading their poems in front of both parents and peers. It was heartening to see their enthusiasm and dedication. Each performance was a testament to their hard work and the nurturing environments they have both at home and at school.

Not to be outdone, our Year 4 students really stepped up, serving as outstanding role models for the younger participants. Their performances were nothing short of amazing, showcasing not only their poetic talents but also their ability to inspire and lead. Year 4 students should be incredibly proud of themselves for setting such a high standard.

A huge congratulations goes out to all the students who participated in the finals. Their talent and bravery are commendable, and they all have much to be proud of. An extra congratulations to those who placed 1st, 2nd, or 3rd – your exceptional work truly shone through and was rightfully recognised.

We are so grateful to all the parents for their unwavering support. Your involvement plays a crucial role in nurturing the confidence and talents of our students. We look forward to more events like this, where we can come together to celebrate the remarkable achievements of our young learners.



Lime Scooters

Matariki celebrations have continued for our Owairoa Artists who worked alongside Chantel as part of the Matariki flag project in Howick. An extended commissioned artwork has now been printed on a group of Lime scooters across Auckland to help celebrate Matariki.

The artwork reflects the children's imagination and interpretation of Matariki. The design also includes Lime symbols, drawn by the children to represent health and harvesting, which is significant at Matariki as a time of renewal and abundance.

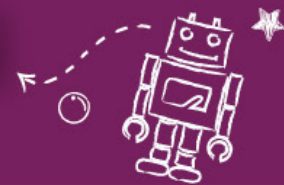
In a gesture of appreciation for the children's contributions, Lime has donated a helmet and sticker pack to each young artist, allowing them to bring their artwork to life by decorating their own helmets.





Lights, Camera, Action!

INVENTORS FAIR 2024

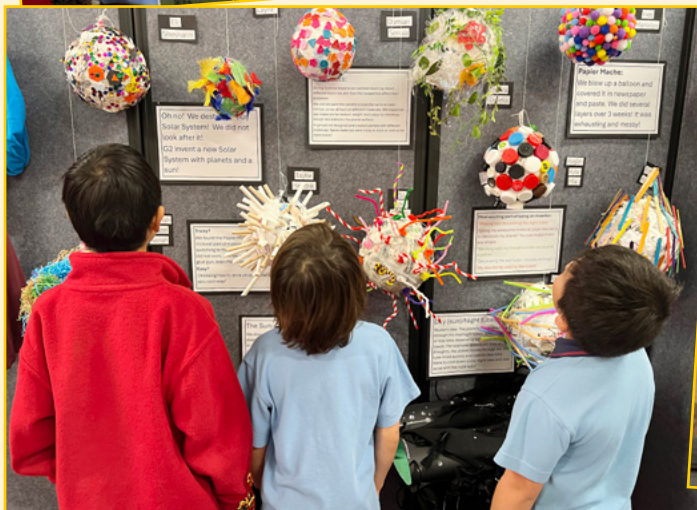


Our Owairoa Inventors Fair 2024 was a fabulous opportunity for our talented students to exhibit their creative inventions and inquiry outcomes at the end of Term Two.

At the exhibition, our students were able to showcase the many skills and knowledge they used to 'solve a problem by designing a suitable outcome'. The ideas that came to life were displayed in the hall for our students and the wider school community to see.

The occasion was a great success, as students showed determination and hard work to meet deadlines and focus on an outcome that they had been able to contribute to.

Thank you to those families who came along to enjoy the many final products on display. To the Teachers, Teacher Aides, Office and Support Staff and the wonderful Property Team, thank you for the effort and support you provided for the students to make the exhibition such a success.



Senior School “Body Talk”

On Monday 24th and 25th June, Nest Consulting came to our school to teach our senior children about ‘Body Talk.’ During the two blocks the children learnt about understanding puberty, body confidence, how to strengthen self-esteem and how to appreciate others and their differences.

The first session recapped how our body changes due to hormones and the messages they send around our bodies. We also learned about each other – groupings ourselves so we learnt that we all have different features, likes/dislikes and interests.

We then learnt about Confidence Building – what is confidence building in self and the abilities that we have. We can recognise the things we are good at and what learn new things we could learn and give a go. The first time might not be good or go well, but we can practise to become better.

