

The Owairoa Primary

# School Scribe

*news and views from around our school*

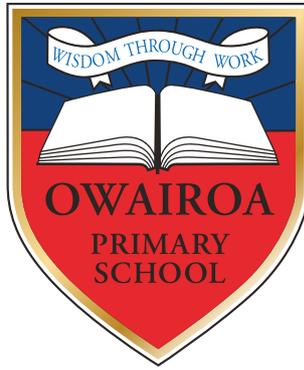


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## Dear Parents and Caregivers

Welcome back for 2026. It is wonderful to see the familiar faces of our returning students, and an equally warm welcome goes out to all the new families, both domestic and international, joining our 'Owairoa family' for the first time. We are confident your association with Owairoa Primary School will be a long and successful one.

We also extend a very special welcome to our new members of the staff team this year. We believe your journey with Owairoa Primary School will be enriching and rewarding and we are excited to have you as part of our wonderful team.

We are positive about the year ahead and the journey of discovery and development for our students as they meet new challenges, overcome obstacles and master new learning experiences. Thank you for your part in assisting both your children and their teachers in having a smooth start to the school year.

Our dedicated staff have already been hard at work building positive relationships with each student and laying the foundation for a year of growth and achievement. We invite you to join us at our Open Home event, where you can meet the Teachers and get a glimpse into the exciting learning opportunities that await your children this year. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Our School Mission Statement is an important intention to ensure quality learning opportunities and equitable outcomes for all students.*

***Our Mission is to provide pathways to access challenging, stimulating, quality education that creates self-motivated, lifelong learners equipped for a changing world.***

*This statement is further supported by our School Vision Statement:*

***Owairoa Primary School – Pathway to the Future***

***Our vision is to lead children along the pathway, which prepares them for the future and challenges them to continually strive for new horizons.***





# WELCOME

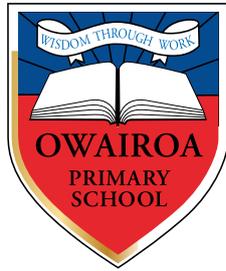
to our Owairoa “family”

## Students

- Charlotte Myers
- Luke Kingi
- Thomas Ogilvie
- Isobel Ogilvie
- Gabriel Pillary
- Kenzy Simeki
- Baani Sidhu
- Japji Sidhu
- Kayleigh Cole
- Gurman Singh
- Eden Alexander
- Ariana Trass
- Sharanya Jagdale
- Krishika
- Jacky Dai
- Daniel Basson
- Eric Khor
- Roy Kim
- Yethumi Palanda Pathirage
- Jeylah Paul
- Savio Abu-Chacra Almeida Correa
- Serena Tang
- Liam Van Der Berg
- Luan Jooste
- Jio You
- Gordon Cheng
- Rhiannon Chen-Powell
- Yadhu Vinod
- Sophia Song
- Emma Song
- Hiva Mahmoodikhaledi
- Sheran Tissera
- Devin Tissera
- Bailey Knight
- Max Zhao
- Enzo Hieger
- Kai Hieger
- Jackson West
- Lina Vasilenko
- Elliot Rusi
- Olivia Myers
- Manya Rana
- Lia De Luna
- Kyle De Luna
- Benson Yang
- Raees Awan
- Freyja De Veas
- Sethum Thennakoon
- Lucas Zhao
- Gaelle Villaflores
- Bodhi Barnes
- Konnor Sorensen
- Kano Elliott-Hatt
- Mianique Coetzee
- Fareen Khan
- Maximus Michael
- Huyaobang Michael
- TJ Madzima
- Ira Hape-Snyders
- Hadi Zaidi
- Riku Ishii
- Haruya Sakamoto
- Ryogo Iwamoto
- David Jung
- Molly Zhao

## New Staff

- Alisha Erasmus, Year 2 Teacher, Room 12
- Jocelyn Bernesto, Year 5/6 Teacher, Room M14
- Emma Coetzee, Art Specialist Teacher
- Margarita Kudrow, ESOL Teacher Aide
- Mimi Zhang, General Teacher Aide