Some other things we learnt were:

- Self-esteem – feeling positive about self
- Don't listen to negative thoughts
- What can we do to get over these negative thoughts - by focusing on what are we good at. Train our brains to become more confident.
- Our brain is like a muscle when you work on it – it will grow.

Tips for Life

- Set realistic goals (make smaller goals with smaller steps to reach the bigger goals)
- Re-evaluate our goals
- Don't give up. Keep on trying – you might fail first but keep trying.
- Turn down our negative self-talk – which thoughts do we listen to – the ones that make us feel positive
- Be constructive – not destructive.
- Criticisms – accept the comments to help us grow
- Believe in ourselves and celebrate our differences

At the end of the session, we all came away feeling more confident with ourselves.



Fundraiser for
Senior Challenge
and Junior &
Middle School
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FRIDAY 9 AUGUST

Family Movie Night @ Owairoa School Hall
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Blessing at Dawn

A karakia greeted the rising sun at our Maori blessing of our newly renovated classroom block on Thursday 27th June, when forty of our Owairoa staff, students, building contractors and Ministry of Education officials joined to witness this special event.

The blessing is a traditional way to respect and honour Maori traditions and ensures that the new classroom block is a harmonious environment for everyone who uses the space. The ceremony was led by John Dobson and included special guests Mrs Taini Drummond and our school Kaumatua Mr Hemi Raukura, both of whom have had a long and positive association with Owairoa Primary School.

Following the blessing, the staff and students of Rooms 10-14 eagerly moved from the G Block into their new classrooms, ready to start learning in these fantastic spaces from the beginning of Term Three.



BEFORE



AFTER



HOUSE LEADERS Spotlight



Karis Gin – Aotea House Leader

My name is Karis Gin, and I am in Room M12. I am proud to be the House Leader of Aotea. I am currently 10 years old. I am helpful and friendly.

I am thrilled to be at Owairoa because of the variety of activities and sports you can choose from such as Kapa Haka, Netball, Rugby and so much more. I am overjoyed to be a House Leader as I will take responsibilities of being role model to others seriously. I will be committed to modelling the RISE values and helping my peers and teachers.

I have enjoyed my schooling journey so far and made lots of good friend at Owairoa.

My advice to Aotea house members is to work hard and get those House Points so we can win the House shield.



Nathan Ward – Aotea House Leader

My name is Nathan Ward, and I am a House Leader for Aotea. I am currently 10 years old. I enjoy playing football and a bit of tennis.

My favourite memory at Owairoa is from last year when we went sailing with everyone joking around and having fun.

At Owairoa we are lucky because we have got a swimming pool, a field, a library that you can access at lunch times, and request books and most of the time the Librarian will get them. We also have a science room, an astro turf and even an all-new music room all with amazing staff.

Owairoa has great leadership opportunities such as Kaitiaki, Peer Mediator, Kapa Haka and monitor jobs.

This year, I will try to lead Aotea to victory and win us the House shield.



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School Blog Update



Make sure you go online to our school website, to keep up to date with our school blogs.

These are a great way for our junior, middle and senior school teams to share highlights of the learning journey throughout the school year.

Junior Blog

Juniors Celebrate Matariki



In Māori culture, Matariki is the Pleiades star cluster and a celebration of its first rising in late June or early July. The rising marks the beginning of the new year in the Māori lunar calendar. This year, Matariki was celebrated between 28 June and 6 July.

The Junior School celebrated Matariki by reading stories like Flit the Fantail and the Matariki Map, singing and dancing to songs like the Matariki Macarena and creating amazing art pieces based on the stars of Matariki, picture books and Māori myths and legends about Matariki.

Team 1A had a Matariki art rotation where all the learners had the opportunity to go to Mrs Lee, Miss Oed, Mrs Wood and Miss Haugh's classrooms during an afternoon and create an art piece based on Matariki. The learners were very excited to be able to go into different classrooms and learn from all the teachers of Team 1A.

The learners created a Matariki star cluster by using chalk shavings, a Matariki kite, a star silhouette painting using dye and a Little Kiwi's Matariki scene from the storybook. Using the different art materials allowed the learners to experiment with different artistic effects and create beautiful artwork.