# OUR PROFESSIONAL TEAM FOR 2026

## SCHOOL SENIOR MANAGEMENT

- Alan McIntyre *Principal*
- Shane Devery *Deputy Principal*
- Kirsty Rice *Associate Principal*
- Anita Randhawa *Assistant Principal*
- Lindsay Humphreys *Middle School Co-ordinator*

## ADDITIONAL TEACHING STAFF

- Sally Taka *Senco*
- Jonathan Basson *Sports Specialist*
- Marjorie Parkes *ESOL Specialist*
- Karyn Patterson *ESOL Specialist*
- Sarah Won *Music Specialist*
- Joan Stevens *Reading Recovery*
- William Howard *Digital Dream Lab Teacher*
- Emma Coetzee *Art Teacher*
- Lee-Anne Trebilco *First Call Reliever*
- Rochelle Bradley *Classroom Release Teacher*
- Zelda Dammert *Classroom Release Teacher*
- Dawn Burgess *Classroom Release Teacher*

## SUPPORT STAFF

- Eiman Farid *Science Technician*
- Mony Neale *School Chaplain*
- Tejay Ross *New Era ICT Technician*
- Hana Sotutu *Swimming Assistant*

## SUPPORT STAFF – TEACHER AIDES (GENERAL AND SPECIAL NEEDS)

- Andrea Wade-Gill
- Penny Teague
- Deborah Bielby
- Dove Huang
- Hannah Zhou
- Greer Turner
- Shelby Broskie
- Ashleigh Brown
- Wei-Ling Tu
- Angela Lau
- Ariana Forde
- Iris Tridico
- Diane McDonald
- Margarita Kudrow
- Mimi Zhang

## ADMINISTRATION TEAM

- Sharleen Morrow *Administration Assistant*
- Clare Burton *Administration Assistant*
- Valerie Wee *Administration Assistant*
- Wei-Ling Tu *Administration Assistant*
- Sharleen Brown *Librarian / Resource Manager*

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Jane Huang *Executive Officer – Finance / H R*
- Atul Garg *Finance Assistant*
- Angela Lau *Finance Assistant*

## INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT

- Diane McIntyre *Director of International Education*
- Jill McIntyre *Parent Class / English Support*
- Greer Turner *Administration Assistant*

## PROPERTY TEAM

- Andrew McCallum *Property Manager*
- Ronald Dragt *Assistant Caretaker*
- Ben Hansell *Assistant Caretaker*

## SATELLITE CLASS

- Monique Istead *Teacher*
- Quinn Scorgie Smith *Teacher Aide*
- Josephine Sit *Teacher Aide*

## Class Teacher Junior School

<b>Team 1A Year 1</b>	Michaela Lee	Room 1
	Susan Carswell	Room 2
	Angela Wallis	Room 3
	Tracey Haugh	Room 4
<b>Team 1B Year 1</b>	Michelle Geddes	Room 6
	Sharlene Naidoo	Room 7
	Nicole Basson	Room 8
<b>Team 2 Year 2</b>	Kristina Ellis	Room 9
	Sam Wood	Room 10
	Alex Cornea	Room 11
	Alisha Erasmus	Room 12
	Nikki Eccles	Room 13

## Middle School

<b>Team 3 Year 3</b>	Jo Owen	Room M5
	Namrata Nand	Room M6
	Amy Liljewall	Room M7
	Daf White-Chambers	Room M8
	Sheree Blake	Room M9
<b>Team 4 Year 4</b>	Campbell Parkinson	Room M1
	Joline Kennard	Room M2
	Cayleigh Leslie	Room M3
	Alex Garrett	Room M4
	Helen Stevens	Room 24
	Monique Muller	Room 25

## Senior School

<b>Team 5 Year 5/6</b>	Jocelyn Bernesto	Room M14
	Alisha Pethig	Room M15
	Abbie Jones	Room M16
	Luke O'Brien	Room M17
	Babette Maas	Room M18
	Neandri Byron	Room 20
<b>Team 6 Year 5/6</b>	Glenda Obbes	Room M10
	Debbie Job	Room M11
	Gareth Rossiter	Room M12
	Claire Findley	Room M13
	Leanne Johnson	Room 26

# IN LOVING MEMORY



*Sharon Maccanico*



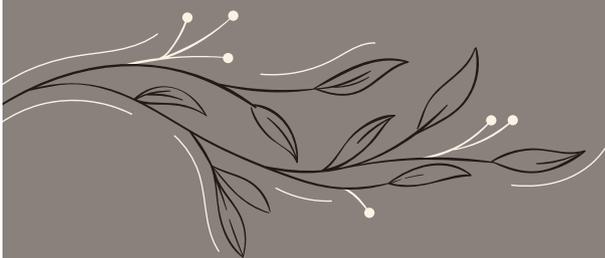
*Max Furse-Kee*



We remember with love two former students Sharon Maccanico and Max Furse-Kee, whose lives were tragically cut short in the recent Mount Maunganui landslide.

During their time at our school, they were known for their kindness, enthusiasm and gentle nature, and they will always be remembered as valued members of our 'Owairoa Family'.

Our thoughts are with their families and loved ones at this difficult time.



# Welcome to the Junior School

## *The Junior Journey Begins*

Monday 9th February marked a special day on the calendar for our Junior School learners at Owairoa Primary. The classrooms were bubbling with excitement as children arrived ready to meet their new teachers, reconnect with friends and begin another year of learning. For more than 26 students, the day was even more memorable as it was their very first day of school.

This year, we begin with six Year 1 classes and five Year 2 classes, organised into three Junior teams.

Each team is guided by an experienced and dedicated Team Leader:

- **Miss Tracey Haugh (Team 1A)**
- **Mrs Michelle Geddes (Team 1B)**
- **Mr Alex Cornea (Team 2)**

It has been wonderful to see how quickly students have settled into their new classrooms. The first weeks of school are all about building strong relationships, learning classroom routines and creating a warm, positive environment where every child feels safe and ready to learn. Making friends, working together and understanding expectations are key features of our classroom programmes.

Term 1 is shaping up to be full of rich learning experiences. All Junior students will take part in weekly sessions of swimming, science, library and sport. Throughout the year, they will also enjoy specialist lessons in Music, Visual Arts and Digital Technology in our Digital Dream Lab. Keep an eye out for the Term 1 edition of the Junior School Journal, which will share more about what's ahead for our learners.

Our Junior School team is excited to partner with you and your whānau throughout the year. We are committed to ensuring your child's start to school is positive, supported and full of discovery. We wish all our Owairoa students and their families a wonderful 2026.

**- Kirsty Rice, Associate Principal**



# Welcome to the Middle School

## *Middle Schoolers Learning, Growing and Thriving in 2026*

Welcome to a new academic year and to the start of our 2026 journey. It has been a pleasure to see Middle School students return to school with renewed energy, curiosity, and enthusiasm for the year ahead.

It is my pleasure to welcome both our returning families and those who are new to our school community this year. We value the partnership we share with whānau and look forward to working alongside you throughout 2026 to support your children's learning and wellbeing.

Middle School is an important time for students as they grow in independence and confidence. Developing new routines and taking greater responsibility for their learning are all key steps in this transition. Middle School staff encourage students to be resilient, take risks, and to approach learning with a positive mindset. Each student is supported and guided as they navigate their own learning journey.

This year, the Middle School is made up of eleven classes. Team 3 includes five Year 3 classes led by Mrs Jo Owen, while Team 4 consists of six Year 4 classes led by Ms Joline Kennard. Both teams benefit from strong, experienced leadership, with established routines already in place. Our team leaders and teachers are committed to creating positive, motivating learning environments, and are ready to embark on a year of growth, discovery, and success

**- Lindsay Humphreys, Middle School Co-ordinator**



# Welcome to the Senior School

*Welcome Back to 2026*

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families joining the Senior School this year, and welcome back our returning whānau. It is wonderful to see our students return motivated, confident, and ready to engage with their learning.