Middle Blog

Inventors Fair



In Week 10, Owairoa hosted the highly anticipated Inventors Fair, showcasing the incredible creativity and ingenuity of our students. Throughout Term 2, each class devoted time to developing and creating innovative ideas, and the results were nothing short of impressive.

In the Middle School, M1 students crafted beautiful birdhouses for the Kakariki, ensuring our feathered friends have cosy homes. M2 tackled environmental issues with their inventive space junk contraptions, aiming to clean up the cosmos. M9 harnessed cutting-edge technology, using 3D printers to design imaginative playgrounds. M5 focussed on their beloved desk pets, constructing intricate houses to keep them comfortable. M3 brought joy and entertainment by designing and building a variety of engaging cardboard games.

The fair was a vibrant display of student talent and hard work, with each project reflecting the unique creativity and problem-solving skills of our young inventors. The enthusiasm and innovation displayed by our students were truly inspiring, making the 2024 Inventors Fair a memorable highlight of the year!

Senior Blog

HPPA Rugby Tournament



There has been a lot of sporting activity in the Senior School over the last few months. We have teams going out for Hockey, Football, Cross Country and Netball. Mr Rossiter has been training with the Rugby team getting them ready for the HPPA tournament.

The HPPA is Howick Pakuranga Principals Association. This encompasses many schools around the Howick / Pakuranga area. The schools get together and play sporting tournaments throughout the year. The HPPA has a Fair Play Charter which is to encourage players, coaches, parents and spectators to promote participation in sports for fun and to be respectful.

Our Rugby team is being celebrated this week. They have played over two tournaments and come out winners. This is the first time in quite a while we have brought home the cup. Congratulations to the team and Mr Rositer for the time and effort put into this achievement. The cup will be proudly displayed in the cabinet in the office.

Protect your tamariki
against

MEASLES

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Not enough New Zealanders are immunised against measles, which means there is a very high risk of an outbreak.

The best protection against measles is two doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine – free for all young people aged 18 and under in New Zealand and all adults over the age of 18 who are eligible for free New Zealand healthcare.

The first symptoms of measles are fever, cough, runny nose and sore red eyes, followed by a red or dark pink rash typically starting on the face or behind the ears three days after the first symptoms before moving down the body.

If you observe these symptoms, please contact their healthcare provider or Healthline on **0800 611 116** immediately



Looking ahead

☺ August

- 8 Junior trip to Ambury Farm
- 9 Junior trip to Ambury Farm
- 9 PTA Movie Night
- 12 Maths Week
- 13 HPPA Interschool Cross Country
- 13 Parents' Literacy Meeting 7pm
- 19 Tongan Language Week
- 21 International Day
- 23 HPPA Gymnastics
- 27 HPPA Speech Finals
- 27 School Board Meeting 7pm
- 29 HPPA Dance Festival

HEALTH WARNING CHICKENPOX

A number of students are currently absent from school with Chickenpox.

Chickenpox often starts without the classic rash, with a fever, headache, sore throat, or stomach ache. These symptoms may last for a few days, with the fever in the (38.3°–38.8°C) range. The red, itchy skin rash usually starts on the stomach or back and face.

Chickenpox is infectious from 1 to 2 days before the rash starts. It stops being infectious when all the blisters have crusted over. This happens usually 5 to 6 days after the start of the rash.

Please be vigilant and look out for symptoms.



Knuckle Bones

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With winter well upon us now, we have introduced knucklebones into the school for students to play for the first 4 weeks of Term 3. This fun morning tea and lunchtime activity is suitable for wet days.

Knucklebones is an ancient Roman game that has survived over the centuries because it is such a simple but fun game. It is also known as 'Jacks' or 'Five Stones'. It can be enjoyed by boys and girls, old and young. It helps promote and develop hand-eye co-ordination. There are many ways of playing knucklebones and the more you play the more skillful you get.

Bring your own knucklebones along to school or buy your knucklebones from the School Office now for only \$4 a set.

With kind regards,
Alan McIntyre
PRINCIPAL





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