The year has begun smoothly, with students settling into their classrooms and routines. Teachers are focused on creating learning environments that are structured, supportive, and engaging, ensuring every student can thrive.

We have eleven Senior School classes: six in Team 5, led by Mr. O'Brien, and five in Team 6, led by Ms. Findley. Nine of these classes are located upstairs in the McIntyre Building, and the remaining two are in Room 26 and Room 20. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs Bernesto as a new teacher in the Senior School this year.

This term, Year 6 students will begin taking on leadership roles across the school. Monitors and other responsibilities are being finalised and will be established shortly, providing opportunities for students to develop confidence, teamwork, and a sense of responsibility within the school community.

We also have a range of enriching experiences planned for the term, from classroom learning to outdoor opportunities. We look forward to a busy and rewarding term, supporting our Senior students as they grow as learners and leaders.

**- Anita Randhawa, Assistant Principal**



# TERM DATES for 2026

The official term dates for 2026 has been set and approved by our School Board as follows:

## Term One

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

## Term Three

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2026

## Term Two

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

## Term Four

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

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

2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Curriculum Day 3
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Good Friday
27 <sup>th</sup> April	ANZAC Day
28 <sup>th</sup> April	Curriculum Day 4
1 <sup>st</sup> June	King's Birthday
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Labour Day

## BUILDING STRONG ATTENDANCE PATTERNS

If a student misses one day of school every two weeks, they miss a whole year of school by 16 years of age. Parents play a key role in building strong habits of regular school attendance.

All students are legally required to attend school every day the school is open. It is a shared responsibility to make sure students attend and engage in learning from when they first start school. As we enter 2026, every day of school matters.

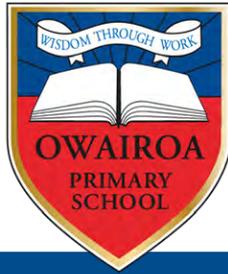
You must let the school know if your child is going to be absent for a day or intends to be absent from school eg. for a medical procedure. Family holidays or taking time off for non-medical reasons are not acceptable reasons for being absent.

If you're struggling at home with getting your child to school, please communicate with us. Our school is committed to supporting your child to attend school and building regular attendance patterns by having:

- School staff who have strong relationships with students and families.
- A school culture that recognises your child and your family for who they are, where they come from and who they want to be.
- A school community that does everything to make sure students are at school and they are participating and progressing in their education.



# OPEN HOME



# MEET THE TEACHER

We are excited to welcome you to our annual Open Home event on **Wednesday 18th February**. This is a wonderful opportunity for you can your child to visit their new classroom and look around their learning spaces. You can chat with your child's new teacher and get a feel for their classroom practices, discuss the home learning schedule and explore communication preferences.

**Wednesday  
18<sup>TH</sup>  
February**

To accommodate busy schedules, we are offering three session times:

• **3:15pm – 4:00pm**

• **4:15pm – 5:00pm**

• **5:15pm – 6:00pm**

You will need to book in for the session of your choice by going online to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)

The password is **dn28t**.

You are also welcome to visit the following specialist programmes which will be operating from 3.15pm – 5.00pm. (no booking necessary)

• Digital Dream Lab	Room T4	Mr Howard
• Music	Room T3	Mrs Won
• Art	Room 23	Mrs Coetzee
• ESOL	Room 19	Mrs Parkes
• ESOL Room	Room 21	Mrs Patterson

If you would like to discuss any specific educational, health, or wellbeing concerns in more detail, you are welcome to arrange a separate meeting with your child's teacher following the Open Home.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## KEEPING IN TOUCH



We value strong communication with our school community and keep families informed through our main school newsletter, published approximately every three weeks. In addition, special notices are sent out, as needed, to share important updates.

All school communications are published digitally via our Audiri App, which can be easily downloaded from the Apple Store or Google Play Store by searching for 'Audiri'. Stay connected and up to date with all the latest school news.



# Install the App in 4 easy steps!



The free Audiri school app offers parents a convenient way to stay up-to-date with the school calendar, last-minute forms, newsletters, all school communications, and even make cashless payments. With Audiri, you can get started in just a few minutes by following these simple steps:

- 1.** Open the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and search for 'Audiri'. Install the app.
- 2.** Create an account and follow the prompts. Click 'Sign up'. Enter your email address, create a password and click on 'Sign up'. A confirmation email will be sent to confirm your account. Open the confirmation email and confirm your account.
- 3.** Open the app, and click 'Add/Remove'. Type your school's name and press enter.
- 4.** Tap the + icon to add. Now you can see your school, under My Schools & Services.



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## Making A Splash

Swimming is an important part of the New Zealand Curriculum and our school is very fortunate to have a swimming pool on site. This allows us to offer weekly swimming sessions for all our students.

We expect all students to attend these weekly swimming sessions. If your child is not swimming, please send a note explaining the medical reason for this.

On their allocated swimming day, we ask that students bring their togs, a towel, goggles (optional) and their swimming cap in a named bag. Swimming caps are available from our school office for \$5.



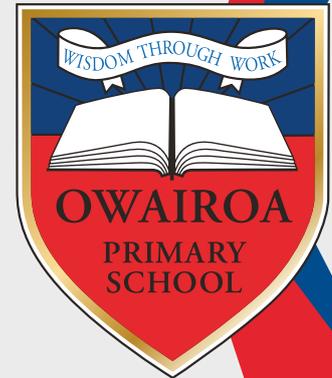
## Curriculum Day Three and Four SCHOOL CLOSED

We will be having our final two Government-allocated Curriculum Days on:

- Thursday 2nd April (the day before Good Friday), and
- Tuesday 28th April (the day after ANZAC Day).

**School will be closed for students on these two days.**

On these days our staff will be undertaking professional development on the new Curriculum that has been implemented.



## School Contribution



Owairoa Primary School, like other schools, ask parents for a voluntary donation. This donation is a vital source of income in our school budget and is used to provide additional staffing, programmes and resources, to enhance educational outcomes for students.

The donation for 2026 has been set at **\$360** per student. The School Board would appreciate your contribution so that we can maintain the various resources and programmes offered here at Owairoa Primary School.

Payment can be easily made online through our Kindo Online School Shop. Please use the link <https://kindoshop.owairoa.school.nz> to register if you haven't already done so. All school donations are tax deductible and can be claimed from Inland Revenue after **1st April**.

# SCHOOL BOARD

Our school is fortunate to be governed by a very supportive School Board who are committed to ensuring that the best possible learning opportunities are available to the students of Owairoa Primary School.

We have eight members on our School Board, consisting of six members, the Principal and a Staff Representative.

The monthly School Board meetings are held in the Howard Room, starting at 6.30pm. The first meeting of the year is scheduled for Tuesday 24th February. Parents and the wider community are welcome to attend. The 2026 School Board Meeting schedule is available on our school website [www.owairoa.school.nz/our-school/school-board/](http://www.owairoa.school.nz/our-school/school-board/)



## Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is an integral part of the Owairoa Primary School community. The PTA is responsible for supporting our school through fundraising and parent assistance of social activities run by the school.

All parents with children at Owairoa Primary School are automatically members of the PTA and are very welcome to attend the monthly meetings. Meetings provide you with an opportunity to find out what is happening in and around the school and to share ideas on social events, fundraising activities and other school initiatives.

The first meeting of the year is scheduled for **Tuesday 3rd March** and takes place in the staffroom at **7.30pm**. We look forward to welcoming some new faces to join the team.

## School Uniform Expectations

Our school uniform plays an important role in helping our students create a sense of belonging, school pride and unity among their peers. It also helps to create a positive and professional image within the wider community.

Students are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times as part of their commitment to representing Owairoa Primary School.

To help prevent lost items, please ensure that all uniform pieces are clearly named so they can be quickly returned if misplaced.

New uniform items can be purchased online from Argyle Schoolwear: [www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/auckland/owairoa-primary-school](http://www.argyleonline.co.nz/shop/auckland/owairoa-primary-school)

Second hand uniform items can be purchased from our PTA Second Hand Uniform Shop.

Details, including shop opening hours can be found here:

[www.owairoa.school.nz/parents/uniform/](http://www.owairoa.school.nz/parents/uniform/)

Thank you for your support in maintaining our school's high uniform standards.



## Term One Sports Squad Trials

We will be holding trials for various sporting codes during Term One. These trials are to make different sporting squads. Classroom Teachers will advise students of what sporting code trials are on.



Once the trials have taken place, a squad will then be chosen and will have a specific training day allocated to them. Training squads will also be trimmed closer to the event if needed.

The coaches will then choose the team from the squad to represent our school at the HPPA events. Those students that are successfully chosen will receive further information about the event through a letter.

Please note that the dates can be moved, added, or omitted, this is depending on the weather and how many students want to trial.

**Jonathan Basson**  
Physical Education Specialist

# Welcome TO OUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

We are delighted to welcome our new International Students and their families to Owairoa Primary School for 2026. It is a pleasure to have students joining us from different parts of the world, bringing with them diverse cultures, languages and experiences that enrich our learning environment.

Some of our International Students will be with us for the full academic year, while others are joining us for a short-term educational experience during their holiday period. Whether their stay is long or short, we hope they quickly feel a sense of belonging and enjoy the opportunities to learn, make new friendships and experience life as part of our 'Owairoa Family'.

We wish all our International Students a positive, rewarding and memorable time with us.

## Year of the Horse



Chinese New Year / Spring Festival / Lunar New Year is observed on **Tuesday 17th February**. This festival focuses on customs, cultural practices and traditions around the Lunar New Year.

People from China, Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Singapore, and other Asian countries celebrate the Lunar New Year as a national holiday. Customs and traditions differ between countries, but the dates of celebration are similar because many countries in Asia interpret the lunar calendar the same way.

For those families who celebrated this special festival event, I wish you all much prosperity and good health for the Year of the Horse.

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## Launchpad Champions

**LAUNCHPAD**  
Christian Values Education

Launchpad is a not-for-profit organisation that presents a Values Education programme at our school, under the name Launchpad Champions.

Our Launchpad Champions programme is offered to Year 2 – Year 6 students for 30 minutes a week. The programme encourages students to make positive life choices and grow their sense of mana, self-worth and character. The programme is delivered in a fun and interactive manner.

The Launchpad Champions programme teaches students things like:

- **What it means to be a good friend**
- **Self-control**
- **Being brave and doing the right thing**
- **Respect**
- **Making good choices**
- **Doing your best and helping others**
- **Forgiveness**
- **Self-discipline and perseverance**
- **Working together and partnerships**

We live in a multicultural nation with many different world-views. Every student, no matter their views, upbringing or religion, is welcome to join in the class. In our programmes, every child is affirmed and encouraged.

Attendance instructions as advised previously will be adhered to this year. If this has changed, email your response to [officemanager@owairoa.school.nz](mailto:officemanager@owairoa.school.nz)

The first Launchpad Champion session will start on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**.

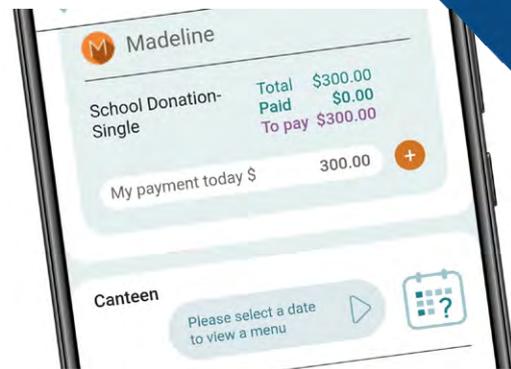
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Kindo allows families to manage and pay for students' school activities online. If you do not have a Kindo account already, visit [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) or use the link on our school website [www.owairoa.school.nz/parents/online-school-shop/](http://www.owairoa.school.nz/parents/online-school-shop/)

It is easy and secure to pay through Kindo. You can also download the mykindo app to your Apple or Android phone.



## Kindo ezlunch

Again this year, you can order hot and cold meals, sushi and more through our Online School Shop. ezlunch provides a school lunch service Monday to Friday. Order (or cancel) online before 9am on the day of delivery.



# Road Safety

Thank you to those parents who have set up good routines of dropping students off at school each morning, ready for a prompt start at 8.45am. Keeping our students safe around our school is always a priority for us, especially during daily drop-offs and pick-ups when traffic congestion is significant. Your support for mitigating risk around our school site is appreciated.

Our Year 6 students are proud to be operating a Road Patrol service on our school pedestrian crossings again this year. This student-led service is an

important leadership role for our senior students.

To ensure the safety of both our students on patrol and the families walking to and from school each day, we ask that you please slow down when passing the school and be mindful and patient of vehicles around you.

The start of the year is always a timely reminder for Parents to practice good road safety etiquette:

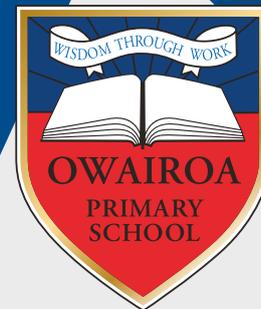
- all students and parents need to cross the road using the pedestrian crossing
- please do not stop on the yellow lines to drop off or pick up your children
- avoid parking across driveways when dropping your child off or picking them up
- it is safest for your child to get out of the vehicle on the footpath side, not the roadside
- the official speed limit around schools is 40km from 8.20am – 9am

Road rules around schools are designed to keep our children, you and others protected. Please appreciate it is a community effort to help keep everyone safe.



## Updated Contact Details

It is important that we have up-to-date home addresses, parent arrangements, email addresses and mobile phone numbers at all times. If you have had any change to your contact details for your child over the holidays, please email [officemanager@owairoa.school.nz](mailto:officemanager@owairoa.school.nz) so we can update your records. This includes updating contact details of those people who collect your child from school.



## Early Signing Out of Students

The law states that all school age students should attend school for the full hours every day that the school is officially open. In addition to the issues we are having with students late for school on a daily basis, a re-emerging trend is for parents signing students out early, especially on a Friday afternoon where Parents want to get away earlier for a weekend break to beat the traffic.

Please remember the official school day finishes at 3pm every day. The only valid reason for an earlier sign out is for an appointment eg. Specialist, dental or not feeling well. Your co-operation in this matter would not only meet the legal attendance guidelines but also enhances your child's education opportunities with their learning.

## Looking ahead



### ☺ February

- 18 Open Home – Meet the Teachers 3:15pm – 6pm
- 18 HPPA Softball Field Day
- 20 Fruju Friday
- 24 School Board Meeting 6.30pm
- 26 HPPA Cricket
- 27 Fruju Friday

### ☺ March

- 3 PTA Meeting 7.30pm
- 6 Fruju Friday
- 10 HPPA Girls Cricket
- 11 HPPA Cricket
- 18 Launchpad starts
- 19 Open Classroom 9.15am - 0.15am
- 25 HPPA Swimming

### ☺ April

- 2 Curriculum
- Day 3 – School closed for students
- 2 End of Term One
- 3 Good Friday
- 20 Term Two Begins



## Health Matters

If your child requires medication to be administered at school, we ask that parents complete a medication consent form, available from the school office.

For asthmatics, we will work with you to formulate an action plan to assist with your child's individual needs.

For safety reasons, all medication is to be brought and stored in a named container at our school office.

*With kind regards,*  
**Alan McIntyre**  
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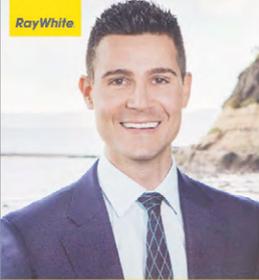
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